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Police have busy first half of '94

Dimmitt police have had a busy first six months of 1994, according to statistics released by Police Chief Dewayne Haney.

Haney reported the results of the first six months' work to the Dimmitt City Council at its July 20 meeting.

Police were busy with 93 arrest through June 20, including 43 driving while intoxicated, public intoxication and other alcohol - related cases. Police investigated 65 traffic accidents, 40 theft and 42 criminal mischief cases through June 20, statisitics show.

Officers also investigated 38 assaults, 11 disorderly conduct complaints, 14 forgery cases and 17 harassment reports. Police also recorded 16 violations of the new curfew ordinance, which has been in effect less than three months.

Police were victims of four assaults, while police made arrests in four drug-related cases. That number does not include any arrests made during the June 21 sweep.

Police served 26 warrants during the first half of the year, and also investigated 11 vehicle burglaries and 10 house burglaries.



Eight indicted by grand jury Eight persons were named in

nine indictments handed up Friday by the Castro County Grand Jury.

One person, Jacqueline (Jackie) Vaughn of Dimmitt, was indicted on two counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer. Vaughn is alleged to have bitten sheriff's deputy Brian Frieda and policeman Sal Rivera in a June 19 incident in a house in northwest Dimmitt.

Antonio Silva (also known as Edward Silva) was indicted on an additional count of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (cocaine). Silva was arrested on another charge in the June 21 raid here, along with nine other persons.

Two persons were indicted in the June 21 burglary of Richard's Town Pump Mini Mart on E. Bedand Cornelio Gentry were indicted for allegedly breaking into the building early on the Tuesday morning.

Also indicted were Lynn Devenport, alleged to have written a worthless check for more than \$750 but less than \$20,000 to Dimmitt Motor Co. on March 24; and Gerardo Castro and Ismael Munoz Casillas for felony driving while intoxicated charges.

Grand jurors also indicted Kerry Arval Siewart on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. The assault is alleged to have occurred August 29, 1985.

Rain, winds don't dampen heat wave

Some like it hot. They have been in heaven for the past week.

Dimmitt has recorded four extremely hot days in a row, with temperatures of 105 on Saturday, 106 on Sunday and 104 on Monday. Tuesday's high was 98 degrees.

The heat is expected to continue through this weekend, with highs in the 100s expected through July 4th.

The heat is not expected to be fazed by rain, hail and dust storms that struck the county Tuesday evening and night. A severe thunderstorm warning was issued for the eastern part of the county about

6:30 p.m. Tuesday as a storm developed between Dimmitt and Nazareth. The storm moved to the south and dumped damaging hail up to baseball size between SH 86 and Hart, and pummeled parts of Hart Tuesday evening.

About 11 p.m. Tuesday, a second system moved in from the north with wind gusts over 60 mph blowing dust and debris through the air, knocking branches off trees and causing scattered damage to buildings. The storm also brought .40 inch of rain to KDHN, the official weather recording station for Dim-

First 'July Jubilee' planned here Friday

Flip a Frisbee, dunk a friend, ride a bike, shop for bargains and perhaps win some Dimmitt Dollars during the July Jubilee, downtown

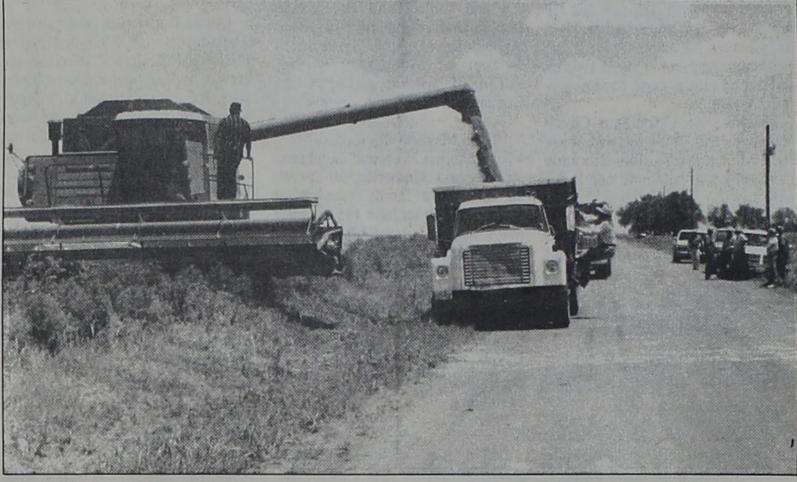
Participating stores will be holding special July Jubilee sales Friday, with several events planned around the courthouse square.

The day's events include: -A hot dog stand from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

—A dunking board from noon to 4 p.m. with school teachers and officials, civic and service club members and other personalities taking turns on the board.

—A bicycle rodeo from 4 to 6 p.m. for youngsters ages 5 through 10, with bicycle helmets from ALCO awarded to the winner of each of three age groups.

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LENDING A HELPING HAND — Area farmers harvested Harry Vogler's wheat while he is re-

covering in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo from a farm accident. Photo by Nicole Kleman

Neighbors pitch in for Vogler

The spirit of community shone true last Thursday as friends and neighbors lent a helping hand to Harry Vogler of the Easter community.

Vogler was injured in a farm accident when his leg was caught in the main drive belt of his combine.

Richard Drager of Hereford was house and called 911," Drager said.

"The 911 service did an excellent job of getting him stabilized," Miles Caudle, Vogler's uncle, said. "They saved him from what could have been a disaster."

Vogler was taken by helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital to be treated, and stayed there until Saturday.

Unable to harvest wheat, Vogler at the scene when it happened. "It was helped by friends and neighwas scary. I got out of the combine bors who put forth time and effort. and tried to help, then ran in the Don Tindal, Pat Robbins, Jeff Robertson, Terry Robertson, and

Lewis Block lent their combines in order to harvest the 60 acres of wheat.

Other members of the community that helped were: Russell Harkins, Sam Milam, Dee Taylor, Clark Andrews, T.L. Sparkman, Tommy Sparkman, Linda Block, Ivan Block, Larry Fuentes, Danny Martin, and Steve Olson.

"The community is real close," said Taylor, "and we just decided to

search committee Board proposes revamping

Women voice concern for hospital and clinics

Two women in the hospital board's audience last Wednesday night said they're "very concerned" about keeping the local hospital and clinics open.

The three rural health clinics depend heavily on three physician assistants, all of whom have submitted their resignations.

"I'm very concerned about the loss of my tax dollars," said Mildred Bradford, a former board member. "We've lost one clinic and we'll never get our money back out of it. If we lose our physician assistants, any more clinics or any more doctors, we could lose our hospital. I'm very concerned about

"I'm a young mother . . . and my children and I have seen all the physician assistants at one time or another, at all hours," Delese Ellison told the board. "The care we've received from them has been great. I hope you will do everything you can to keep the physician assistants

"I think the board shares your concerns," chairman Garland Coleman said.

The board has been reviewing the physician assistants' contracts with them in closed sessions for the past month.

Vince Moss, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics, notified the board of an upcoming workshop on rural health care is-

The workshop, sponsored by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, will be held July 25 in Plainview. Anyone wishing to attend should register by July 8 by calling Susan Watson at (512) 479-8891.

"I'd like to encourage the board and any other citizens who are interested to attend and take advantage of this opportunity," Moss

In other business at last week's board meeting:

— The board approved a recommendation by Hospital Administrator Steve Goode to treat the transfer of a licensed vocational nurse from a rural health clinic to the hospital as an "interdepartmental transfer" for purposes of insurance, paid time off, etc.

-Goode reported that Wayland Baptist University has asked him to teach night courses in health-care administration—one in the spring and another in the fall, mostly to graduate business students. The

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Should the physician search committee include hospital district employees or trustees? Yes, the committee's lay mem-

bers say. Not necessarily, some hospital

board members are saying.

At last Wednesday night's board meeting, chairman Garland Coleman recommended that hospital district officials and employees (six members) be taken off the 14person search committee and replaced by people outside the health-care field.

"Why take the medical community members off the committee?" a member of the audience asked. "Is there a time problem for them?"

"I think some of the committee members and board members thought it would run more smoothly this way," Coleman answered. Committee member Morris Wil-

cox commented, "We rely very heavily on the knowledge of the medical community members for advice or input. If they're taken off the committee, I'd like for us to have the flexibility to call them in

and consult with them."

Committee member Gwen Bryant added, "At Healthfind (a job fair for physicians), we couldn't communicate with the prospective physicians in technical terms. ... It's pretty important to have (local health providers) on hand."

Cenci Hardee, assistant administrator of Castro County Community Clinics, suggested that the committee should at least have ex-officio or associate members from the medical community.

"I think there ought to be a board member there, an administrator there, and a doctor there if possible," Hardee said. "The people of the community are spending their time, and if they don't have anyone there to answer their questions. . . . "

Wilcox said the committee had had "some communication problems with the board," but had set up luncheon meetings recently with

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PAs tender resignations

Castro County's three physician's assistants have tendered their resignations to the Castro County Hospital District.

Hospital trustees acknowledged the receipt of letters of resignation from Kelly Parrson and Laura Schmid at their board meeting June 22. A letter from PA Liz Murphy was dated the next day and was received Friday by Vince Moss, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics.

Each of the letters gave 90-day notice, Moss said. They were required to give 90-day notice under the terms of their contracts.

The PAs have been staffing clinics in Dimmitt and Hart. They

Grass clippings go in

began working with Castro County Stevens to help set up two rural Community Clinics last summer when the hospital district established rural health clinics in both cities.

"I do not feel the current hospital board is supportive of me and the job I do," Murphy told the News Tuesday. "The board seems to be more concerned with dollars and paper (contracts) than with people, and I hope they dcn't end up with dollars and paper and no people."

Murphy, a long-time Dimmitt resident who graduated Dimmitt High School in 1974, said she came back to Dimmitt last year at the request of former Administrator Joe health clinics.

"I believe the best thing is to keep accessible, affordable health care for Castro County," Murphy said. "I cannot work for folks who don't believe that. I have worked and done all I can in the current system, and I have put a lot of time and energy into this."

Murphy and Moss said the job market is great for physician's assistants. There are at least seven jobs for every PA in the country, they said.

"I haven't been looking for a job and I get calls and letters several days a week," Murphy said. She (Continued on Page 12)

CUFUPU Committee pushing cleaner city

Entries are still being accepted ford in Dimmitt. William Caraway from Dimmitt residents for their homes, blocks, businesses or public buildings in a special contest sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

The contest is part of the city's annual CUFUPU Campaign. Judging will be done July 15-30 to encourage everyone to have the town looking great for Harvest Days.

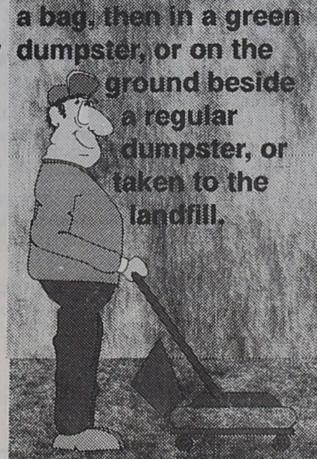
The top block or area will be given a free block party, and the No. One individual will receive \$50 cash. The business or public building judged best will be given public recognition. All entries will include

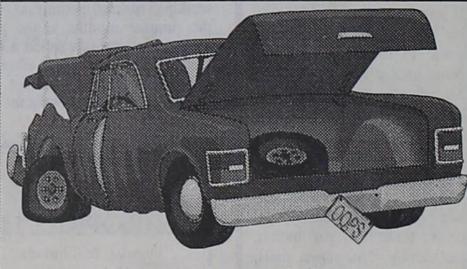
Entry forms are available at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford and at some stores in the city.

Free gladiola bulbs are being given away at First State Bank of Dimmitt to bolster the CUFUPU effort. The bank has donated 7,500 gladiola bulbs that are free for the taking. The flowers should bloom in 25-35 days.

CUFUPU is more than a contest, though; the effort includes education about city ordinances, where to take old appliances and cars to keep them from making unsightly messes, and how you can recycle and reuse items.

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Junk cars could get owners a fine of \$500 if they're not moved!

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Eldon and Clotee Minchew at- Flita Payne of San Antonio who Meredith with the Powell, Cook, Sunday with Elden making a talk and Kirk Minchew leading the singing with the help of his 17 month old son, Tate Kristopher. They played the game "Spinner" on Saturday night and enjoyed visiting and eating all the good food everyone brought.

On June 24 Eldon and Clotee Minchew and other relatives took Judy Minchew to Sirloin Stockade in Hereford to celebrate her birthday.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Ken and

BABBLING

Credit to my dear wife, Karen, for this: It's time for a Texas sweep.

I watched the last 90 seconds (five minutes) of the Knicks-Rockets game seven last week, making about six quarters of NBA action I have seen this year.

When the Rockets were the offical champions, she uttered the immortal words, "It's time for a Texas sweep."

She explained that the Cowboys had won the Super Bowl and the Rockets have won the NBA bucket or whatever. Now, it's up to either the Texas Rangers or Houston Astros to win the World Series.

Another bat has been found in Dimmitt.

I have not been a personal observer over much of the past seven years, but I remember about eight years ago I was dispatched to Doc Green's house east of town because of a bat on the side of the house. We ran a picture (I can't believe we ran that on the front page, but I know how I am when I don't get my way) that purported to be a photo of a bat on a wall.

Monday, my brother David Stephens was cautiously approached by co - worker Bryan Armstrong. Bryan said there was a mouse or something in the washroom at W-B Equipment Co., but he wasn't sure what it was. David and Bryan found the thing cowering in the corner of the washroom.

"I thought it was a mouse," David said. "It was kind of rolled up and pretty small."

They got brave enough to pick it up in a box, when it unfurled its wings and they discovered it wasn't a mouse.

They suspect the bat wandered in from Clovis, where a bunch of bats have been flocking lately. The bat may have hitched a ride on a combine from Clovis. It won't be going back to Clovis, though; the bat went to bat heaven Monday evening.

Dr. Howard Haysom, M.D. now accepting OBSTETRICAL

patients (including Medicaid patients) at 801 E. 4th in Hereford 364-4296 -Se habla Espanol-



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The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners: David Garcia Jessica Flores

tended a family reunion at Lake were visiting Johnnie Vannoy; Margaret Murph of Lewisville, who and Minchew families. Relatives was visiting her sister, Alice and were there from Friona, Dumas, Joe Cowen; Jauvada Curtis of Hale Center, Hereford and Dim- Amarillo and Decimae Dennis of mitt. They had church services on Midland who were visiting Edgar and Leta Dennis and Coby and Connie Gilbreath and girls, Chauncey and Cailee, and Danny and Debbie Underwood and boys, Dennis and David. Also Myrtle Ellen Fortner of Happy and Betty Roberts of Cleburne, and Mary Lou Gonzales of Plainview.

> Rhoda Mays, Anthony and Mary Mays, Sabrina Hiett and daughters, Jennifer and Kimberlea, all attended the Mays family reunion in Throckmorton on June 11. Not only Mays attended, but Rhoda's sister of Fort Worth and niece from Abilene and Graham. They reported the weather was cooler than usual in that part of the country.

Wesley Mays celebrated his birthday with the family with a steak cookout after he finished mowing the lawn for one of his customers.

David and Melody Bellinghausen of Ovilla and Jordan and Canaan spent part of their vacation in Keystone, Colo. They came by Dimmitt and spent a few days with William and Rosetta Bellinghausen and drove on to Levelland to visit Melody's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Seth Murphrey. Jodan and Canaan stayed in Levelland for a short

Julie Waggoner of Greenville, Ohio, is in Dimmitt visiting her grandparents J. Paul and Gertie Waggoner for two weeks. Julie was in the fourth grade when she lived in Dimmitt, and now she is a senior in high school. She is the daughter of Mickey Waggoner and Lois Waggoner. Jonathon Perez of Amarillo was visitng his grandparents as

Billie Kirby gave the devotional at the Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning. Her subject was "God is Able." Through storms of life such as tornadoes and earthquakes God is able to see us through these difficult times. Job is a good example of trusting in God. We witness

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden,

The weather has been the leading news I have seen or heard. On Saturday at 2:45 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. the temperature was 108. It was 110 at 4 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday I did not see it above 104, but it could have been because I was not watching as closely as before. Lubbock was calling for high temperatures all week long.

James and Joan Norrell recently drove to Columbia, S.C., for the wedding of the son of his sister. James was a part of the wedding

Wheat harvest is winding down. Jerry Squires brought in the first load June 10 to Sunnyside Grain and Supply. They now have only one customer bringing in wheat regularly.

R.V. Bills is improving at home on the medicine they gave him. Bess filled her position as church secretary Sunday morning and stayed for church.

LaWanda Wilson spent last week with their daughter Melinda in El Paso and her husband, Brian Thomas. Didn't get any details. She was home for the church services on Sunday.

Anthony and Lori Sisemore are working toward getting to spend the summer months in the parsonage where she can spend a lot of time with her girls, Amber and Ashley. Anthony will not have classes at Wayland during the summer months.

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a perfect peace after the storm when we trust in God. Bro. Paul Kenley and Renise Blair sang "The Lily of the Valley" and "I'll Fly Away." Others singing were Irene Carpenter, Mary Edna Hendrix, Gertie Waggoner and her guests Julie Waggoner and Jonathan Per-

Dugan Butler was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and she served a delicious apricot cobbler with ice cream. Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Dugan won second high score. Others playing were Emily Clingingsmith, Ina Rae Cates, Ferne Dickey, Helen Braafladt, Dude McLauren, Neva Hickey, Alma Kenmore, Edith Graef, Elizabeth Huckabay, Loranell Hamilton, Virginia Crider, Louise Mears, Cleo Forson, and Susie Reeves.

Jerry Cox of Lubbock visited her daughter, Sarah and W.J. Hill, over the weekend.

Louise Moffett's daughter and family, Renese and Rusty Collier and boys, Clint and Carte, of Fair Oaks Ranch were guests in her home last week. The boys were glad to get out of the car after a long ride, so Louise took them to the park to play.

Coby and Connie Gilbreath honored their daughter, Chauncey, with a "Dress up Tea Party" for her 5th birthday. The guests had fun playing in the playhouse and there was a donkey pinata hanging from a tree for the little girls to hit and enjoy the candy that fell as it broke. Individual sacks of candy were given to the guests as well. Sandwiches, a pretty Barbie birthday cake and punch was served. A Miss America Contest was the highlight of the party since all the little girls were dressed in "dress up " clothes

Leigh Hyman has transferred to WTAMU in Canyon from Angelo State. She is living in Amarillo, but has been working in Canyon as well as going to school.

Martha Jo Hyman and Leigh went to a baby shower for Kendra and Carl Huseman. Their mom and dad are Edith and Paul Huseman. It was in the home of Dorothy Schulte in Nazareth.

John Shultz, minister of Youth at First Baptist Church, took his youth group to Dallas to an Evangelism Conference. Sponsors were Wayne and Paula Proffitt, Frances Davis. and Debbie Annen. Youth were Justin Newman, Emily Roberson, Mandy Davis, Amy Ethridge, Roxanne Vigil, Jared Townsend, Zach Matthews, Cory Hopson, Laura Bradford, Kurt Webb, Ben Coleman, Nathan Boothe, Ashlee Ward, Cassie McLean, Allison Roberson, Ashley Davis, Autumn White, Amanda Annen, Taryn Hays, Kristin Doss, Lindsey Welch, Michelle Davis, and Alexis and Daniel Prof-

They went to Six Flags for fun when they arrived and stayed the remainder of the day, then to the Galleria for ice skating and shopping. They went to the Evangelism Conference at the Reunion Arena and enjoyed the music and speakers. Music was by Gabriel, Point of Grace, Phillips, Craig, and Dean, and John Schlitt of Petra. Speakers were Ken Freeman, Billy Beacham, Emory Gadd and Lou Leventhal. The theme

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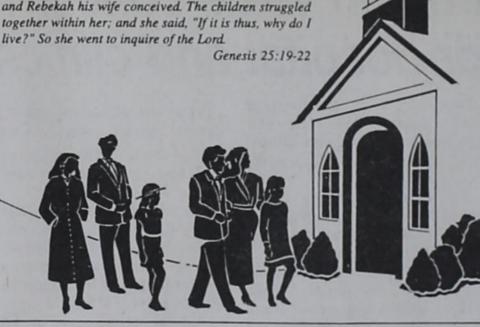
Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty

years old when he took to wife Rebekah, the daughter of

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Ethnic food and entertainment, Community Hall. an arts and craft show, and a concert - in - the - park make up the

An Arts and Craft Show sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club will be in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

22nd Annual German Festival in

Nazareth on Saturday, July 9. Each

activity is at a separate site.

A German Sausage meal with homemade bread and apple crisp and all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Hall. Entertainment will be held inside and outside of the hall during the meal and also an adult and a children's raffle.

Gates open at 4 p.m. at the Community Ball Park for the outdoor concert sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with 40% of the proceeds to benefit the Knights of Columbus's state-wide program for the hearing impaired.

We hope to have a good crowd to help benefit the up keep on our

Childbirth workshop is planned here

A special workshop for expectant couples in at least their seventh month of pregnancy will be held July 8-9 at the Ettie McDermitt Conference Room at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

The cost is \$45 per couple, and completed registration forms must be returned to PMH by July 1.

The childbirth preparation classes will teach couples strategies for supportive pain management during labor and delivery through the use of techniques that promote relaxation. The classes are specifically designed for expectant mothers and a partner (which may be her spouse, mother, sister or someone else) to learn how to interact using relaxation techniques through therapeutic touch, paced breathing and music.

A minimum of three couples is required for the class to meet with a maximum of five couples, so early registration is necessary. You may register by calling 647-2191 or picking up a registration form at PMH, local clinics or Texas Dept. of Health.

Verkamp graduates from WTAMU

Kristen Birkenfeld Verkamp graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of science degree in nursing this spring from West Texas A&M University.

Birkenfeld was on the President's List and was a member of Alpha Chi and Sigma Theta Tau. She was a director of the Nursing Student Association.



Kristen Verkamp

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The Dry Extraction

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Mixed Tennis Tournament was held Saturday afternoon and Sunday with 16 couples playing their best despite the terrible heat. Winners were: Adrian Farris and Vicky Kleman, 1st; Heath Schulte and Vera Huseman, 2nd; and Dan Gerber and Chris Wethington, 3rd. Proceeds went to help improve the school tennis courts.

Congratulations to Keith and Kim Birkenfeld on the birth of a girl, Haley Ann, on June 23 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Haley has two brothers, Kyle and Ryan. Grandparents are Neal and Judy Harmon of Springfield, Colo., and Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

Some Nazareth students enjoyed competing in the Randall County



Rachel Goldsmith

Goldsmith to attend FHA meeting

Rachel Goldsmith, a junior at Dimmitt High School, will be one of the 250 Texas delegates attending the 1994 Future Homemakers of America National Leadership Meeting, July 8-14, in Orlando, Fla.

Representing more than 36,000 members of the Texas Association she will be among approximately 3,000 delegates throughout the nation attending the four day conference. The youth developed meeting theme, "Discover the Magic," will be carried out as the meeting focuses on important and timely issues facing today's youth, families, image and membership promotion. The members will be shown that by providing opportunities for selfdevelopment, strengthening family relationships and community involvement, FHA/HERO will empower them to unlock their poten-

Issues to be addressed at the meeting are teen violence, environment, AIDS, date rape, teen pregnancy, family communication, and teen stress. This meeting will also be the kick-off of the organization's 50th Year Anniversary.

The Texas delegates will develop a plan of action for the state and implement it when returning to school in the fall. Students will also participate in competitive events during the week, as well as share success stories from Texas chap-

Goldsmith serves as the Region I vice-president of public relations. She has been involved in officer leadership training in Austin and Trinidad this summer. Jackie Odom, Dimmitt High School FHA advisor, will accompany Goldsmith to the national meeting.

Future Homemakers of America is a vocational student organization for home economics education students in junior and senior high schools. This youth-centered orgacentral focus and is an integral part

Tennis Tournament this weekend. K'Lynn Gerber won first in singles, Nathan and Barry Hoelting received consolation in doubles, and Nathan Hoelting received consolation in singles. Bryan Charanza and Jaret Schulte also enjoyed doubles competition in the tournament.

Prayers are asked for Robert Verkamp who is a patient at University Hopital in Lubbock.

Eric Rose is at home in Amarillo after spending two weeks in North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo being treated for pneumonia. He will be on oxygen at home for some time but he is doing better.

Others being prayed for daily are Lucy Leinen, Alma Conrad, Polly Hasche, Margaret Braddock and Gregory Schacher.

AC, PMH plan class for first aid

Amarillo College and Plains Memorial Hospital are sponsoring a 16 hour course on first responder/industrial class. Eight hours will be devoted to CPR and eight hours to first aid.

The classes will be held July 6-7 at Plains Memorial Hospital from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The class will cost \$25 per person. Contact the hospital at 647-2191 or Mitzie Brockman at 945-2246 if you plan to take the course.

Rice attends TFB Seminar

Brandi Rice of Dimmitt attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 32nd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 13-17.

Sponsored by the Castro County Farm Bureau, she was among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

Purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Joe Lust of Dimmitt, county FB pres-

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: Jack Jackson of Fort Worth,

president of Jack Jackson & Associates, "Free Enterprise Principles/Projects"; Jolene Brown, West Branch, Iowa, "Stand Up! Step Out! Lead!"; Michael Broome of Charlotte, N.C., a motivational speaker, "You and America-Two Great Champions"; Dr. Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., "Constitutional Government"; and Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman of Columbus welcomed the students to the seminar. Also, special presentations were made by Curtis Childers, president of the National FFA, and Brooke Leslie, Texas A&M University Student Body President.



nization is the only vocational or- BRANDI RICE attended the ganization that has the family as its Texas Farm Bureau's 32nd annual Citizenship Seminar in San of the home economics curriculum. Angelo June 13-17. Courtesy Photo



Happy Birthday, Mom!

Mecca, Mike, Sherri, Meagan, Reggie and Kevin



NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY-New books are available for reading enjoyment this summer from Rhoads Memorial Library. Dimmitt Book Club has donated a complete set of work by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (the Sherlock Holmes mysteries) and three new children's books. Pictured with the books are library employees (from left) Sonia Acala, Jewell Connell, Cindy Pottorff and Marie Photo by John Brooks Howell.

Gardening season brings need for check of canning equipment

Castro County, home canning can't be far behind! Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent for Home Economics, has a variety of useful information on home food preservation available.

Beginning Friday, July 1, we will begin testing pressure canners in the Extension Office. Testing will be continued each Friday through July at the office. For your convenience, you may bring in your canner anytime you are in

Friday, then you can pick it up at your convenience.

We will also be testing at the Nazareth City Hall Friday, July 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Testing will be at the Hale County State Bank Community Room in Hart on Monday, July 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.

To have your canner tested, bring in the top and bottom with the gauge attached. If you have any questions about testing your pressure canner or food preservation,

With gardening in full force in town. We will keep it and test it please call the Extension Office at 647-4115.

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A View From the Hill

By Congressman BILL SARPALIUS

Most parents dream that their children will grow up to be doctors, dentists, entrepreneurs, scientists, etc., but as everyone knows, those dreams don't always come true. Of course, parents are still pleased to see their children going out into the world to join the workforce in any capacity. But currently, if a high school student decides college is not in his or her future, the chances of that individual getting a highskill, high-wage job are not very good.

The School - to - Work Opportunities Act, which was recently signed into law, addresses this problem. This Act will bring together partnerships of business, education, labor and community leaders to build a high quality, comprehensive school-to-work system that prepares young people for careers in high - skill, high - wage

In the 1980's, the gap in earnings between high school graduates and college graduates doubled; for those without a high school degree, the gap grew even wider. Approximately 75% of all high school students do not receive college degrees, but few programs exist to help them obtain the skills and work experience for a career. Not only has the lack of school-to-work assistance adversely affected the earnings potential of our young people, it also has had a tremendous cost to business and our economy as a whole. The challenge of

the School to - Work Act is to prepare the three out of four high school students who do not plan on attending college for high - wage work situations that will require a mix of technical, analytical and academic skills.

The School-to-Work Act authorsizes funding through Fiscal Year 1999 for a program to help states and localities develop school-towork opportunities for the nation's non-college bound youth. The program will be jointly administered by the Education and Labor Departments.

The programs to be established will typically begin in the 11th grade of high school and continue through one or two years of postsecondary education. Students will work as apprentices in local industries while attending school part time, eventually receiving high school diplomas and certificates of competency in their chosen fields.

The Act authorizes grants that states can apply for to develop and implement these programs. States must then pass along a certain percentage of their grant to local partnerships. In the first year, a state must use 70% of its grant for subgrants. In the second year, states must use at least 80% for subgrants, and in the third and succeeding years, states must use at least 90% of their grants for subgrants to local partnerships.

Local partnerships would consist of employers, representatives of ever-changing workforce.

school boards and of local postsecondary institutions, local educators, representatives of organized labor, representatives of other employees, and students.

Federal grants will also be available directly to local partnerships in states where no state plan is in effect, and in high poverty areas.

States will have the flexibility to design programs the way they think is best. The federal initiative will provide a one-year planning grant and one five-year grant to inaugurate the partnerships. After that, states that want to continue the programs will be on their own. While programs could vary, each must provide job training, paid work experience and workplace mentoring, along with academic training.

Students who participate in work-based learning programs will probably be more likely to stay in school, because the lessons will be more interesting and more relevant to what they expect to be doing in the future. The School-to-Work Act will allow students to see the connection between learning adn earning. I encourage school districts to apply for this money to be used for the benefit of vocational students. Not everyone will grow up to be doctors or dentists or entrepreneurs, but we can at least try to see that non-college bound young people have the skills to succeed in this





By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

AUSTIN - Secret grand jury testimony from a 1993 investigation into U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's term as state treasurer has been published in the weekly Dallas Observer, and the newspaper attributed the disclosure to Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

The article in the Observer, written by Miriam Rozen, said that ... Earle granted (her) unfettered access to the Hutchison files" and that an office clerk helped her make photocopies of the secret transcripts.

Earle denied that, saying, "I have not released any grand jury information to any of the major newspapers, and I certainly would not do so to the Dallas Observer."

The report recounted allegations that as treasurer, Hutchison used state employees and office equipment for non-official purposes, and included testimony that former Hutchison aide David Criss asked for \$250,000 in exchange for his

State District Judge David Perkins of Austin told the Houston Post he was not sure what he was going to do about the disclosure.

A Tarrant County grand jury in February found Hutchison not guilty of ethics violations brought by the Travis County grand jury.

Governor's Speech Draws Fire Gov. Ann Richards' speech on self-reliance to a group of high school girls drew criticism from Republicans who accused her of bashing males.

Speaking to the Girls State conference in Austin, Richards encouraged attendees to seek their purpose in life independently rather than surrender life choices to a "Prince Charming" who might be a toad in disguise, or, in her words, an overweight beer guzzler with a wandering eye.

George W. Bush, Republican nominee for governor, said, "...Our leaders should be building up the family, not tearing it down."

In response to Bush, Richards said, "The interesting thing is that I have been making virtually the same speeches for more than three years. No one seemed to object until there was some politics involved."

Penna Dexter of Plano, a spokeswoman for Concerned Women for America, also said Richards' comments were "negative with regard to families."

But Kristy Grayson, 17, of San Angelo, told the Dallas Morning News that she did not hear anything Richards said that was offensive to

men or women. "She specifically told us that she had the most admiration for any women who tries to have a career and still raise a family," Grayson

said. Richards Proposes Curfew

The governor also proposed a statewide evening curfew for young people, similar to those already in place at Austin, Dallas and

Speaking last week to a group of at-risk students at an Austin high school, Richards said, "I'll do anything I can to encourage local communities to implement curfews and, if I have to, I'll support legislation to do that."

Richards said that according to a report by the Austin police, juvenile arrests for violent crime have dropped 19 percent since the city's curfew went into effect.

Bush said he is against a statewide curfew, saying "local

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control is essential." **Ballpark Financing Hit**

Meanwhile, the governor took a swipe at Bush over the way his baseball team's new ballpark was financed.

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Richards' re-election campaign, said that \$141 million of the Texas Ranger's Ballpark at Arlington came from a sales tax increase and city bond guarantees. McDonald pointed out that the GOP platform opposes public money to fund private enterprise projects.

Bush spokesman Reggie Bashur said Richards' campaign was engaging in "a political shell game." He said the governor signed legislation needed to move the project forward.

Bush is managing partner of the Rangers.

Greytok Seeks Clinton Records Marta Greytok, GOP candidate for land commissioner, said she has filed a lawsuit against President Clinton, seeking documents about Clinton's ties to Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. Mauro ran Clinton's Texas campaign in 1992.

Greytok said White House officials hadn't responded to her request for the records under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Mauro's campaign manager, Andres Gonzalez, said, "This is a feeble stunt by our opponent to generate publicity for herself and to jump-start a campaign that has never gotten off the ground."

Decision: Race Not a Factor An Austin jury has said race was not a factor in a 1992 decision by the Texas Department of Public Safety to deny an officer's

promotion to the Texas Rangers. Michael Dexter Scott, a sergeant investigator in the DPS criminal intelligence division in Houston, contended that he was denied promotion to the Texas Rangers because he was black.

In its June 21 proceedings, the jury also found that the DPS method of interviewing did not hold back promotions from minorities.

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Holiday reminds us of price paid for liberty

By PHILIP C. CLARKE As we celebrate this Independence Day, the story of our very first Fourth of July offers a timely reminder of the price of liberty.

The problems and challenges confronting Americans today are many and formidable. But they pale by comparison to the life-or-death struggle that faced those 56 patriots who on July 4, 1776, affixed thier signatures to the Declaration of Independence. As John Adams, one of the signers, noted in a letter to his wife Abigail, "The Declaration was, in fact, an act of treason... Those who had signed it stood a good chance to incur the penalty meted out to traitors." Adams and John Hancock, another signer, already were under sentence of death if captured by the British.

Some years later, John Quincy Adams, who like his famous father, served as President of the newfound Republic, wrote: "Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it."

The War of Independence already was underway when the Founding Fathers gathered in Philadelphia to pledge "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" to gain liberty. They were a diverse lot, these representatives from the 13 colonies who met to declare independence in the historic document that still inspires millions around the world. Twenty - five

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were merchants; nine were farmers or plantation owners; and there were also doctors and educators. When, at a crucial moment in their deliberations, doubts arose, it was Adams who stiffened resolve by declaring, "If you imagine that I expect this Declaration will ward off calamities... you are mistaken. A bloody conflict we are destined to endure." And endure they did through countless hardships that for many continued long after the war had ended.

When the Declaration was signed, William Ellery of Rhode Island, the 22nd to affix his name, stood where he could watch the others. "I was determined," he wrote, "to see how they all looked as they signed what might be their death warrant... Undaunted resolution was displayed on every countenance."

Although most of the signers paid a heavy price for their act, none wavered. Francis Lewis of New York had his home burned by the British; his wife was imprisoned for two years, dying soon after her release. Lewis Morris' New York estate was ransacked and destroyed. He eluded capture by taking refuge in caves and forests. During the ordeal, his ailing wife died and their 13 children were scattered.

After signing the Declaration, Richard Stockton rushed home to

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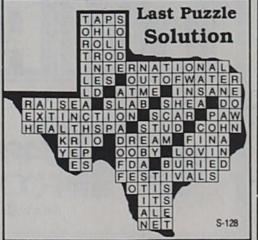
were lawyers or jurists; eleven Princeton, N. J., to rescue his family from advancing enemy troops. He was captured and thrown into prison, where he was repeatedly beaten and nearly starved. He died an invalid in 1781. Robert Morris of Pennsylvania spent his entire fortune-more than a million dollars—to help finance the war effort. Never reimbursed. he served three years in debtors' prison and, in failing health, died soon after his release. Thomas Heyward, Jr., of South Carolina, soldiered in the Revolutionary Army and was taken prisoner. The British raided his plantation and burned his buildings. His grief-stricken wife became ill and died before Hey-

ward was released at war's end. Benjamin Franklin, 27th of the 56 signers, went on to help frame our Constitution and perform many other services to the new nation. Later on, he was asked what kind of government had been created on that July 4, 1776. Replied wise old Ben: "A Republic, if you can keep

(Philip C. Clarke is a columnist for Amerca's Future, Inc., a nonprofit foundation supporting our free-enterprise economy and constitutional form of government.)

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Sports

Nichols, Dowlin team to win **Darlins tourney**

Debbie Nichols and Carri Dowlin fired a pair of 63s to win the championship flight of the Dimmitt Darlins Tournament at the Country Club of Dimmitt on Sunday.

The tournament is sponsored by the Ladies Golf Association. They hosted a fun night Friday night and a steak supper Saturday night. Sandwiches for the golfers were donated by Dimmitt Thriftway, and Snider Insurance was able to keep the money on a \$1,000 hole-in-one contest.

Nichols-Dowlin downed Dianne Nichols and Liz Hall, who were second at 130, and Sabra Srader-Jana Jenkins, who scored a 137.

Bettye Butler and Louise Pfahl eased to the first flight title with a 72-66—138. They won by five strokes over Stephanie Ofnet and Linda Parker

Other flight winners were Christi Newman-Ann Marcum in the second flight; Lynn Jones and Carla Moore in the third flight; Mozelle Hall and Jerri Lou Cook in the fourth flight; and Betty Hodge and Pat Mason in the fifth flight.

DIMMITT DARLINS TOURNAMENT at Country Club of Dimmitt Championship flight: 1. Debbie Nichols-Carri Dowlin 63-63 - 126; 2. Dianne Nichols-Liz Hall 66-64-130; 3. Sabra Srader-Jana Jenkins 67-70—137.

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JUNE 30: 6 p.m. Padres vs. Blue Jays; 7:15 p.m. Cubs vs. An-

JULY 1: 5:30 p.m. Cubs vs. Blue Jays; 6:45 p.m. Mariners vs. Rangers; 8 p.m. Cardinals vs.

Padres. JULY 4 NO GAMES.

JULY 5: 6 p.m. Cubs vs. Padres; 7:15 p.m. Mariners vs. Cardinals. JULY 7: 6 p.m. Mariners vs. Angels; 7:15 p.m. Cardinals vs. Rangers.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL JUNE 30: 5:30 p.m. Larks vs. Orioles.

JULY 1: 7 p.m. Robins vs.

Larks. **JULY 4, NO GAMES.**

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JULY 5: 5:30 p.m. Robins vs.

JULY 7: 7 p.m. Orioles vs. Falcons.

MINOR LEAGUE JUNE 30: 7 p.m. Royals vs.

Yankees.

JULY 1: 5:30 p.m. Yankees vs. Mets.

JULY 4, NO GAMES. JULY 5: 7 p.m. Mets vs. Expos. JULY 7: 5:30 p.m. Royals vs.

MAJOR LEAGUE JUNE 30: 8:30 p.m. Braves vs.

JULY 1: 8:30 p.m. Rockies vs.

Tigers. **JULY 4, NO GAMES.**

JULY 5: 8:30 p.m. Giants vs.

JULY 7: 8:30 p.m. Pirates vs. Rockies.

DFN LEAGUE JUNE 30: 7 p.m. Bi-Wize at Cattle Town; 7 p.m. Dodgers at

JULY 1: 7 p.m. Sox at Dodgers. JULY 5: 7 p.m. Cattle Town at Nazareth; 7 p.m. Sox at Bi-Wize. JULY 7: 7 p.m. Nazareth at

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The tumblers shown in the Plastic Dinnerware photo on page 6 of the 4th July Sale Circular are not available. The price of 2 pkgs. for \$1.50 should read 2 pieces for \$1.50. In the case of the flatware, the knife, fork & 2 spoons are a set and the price for that is 2 sets for

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DISTRICT II HORSE SHOW WINNERS—Six Castro County youngsters earned honors at the District II 4-H Horse Show held recently. Winners include (from left) Jill Gfeller, Rusty Wooten, Jana Nelson, Kodie Bagley and Rusty McDaniel. Not pictured is John Fuller. Photo by John Brooks

were as follows:

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Roping; 2nd, Horsemanship; 2nd,

Grade Gelding Halter; 3rd, Novice

Jana Nelson-2nd, Aged Gelding

Jill Gfeller-4th, Barrels and 9th

Rusty Wooten — 3rd, Grade

Gelding Halter; 4th, Reining; 8th,

Western Riding; 10th, Novice

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Pleasure; and 8th Reining.

Six win horse show honors

Seven Castro County 4 - H'ers competed at the District 2 4-H Horse show on June 19-20 in Lubbock. Those 4-H members that will represent Dimmitt at the State

Show in July are: Kodie Bagley, Jana Nelson, Jill Gfeller and Rusty McDaniel in qualifying competition and Rusty Wooten, John Fuller and Trey Alair in open competition.

SPC preparing for past player reunion

Memories of teammates and seasons past will be shared as former members of South Plains College women's basketball teams gather for a reunion in November.

The reunion is being held in celebration of the 20-year anniversary of women's basketball at South Plains College and in conjunction with the Lady Texan Tournament, which is slated for Nov. 2-5 at Texan Dome.





★ To give information * To offer a reward

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All former coaches, players and managers are invited to be special guests at a reception to be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center, with additional recognition planned for halftime of the evening game of the eight-team tournament.

"We'd just like to recognize all the former players, coaches and managers who have made contributions to South Plains College," South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin said. "They have also gone on to be successful in their own careers and lives."

The former coaches, players, managers and their families will be admitted free to the evening game of the tournament on Nov. 5.

Those planning to participate are requested to send their name, address and phone number, along with the years played at South Plains College and similar information known on any former teammates to: Lyndon Hardin, Women's Basketball Coach, South Plains College, 1401 S. College Avenue, Levelland, Texas, 79336-6595.



Southwest Outdoors

with Mel Phillips

Summer is here and the easy fishing for bass and walleye is quickly becoming a cherished memory. Anglers addicted to these two breeds will continue their pursuit, but the rest of us can continue catching more fish by switching to a more cooperative species of fish.

Taking a kid on a summer fishing trip can be wonderful or can generate horror stories. Kids love action but are still learning the basics of lure selection, casting, and patience. For a great fishing trip, go for the bass - not the elusive largemouth or even the wary smallmouth but the voracious and cooperative white bass, also called sand-



Won Bullets Bulls Magic Spurs Knicks Rockets

June 20th games Lakers 53, Bulls 35. L-Carrie Bradley 19, Katrina Acker 14. B-Randa Wood 11, Nicole Kleman 8.

Spurs 53, Suns 44. Spurs-Kim Thomas 16, Amy Matthews 12. Suns-Kodie Bagley-Grand Champion Amy Pohlmeier 12, Kara Culwell 9. Mare; 1st, Aged Mare Halter; and Bullets 69, Rockets 47. B-Sabrina Hawthorne 16, Carrie Bradley 16. R-Rusty McDaniel-1st, Tie Down Tiffany Wilcox 14, Wendi Ethridge 13.

Magic 59, Knicks 49. M-Tiffany Wilcox 12, Shelly Moore 12. K—Amy Matthews 18, Leslie Nelson 15. June 21st games

Bulls 72, Knicks 52. B-Halley Bradley 24, Tawnee Matthews 12. K-Carrie Bradley 18, Katrina Acker 10. Spurs 73, Rockets 58. S-Amy Ethridge 18, Kim Thomas 14. R-Wendi

Ethridge 14, A'llyn Garza 10. Magic 45, Suns 41. M-Courtney Hoelting 10, Kara Josselet 8. S-Kara

Culwell 15, Suri Bossett 6. Bullets 53, Lakers 51. B-Sabrina John Fuller-3rd, Break Away Calf Hawthorne 15, A'llyn Garza 14, L-Amy Pohlmeier 16, Tanya Wethington 12.

bass. Unlike other bass, schools of sandbass roam the open waters, hence precision casting is not the key to catching these hard fighters.

Eager sandies abound at Lake Greenbelt and Lake Meredith. My trusty, white-with-blue-eyes Pico Perch has caught sandbass for more than 30 years. A small 1/4 oz. Rat-L-Trap is an ideal lure because the kids can cast it into the wind and it mimics the sandbass's favorite food, an immature shad. A chrome Pet spoon is another great lure for sandies. For some reason sandbass will strongly prefer a Pet spoon decorated with either a white or a yellow feather. Experiment with each color until the fish indicate their daily preference.

Don't plan on doing much fishing yourself, because it is a full time job just giving instructions and unhooking the feisty sandbass.

The limit is twenty-five sandbass, all over ten inches. Thus far 1994 has been an outstanding year for area lakes. Scores of largemouth bass over eight pounds have been caught and released at Lake Baylor. Lake Greenbelt, while needing more water, has experienced a boom in the numbers of bass that are weighed and re-

leased at the monthly Fun Fishing Tournaments. Lake MacKenzie near Silverton was in real need of more water. Recent thunderstorms have helped, but catch-and-release is still important for the future of this picturesque lake. White River needs some water, but both the walleye and the bass fishing are very good.

The most stunning development of 1994 is the new moss beds that have developed in all coves and cuts at Lake Meredith. On my last fishing trip I even found the green stuff on a hump that plateaus at twenty feet! With both Ute Lake and Conchas Dam running over the spillways, the lake level at Meredith should be safe for the balance of the year.



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People

Hoeltings establish home in Lubbock following May vows

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Michael Hoelting are at home in Lubbock after their May 21 wedding in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride is the former Kimberly Charlon Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morris of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoelting of Nazareth.

Father Neal Dee officiated at the formal ceremony, held at 3 p.m.

The bride wore a white sequined gown with a high beaded collar and long pouffe sleeves. Her train was embroidered with pearl beading and lace. Her headpiece was a tiara veil covered in sequins and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, red and peppermint carnations, baby's breath and greenery all attached to a mother of pearl Bible that belonged to her greatgrandmother.

Maid of Honor was Karla Morris of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Misty Maxfield of Lubbock, Kathy Sissons of Borger, and Amie Vincent of Amarillo, all friends of the bride.

The attendants wore red tealength dresses with scalloped necklines and V-neck backs. They carried arm bouquets of white gladioluses, red carnations and baby's breath with red, black and white ribbons.

Junior bridesmaid was Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Colby Taylor of Wellington, cousin of the bride. They wore satin checkered dresses in red and black. Each wore a headpiece with baby's breath, ivy and red roses with black, red and white ribbon.

Best Man was Brad Hoelting of Plainview, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Todd Hill of Lubbock, cousin of the groom; Wade Hoelting of Lubbock, brother of the groom; and Bob Kern of Lubbock, friend of the groom.



MRS. CORY HOELTING ... nee Kimberly Morris

Ring bearer was Jake Hoelting of groom. Nazareth, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Kelly White of Lubbock and Clint White of Childress, both cousins of the bride: Marlon Backus of Nazareth, friend of the groom; and Heath Schulte of Nazareth, cousin of the groom.

Servers were Nathan, Barry and Monty Hoelting, all of Nazareth and brothers of the groom.

Readers were Brian Schmucker of Lubbock, friend, and Traci Hill of Wichita Falls, cousin of the

Missy Kleman and Darren Heiman, both of Nazareth, served Communion.

Cara White of Lubbock registered guests. Marcia Hoelting of Lubbock,

cousin of the groom, accompanied singers Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld of Nazareth, uncle and aunt of

The groom is employed by Mc-Lane High Plains; the bride will be teaching and coaching in the fall.

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Ismael Ramirez Jr., son of Ismael and Rosemary Ramirez of Dimmitt, was born June 16 at 1:32 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He has a sister, Kayla, 2. Paternal grandmother is Irene Ramirez of Hart. Maternal grandmother is Margarita Peralta of Dimmitt

Margarita Saucedo, daughter of Domingo III and Virginia Saucedo of Dimmitt, was bom June 15 at 7:02 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Domingo Jr. and Victoria Saucedo of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Paulo and Josefina Posada of Mercedes.

Great-grandparents are Ramona Saucedo of Seminole, Maria Reyes Garza of Weslaco and Juan Posada of Okeechobee, Fla.

Great-great grandparents are Sinforoso and Simona Flores of Dimmitt.

VFW elects officers

The V.F.W. elected new officers for 1994 - 95: Commander, Ted Stubblefield; Sr. Vice-commander, Jack Ebeling; Jr. Vice-commander, San Hardy; Quartermaster, Harry Hauf; Adjutant, Don Howell; and Chaplain, Joe Crespin.

The V.F.W. holds a meeting the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

Museum group plans meeting

The Castro County Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the museum.

All members are urged to attend.





Stewart Hutchins and Shana Birkenfeld

August vows planned

Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shana, to Stewart Hutchins, son of the late Nancy Hutchins and James and Hermelinda Hutchins of Humble.

The couple plan to exchange vows at 4 p.m. on August 20 in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Nazareth High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Texas A&M University in 1993 and is currently employed as an assistant sports information director within the Texas A&M athletic department.

The prospective groom graduated from Humble High School in 1984. He received an associate of arts degree in marketing from North Harris Community College in 1986 and attended Texas A&M University. He is the head of operations and customer service for Albara Corporation in

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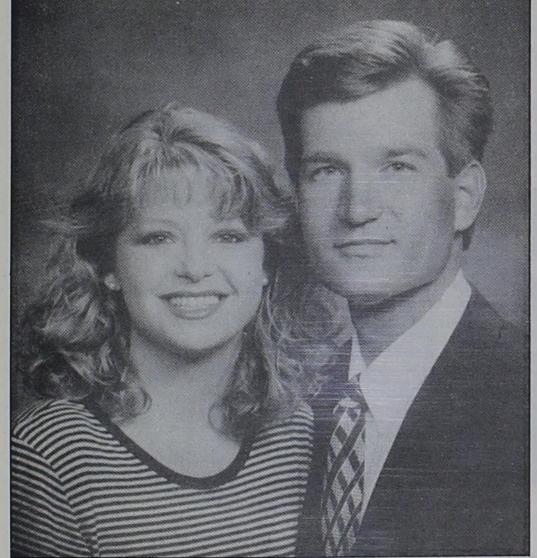
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Perkins, Boozer to wed

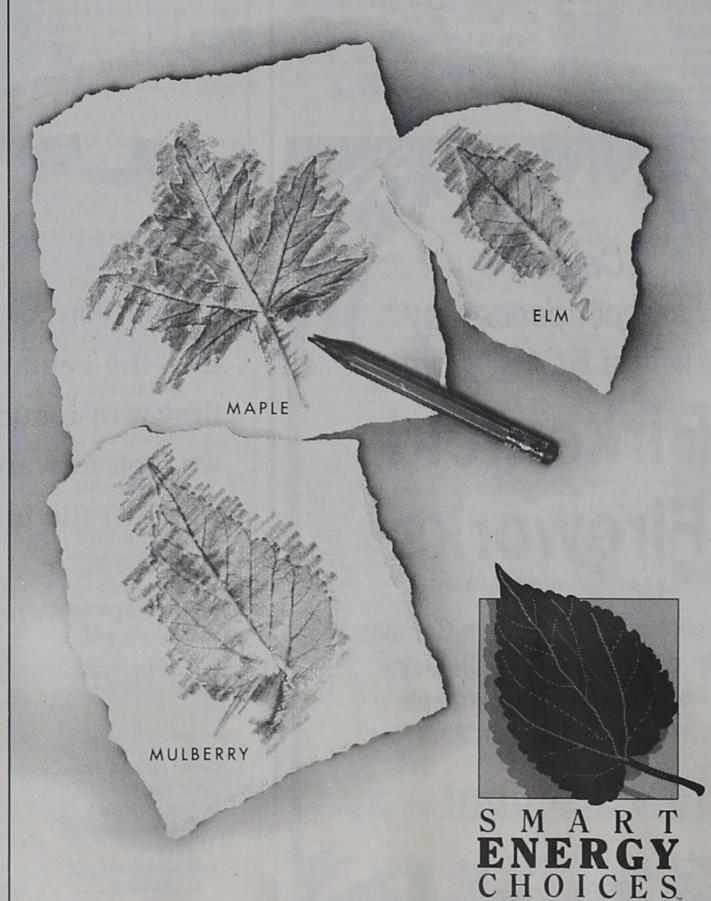
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas N. Perkins of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly D'Ann Perkins, to Robert Kent Boozer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monty Boozer of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange vows August 6 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1978 graduate of Amarillo High School, and attended Amarillo College. She is currently employed at Leon L. Hoyt & Co., L.L.P.

The prospective groom is a 1981 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, and is engaged in





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—A dunking board from noon to 4 p.m. with school officials, civic club members and personalities taking turns aboard.

—A bicycle rodeo from 4 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 5 through 10, with biker's helmets awarded to the winner of each of three age groups.

—A drawing for \$200 worth of Dimmitt Dollars toward the end of the day, with registration on the square and at participating stores.

—A Frisbee throwing contest.

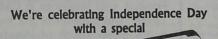
—An exhibit by representatives of the DARE drug awareness program.

—A city fire truck for youngsters to climb on and inspect during the afternoon.

Participating stores will be holding special "July Jubilee" sales events all day, ranging from sidewalk sales to summer clearances, etc.

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By DON TAYLOR

A history lesson

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The freedoms we enjoy as Americans are stated simply and eloquently in the opening lines of the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. As quoted above, it outlines our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Perhaps this historical declaration would never have been penned without the straightforward writings of Thomas Paine. His written arguments, called Common Sense, were biting in their criticism of the British crown. He ripped into the colonists for remaining loyal to a king who sanctioned their deaths, taxed them unfairly, overturned their legislative activities and enforced his will over the will of all the people.

Partially because of Paine's writings,

the mood of the people turned away from allegiance to the king of England and more toward being independent from the crown. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a motion to that effect in Congress in June 1776. Thomas Jefferson modified Lee's motion extensively with help from Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. Jefferson's expanded work, the Declaration of Independence, was adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776.

A written guarantee

Some of you are wondering why I am presenting this brief history lesson. I want to remind you of our written guarantee. Jefferson's eloquent words, and the Constitution that followed, guarantee our freedom to succeed. Please note that I did not say those documents guarantee our success-just our freedom to succeed.

The Declaration of Independence and our Constitution affirm the origin of government as the willingness of the people to be independently governed. We the people, are the government. We elect others to conduct national business.

These documents also affirmed the duty of the people to change or abolish a government that no longer serves them well. Therefore, I ask if you feel that our federal government is responsive to our needs. Is our government serving us well? Are we truly free to succeed? Do we want our leaders to turn our country from the democracy that has served us so well for more than 200 years toward socialism that even the Soviets have given up on? Should we embrace healthcare reforms brought to us by the same folks who broughtus welfare? Or, is 'it time for more common sense?

Freedom to succeed

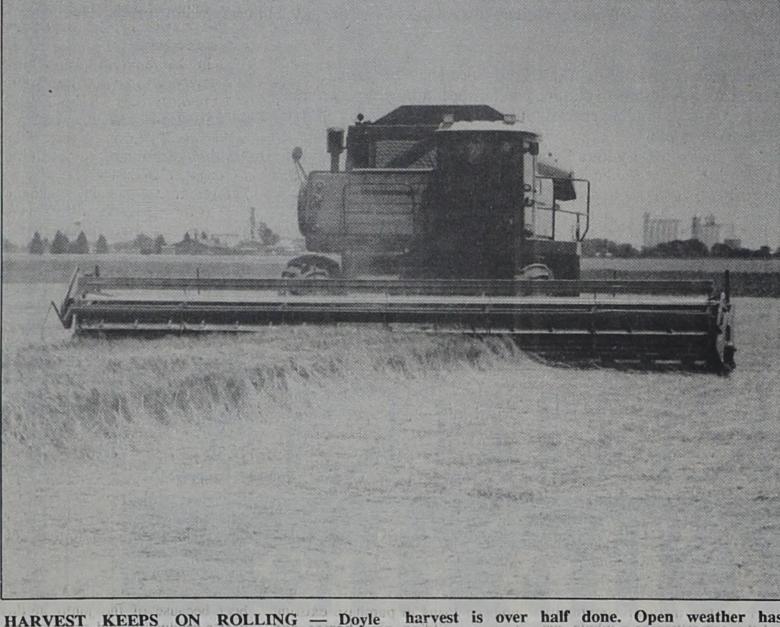
I believe that it is time to take back the control of our destiny. If our government continues to usurp our rights, drown us in regulations and destroy our ability to create our wealth, we will lose our freedom to succeed.

The biggest threat to small business today is not competition from mega competitors, but rather the insidious growth of federal and state governments. We cannot tolerate the continuing encroachment of "big brother" into the free enterprise system. The costs of nonproductivity must not be thrust upon us. We all pay for government. Every cost of bureaucracy is passed directly on to the consumer and taxpayer.

It is not too late; we can turn our nation around. We can learn from history. Let us elect men and women who will lead us to less government, not more. Corporate America is proving that even the private sector can benefit by becoming more productive and efficient.

It is time to down-size our governments. We must communicate our wishes freely, often and distinctly. We must return to government by the people, for the people and of the people. We can regain the freedom to succeed. Then we will be able to truly celebrate Independence Day.

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Kleman runs a combine through the last bit of wheat on the Kenneth Hill Estate north of Hart on June 16. Yields are a little below normal, and

harvest is over half done. Open weather has allowed for quick work of the harvest, with much of the wheat expected to be out of the fields by this Photo by John Brooks

Cotton **Talks**

By Shawn Wade

Kater Hake, Cotton Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says this year's crop has the potential to be just as good as 1993, even though dryland cotton prospects have been essentially put on hold by a lack of rainfall this season.

According to Lubbock - based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), Hake's comments are based on initial data from a TAEX plant mapping study currently being conducted. Hake notes that the study is in its second year and participation has more than doubled in 1994.

Initial information indicates the 1994 crop is off to at least as good a start as leat year's bumper crop. The comparison comes from the overall status of 50 irrigated and dryland fields that are participating in the 1994 project. Hake says that 1993 plant mapping information was gathered from only 20 fields.

The 1994 data indicates the crop is doing well, setting 96% of its squares and maintaining a height to node ratio of .74 inches. The height to node ratio is the average distance between fruiting branches based on the overall height of the plant.

Hake adds that in 1993 the project estimated a 95% square set and a height to node ratio of .75

Hake is quick to note, however, that while overall prospects for the crop are still bright, the bulk of the area's dryland crop is beginning to be severely stressed by the lack of moisture. Without timely rainfall, dryland cotton acres could be permanently damaged in the next few

Irrigated producers are in the process of applying water to their fields in order to take full advantage of the potential indicated by the TAEX plant mapping project.

Hake notes that with timely rainfall the outlook for the dryland crop could be much improved. He adds that despite the moisture stress being exerted on the area's dryland acreage, the majority of the 1994 crop could be established in July and early August, increasing the chances for an early harvest season.

Dr. Morris Webb **OPTOMETRIST**

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R & P FEEDYARD has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 25162 to expand a Cattle Feedlot near Hereford in Castro County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 7.5 miles south of Hereford on F.M. 1055. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on June 23, 1994 and June 30, 1994.

How To Manage The Future

Youngsters place at Amarillo FmHA offers Several youth from Castro Coun- Tye Baca, reserve breed champion

ty participated in the Golden Chianina. Spread Classic progress steer show Sunday at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo. Top honors were won by Chad Rogers and Jay McCormick of Dimmitt with the top two Limousin steers; B.J. Hill, reserve breed champion in Charolais; and

McCormick places at **Amarillo show**

Jay McCormick had two lambs place in the Progress Show at the 1994 Golden Spread Classic lamb show Sunday at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo.

McCormick placed second in Class 23 and third in Class 24. Both lambs were fine wool cross.

Breed champions earned belt buckles and reserve breed champions won belt pins. Prospect steers are under 876 pounds.

Castro County youngsters placing in the prospect show were: Hereford Class 10 - 2. Beau Hill,

Shorthorn Class 16-4. Beau Hill.

Brahman Class 17 - 4. Tawnee Matthews, Dimmitt. ABC Class 20-4. Tawnee Matthews;

5. Taylor Matthews, Dimmitt. Charolais Class 21 - 2. B.J. Hill,

Chianina Class 23 - 2. Tye Baca, Limousin Class 26-1. Chad Rogers,

Limousin Class 27 — 1. Jay McCormick, Dimmitt; 2. Chad Rogers. Simmental Class 32: 3. Tucker Schumacher, Dimmitt.

All Other Breeds Class 37-2. Tye

Smith Potato

is now accepting applications for summer

potato harvest at Smith Potato Inc. in Hart

and Olton. All applicants must be 16 years of

special loans for youngsters

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will host a meeting on Youth Loans in Agriculture in Dimmitt on July 12.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the courthouse basement community room.

The meeting is being sponsored by FmHA, Castro County Extension Service and area high school agriculture teachers. FmHA offers a loan of up to \$5,000 to youth ages 10 to 20. Repayment terms are usually one year and the interest rate is currently 6.75%.

Applications for youth loans will be available and assistance in completing the applications will be provided at the meeting.

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SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Old, new problems crop up in wheat

Area farmers have known for over a month that current crop yields are simply not going to equal those of the past three years.

This was confirmed to producers recently by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the USDA Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland during the High Plains wheat field day held May 26.

Experiment Station wheat breeders in the High Plains and Rolling Plains are concentrating their efforts on improving varieties for drought and insect resistance, height, maturity, beardless wheat for pasture operations and yield potential.

While the data about the 1994 crop year are still being compiled, evaluating the total results will take much more time.

"Area producers faced very different challenges in the past three years," said Dr. David Worrall, TAES wheat breeder in Vernon. Weather conditions created some form of drought stress in wheat for each of those years.

According to Worrall, much of the wheat matured two to three weeks earlier than normal in the spring of 1992, due in part to the dry conditions that persisted from April 2 to May 20, which affected the period when heading and pollination occurred.

Significant late frost damage was reported, because plants had matured relatively early. Heavy rains locally in late May and early June resulted in considerable weathering of the crop.

"Things changed again in 1993," Worrall said. This time the dry weather occurred earlier, with only trace moisture recorded in the area between March 23 and April 27, and just before the wheat headed

The May '93 rains were steady, resulting in some damage due to leaf rust in eastern areas and in some irrigated fields in the central Texas Panhandle area.

Last year's harvest was affected by dry weather in the fall of 1992, if wheat was not planted by early September, since sufficient soil moisture was not available until the Thanksgiving blizzard. Planting of 1993 dryland wheat was delayed until early January.

In both years, moderate to heavy local outbreaks of Russian Wheat Aphid did occur but were controlled by chemical application. As in recent years, relatively little winter damage occurred in either year.

According to Worrall, varieties released two years ago, TAM-202 and TAM 109 have been well accepted by producers. Statewide, a new variety, TAM-300 was released last year, primarily for production in the Blacklands of central Texas.

"We're also in the final stages of yield testing for several lines resistant to biotype 'E' greenbug," Worrall said.

Over the past two years, on average, the highest yielding releases have been TAM-200, TAM-202, TAM-107 and Pecos (previously named Falcon).

"Several experimental lines have also done well and are being considered for release in the near future," said Dr. Mark Lazar.

share funding available

Cost share funds are available through the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District to county agents, to determine which varieties have tolerance of SBM develop erosion control and proper and are adapted to this area. nutrient and pest management prac-

Castro County producers could more easily meet state water quality standards on row crop opera-

If a farmer voluntarily develops and maintains a site-specific water quality management plan through the Running Water SWCD and has that plan certified by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the farmer will be compliant with state water quality law and exempt from other state regulatory processes about pollutant dis-

FmHA plans Hart meeting

A meeting to discuss housing ioans, farm loans and other programs of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will be held July 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room of the Hale County State Bank Hart Banking Center.

During the morning session from 10 a.m. to noon, topics will include housing loans to purchase existing homes, building new homes and improving present homes, and repair loans and a grant program for

senior citizens. From 1 to 2 p.m., FmHA officials will discuss farm loan, busi-

A plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, management measures, technologies or any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.

Each plan developed, maintained and implemented by a landowner or operator through the RWSWCD must meet rules and criteria adopted by the TSSWCB. With a little fine tuning and certification of an existing soil and water conservation plan for a farm, a producer might find that the operation will adequately meet state water quality goals.

Beef touted for special holiday meals

Consumers should expect plenty of Texas beef at grocery stores across the state for Fourth of July picnics and backyard barbecues, Ag Commissioner Rick Perry said.

"Wholesale beef prices have declined over the past few months and now lower prices are reaching consumers just in time for the traditional July 4th cookouts," Perry said. "Not only are beef prices coming down, there's plenty of beef because of the jump in this year's production and surplus from previous years."

Beef production increased by a record 7% from last year and is expected to rise another 3% or 4%

New plant diseases showing up

Some familiar plant diseases have appeared in area wheat crops this year and then there are ones farmers and scientists don't see as often.

Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist at Amarillo, who checks area fields almost daily, has observed some usual and unusual situations this year regarding viruses, old and new.

Bean says scientists are still evaluating the data on the damage from the new virus which first appeared last year in silage and sweet corn. Later, the virus was seen in wheat fields scattered across the Panhandle. Plants appeared yellowed or streaked, and stunted.

The disease outbreak was first dubbed the "mystery" virus because scientists were uncertain how it

was being transmitted. In March researchers at Kansas State University discovered that the wheat curl mite was a chief vector of the ivrus. This is the same mite that transmits Wheat Streak Mosaic virus.

"We're also seeing increased incidence of barley yellow dwarf (BYD) virus which is transmitted by several kinds of aphids, including greenbug, oat bird-cherry aphid and corn leaf aphid among others," said Bean.

In the case of BYD, aphid contract the virus when feeding on an infected plant and spread the disease when feeding on others. According to Bean, plant damage is evidenced first on the leaf tip and margins, and later the entire leaf will turn purple and yellow.

Plants are generally stunted and have fewer tillers with smaller than

normal grain heads. Damage from this virus results in reduced yields and lighter grain test weights. To date, no varieties are showing tolerance to the BYD virus.

"Dry, cool winters and lack of available soil moisture at critical periods like we experienced this year have aggravated BYD problems," said Bean.

Soil - borne mosaic virus also intensified this year. This SBM virus, seen previously on a limited basis in Dallam County, has been observed in numerous fields across the Panhandle area this year.

Infected plants exhibit yellow mottling of leaves and are stunted. Damage shows up in irregular, spotty patches throughout the field.

The primary control method for SBM is planting tolerant varieties. available through Bean or local virus," Bean said.

Wheat streak mosaic (WSM),

which can be found in the Panhandle to some degree every year, was also present in this year's wheat

Producers can employ some very basic measures for control of this virus, Bean said. A prerequisite is controlling volunteer wheat during the summer. Volunteer wheat provicudes a host plant for the wheat curl mite, which transmits the virus, to survive the summer. Farmers can delay planting in the fall and plant tolerant varieties.

"We're also fairly convinced that where heaviest damage in wheat has been found, there likely has been a simultaneous occurrence of Producers should consult a list, wheat streak mosaic and the new

More about **Board considers changes**

(Continued from Page 1)

board members to get their input "because we serve at the pleasure of the board."

"What Garland is saying," board member James Welch said, "is that if we don't have any medical members on the committee, then we can call in anyone from the medical community and not be overly exposed to one side or other when there's a conflict."

He asked Wilcox if he could "see some advantages to being politically separated from the board and the administration."

"Our purpose is to serve the community," Wilcox answered. "We didn't agree to serve in order to become politically involved with hospital district issues. We'd rather stay out of the politics of things and concentrate on recruiting new physicians."

After learning that the committee had not discussed the proposal, board member Bill Clark commented, "I agree there should be some technical expertise on the commit-

"Our committee has always worked well together," Bryant said.

Director of Nurses Cindy Ellis, a member of the search committee, asked Coleman, "Why did you make your recommendation? Have the medical community members not been doing their job? Your recommendation came as a sur-

"We'd be lost without Steve (Goode, hospital administrator) having served as our chairman," Wilcox said, "but maybe it's time to give the medical sector some relief from all the meetings."

"I think there's been a grave lack of communications," board member Teresa Lindsey said. "Unless we open those lines of communications. . . . '

"We reported completely to the board in April, after our return from Healthfind," Bryant said. "It was the previous board, and maybe some of that information didn't get to you when you came on."

"Are you willing to work with the new board?" Lindsey asked.

committee did not come here with their hackles up or anything."

"I think that all we've got are some growing pains," Wilcox said.

"As I understand the bylaws," Goode said, "any committee appointed by the chairman remains in force until the first regular meeting after the organizational meeting of the next board, which happens to be tonight." (The search committee was appointed during Welch's chairmanship.)

Goode suggested that the board reappoint the committee until the next regular meeting.

Clark agreed. "I think we should give the committee a chance to meet and discuss it, and give the board time to think about it."

Without a motion, the board agreed to follow their recommenda-

"I'd like to personally thank the committee," Welch said. "You've gotten us several names (of prospective physicians); two look pretty good; another is coming to Dimmitt to look us over. We owe you a debt of gratitude."

Earlier in the meeting, CCCC Administrator Vince Moss reviewed the list of prospects gleaned through the statewide Healthfind job fair that the local search committee attended in early April.

He said that one doctor whom the committee met with there "indicated that we were No. 1 with him at this point," and that he and his

"Sure," Bryant answered. "The family plan to spend their vacation time looking over Dimmitt and Castro County.

"I think that with a conscious effort by the medical community and the committee as a whole, we may be able to get him here," Moss

A woman physician also has expressed interest, and wants to visit here during late July or August, Moss reported.

He also described "another strong candidate" who, with his wife, is originally from this area, and said one of their main concerns is their daughter, who is "very athletically oriented." That family is tentatively scheduled to visit here the second week of August, he said.

All three prospects are young physicians in their final year of residency, Moss noted.

"Also, a physician I've been in contact with by accident ... is in the obstetrics program at Tech," Goode reported. "He's in his fourth year of residency and has another year to go. He is showing some interest in possibly coming here."

The only prospect referred here so far by the retained search firm of Merritt, Hawkins & Associates was a Canadian doctor who interviewed recently with the search committee

and looked over the local situation. The search committee's reaction to him "was pretty well thumbsdown," Goode reported.

"I got the idea from visiting with him that we weren't exactly suitable for him, either," Coleman said.

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TCFA honors feedyard

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) recently announced that Dee Follis, manager of Texas County Feed Yard, Inc. at Guymon, Okla., is the winner of the first TCFA Environmental Stewardship Award. The announcement was made during TCFA's Summer Meeting in Ruidoso, N.M.

"Dee Follis and Texas County Feed Yard are being recognized for protecting and conserving natural resources," said TCFA President Les McNeill. "Dee had to pass a tough test-I'm told the judging

was very close and all the applicants employed sound stewardship practices.'

Among the environmental stewardship practices in place at Texas County Feed Yard are vegetative filter trips, installed shortly after the feedyard was built in 1965. "These filter strips provide wildlife habitat for pheasants, quail, ducks and song birds," Follis said, "and they prevent erosion while filtering the water that drains into our retention facility."

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Sparkman Cattle Co. has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Water Quality Permit No. 03695 for a Cattle Feedlot near Hereford in Castro County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 6 miles south of Hereford on F.M. 1055. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on June 30, 1994.



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24—Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for every act of kindness and love during the last 2 1/2 years of illness and recent loss of our precious mother, Gladys Leeth. Your love, prayers, food, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement have uplifted and encouraged us during these difficult days. Our friends in Dimmitt have been just wonderful in every way and we want to thank you from the bottom of our

May God bless each of you is our prayer. We love you!

KATHLEEN FOSTER AND FAMILY ROBERT AND SANDRA MICHELS AND FAMILY ENTIRE FAMILY OF GLADYS LEETH

25—Legal Notices

24-12-1TP

LEGAL NOTICE

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25-Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

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> LEGAL NOTICE No. 2157

ESTATE OF JOHN L. THOMAS DECEASED

> IN THE COUNTY COURT CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN L. THOMAS, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 1994, in Docket No. 2157, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: MARY CATH-ERINE TIMMENS.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Randall County, Texas, the mailing address is:

71A Valleyview Canyon, Texas 79015

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by

Dated the 28th day of June, 1994 HESTER, McGLASSON & COX 1507 Fourth Avenue

> P.O Drawer 300 Canyon, TX 79015 (806) 655-1016 By: CHUCK HESTER State Bar Number 09549700 Attorneys for the estate

> > 25-12-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND

PARTIES:

You are hereby notified that R&P FEEDYARD has applied for Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality Permit No. 25162. This permit, if approved, will authorize expansion of a CATTLE FEEDLOT near HEREFORD in CAS-TRO COUNTY, Texas. The location of the EXISTING facility is 7.7 MILES SOUTH OF HEREFORD ON F.M. 1055. This facility will emit the following air contaminants: PARTICULATE MATTER

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC AMARILLO REGION-AL OFFICE, AIR PROGRAM, LOCA-TED AT 3918 CANYON DRIVE, AMA-RILLO, TEXAS 79109 - 4996, TELE-PHONE (806) 353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 239 - 1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing MR. DAVID J. LUSK, TNRCC Office of Air Quality New Source Review Program, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or the TNRCC AMARILLO Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not issue the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on June 23 and

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and /or contested case hearing on the permit appplication pursuant to Section 382.056 (d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Bill Ehret, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telephone (512) 305-9087.

Before a permit can be issued for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. This includes the application of "best available control technology" to each new or modified emission source and compliance with all ambient air quality standards. 25-11-2tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

No. PR 2156

THE ESTATE OF MONA MERRITT, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS

AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MONA MERRITT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of MONA MERRITT, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 24th day of June, 1994, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to me, at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by

My residence and mailing address is: Glenn Merritt HCR 2 Box 26

Hart, Texas 79043. Glenn Merritt Independent Executor of the Estate of MONA MERRITT,

Deceased

25-12-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Paul Andrew Hall, Deceased, were issued on June 20, 1994, in Cause No. 2,153, in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to Brian Webb Hall, whose residence is 7028 Westlake Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75214.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by

DATED the 21st day of June, 1994. WAGONSELLER, COBB & HARKEY P.O. Box 1796 Lubbock, Texas 79408-1796 806-763-9218 ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE By JOANNA L. HARKEY State Bar No. 09006600 25-12-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS

Nazareth ISD is accepting proposals for IBM or IBM compatible computers for a 25 station computer lab at the Nazareth School Buildings. Said bids will be opened at 1 p.m. July 13, 1994, at the Superintendent's Office located at Nazareth Schools, Nazareth, Texas. Specifications and installation specifications for the project can be obtained from the office of Superintendent N. Dean Johnson; 101 S. First St.; P.O Box 189; Nazareth, TX 79063-0189; Phone (806) 945-2231. Nazareth ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted. 25-12-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District Food Service is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of bread items for the first semester of the 1994-95 school year. Information may be obtained from the Administration Office at 608 West

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Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All bids must be returned to Neal Bryan, Business Manager, or Charles Ketchum, Food Service Director, at 608 West Halsell by 2 p.m. on July 11, 1994. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be for the 25-12-2tc full semester.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT

SPARKMAN CATTLE CO., Route 2, Box 50, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. 03695) to authorize the disposal of wastes and wastewater from a feedlot. The feedlot will consist of a maximum of 9.500 head. Wastewater will be retained in one (1) storage pond. Wastewater from the pond is to be disposed of by evaporation. Manure and/or solids are to be removed from site by a contract manure hauler. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit.

The feedlot is on a private road approximately one half mile west of Farmto-Market Road 1055 in Castro County, Texas. The entrance to the private road is approximately 6 miles south of the intersection of Farm - to - Market Road 1055 and Interstate Highway 60. This location is the drainage area of the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted August 18. 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires that the Commission's decision about whether to approve or deny the application be based on evidence and testimony submitted during the public hearing, presented under oath and subject to crossexamination by the other parties. Public comments are not evidence and cannot

The Hale County State Bank, **Hart Banking Center**

and the **Farmers Home Administration** (FmHA)

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25—Legal Notices

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Issued this 20th day of June, 1994. Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 25-12-1tc

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Plains Memorial getting 41% of county patients

According to a "patient destination report" by the Texas Hospitals Association, Plains Memorial gets 61% of Dimmitt patients, 40% of Nazareth patients and 13% of Hart patients, administrator Steve Goode reported at last Wednesday night's meeting of the hospital board.

Plainview hospitals get 25% of Hart's patients, the report indicated.

Patient destination depends to a large extent on who the admitting physician is. Family practitioners usually admit patients to their local

garage sale

Bunches of bargains are planned

Garage sales are planned

throughout the community begin-

ning at 8 a.m. Maps for garage sale

locations will be available at Na-

Boy Scouts will have a conces-

sion stand opened all day long in

front of the American Legion Hall

in Nazareth. They will be selling

cooked sausage, lemonade, iced tea

zareth City Hall at 7:45 a.m.

and homemade ice cream.

Festival,

music set

An arts and crafts show, German

sausage meal and Suds 'n Sounds

will highlight the 22nd annual Na-

zareth German Festival, July 9 in

The Smokin' Armadillos of

Bakersfield, Calif., will highlight

Suds 'n Sounds, from 6 p.m. to 1

a.m. at the Nazareth Community

Center Ballpark on the east side of

Nazareth. Admission is \$15, with

proceeds going to the Texas Deaf

Program sponsored by the Knights

of Columbus, and the Nazareth

Community Center. The Rough Ri-

ders have been sponsors of Suds 'n

Sounds since its inception several

Other bands will include Tom

The German Festival will in-

Mann and Ace of Hearts, Country

clude an arts and crafts show at 10

a.m. in the school cafeteria; a Ger-

man sauasage meal from 11:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community

Hall; and raffles, childrens' barrel

train and tractor pull, and other

Outdoor entertainment will be

News sets

deadlines

Early deadlines have been es-

Deadline for weddings, en-

gagements, other people news,

sports and other non-breaking

news items is Friday noon. Ad-

vertisers who normally have a

Monday deadline will have a

noon Friday deadline; the dead-

line for other advertising and for

classified advertising remains

More about

Jubilee

(Continued from Page 1)

Dimmitt Dollars just before 6 p.m.,

with registration on the square and

at participating stores (Castro

County News, First Bank of Mule-

shoe - Dimmitt Branch, ALCO,

Lockhart's, Jones-Rawlings Insur-

ance, Tots and Teens, First State Bank, Merle Norman's, Sheffy's Western and Casual Wear, Higgin-

botham-Bartlett, Cowsert Abstract

and Video Magic, and at the hot

DARE, which will start programs

youngsters to climb on and inspect

Delores Heller, executive direc-

-A Frisbee toss sponsored by

- A city fire truck for

dog stand on the square).

during the afternoon.

in all county schools this fall.

-A drawing for \$200 worth of

tablished for the July 7 edition

held in the area surrounding the

Nites and Rowdy Ace.

hall throughout the day.

of the News.

noon Tuesday.

Nazareth.

years ago.

Saturday at Nazareth's first City-

Wide Garage Sale throughout the

Naz plans

city-wide

hospitals for illness and certain ing for patients, and asked for types of surgery, and refer other patients to specialists in metropolitan areas who admit them to hospitals there. "Overall, Plains Memorial is get-

ting 41% of admissions that originate in this county," Goode reported. "That's pretty typical for rural counties."

Later in the meeting, Goode noted that the hospital district had an "unwritten policy" of not advertis-

viewpoints. Cenci Hardee, assistant administrator of Castro County Community Clinics, said the clinics budget utilizes Medicaid Disproportionate

Share Funds for "marketing-they

don't call it advertising." After a brief discussion about the growth of advertising and competition among hospitals, the board instructed Goode to devise an advertising proposal for Plains Memorial for trustees to consider.

On a related topic, Goode said that according to doctor/population ratios published by the New England Journal of Medicine, Castro County should be due 4.5 family practitioners, one specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, and 0.5

The county currently has two family practitioners and one surgical specialist. The hospital district is searching for one or two new family practitioners.

Due to new clean air regulations,

the city can't haul off refrigerators

or any other appliance that contains

freon. You must call on a certified

contractor to remove the freon from

the appliance, and the contractor

must attach a tag to the appliance

certifying that he has removed the

freon. The appliance, with the tag,

may then be taken to the landfill

Other appliances can be taken to

The city will not pick up used

Tires can be taken to some local

tires in alleys, but will accept them

the landfill; salvage yards might be

able to accept some appliances.

if they are taken to the landfill.

pay a tire disposal fee.

er unwanted insects.

ground.

Used oil, filters

the Castro County Expo Building.

dumpster or if you pour the oil or

any petroleum product onto the

Tires

More about

.CUFUPU urges cleanup

grass clippings to the landfill. City

officials said several residents have

complained that contractors are

mowing lawns and doing other

yard work, then depositing the clip-

pings behind other houses. Con-

tractors should take the grass clip-

pings to the landfill for proper

Tree limbs can usually be picked

up by city employees. City laws

call for limbs to be cut in lengths of

three feet or less; city employees

are instructed to not pick up limbs

The city can help haul off some,

that might cause them to be hurt.

Appliances

but not many, appliances.

disposal, city officials said.

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Junk vehicles

City ordinances state that junk cars that are not in working condition can result in a home's residents being fined for every day the car is not removed from the property. Residents could be fined as much as \$500. There are dealers who will buy junk cars for salvage in Dimmitt and surrounding communities; in most cases, they will come and haul off your junk vehicle.

Yard waste

In many parts of Dimmitt, green dumpsters are available for disposing of grass clippings. In other areas, clippings should be put outside dumpsters (not in the dumpsters) in the alley. They should be bagged. The City of Dimmitt is making an effort to keep grass clippings and other yard waste out of the landfill. Yard waste is stored separately at the landfill so it can be used for many more years.

The city is also asking that persons who use contractors to mow their lawns and do other yard work make sure the contractors haul the

More about

(Continued from Page 1)

told of an offer from a Panhandle city offering her \$73,000 a year plus benefits to move.

"If it were the money, I would have been long gone," Murphy said. "I think it's obvious my family is committed to healthcare in Castro County."

Her father is Dr. B.D. Murphy, who has had a family practice here since the 1960s. Murphy said her options might include working with her father, but that was simply one of several options she is exploring.

Moss said the board has already given him permission to begin searching for at least one new PA for staff needs at Hawkins Memorial Clinic in Hart and Medical Center of Dimmitt.

More about

...Concern

(Continued from Page 1)

board agreed to cooperate with him

health - care professionals on the

physician search committee, a pro-

posal that prompted a lengthy dis-

cussion between members of the

hospital board and the committee.

hospital's share of county patients

and whether an advertising pro-

gram would help increase the hos-

-The board postponed action on

-The board set July 25 as the tentative date for "town hall" dis-

a new lease contract for the Medi-

cal Center of Dimmitt until the next

cussions at Dimmitt and Hart on

rural health clinics and voted to reimburse expenses for a speaker to

counted half the value of a patient's

food-stamp allotment as income.

be brought in for the meetings.

pital's use. (See separate story.)

—The board discussed the local

(See separate story.)

regular meeting.

-Coleman proposed replacing

on a Tuesday night class schedule.

Obituary

Guy V. Lewis

Guy V. Lewis, 19, of Dimmitt, died Monday.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home with the Rev. Claude Mullins, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lewis was born March 8, 1975 in Dimmitt. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was a May graduate of Dimmitt High School, where he played varsity football in 1992 and 1993 and varsity basketball in 1992-93 and 1993-94. He was also a member of the Dimmitt High School huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Ath-

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Lewis, in 1992.

Survivors include his mother, Gwen Lewis of Dimmitt; a sister, Genice Bossett of Amarillo; and his grandmother, B.C. Bossett of Dim-

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Dimmitt High School football and basketball teams and coaches.

Pallbearers are Daniel Trigo, Tobin Bossett, Mario Castillo, Phil Thrasher, Aaron Salinas and James Fleeks.

Together.

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- To avoid a conflict with Medicaid policy, the board adopted a motion by Teresa Lindsey to stop considering food stamps as income in determining a patient's qualifications for indigent status. Previously, the hospital's indigent policy

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The Slatonite

Ratites becoming specialty at A&M vet school

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

COLLEGE STATION — A growing interest in ratites that matches the current boom in Texas ratite raising is evident at Texas A&M University's Colege of Veterinary Medicine.

In fact, A&M's zoological service comprised of four ratite specialists is fast becoming a "source of first resort" for ratite owners needing to solve health problems of the birds.

"We get at least ten calls a day about ratites," said Dr. David Phalen of the zoological medicine service.

In addition, the research effort at separate A&M facility is being boosted by the success of a unique ratite raising project on the 16-acre Wildlife and Exotic Animal Center, which now boasts 56 ratites including emus and ostriches on premises.

"There is no other university in the U.S. with as many ratites," commented Dr. Alice Blue-McClendon, a D.V.M., PhD candidate and researcher at the WEAC.

"The only other exception might be the University of California at Davis which has more different types," she said of current programs around the country.

Another feature that makes the A&M center at the vet school so unique is that it is cashing in on the high demand, and high

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A&M is among several U.S. schools breaking new ground in ratite research.

price for chicks to help further its own programs. By selling part of the hatch, the center gains funds to sustain the research effort, Dr. Blue-McClendon said.

Phalen predicts that if ratites make it to a commercial market scenario, the research being done on the birds will become even more important.

"Before the ratites can be sold for meat, the USDA must know things like 'How long after a certain injection can they be consumed?' All those things are known for

beef or sheep, but it has not been investigated at all in ratites," Phalen said.

Phalen said the American Ostrich Association has been especially well organized in efforts to stimulate a market for the animals.

"If anything will make this market take off, the American Ostrich Association will have be helping," he said.

Dr. Blue-McClendon said it is her personal opinion that ratites will gain their place one day as a consumable meat product.

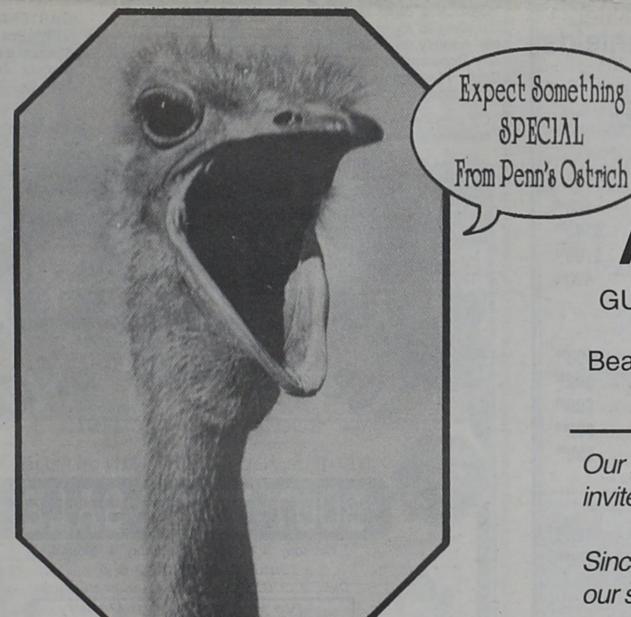
"I think with ostrich that they are a viable livestock," she said. "They are extremely efficient utilizers of space."

She said that the current breeder market reflects a time of "very skewed" prices, but she said there is a belief that potential is there for commercial success if prices come down.

"Assuming a slaughter market, if a single hen produces 20 chicks surviving to one year of age, then the value of them at that time could be around \$450 to \$500 each, figuring the value of meat and hide, with a minimal value of feathers," she said. "If you got 20 chicks from one hen, and have that kind of value from a 12-month-old chick, that's \$10,000 from one bird."

A mother cow would have to produce a

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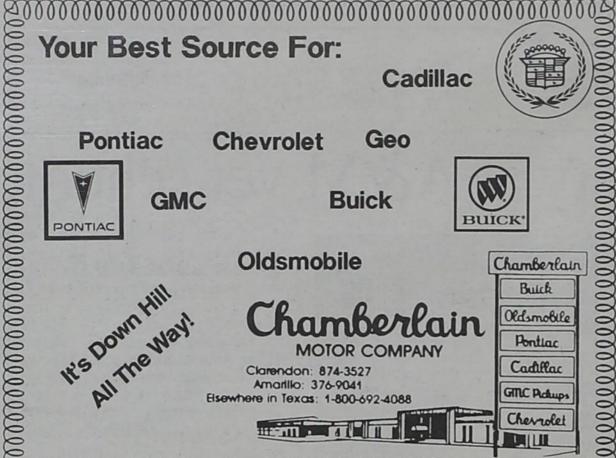
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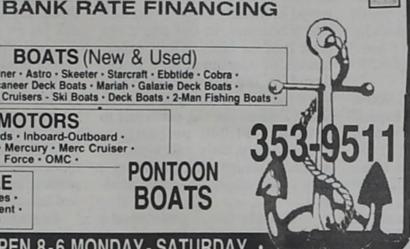
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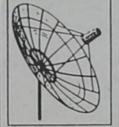
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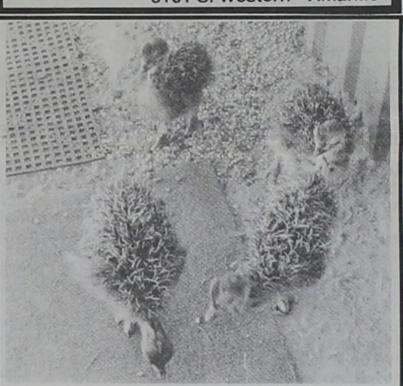
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What began as a hobby for the retired couple is now a full time business. The Tates have four grown pair of full blood "blues". "I treat 'em just like babies," Jean says, referring to raising chicks... "Sometimes they'll get colic and cry. I'll take them in the house, give them some medicine and calm them down 'till they quit crying," she explains. Looking over the Tate's stock, all that tender loving care seems to make for healthy ostriches.

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production begins between 18 months and 3 years of age, and birds are not usually slaughtered before reaching 18 months of age.

Most birds have thus far been raised for breeding purposes, and their prices are high, reflecting this use and, in some cases, yielding substantial profits to owners. An important question for current and potential bird owners is at what point the number of birds will be large enough that their price becomes tied to the value of the products these birds yield.

Domestic production is the primary source of ratites. South Africa, the only country which ever exported substantial numbers of ostriches, has prohibited the export of ostriches or ostrich eggs since 1959. And while the U.S. has allowed the import of ratites since 1990, quarantines are required. Although eggs can also be imported from approved overseas farms, hatchability has been low.

Ostrich farming has largely been a speculative venture for the last 100 years. In the late 1800's, wild flocks in South Africa were hunted nearly to extinction, due to the popularity of ostrich feathers in European and American fashion. By the end of the 19th century, ostrich farms were established in northern and southern Africa, Australia, southern Europe, and the U.S. to supply this fashion item.

Ostriches were introduced into the U.S. in 1882. Numerous ostrich farms were started in the late 1800's and early 1900's, mostly in Arizona and California. The number of birds in the U.S. peaked in 1914. South Africa exported a record I million pounds of feathers in 1913-14, from about I million birds on 1,300 farms. There were an additional 20,000 birds in the Northern Hemisphere.

However, the demand for feathers plummeted when World War I began. Ostrich farming became primarily a novelty in South Africa, the U.S., and a few other countries.

The number of South African farms dropped to 52 by 1945, and annual feather exports by South Africa dropped to 3,000 pounds by the 1960's. In the U.S., bird numbers dropped to as few as 200-300 by 1920.

Beginning about 1960, South Africa's industry started to expand again due to increased world demand for ostrich leather. It has now revived to a profitable level, with 450 farms and around 225,000 birds. These farms supply meat, leather, and feathers to domestic and foreign markets. In addition, some ostriches provide tourist attractions.

In the U.S., the ostrich industry began to expand again around 1985. Currently, there are 40,000-60,000 ostriches in the U.S., with about 4,000-5,000 established breeder birds. Most ostrich farms are located in Texas and California, but there is at least one farm in every state. Estimates of emu numbers in the U.S. range from 75,000 to 100,000 on 5,000 farms, located mostly in Texas.

High Prices Reflect Breeding Value

Recent trade articles have stressed the profitability of ostrich and emu farming in the U.S., along with claims of the health and nutritional benefits of the meat. Breeding pairs have reportedly

sold for \$50,000 or more during the past year. Breeding pairs typically lay 50 to 60 eggs a year, and over half of them will likely hatch, resulting in about 30 birds per pair, each bird valued at \$7,500.

These prices reflect breeding value and are much higher than the value of the meat and other products from the bird. A Pennsylvania State University study found that at these prices, producers can claim a \$3,300 profit if a male and a female are sold as a breeding pair, but could realize a \$16,000 loss if they are sold for slaughter.

The ostrich and emu industries are now in the breeder phase of development, with primary attention focused on expanding the number of birds to a level which would eventually support commercial production. In this phase, the price paid for birds reflects expectations of continued high prices based on the sale for breeding stock rather than for value of meat, hides, feathers, or oil, estimated to be about \$1,000 per ostrich. Consequently, only cull birds are generally slaughtered, providing a very small supply of salable products.

It is likely that at some point a market will develop for ratite products which will be large enough to support commercial slaughter of adult birds. How large an industry could be supported can only be conjectured at this time.

As more producers enter the breeding stock business, prices are driven up. But at some point, when a sufficiently large number of breeding animals is developed or new investors are no longer available, breeding stock prices will decrease. Prices should eventually drop to the level reflecting the slaughter value of the animal.

The large birds are currently so valuable that some have been

stolen. As such, it is fairly common to insure them against theft and death. The annual insurance premium for an ostrich may be 10-12 percent of its value, driving up the cost of production.

Ratites Provide Feathers, Hides, & Meat. . .

Although ratites are currently used mostly for breeding stock in the U.S. they can provide feathers, hides, and meat as well. Emus also produce an oil that is used for medical and cosmetic purposes.

Feathers were an important ostrich product many years ago for fashion and ornamentation, and they are currently being used in the electronics manufacturing process (since they are static free). An ostrich produces about 1.25 pounds of plumes every year, and about 24 pounds of feathers when slaughtered.

The current supply of feathers has a market. Feathers have been sold to designers for as much as \$150 per pound. Wing, tail, and back feathers, and those on the chest, can be used for feather capes. Emu feathers are somewhat less valuable than ostrich feathers, and ostrich and emu feathers are

currently worth less than hides.

Ostrich hides are highly prized for making cowboy boots. The leather is unique, covered with bumps from the quills, and is reportedly 3-5 times more durable than cowhide. It can also be used for briefcases, handbags, and many other luxury and high-fashion items with high retail prices.

Each bird may provide 12-16 square feet of hide, selling for \$400-\$600 in the U.S. However, prices in the international market have been reported much lower, partially because of trade barriers. At least one industry source estimates that as more ostrich hides become available, prices in the U.S. may drop to \$200 or less per hide. Emu hides have uses similar to those of ostrich hides.

The fat from an emu's back can be reduced to an oil which currently sells for \$12-\$20 per ounce. The oil purportedly treats a variety of conditions from arthritis to burns, and is also used in cosmetics. An adult emu can yield 5-6 ounces of fat at slaughter.



Ostrich is being raised on a New Mexico ranch.

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\$10,000 calf to equal that, she added.

Through the work being done at !&M, the vet school's ratite specialists are beginning to serve as a real lifeline to the ostrich raiser whose birds are sick.

So, when an ostrich or an emu is sick, or chicks' mortality rates are climbing dangerously on a ratite farm, calls come in to the on call veterinarians like Dr. David Phalen.

"At least 50 percent of our time is spent looking at ratites," said the zoological service specialist. "We get on the average of six to eight bird cases a week."

Besides their reputation for helping cure the birds, A&M's Zoological Medicine's "ratite emergency room" attracts from as few as eight to as many as a dozen calls a day — all types, ranging from emergencies to simple inquiries from bird owners or the news media.

These calls come from all over the United States, Phalen said.

Phalen characterized the distribution of the exotic birds around the Lone Star State.

"We have a lot of emus in East Texas, and we have a lot of ostriches pretty much all over," he said. "They are especially common in Central and West Texas. So far, we see the fewest numbers of Rheas, compared to the others.

In a typical week, the A&M vets might work

with farms as big as 100-bird ranches. They deal with situations like chicks in the hospital with a need to diagnose and treat the malady.

Much of the work involves diagnosing diseases.

A&M's role in ratite care has grown enormously over the past couple of years, Phalen says.

"We started out with almost nothing," he

He admits that veterinarians are a long way from building a complete body of knowledge so far as infectious diseases and nutrition needs of the birds.

It is PHalen, who is studying normal blood parameters of chicks, and his many colleagues at A&M and elsewhere who are breaking new ground for the industry.

Dr. Blue-McClendon's interest has been in the area of ostrich reproduction and physiology, and in studying nutrition, growth rates and feed conversion, along with skeletal development.

Feed conversion theories — some claiming dramatically high rates in ratites versus beef — are yet to be corroborated by hard scientific facts, but researchers are working on that issue.

Studies even more vital to the industry at present are the ones delving into the cause of chick mortality.

Other areas getting attention, Phalen said, include yolk sack absorption.

So far, programs at A&M have been underwritten by the American Ostrich Association and other industry groups. Very minimal funding has come from donations, however. Many birds at the wildlife center have been loaned, and others donated, by private breeders.

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Texas ratite paper is world's largest

BOWIE — To go along with Texas' claim to be one of the major ostrich ranching states in the nation, this North Texas town also boasts that it is the home of the largest publication in the world dealing with the Ratite industry.

The Ratite Marketplace, owned by Judy and Lynn Morgan

and edited by Joe Haid, is only four years old and is published every two weeks. It hits 13,000 subscribers around the world and its volumious issues top 300 pages in size

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In its four year history, the publication has seen its size and circulation grow way beyond its publishers' expectations.

Twice a week, the newspaper is circulated to 13,000 subscribers in the U.S., Candada, Europe and elsewhere. It now has separate editions targeted to five different regions of the country.

"We are the largest in the world," explained Mrs. Morgan.

The publication was launched after a local ostrich rancher suggested there was a need for such a publication to serve the industry

Since Texas is said to have more ostrich ranches than any other state, locating an industry publication such as Ratite Marketplace here made a lot of sense.

Giving Texas even more creditability as a leader was the establishment by The American Ostrich Association of its headquarters in Fort Worth. The National Emu Association has since located its offices in Dallas.

The Morgans, then publishing the Montague County Shopper, decided to take the plunge and entered the industry with an initial 16-page publication. After growing steadily, it now is devoted to thousands of inches of advertising plus informative articles concerning all aspects of the exotic bird and animal industry.

"Randy Reeves, a local ostrich raiser and owner of Breezy Hill ostrich meat company, was the instigator," explained Mrs. Morgan. "He just thought there was a need for a more frequentlyu published periodicaly pertaining to ostrich raisers.

The publication has widened its appeal somewhat since its inception.

Now, it focuses on ostriches as well as emus and rheas (all members of the same Ratite family), plus it has expanded to exotic animals including llamas. In today's market, ostrich raisers are diversifying into other animals.

Many advertisements help link buyers and sellers of the birds.

"Many of our ranchers are raising both Ratites and exotics," explained the publish-

The latest rage in exotic animals is raising hedgehogs, and the Ratite Marketplace recently published a separate issue devoted strictly to the hedgehog market, and it totaled more than 60 pages.

"Right now, the big thing is exotic pets," Ms. Morgan explained. "The hedgehog is getting hot . . . and others like the sugar glider, bush babies and wallabies. There is also big interest in miniature donkeys, zebras, pot-bellied pigs and llamas."

Advertisements in the Marketplace range from specialty services like ostrich hauling to sale of equipment like incubators, hatchers, legbands, identification microchips.

"The list goes on and on," explains Mrs. Morgan. "Mainly, the ostrich market is a breeders market right now. The advertisers are appealing to that."

To stay tuned into the industry, the Morgans take their publication on the road to trade shows. They attended the annual American Ostrich Association Convention in late February in San Diego, an event that drew more than 2,000 convention-gowers and more than 200 exhibitors.

This year's focus was a continued emphasis on all facets of production of chicks for the breeding market.

"Their ultimate goal is the slaughter mar-

ket, but until enoughj birds are available, that is not going to happen for several years down the line," Mrs. Morgan explained.

The Ratite Marketplace will also attend the convention of the American Emu Association in Nashville in early August.

Emus, a cousin of the ostrich, are becoming more popular. There is currently a growing demand from the cosmetic industry for U.S. birds to provide a sought-after oil produced by a oil gland. American growers would ultimately compete with Australia,

which has a well developed ostrich and emu industry.

A second major specialty publication of the Bowie firm is the Antique Trader.

Subscriptions to Ratite Marketplace are available for \$30 per year for 26 issues in the continental United States. The publication's phone number is 1-800-972-7730. They accept both Visa and Mastercard. Mailing address is PO Box 1613, Bowie, TX, 76230.

Insurance now available for small-acre farms, including exotic bird operations

AUSTIN - Texans with emu and ostrich operations and other small acreage farms and ranches will find it easier to insure them in the future.

Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter recently removed a 10-acre restriction on operations that can qualify for a farm and ranch owner's policy.

A farm and ranch owners policy unlike a normal homeowners policy allows a rural resident to insure more than a home and its contents. The resident can add barns, equipment, feed and livestock to the policy to protect them against loss from certain perils, such as fire, lightning and vandalism.

In the past, ranchers and farmers were unable to qualify for such policies if they owned less than 10 acres of land. They had to buy multiple policies - in some cases, one for their homes, another for

farm buildings and equipment and a third for feed and livestock - or endure gaps in coverage. Now, one farm and ranch owners policy will insure everything.

"The acreage requirement clearly prevented some farmers and ranchers from buying the insurance they needed," Hunter said. It was unnecessary, and we dropped it. That's one way you make government work for the people of Texas."

The new rule eliminates any reference to a 10-acre minimum. That minimum has been especially moublesome for emu and ostrich ranchers with tiny operations but valuable facilities, equipment and livestock to insure.

Continental Insurance, which sells farm and ranch policies in 32 states, initiated the hearing by asking that the requirement at least be reduced to three acres. Dudley Lloyd, with Continental's Dallas regional office, said that more of the Texas emu and ostrich farmers and ranchers seeking coverage from his company did not qualify because of the 10acre minimum.

Lyndon Anderson, TDI associate commissioner for property and casualty, said, "There are, in fact, farming and ranching operations that are successful on less than 10 acres, and we really see no reason to have an acreage requirement at all."

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tion of ostrich and ostrich products, and information and referral services for breeders and related operations, The AOA also supports research into ostrich breeding and raising, the benefits of ostrich products and potential markets for the ostrich through Ostrich American Foundation.

From a membership of 400 in 1988, The American Ostrich Association has grown to nearly 3,000 members. AOA members are located from coast to coast and range from owners and managers of traditional livestock ranches to lawyers, doctors and other professionals seeking entry into this exciting new industry.

The association's professional staff is led by Executive Director Chuck Ball, who came to the AOA in October 1993. Ball brings a background in the beef cattle and other traditional livestock industries to the task of developing the U.S. ostrich industry.

AOA policy and budgets are guided by 16 voting members of the board of directors,

The American Ostrich Association was founded in 1987. The association holds two major meetings per year. OstrichFest, the AOA's annual convention, is held in February. The AOA Mid-Year Meeting is held in June.

THE ASSOCIATION:

The American Ostrich Asso-ciation offices are at 3840 Hulen St., Suite 210,

Fort Worth, Texas 76107. The association can be reached at (817) 731-8597 or via FAX at 731-8446.

The American ostrich industry is relatively new compared to that of South Africa, where ostrich have been raised and slaughtered commercially for a century. The ostrich is the center of a multimillion-dollar industry in South Africa.

Ostrich breeding was established in the U.S. in the 1980s. Currently, the U.S. is home to a breeder market, in which ostrich raisers sell their birds to others seeking breeding stock. A goal of the AOA is to prepare the domestic ostrich industry for transition to a slaughter market, in which birds would be processed at the age of 12 to 14 months for their meat, hide and feathers. The transition from breeder to slaughter market will take place over time as the U.S. ostrich population grows and markets for ostrich products HISTORY OF INDUSTRY:

The ostrich has been raised commercially for more than a century, first for its feathers, now also for its hide and low-fat red meat,

Ostrich are considered ready for slaughter at the age of 12 to 14 months and generally will produce 75 pounds of meat, 14 square feet of hide and two pounds of feathers. MEAT VALUE:

The newest and most promising ostrich commodity is its meat. This low-fat red meat already is in demand in Europe and the Pacific Rim and finds a home on the

finest restaurants. High in protein, ostrich meat is lower in fat than beef, chicken or turkey, yet is satisfying for red-meat lovers.

A promising alternative to beef for health-conscious Americans, ostrich meat has a flavor and texture similar to beef, about the same protein content of beef, but less than half the calories, Like beef, its red color is provided by iron content. HIDE:

The distinctive quill pattern and suppleness of ostrich hide make it a leather much in demand by western bootmakers, shoe manufacturers, and makers of wallets, belts, briefcases and other accessories.

FEATHERS: Ostrich were first raised for their feathers used either in fashion or for feather dusters, since ostrich feathers attract dust without generating static electricity. This unique quality now makes the feathers useful in a variety of contemporary applications, ranging from auto manufacturing to the computer industry.

A GREAT AG ALTERNA-TIVE:

The ostrich, Struthio cameus, is a member of the ratite family of flightless birds. It is indigenous to Africa, where the ostrich has been raised commercially for more than 100 years.

The ostrich grows to a height of seven to eight feet and can weigh more than 400 pounds. It is highly adaptable, requiring less acreage than other livestock and relatively modest amounts of food and water.

tables of some of the nation's its natural habitat is, after all, the African desert.

There are several subspecies and varieties of ostrich, North African and East African or Masal Ostrich, also known as "redzoos. The bird is named for the reddish tint of the skin of its neck and legs. The redneck ostrich also is distinguished by its bald or partially bald head.

The Somali and South African subspecies are known as "blueneck" ostrich, due to the blue cast of skin on the neck and legs. These ostrich also are rarely found in the U.S.

The domestic ostrich, known in the U.S. as the "African Black," is a hybrid of the redneck and blueneck ostrich. Originally bred in South Africa, the African Black ostrich is known for its feather quality. It is the smaller of the three subspecies.

Which type of ostrich is best? That depends on the type of products that the breeder wants to produce. Experts recommend selecting birds that can deliver a high-quality product, regardless of their type. WHY RAISE THEM?

Ostrich were first raised for their feathers, and contemporary markets have developed for its hide and low-fat red meat.

DOMESTICATION:

The ostrich was first domesticated in South Africa in the mid-19th century. Its first commercial product was its feathers, used in fashion and costurning, as well as for feather dusters. After

World War II, ostrich leather and meat became viable commodities. A cooperative marketing system for South African producers formed in 1959, and that nation controlled the market for necks," are rare in the ostrich products until United States outside of recently. Ostrich breeding nested in the United States in the early 1980s. The American Ostrich Association, formed in 1987 to support this new U.S. industry, has grown to a professional association with nearly 3,000 members. OSTŘÍCH INDUSTRY:

Members of the American Ostrich Association are located from coast to coast, breeding their birds on farms and ranches from California to Florida. South Africa currently produces most of the world's ostrich.

Approximately 150,000 birds per year are processed in South Africa as part of a multimillion-dollar industry. Ostrich also are raised commercially in Israel, Zimbabwe and East Africa. GETTING STARTED:

Ostrich may be purchased as proven breeding pairs, chicks or as eggs. Incubators are necessary for hatching ostrich eggs, as are pens for growing birds and adult ostrich.

Ostrich begin breeding at the age of two-and-one-half to three years, and pairs may breed for as long as 40 years. Breeding pairs will produce 30 to 100 eggs per year. Chicks hatch 42 days after incubation. About 10 inches in height when hatched, they grow approximately one foot per month.

(Courtesy the American Ostrich Association.)

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ies in the country this year. "The whole key is diver-

sification," says Ms. Tisdale, whose fellow members of the Texas Emu Association include a number of farm and ranch operators.

"We consider ourselves the new diversified ag industry," she said. "Nearly anyone can raise them. Put them on small plot of land. They can supplement existing cotton, cattle operations. It is something you can do and keep a fulltime job. But I also know those who quit a fulltime job to go into birds full time."me

"The hail may come, the winds may blow and the rain may not fall, but you can still raise these birds," she says.

Tisdale got into the Emu business after working in the retail industry at a South Plains Mall outlet for several years.

A director of the Texas Emu Association, she is currently active in efforts to have Texas Tech University study the market potential for emu. She operates WesTex Ratite ranch as well as Kalaya [Aborigine for Emu] Enterprises, which markets emu based products.

She believes Texas is a logical place to concentrate the industry. Of the 4,500 members of the national emu association, half are located in Texas.

The Lubbock business woman also pushes the potential for selling emu

"Everyone can benefit from a heart healthy red meat low in cholesterol, calories and fat," she says.

She cites the benefits of subcutaneous fat from the back of the emu, which is used as a skin moisturizer.

Other Texans now pushing the emu include Ardell Nelson, a San Antonio businessman who has store devoted almost solely to emu products — jackets to boots and leather goods.

Tisdale herself involved in emu breeding and sales, the marketing of her own line of emu oil cosmetics and is active in boosting her industry.

"I've been doing this a little over four years," she explained. You have to understand, I have no background in agriculture."

Currently working on a master's degree at Texas Tech in counseling, she says she got interested in the Emu because of its many market potential that weren't being developed.

Her own interest in getting involved in developing emu markets first hand led her to introduce a new cosmetic product whose ingredients include emu oil.

The result of a product put together in cooperation with a Lubbock dermatologist, Alexander Zemtsoz, is a product called "Beauty Skin by Alexander."

There are several distributors selling it across the United States, plus it is available Caprock Pharmacy at 50th and Boston in Lubbock. She hopes to break into markets like Nieman Marcus, a store which is handling other emu products, she said.

"Our particular product has no competition," she

said. "It is the only one that combines emu oil, which is a deep penetrating lipid with the benefits of alpha hydroxyl acid — a natural chemical made from natural acids."

"Everyone that has used the product just loves it," says Ms. Tisdale. "They report significant improvement of appearance and texture of the skin. Ours is the only dermatologically-formulated and tested and approved product on the market."

Operator of WestTex Ratite Ranch, Ms. Tisdale has been impressed with the profit potential of the bird breeding business.

"I know several breeders who have raised cotton for 40 to 50 years and will tell you right off the bat they make more with birds than they can with cotton," she said. "I am not slamming cotton, it is the basis of our existence out here, but this is something you can supplement with, look forward to the future."

What has attracted many is the small number of acres needed to raise emus.

Tisdale notes that most raisers she knows are in it for the long haul, not as a

novelty item.

Ms. Tisdale is a member of the board of directors of Zone 6 of the Texas Emu Association, which includes about 150 members concentrated in the Lubbock area or spreading out from there to the New Mexico and

Oklahoma borders and east to Wichita Falls.

Its northern region meets regularly in Sunray/Dumas area. The Lubbock region meets monthly. Darlee Foster of Lockney is the current zone vice president.

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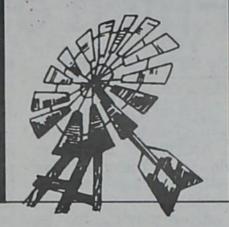
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Ostrich raisers treat Amarilloans to free ostrich steak-on-a-stick

AMARILLO — Two weekends ago, the Southwest Ostrich Breeders Association made history by serving

up ostrich steaks to the public. Anyone wishing to try them did at thefirst ever free public feed to acquaint Amarillo residents and others to the first

ever free



IT'S OSTRICH! — Palate pleasing ostrich is served in Amarillo.

public ostrich steak dinner.

"This is the first time we have offered this free to general public," explained Teri Roberts, wife of SWOB A vice president Terry Roberts.

Doing the barbecuing up right was L.E. Owen of Red Creek Marinade who served up the meat from an open smoker. In addition, Southwest Ostrich Breeders Association have booths, arts and crafts items.

The purpose of the event was simple — simply pushing the taste of ostrich and its qualities as a lean, edible meat.

"We want the people to know what we are about,"
Mrs. Roberts said. "People don't understand ostrich is
red meat, like beef. We want to get a taste out to them,
let them know that is what this industry is about."

She said breeders want the public to see that their industry is not about making a big buck in a hurry, it is slaughter market. We want to get this meat out to the people, and get the people interested.

"Ostriche raising, it's not a scam, a pyrmaid money making scheme," claims Mrs. Roberts. "everything on a b ird is marketable — the leather, it has an oil, the meat, the feathers."

She claims the meat is healthier than most any meats. On a weight gain ratio it is one pound of feed to three pounds of gain on an ostrich, compared to beef, which hasonly a one to one weight gain ratio.

Meat served Saturday was all donated by breeders in the Panhandle area — all quite busy right now in the middle of March through October laying season.

This big feed is the second big function of the year for the SWOB, organized several years ago to serve the needs of breeders in the Texass, New Mexico and Oklahoma area. Estimated membership in SWOBA is just over 220 at this time. Officers are Kathy Holland of Truscott; Roberts; Jane Jacobs of Pampa, secretary; and Fran Duncan of Gruver, treasurer.

Saturday's event follows one of the first tastings in the Panhandle in the fall of 1993, in Canyon, called "one whale of a turnout."

Ostriches have become an important industry in the Panhandle. At the present time, many of the new chicks are going east. Earlier in the industry's history in the area the birds were bing shpped mainly to the west.

"Now we are spreading out in all directions," she said. "Someone's selling birds every day."

Ostrich Capital

Texas leads nation in sheer number of birds being produced

ORT WORTH — Texas is home of the American Ostrich Association, which provides leadership for the American ostrich industry and is laying a foundation for its future in the Lone Star State and elsewhere.

And it just so happens that a big portion of the ostrich breeding activity in the United States at this time is centered in the Texas-Oklahoma-New Mexico area, hence the reason for location of the headquarters in this Texas ranching center.

The association supports the ostrich industry through work with government agencies and the media, promo-

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South Plains developing as prime hub of emu raising

LUBBOCK — Emu raisers like Carrie J. Tisdale of Lubbock are talking up their industry as one of the keys to future diversification of South Plains agriculture.

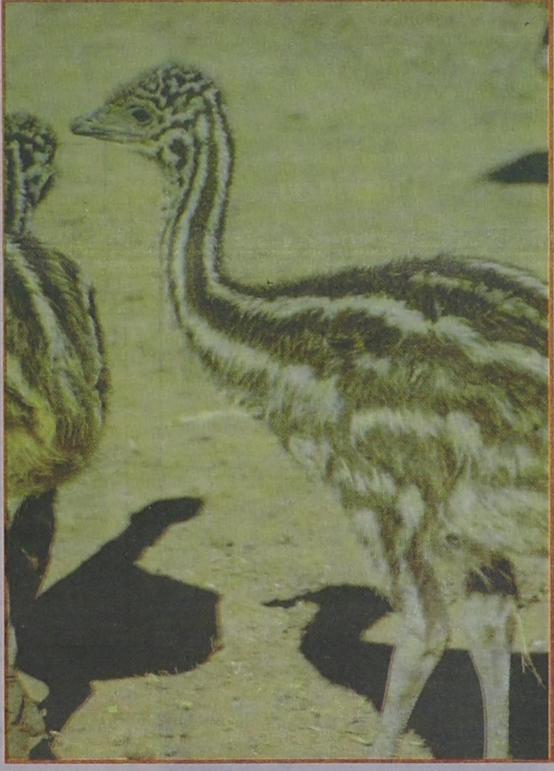
She likes to talk about big dreams for the future, like location of value-added processing industries in the West Texas area, dedicated to the processing of emu and ostrich leather, extraction of oils for cosmetics and other allied industries.

There has been talk of building tanneries in West Texas in the event this becomes a hub of emu production.

Dr. Ginger Eberspacher at Texas Tech's Leather Institute is one of the researchers looking into the potential for emu leather goods. Members of the emu organizations have agreed to donate birds to be used in the study.

But all these dreams will depend on expansion of emu growing, and continued research by entities like Texas Tech, which is launching one of the first emu marketing stud-

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Texas Panhandle ostrich chicks . . .

Woody Williams/Canyon News

USDA recognizes exotics' impact

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In what some industry boosters say was bound to occur sooner or later, the ostrich/emyu/rhea industry gained the attention of USDA in a big way in June.

That's because the nation's ag department featured exotics in their "Commodity Spotlight" in the current issue of the USDA's Agricultural

Outlook Report.

In its attempt to size up the industry, the USDA did a lengthy piece, which follows in its entirity:

The "Exotic" Sector: Ostriches & Emus. Raising flightless birds that are not native to the U.S. is still considered an exotic agricultural enterprise in this country. But the raising of these animals for feathers, hides (leather), and meat is growing.

Ratites are flightless birds having a

flat breastbone instead of the keellike ones common to most flying birds. Two rat ites of particular importance in the U.S. are ostriches and emus. Ostriches, native to South Africa, grow to 7 or 8 feet tall, and weigh as much as 450 pounds. Emus, the Australian cousins of the ostrich, are slightly smaller than ostriches, but still grow to 56 feet and weigh 110-130 pounds. These two ratites' egg production

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Fritch ostrich raiser tells how he got started

By SETH SCHEIDER

Guest Columnist

QUESTION: What do you do with an ostrich?

ANSWER: Ride him down to the mail box and impress all the neighbors!

After moving to the country in the mid-1980s and setting up housekeeping, we began looking for a way to make our land pay for itself. We looked at conventional livestock such as swine, goats, sheep and cattle. With 10 acres of land available, these options were just not practical.

We began studying exotic livestock such as llamas, ostrich, emu and pot bellied pigs. Every exotic animal we looked into struck out, except for the ostrich. Given the potential production numbers from a producing female, this seemed a good way for us to go, given the small amount of land we had to work with. We purchased two pair of chicks in 1988, and raised these birds to breeding age, when we began selling chicks. We let the birds pay for our facilities as we built our

herd and we began tak- but you will have the ing profit in the third year.

Sexually mature females lay anywhere from three to 100 eggs per year and once again breeding tells. Most females start laying between their second and third year. A single male can cover multiple hens, but most folks just run pairs or trios.

Most ostrich raisers feed their birds a pelleted ration prepared by a growing number of feed companies. The protein in these feeds vary between 18-26 percent. Another interesting fact is that these birds are grazers and will basically eat anything green. Some tales out of Africa relate that ostrich there are grazed on alfalfa patches.

There are many ways for folks to get started in the ostrich industry. The least expensive is to purchase chicks at three to six months of age or older birds who will become breeders sooner. but the cost will be higher. The third alternative is to buy proven breeders which is the most expensive option of all,

quickest return on your investment. There are pro's and con's to take into consideration and that will depend upon an individual's situa-

Starting with chicks was the way to go for us, because when we started, I had never seen a real live ostrich and had experience with them. Another problem was lack of information available on ostrich. Today, thankfully, that is a different story. There are publications which deal with ratite (flightless birds) management and husbandry techniques. Another good source of information is your local breeders association or your neighbor who is raising big birds.

One thing a lot of folks don't realize is that these birds are insurable. This means that it is possible to secure a loan for the purchase of these birds. The only catch is that you have to locate an understanding and progressive banker to do business with. Insurance will also let

night, knowing that if Only time will tell when you do suffer a loss, you haven't thrown your investment out the win-

One thing my wife likes about the ostrich industry is that it lets her stay home and still contribute to the family income. Lots of gals; feed, water, collect eggs, incubate, and hatch chicks. In fact, most of us fellows, couldn't raise these birds without our better halves help. I know of one lady who was able to quit her city job and move back to the farm because she got "Ostrich Fever" and purchased big birds.

At this time we are selling into a breeders marketing and working toward a smooth transition to a production market. The meat is being marketed to various restaurants, such as the Huntington, located at the Galleria Mall in Dallas. There is enough demand for the meat that it is being imported from Africa, on ice, for an outfit in California. There are two production facilities in Texas that I know of, located in you sleep better at Floydada and Booker.

the supply will meet demand, but I feel safe in saying it will be awhile yet.

The people who are raising ratite at this time are pioneers. Pioneers are in a new alternative agri-business industry. We are laying the groundwork for the future production market. Eventually, the breeders market we are now experiencing, will give way to the production market to provide an alternative low fat, low calorie, red meat. As an added bonus to the ostrich rancher, there is a ready market for the hides and feathers. One of the benefits of raising ostrich is the number of potential chicks out of each laying pair and the feed to weight gain conversion. On growing chicks, it takes less than three pounds of feed to gain one pound of weight. In the production market this will be an important considera-

There's good money to be made in the ostrich industry, whether in the breeders market or the production market. Take the time to learn the facts, because diversifying with big birds might just be the ticket for you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Southwest Ostrich Breeders Association or myself at 806-273-7306.

(Seth Scheider is a Fritch ostrich raiser.)

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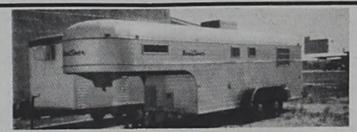
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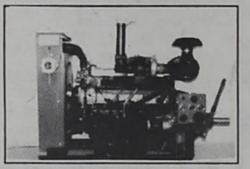
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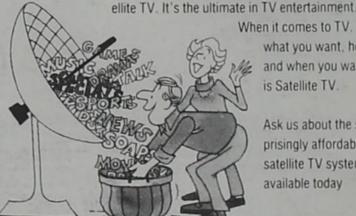
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Ostrich 'barbecue' proves memorable for reporter

By WOODY WILLIAMS

The Canyon News

We get phone calls requesting attendance at variety of functions .some are "the usual"; others a little out of the ordinary.

This month, a call the Dancing

Cowboy Ostrich Ranch fell in the later catego-

A Sunday evening invitation only Ostrich barbecue is not the usual weekend activity in Canyon. However, the phrase "Free Food" always gets our comattention...we plete

Arriving at the ranch just as the thermometer hit an even 100 degrees, a friend who agreed to be our culiguinea nary jumped out of the truck to unlock the gate, then stopped and pointed toward the lawn. It was

decided, "What the

heck!"

evening.

Two 6 - 7 month old Ostrich chicks were sprawled on a patch of grass in the cool splendor of rotating sprinklers. Our opinion of Ostrich intelligence jumped a notch or two.

Driving toward the smoke (always a sure gauge of where the barbecue action is) our truck was surrounded by a group (covey? gaggle? flock?) of Emu. These Emu were curious and walked right up to look us over from about 6 inches away. My opinion of Emu intelligence dropped a notch or two.

Arriving at the grill (and the cooler) we found L. E. New presiding as Head Cook for \$southwest the Ostrich Breeders Association. L. E. is a

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local manufacturer of marinades and other good stuff to cook with, so he's no novice around a grill

The Association handed out free samples to the public at Old San Jacinto Days on 6th Ave. in Amarillo June 18 - 19. The Bell's (Bill and Donna) along our first surprise of the with partners Terry and Terri Roberts offered the facilities at the Dancing Cowboy for L. E. and other interested participants

to use as a "dry run" for the event.

As the potato salad, beans and Ostrich steak disappeared, we began to lose interest in how Ratites might score on a IQ test. We began to focus on who might let us cut in line for seconds... or was it thirds?

The meat is red - not "dark" like Turkey, it's red - like beef. Ostrich tastes nothing at all like poultry. With marinade it reminded us of

venison. The non-marinaded steak seemed like mild beef. Either way it was good.

As we stopped to lock the gate on our way out, we talked over the experience. We decided that a trip to Old San Jacinto Days for more free Ostrich steak would be in order. We also thought an Ostrich or two on the lawn, stretched out under the sprinklers on a hot Texas afternoon, made a pretty tasty picture.



Woody Williams/The Canyon News

Cool evening on the ranch
Ostrich watch curiously from pens on the Dancing Cowboy Ranch near Canyon.



Ostrich marinade An experienced cook plies his trade to ostrich steak.

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Animal commission sets standards for ratites

Livestock health regulations were adopted for .. the ratite and equine industries at the April meeting in Austin of the 12 members of the Texas Health Animal Commission (TAHC).

Adopted were health regulations specifically for ratites. which include ostriches. emus, kiwis and rheas. They also made two changes to regulations for controlling equine infectious anemia, a disease that infects horses, zebras, donkeys, and other equine The regulations will become effective June 10, 1994.

Ratite Regulations

For nearly a year, the TAHC has worked with an industry.,v committee to develop ratite regulations, health which include the following requirements: * Ratites must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days prior to entering Texas from any state, territory, foreign country or USDA-licensed quarantine facility. The birds must also have a TAHC entry permit, slaughter only may be implanted with a per- erinary microchip. Information identification requireabout where the identifi- ments. * Ratites sold in

cation device implanted in the bird, and the individually coded number and device's brand name must be recorded on the health certificate. Birds or hatching eggs

are to come from flocks with no history of Avian Influenza infection within the past six months

(Avian Influenza is an infection that can cause a wide range of symp-

Birds entering Texas are to have a test for Avian Influenza and Salmonella Pullorumtyphoid within 30 days prior to be performed in a state-approved diagnostic laboratory in the state of origin.

Birds having a positive blood test for Avian influenza may be admitted if the virus isolation test run on a "swab" sample is negative within 30 days prior to ship-

These birds also will be quarantined upon arriving in Texas and will undergo a virus isolation retest.

Ratites destined for issued within 15 days enter Texas with an prior to arrival. * Before entry permit, and a wayentering, each bird must bill or certificate of vetinspection. manent electronic iden- These birds do not have tification device called a testing or permanent

or private sale must have a certificate of veterinary inspection, complete with information about the required implanted electronic

identification device. The veterinarian must declare the ratites are free of external parasites,

add one/ TAHC Regulations and that the birds have no clinical evidence of contagious or communicable disease. Also, inspecting veterinarian must state that he or she has no personal knowledge that the birds have been exposed to a contagious or communicable disease. Records concerning the microchip number and

related information, and the required test results must be maintained for three years by the market, if the ratite is sold through a public sale; or by the buyer and seller, if the animal is acquired through a private treaty.

Equine Infectious Anemia

For the past year, the TAHC has surveyed equine owners, held hearings and appointed an industry advisory committee to write acceptable, yet effective and scientifically based regulations for controlinfectious anemia (EIA). This is an incurable disease in which infected equine may exhibit no symptoms or develop severe anemia, bloating, depression, weight loss, and in some cases, may die. More than 4. diagnosed through blood tests in Texas each year. Most cases occur in East Texas, where there is a prevalence of biting

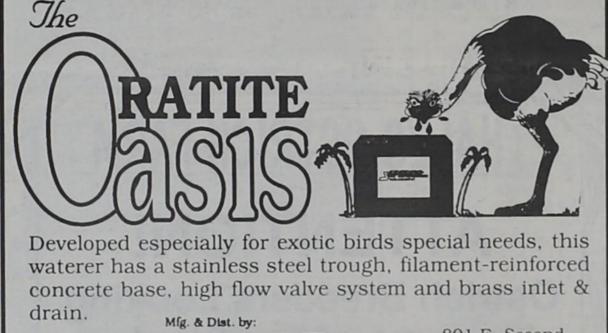
Texas through a public ling the spread of equine flies. vectors capable of approved testing techtransmitting the virus from infected to "clean" equine.

The TAHC adopted only a small section of the EIA rules at the April session as the commissioners and advisory committee continue to fine-tune language for the major portion of the regulations. The newly adopted language will USDAallow new

nology to be used as it comes on the market. This is in addition to the current tests-the agar immunodiffusion test (AGID), known as the Coggins' test, and the Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (CELISA) test. The other change requires

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the veterinarian or TAHC authorized personnel to submit a completed EIA test document, called a VS Form committee is to make recommendations later concerning permanently identifying EIA-tested equine, requirements for changing ownership or participating in events, and testing horses exposed to the disease.

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By JOYCE PENN

Guest Columnist

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Now that is an interesting word.

It nearly contains the word strike, and it does include the word rich. "O stric it rich".

Our creator put within each of us the desire and ability to do just that. Now each of us may have a different view of what rich is, but ask anyone in the OSTRICH business if they like what they do - and if they would do it again and the answer would surely be yes, with the exception of old sore heads who haven't had a positive thought in years. However that spirit does not prevail in our industry.

The owning and rearing of these big birds has very quickly become one of the fastest growing agricultural businesses in the North American Continent. Ostrich are being successfully grown as far north as our Canadian neighbors. At this time virtually all over the world the ostrich has gained recognition and respect of folks with an enterprising spirit.

Ostrich are being successfully raised right beside cattle and goats; however, after researching and/or going into the

ostrich business, many cattle ranchers are coming to realize that the big bird has a greater potential than cattle. The following statistics are found in the "Ostrich Primer," a brochure which is published by the American Ostrich Association:

OSTRICH COW Gestation/Incubation

280 days 48 days Offspring per year Feed conversion ratio: 2 to 1 Days to slaughter from conception 407 Pounds of meat 2,000 Square feet of leather: 280

These statistics represent very conservative figures for the ostrich. It is not unusual for one ostrich hen to lay 60 to 100+ eggs; therefore, it largely depends on each individual's success at hatching and rearing the young that determines each growers income. This might be the appropriate time to add that the ostrich will never take the place of a good T-bone steak, or our breakfast bacon, or Thanksgiving turkey, nor will it try; however, the sausage is very good and one ostrich egg is equal to up to 24 chicken eggs. There is a lot of



Ostriches of South Africa roam the countryside.

good red meat on its way to our public meat counters from the ostrich. The meat is really delicious, has a flavor similar to that of beef, with just about the same protein content and probably about half the calories, it is widely enjoyed in European countries now and is gaining momentum among those who are health conscious because ostrich meat is low in cholesterol and fat. In the U.S. it is presently being served in many fine restaurants including Huntington Restaurant at the Westin Hotel in Dallas.

All available birds are being purchased from several small slaughter businesses scattered around the country presently the ostrich is bringing \$4 to \$5 per pound on foot.

The American Ostrich Association is largest association of its kind in the world. In February of this year, at the semi-annual meeting ("OstrichFest") in San Diego, there were over 2,100 interested persons in attendance. At the "OstrichFest" it was announced that the actual membership had grown to over 3,000. Since there usually is just one membership per ranch, it is noteworthy that then probably represents around 6,000 active interested per-

At the meeting Dr. Bud Alldredge, a veterinarian and ostrich grower from Sweetwater, gave food for thought in his remarks as CEO for the American Ostrich Research Foundation.

He gave a staggering figure on the potential for ostrich as a meat source. He said, "that if ostrich were to garner only 1 percent of the domestic market for meat, the industry would be processing 80,000 birds per week and would require an estimated 160,000 breeding hens." There are really no accurate records of how many are owned in the U.S. at this time, but no where near that many.

Now let's get into the dollars and cents, along with some practical answers. At the time of this writing it is not cost effective to sell the yearlings for slaughter because there is still a strong breeders market. A pair of proven breed-ers should bring from \$35,000 up to \$70,000. The market for the chicks has not been strongly established for the 1994 season which gets into full swing in mid-summer to late fall, but the prices will range anywhere from \$4,500 to \$7,000 for a threemonth-old pair of unrelated chicks. These prices are strictly set by the individual grower., usually by quality, quantity, supply and demand, the good old American way. As has already been mentioned each breeder hen can give you from 20 to 100

chicks depending on a lot of factors. In the breeders realm of the business there are operations as small as two acre plots, probably even smaller. The way one should get into the business is strictly an individual choice, depending on your space and experience. It is not a get rich quick sort of thing and if a person tries to sell you on the idea, go to talk to another per-

These birds are very adaptable to various climates. They are at home on a range so to speak. They are crazing animals and love a lot of space, so one day I believe it will be a common sight for large herds of ostrich to be seen all over the country. We will have to do away with the barbed wire and have a little taller fencing but there is no stopping us now, there are too many of us with the same vision. Raising them isn't for everyone but enjoying their fine by products will be for everyone. These birds can truly

help to feed the world. (Joyce Penn is coowner of Penn's Ostrich in Crane At the time of this writing, the author and her husband Kenneth Penn have been raising ostrich since

