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HOME IS THE WANDERER—Former Dimmitt High School AFS student Kim Vercueil Ballantine (center) is visiting with her American family in Dimmitt during the holidays. Her "Mom," Marty Benton, and Kim's husband, Robin, join her in front of the fireplace in the Benton home.

Former AFS'er introduces husband to Dimmitt family

By LINDA MAXWELL

Kim Vercueil Ballantine of South Africa was an American Field Service foreign exchange student at Dimmitt High School for the 1982-83 school year and stayed with the Robert Benton family.

She came back for a visit over the Christmas holidays, and she brought her husband, Dr. Robin Ballantine (also of South Africa), with her.

After graduating here in 1983, Kim returned to South Africa that July. Since the college year starts in January there, she took a six-month secretarial course, then later enrolled for three years at Stellenbosch University in Capetown, where she obtained a bachelor of economics degree.

"I moved to Johannesburg then and did an honors degree in industrial psychology. I also acquired my MRS degree," she quipped. "I moved there because of Robin."

Kim said she had known Robin before she came to Dimmitt, and they shared many interests. The wedding was June 27, 1987, and Kim's American "brother" and "sister," Becky and Ben Benton, were able to attend.

"Robin is a medical doctor. We married halfway through his final year of study, and I still had my final year to finish," Kim said. "That's quite uncommon in our culture. People usually marry at a later age there than they do here."

In 1987 through 1989, Kim continued her studies, and obtained her master's degree in industrial psychology.

Another cultural difference Kim pointed out centered on traveling.

The couple are presently living in Canada, saving money in preparation for a trip abroad before returning home to South Africa and settling down.

When asked when it was that they moved to Canada, Robin

chimed in, "It's not really moving, it's just traveling. All that was keeping us from traveling before was Kim's academics. Now seemed the best time to go."

"In our culture, it's not strange for people to take time off for a year or so and travel, but here it seems to be regarded as rather unusual," Kim noted. "For us, it is not."

"One of my brothers worked in London for six months this year, then snorkeled and cycled his way up the coast of Italy, and now he is spending the winter on a fishing boat in Greece," Kim recounted.

"If we did not travel now, our next opportunity would be when our kids would be grown, so we're taking the opportunity now," Kim said. "I don't think I could have looked at myself when I was 35 or 40 and realize I hadn't taken the chance to do this."

Kim said Robin has been working for about four months in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, relieving other doctors who are on vacation, etc.

The couple plans to return to Canada Friday.

"When we go back, we will be staying in Churchill on Hudson Bay. It will be very cold," Kim grimaced, adding that, "It has been nice being here. It has actually seemed warm compared to what it's been like in Canada."

She said the temperature in Prince Albert has gotten down to -50 degrees F.

"When you go outside, the hairs in your nostrils will freeze and your eyelashes will freeze together. In Churchill, it will probably be even colder. For us South Africans, that is quite something," Kim remarked.

After working in Churchill for six months, the pair plans to stay in Canada for another couple of months before embarking for Europe.

"In Europe, we would like to get a really good tandem bicycle and do some of our touring on it," Kim said. "In South Africa, we race tandem bicycles."

Robin noted that after touring Europe, "We'll go back to South Africa and find a place. Kim must do an 18-month internship before she can register as an industrial psychologist, so that will determine where we'll go."

"That, and whether we've had any babies by then," Kim added.

When asked how she had changed since leaving Dimmitt, Kim replied, "I think I have

changed. I think I am more relaxed. Also, I have become more politically aware."

"Travel has given me a better perspective on South Africa. Also, I feel more prepared to face the issues of my country," Kim stated. "There have been some issues we have had to face, and there has been a lot of change. I attended a liberal university and I was made to think I'm still Dutch, and I'm still defensive of my country, but I'm prepared to be more critical."

Kim noted that their travel experiences have helped to clarify their objectives, too.

"Robin has decided to go into general practice, rather than specialization or going into missionary work," she said.

She related that she and Robin share an interest in missionary work. The couple spent a few months in Mozambique, considered the poorest country in the world.

"It was a fascinating experience. I would go back in a second, but from a medical point of view—" Kim hesitated, glancing at Robin, who interjected, "I wouldn't be prepared to practice there. The medical facilities are very primitive

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Voter and candidate deadlines announced

Candidates wishing to run for offices subject to the March 13 primary elections must file their intentions with local party chairmen by 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to state law.

Democrat Party Chairman is David Schaeffer and Republican Party Chairman is Deanne Clark.

The only contested local race, so far, is for the office of Justice of the Peace, with incumbent Marshal Young being challenged by Joe Caballero, both filing for the Democrat party nomination. Also in the Democrat Party Primary, incumbents have filed for re-election to the offices of county judge, district/county clerk, county treasurer, and county commissioners for Precincts 2 and 4.

Clark reminds voters to be cautious about signing petitions for candidates. Candidates may submit petitions with a certain number of verified signatures instead of paying the filing fee, which varies by office.

"You must not sign petitions of

more than one candidate for each office, and you must not sign a petition of a candidate unless you intend to vote in the primary of the party with which that candidate has filed," Clark said.

She noted that signing a petition for a candidate in one party and then voting in the primary of the other party is a misdemeanor offense and could possibly cause an entire election to be invalidated.

Local citizens who are not regis-

tered voters may apply for registration through Feb. 11, and still be eligible to vote in the March primaries. Forms may be obtained from the Castro County Tax Assessor-Collector's office. Persons residing in Castro County for at least 30 days may apply.

Absentee voting for the primaries will begin Feb. 21 and end March 9, and absentee ballots for both parties may be cast at the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

Holiday accidents injure five locals

Five local people were injured in separate accidents in Castro County during the past week.

A Lazbuddie youth and a Dodd community resident and his son all suffered severe burns in a butane explosion and fire Wednesday night around 7. All three were initially taken to Muleshoe Area Medical Center by ambulance.

Craig Smyer, 13, of Lazbuddie, and Clint Farris, 15, were both airlifted to the Lubbock General Hospital's burn unit. They reportedly suffered burns to their faces, hands, arms and chests. Guy Farris, 49, was treated for burns on his arms and hands in the intensive care unit at the Muleshoe medical center.

Castro County Deputy Joe Hoard reported that the incident happened one mile west of Dodd on FM 3458 as the three were attempting to fill a pickup's butane tank. Hoard said the pickup was totally burned.

The cause of the explosion was not known by Thursday morning.

Fire departments responding to the blaze included Lazbuddie, Muleshoe, Earth and Sudan.

Monday at about 8:50 p.m. Mary Eve Sanchez, 29, of Dimmitt, suffered injuries to both her ankles when the pickup in which she was a passenger left the roadway, crossed a bar ditch and came to rest in a field. The driver of the vehicle, a 25-year-old Dimmitt man, has been charged with DWI, first offense, and driving without a license. He was not injured in the

accident.

Sanchez was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, and then was transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Nursing supervisor Donna Ion reported that Sanchez was in satisfactory condition Wednesday evening following surgery to repair a compound fracture of the right ankle. Ion also said there is a thin-line fracture of the left ankle, but surgery will not be required.

DPS Trooper Ron Morgan said the pickup had been westbound on a county dirt road about 1.8 miles east of Dimmitt and failed to negotiate an off-set intersection with another county dirt road. Morgan rated the damage to the pickup as moderate. He noted that there were no brake or skid marks before the pickup hit the ditch. Slight damage to a fence in the area was also reported.

Morgan noted that both persons were wearing lap and shoulder-type restraints.

A Hart man escaped serious injury when his pickup overturned early Saturday 2-1/2 miles southeast of Hart on SH 194.

DPS Trooper Jimmy Dunklin, who investigated, said the accident was first reported at 4:30 a.m. through Central Plains Regional Hospital in Plainview, where the driver, Saul Reyna, 20, of Hart, had been taken.

Dunklin said the driver reported

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Medical fund is established

A fund to help defray medical costs for Rebecca Dickson has been established at the First State Bank in Dimmitt.

Dickson, wife of the local United Parcel Service (UPS) carrier Tracy Dickson, is suffering from critical heart problems at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the fund may do so at the First State Bank in Dimmitt.

Names omitted from greetings

Two names were omitted from the Christmas Greetings lists, published in last week's issue of the News.

Irene Blanton's name was included on the Dimmitt greeting list, but her husband's name, George, wasn't.

Hazel Wilhelm of Nazareth was listed on the late Nazareth greetings, but her son, Virgil, was omitted.



LITERACY PROGRESS CERTIFICATES are being presented to (seated, from left) Joel Salinas, Lupe Ogas, Miguel Velasquez and Blanche Soler as part of the Dimmitt Literacy Association's tutoring program. Participating tutors include (standing, from left) Courtney

Armstrong, Norma Conard, Betty and Ed Freeman, and Nila Fuentes. Recognition was given to students and tutors both at a recent meeting of the association's steering committee.

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	55	1	Tr.
Friday	9	-1	Tr.
Saturday	10	-4	
Sunday	44	-4	
Monday	53	22	
Tuesday	59	21	
Wednesday	62	22	
Thursday	60	22	

December Moisture 0.41

1989 Moisture 17.40

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards celebrated Christmas early with their children and grandchildren. There were 30 family members and one friend visiting. They gathered together to celebrate their Christmas and they had a wonderful time. After the dinner they opened their gifts. Their children are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell (their daughter) of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Edwards (their son) of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Edwards (their son) of Hereford, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Combs (their daughter) of Hobbs, N.M. Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren are Mr. and Mrs. David King and girls Angelia and Melissa, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tunnell and Treshia and Jack, Debbie Tunnell, Homer Cluck, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rice, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Edwards, Daniel and Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Cary Birdsell all of Lubbock, and Bruce Edwards, Brendon and Holly of Hereford.

David Mohon, who is in the army and stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., is home for the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Wayne and Faye Mohon. David was scheduled to go to Panama but he broke his foot so he came home instead. He also visited with Faye's father, Mr. Bromfield of Canyon.

Lester and Ettie McDermitt were among the families to celebrate Christmas early. All their children were home for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 17. Those enjoying the fellowship, fun and food were Betty and Jessie Lassiter and son Jay from Dallas, Ken and Barbara McDermitt, who have moved here from Coleman, Audrey Shottenkirk, Janie Walker and Erin from Amarillo, Doris and Chuck Saul, Tamy and Stacy from Idalou. Granddaughters and family Jane and Clayton Eby from Olton; Cindy and Jim Bob Ellis, Blake and Chad from Dimmitt, and a friend, Melvin McClure from Amarillo.

Jimmy and Joyce Davis entertained friends and neighbors with open house on Monday evening, Dec. 18. Joyce was assisted with hostess duties by daughters Jayme and Julee, and Shirley Sewell, who served cookies, candy and hot cider. A money basket was given to Jimmy by his Sunday School class members.

Carla Pybus is home for the Christmas holidays visiting her parents Doug and Cheryl. Carla is a student at South Plains College in Levelland.

Tyler Brant Hucks played Baby Jesus in the Christmas pageant that was held at the Central Baptist Church in Pampa. It was aired Christmas Day on Amarillo's Channel 4 at 4 p.m. Tyler is the son of Sheril and Kevin Hucks and grandson of Bay and Bobbie Baldrige and Johnnie and Loretta Hucks. Tyler has an older sister, Heather.

The Baptist Men's Prayer breakfast was held on Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. There were 10 attending in a cold, snowy morning (3 degrees). Max Newman, Jerry Anen and Richard Young cooked the sausage, gravy and biscuits, served along with orange juice and coffee. Max conducted the prayer service.

On Thursday at 10 a.m. several went out to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home to sing for the residents on a snowy morning. Faye Mohon read the Christmas Story from Luke Chapter 2. She works with the babies in the nursery at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and compared those sweet babies with Baby Jesus. Richard Young sang "What Wondrous Love is This," accompanied by Phyllis Mooney. Christmas carols were sung by Oma Dee Heard, Bobbie Baldrige, Faye Mohon, Richard Young, Dorothy Hopson, Mauzee Youts, Grace Morgan, Ysleta Ball and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens' Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Susie Reeves won high score and Sal DiCuffa won second high. Others playing were Johnnie Vannoy, Edith Graef, Dude McLauren, Helen Braafladt, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Fern Dickey, and Dugan Bulter.

Several men worked on building a jail at the museum, including Vincent Guggemos, Daryl Ball, Gordon Stokes, Greg Huseman,

Virgil Huseman, Glenn Ehly, Elias Bermea, Lon Woodburn, and Ralph Lambright.

The Dimmitt High School and Junior High School Bands held their Christmas concert on Saturday evening. Michael Johnson is the band director, and Ms. Allen is assistant director. The bands played real well and it was a beautiful concert. All-Region competition winners were announced. A reception was held in the band room following the concert.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Santa was at the First State Bank on Friday to visit with the children and to take their wishes for Christmas. The serving table held Christmas cookies, red and green popcorn, and red fruit punch. The centerpiece was a miniature train filled with "goodies". In the office, Haylei Wall was serving delicious pick up foods, and George Sides was one of the hosts. A cowboy teddy bear was in the Christmas arrangement.

Many visitors were in Dimmitt for the Christmas holidays and college students were home visiting their parents. Jim, Jill, and Jan Nelson were home from Hardin Simmons in Abilene visiting their parents, Norman and Sandra Nelson.

Cindy Lee and little daughter and sons from Hart were visiting V.C. and Dorothy Hopson. Kevin Bruton came in from Tech to be with his parents, Danny and Brenda Bruton. Scott Hill was home to be with his family, W.J. and Sara Hill, Barry and Andy.

Buddy and Sandra Michaels and family from Houston were visiting Sandra's mother, Gladys Leeth and sister, Kathleen Foster.

Bryce and Darlene Dowell entertained several of their relatives, including their son, Kris Dowell and family, daughter Melanie and John Fant and family, and Darlene's two sisters, Kay and family, and Claudia and family.

Kelly Howell was visiting his parents, Jimmie and Sue Howell and Kennen.

Tim Sims spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. James and Glenda Sims, Kristi and Matt, and grandparents E.D. and Grace Morgan.

Kent and Carol Hance were vi-

siting his mother, Beral Hance. Loren Vandiver and Craig Vandiver and wife were visiting their parents, Dr. Charles and Esta Vandiver.

Slick and Pat Sliegh from Monahans visited Mauzee Youts and Bob and Phyllis Mooney and family.

Matt Howell was here from Weatherford visiting his parents, Jack and Charlene Howell. Gaines and Crystal Howell and children were visiting the Jack Howells and C.D. and Linda Fitzgearld as well.

Trampas and Coby Moke spent the Christmas Holidays with their parents, Don and Carolyn Moke.

Joe and Jerre Shultz had their three sons with them for the holidays. Renna Lewis was home from A&M visiting her mother, Avie Lewis and grandparents Virgil and Geneva Justice.

James and Joyce Autry from Rocky Ford, Colo., spent the weekend with Irene Carpenter, Jim and Floyce George, Dan and Shelley Rice and family, and Goerge and Marie Bowen.

Since my family had an early Christmas, I invited my sister, Lynna and Troy Cloer from Tulia and Oleta Gollehon for Christmas dinner on Monday.

The Ray Sheffy home had many

visitors over the holidays, including Jettie's son, Glenn Bradley from Austin, with his son and daughter, Michael and Elaine Bradley. Also, Flo Shufflin of Tulia, Jettie's oldest child. She is with the Community Services here and in Tulia.

Visiting Mildred Kyle for Christmas again this year were her son, Frank, and daughter-in-law, Brigitte, and granddaughter, Kalleen, from San Diego, Calif.; and Jean and Ginette Peyrin from Paris, France, her daughter-in-law's parents. On Christmas Day, they all had dinner at Maurine Henderson's, along with her son, J.C., and his family from Griggs, Okla.



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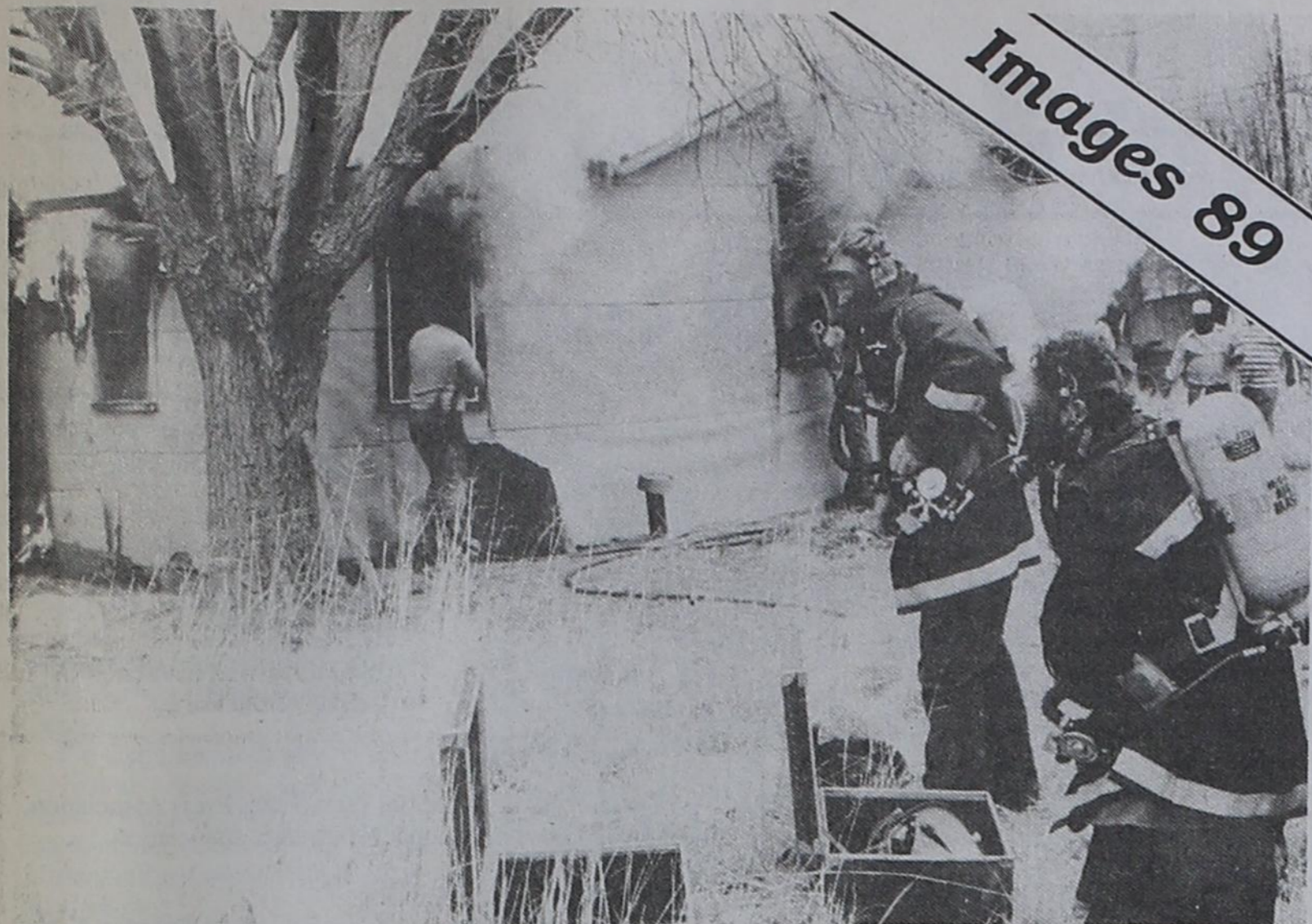
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FIRE CLAIMED its third life in Castro County on March 27, when Rosalio Falcon died in a fire which consumed his home, located at 411 SE Third St. Rescuers rig up to go into Falcon's burning home, while other firemen fight the blaze from all angles.

Mr. Falcon's body was found moments later in his bedroom, where he apparently had died in his sleep. Firemen fought the blaze in the 12-room house for more than an hour before bringing it under control.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Ruth Williams of Muleshoe, wife of Hazel Waggoner's brother, Riehl, died Tuesday morning in the nursing home at Muleshoe. They had been coming to see Hazel and Eules quite a bit on Sunday afternoons lately. Eules and Hazel went to visit with Riehl Wednesday afternoon, but didn't go to the funeral Thursday morning.

Tuesday morning it was 9 degrees with light snow most of the morning. Very little accumulation, and a trace of moisture was received. It was 4 degrees and light snow fell last Thursday morning. Friday morning it was clear and 0 degrees and 0 degrees again Saturday morning and clear.

Greg and Susan Harmon Caleb and Hanna of Wyckoff, New Jersey arrived last Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Gale and Verna Sadler, grandparents Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler, and other relatives. Bob and Cindy Clatt, Jasmyne, Tyler, and Chase of Richardson arrived Saturday. Dr. Myles and Linda Sadler, Gregory and Amy of Lubbock arrived Sunday afternoon and spent the night. They all had Christmas dinner together Monday. Cindy and Susan will stay a few days.

Leslie Loudder spent the Christmas holidays in San Angelo with Rev. Larry and Sandy Odom, Lisa, Kyle and Misty.

Karla Sadler arrived Thursday night from Hobbs, N.M. to spend the Christmas holiday with Ezell and Verba Sadler, Randy Powell and other relatives. James and Patricia Powell, Tresa Sirmans, Ken, Amber, and Tiffany of Canadian and Cheryl Logan of Alpine arrived Friday night. They joined Larry and Shron Sadler, Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua, and Laura and

Kristen Hurtado of Muleshoe for Christmas dinner Saturday. Nick and Matt joined them for supper. Everyone went their separate ways Sunday morning except Karla.

Teeny Bowden had dinner Christmas eve with Ezell and Verba Sadler, Randy and Karla. David and Gay Sadler of Hobbs arrived Sunday afternoon. David and Gay, Verba and Ezell, Karla visited with Gale and Verna Sadler and the rest of the E.R. Sadler family Sunday evening. The David Sadlers went on to Hereford to spend Sunday night and Christmas Day with Ruth King and her family.

Ezell and Verba Sadler had dinner Christmas Day with Ruth King, David and Gay Sadler, Karla, Melody, Walter and Shaina of Hobbs, N.M.; Brenda, Steve and Bethany; and Mrs. Stark.

Winston and Judy Waggoner, Holly and Molligay, and Evelyn and Robbie Lindsey, Mark and Angelia brought and enjoyed dinner with Eules and Hazel Waggoner on Christmas Day. Quint and his family went to Houston for the holidays. Robbie and Evelyn Lindsey, Mark and Angelia came over Saturday afternoon and decorated the house for Hazel. Mark did most of it.

Rev. David and Derba Fletcher, Hadley, Haley, and Harmony left after church Sunday morning for Gruver to spend Christmas with both their parents and other members to the family. They stayed until Wednesday. There was no church service Sunday night.

Clara Vick and her granddaughters, Jennifer and Jade Vick, and Jim Fleming spent Christmas eve with Teeny Bowden. Jim spent the afternoon and evening assembling a computer desk for Teeny.

Teeny Bowden had Christmas dinner Monday evening with Clara Vick, Johnny and Janie Vick, Jennifer and Jade, Pat and Rita Brown, Jim Fleming, and Scott and Jamie Roberts of Amarillo.

James and Joan Norrell, Becky and Kathy, left after Sunday School Sunday in order to have Christmas dinner with his parents in Level-land.

Randall and Jamie Blanton, Chris, Mary and Kurt; Tamara Cowley and family; and Tyson, Marsha, Steven and baby had Christmas dinner Christmas Day with Leona Blanton and Ronnie.

Alton and Betty Loudder celebrated Christmas on Christmas eve with all of their children and families present except Tom and Yvonne Messer and their family, Lane Loudder.

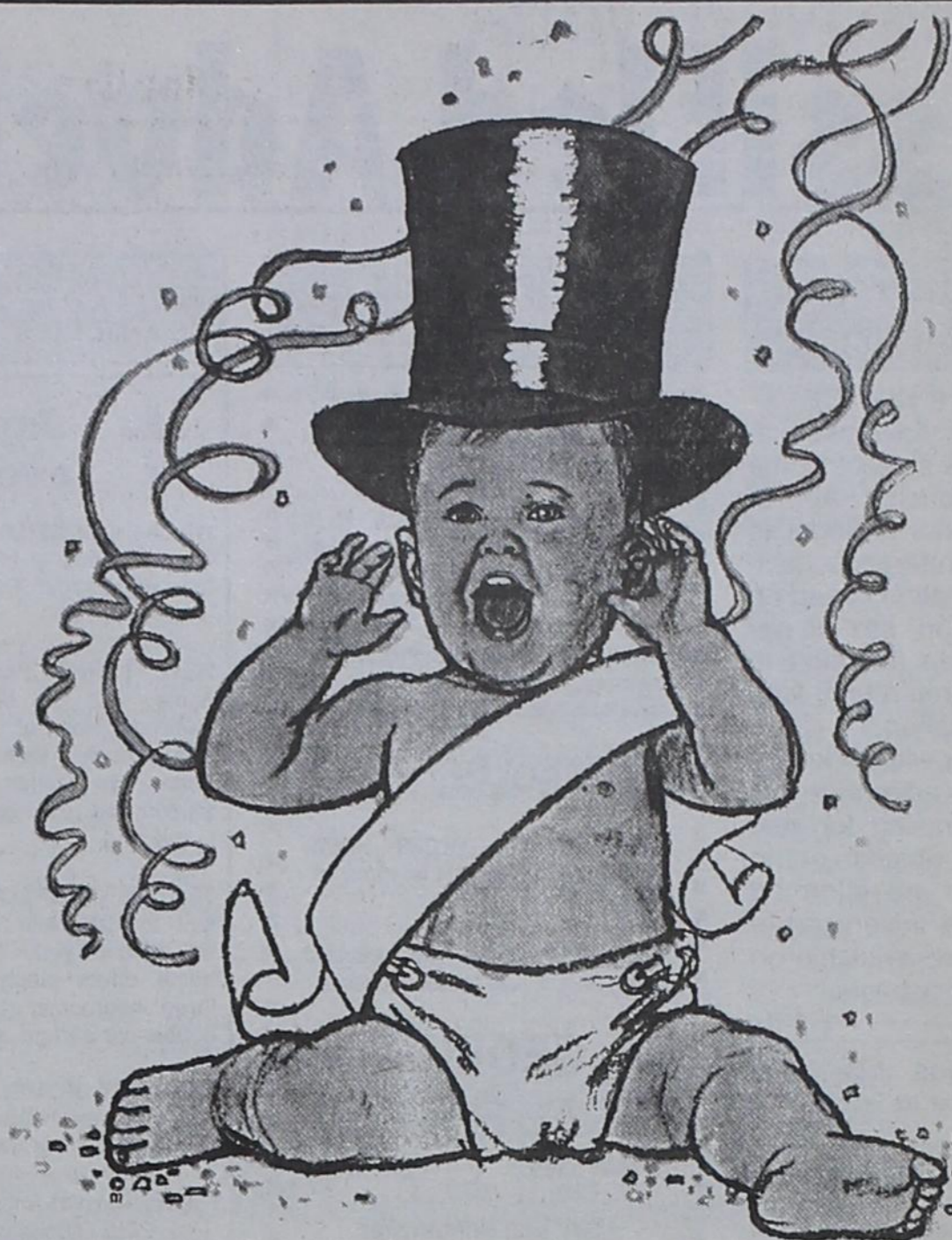
Doug and Judy Loudder had dinner with her family in Muleshoe on Christmas day.

R.V. and Bess Bills celebrated Christmas with all their family at the Richard Bills home in Earth on Christmas eve.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson and Melinda had Christmas with her family at the home of her father, Jim Brooks, in Clovis last Saturday. LaWanda spent the night with her father and he came over Christmas day to have dinner with the Wilsons and Melinda.

Elizabeth Worthington had dinner on Christmas eve with Weldon and Irene Bradley, Omata and Scott, in Dimmitt.

Dorothy Gilbreath; Coby, Connie and Chauncey Gilbreath; Matt Gilbreath and his fiancée, Rhonda Brooks; all enjoyed dinner Christmas day with Sam and Virginia at The Zay Gilbreath residence with his family in Gruver.



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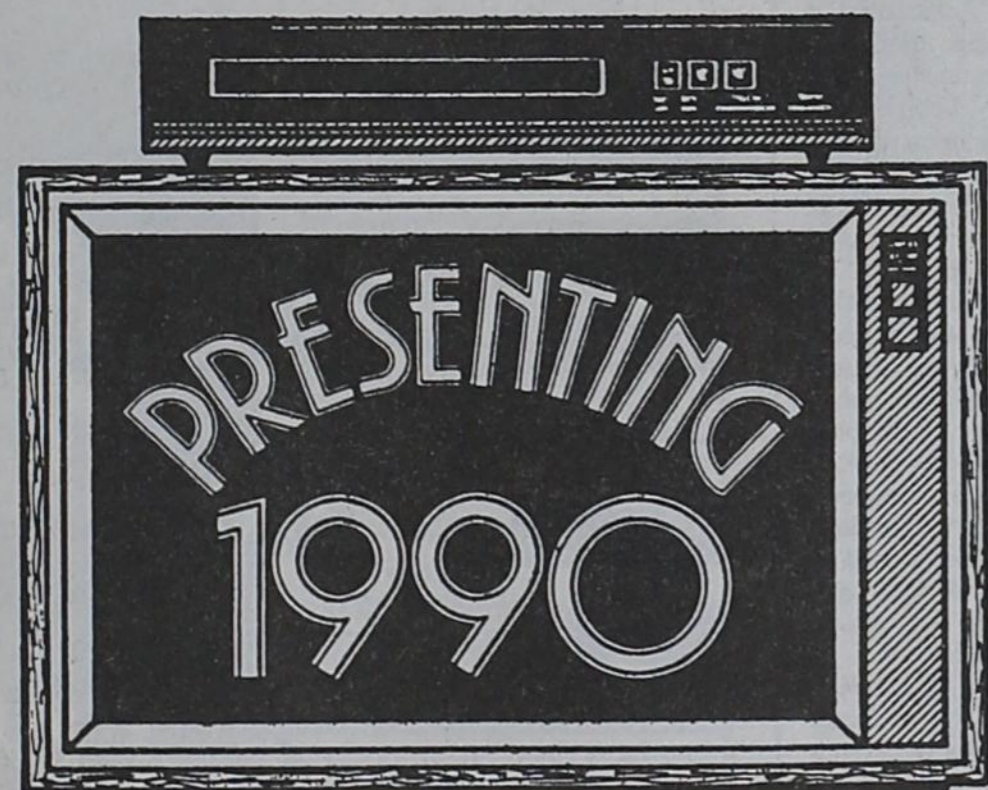
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8—Services

9—Help Wanted
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ATTENTION! Earn money reading books! \$32,000/year income potential. Details. 1-602-838-8885, Ext. Bk4486. 9-35-4tp
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15—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS
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Dated: 12-13-89
-s-KERRY WINDERS
Dated: 12-13-89
-s-JILL WINDERS
15-36-4tc

10—Wanted, Misc.

I WOULD LIKE TO BUY your used gold jewelry—broken, work out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 10-1-tfc

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COCKER SPANIEL puppies for sale. Five honey-blond females, AKC registered. 647-3464. 11-35-3tc
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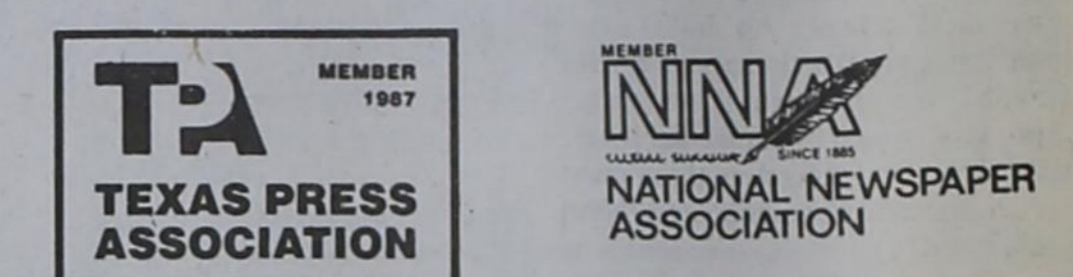
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LEGAL NOTICE
The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on Jan. 2, 1990, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldermen's Chambers at the City Hall to discuss and consider a variance of Section 14-21 of the City Code for Anthony Kirby, who plans to construct a carport at 1008 W. Grant which will be located within the 20' "No Construction Zone" as established by section 14-21 of the City Code. Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Dept. of Public Works, 217 E. Jones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by article 1011g of the Vernons Civil Statutes.
JAMES KILLOUGH
Building Inspector
City of Dimmitt

8—Services
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INDEPENDENT REAL ESTATE BROKER
647-2329, Office 106 NW 3rd, Dimmitt
NEW LISTING! HOLIDAY SPECIAL!! Don't miss out on this three bedrooms, two baths, living room/fireplace, utility room, two car garage, large storage/garage in back. Good location to high school.
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
CASTRO COUNTY LAND
TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 1990—10:05 A.M.
PROPERTY OWNED BY: Truman E. Touchstone

LEGAL:
TRACT ONE: All that certain 2.793 acre tract of land in the Northeast corner of Section Number Sixteen (16), Block M-10-A, in Castro County, Texas
TRACT TWO: An undivided one-fourth interest in and to all of those portions of Section Number Eighteen (18) and the West 220 acres of the South One-Half (S/2) of Section Number Twenty-Six (26) in Block M-10-A, and Block M, all of which lies North of the North right-of-way line of State Highway 86, as the same presently located, in Castro County, Texas, and being that certain land conveyed by C.J. Mapes, et ux, to Iris Touchstone on December 6, 1954 as shown of record in Volume 81, Page 575, of the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas, as modified by that certain conveyance correcting the right of way description recorded in Volume 124, Page 243 of the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas,
SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain 7,617 acre tract located therein which has been subdivided and identified as Touchstone's Highland Heights, Unit 1 addition to the City of Dimmitt, Texas, described by metes and bounds in Volume 116, Page 140 of the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas.
TRACT THREE: An undivided one-fourth interest in and to all of the West One-Half (W/2) of Section Number Forty-Two (42), Block T-4, T. A. Thompson Survey, Castro County, Texas.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: CASTRO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIMMITT, TEXAS—FOYER OF THE COURTHOUSE
TERMS: THE REAL ESTATE WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES DUE THEREON.
TITLE: TITLE WILL BE CONVEYED BY SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S DEED.
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TxS-7131

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Cargill to sponsor scholarships

The Cargill Foundation will fund 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each this year to high school seniors from US farm families.

To qualify, students must be from a family whose livelihood is derived primarily from farming. In addition, students must have plans for full-time enrollment next fall at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. An independent national scholarship service organization will manage the selection process, which is based on academic records, leadership, extra-curricular accomplishments and financial need.

The Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America, established in 1986, recognizes and encourages the academic achievements, accomplishments and talents of America's rural youths.

Information and application forms can be obtained at any Cargill office, including locally, or by writing Gladys Tripp, Community Relations, Cargill Office Center, Box 9300, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440. The application deadline is March 15, 1990.

The Cargill Foundation is a philanthropic arm of Cargill, Inc., a Minneapolis-based agribusiness company.

Historical group plans meeting

The Castro County Historical Commission will hold its annual meeting today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend.

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Images 89
THIS BABY WAS PULLED FROM A BURNING HOME and was saved by Darrell Ethridge and Police Lt. Ramon Aleman who performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on her Feb. 2. The 1-year-old Asia Spencer was revived by Ethridge and Aleman after she was brought out of her parents' burning mobile home. The baby and two other women in the home survived the blaze, but two young boys, Brad Allin Folk, 4, and his 3-year-old brother, Keith Thomas Lee Folk, died in the fire.

Letter

Smith wants more people to run for county offices

Dear Editor:

The United States Government was planned to be a government by the people, for the people and of the people. We need to have the same type of government for Castro County.

The people in Castro County need to choose the people for the different offices, but at this time, no one is running for these offices but the incumbents, with the exception of the office of justice of the peace, that I know about.

We need three or four people to run for each office. The county should be run by capable people, not the ones that we think need a job. I would like some of the people in Castro County to run for these offices to get this done. This is the last week the people can get their names on the ballot. Please sign up now or get your neighbors to sign up to be a candidate for an officer in the county.

Our number one problem in Castro County is the sale of or the giving of alcohol to people less than 21 years old, which is an illegal drug to them. The school teachers are willing to help with this problem, if we will only let

them.

On Jan. 8 I want to put on the agenda for the commissioners court to hire a detective or an attorney to investigate and to help the county attorney prosecute the people that are involved in this illegal drug activity.

If the officers of this county would spend as much time to stop the use of illegal drugs and alcohol as they do to keep me from improving the roads, I believe we can slow down the use of alcohol by our children.

In Precinct 1 there was four or five items that I overspent my budget, but there was seven or eight items I underspent my budget and in Precinct 1 there was over \$20,000 surplus, which was more than any of the other precincts.

I am for lowering our taxes by being more efficient in the operation of the county government. This can be accomplished. And by improving our roads which will lower our maintenance cost.

HAROLD SMITH

Church Happenings

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

We thank Paul and Ortencia Garcia, Sal and Gus Ortiz, Chevo Lumbrera and police officers Rudy DeLeon and Joe Caballero for supervising the Christmas dance Friday.

On New Year's Day we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with a mass at 10 a.m. Though the obligation to attend mass is dispensed with, all are urged to come and celebrate the occasion liturgically.

The first CCD class for 1990 will be held Wednesday. The kindergarten through third grades will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.; fourth through sixth grades will meet from 4:20 to 5:20 p.m. Students in the seventh through 12th grades will hold their monthly CCD workshop Saturday, Jan. 13, from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Janie Banner of St. Anthony's Church in Hereford will discuss the subject of "dating."

Members of the Little Rock Scripture Study Office in Little Rock, Ark., will present a scripture study workshop Feb. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. This workshop is for experienced bible study group leaders, potential bible study group leaders and adult catechetical leadership. Registration deadline is Jan. 8.

Hart group joins Angus association

J3 Angus Farms of Hart has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association.

The American Angus Association, with over 24,000 active and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 11 million registered Angus.

The Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo., records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals to their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association.

Army, Navy and Air Force News

The 27th Civil Engineering Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, has been named the best in the Tactical Air Command for 1989 and Staff Sgt. Val M. Steffens, formerly of Nazareth, was part of the squadron.

Steffens, an electrical power specialist with the squadron, was one of the experts responsible for completing 60 major projects, including total construction of a flightline dining facility and a family activities center.

Streamlined productivity and implementation of the combat engineering concept were the key factors in the squadron winning the award, according to Air Force officials.

Steffens is the son of Alphonse F. and Elizabeth M. Steffens of Nazareth. He is a 1980 graduate of Nazareth High School.

Pvt. Irene Garcia has completed

an Army food service specialist course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The course trained personnel to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities. Students received training in baking, field kitchen operations, and the operation of an Army dining facility.

Garcia is the daughter of Sophia H. Flores of Hart. She is a 1978 graduate of Hart High School.

Pvt. Chad B. Yokum has completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and tradition.

Yokum is the son of Vicki Yokum of Dimmitt and Bill J. Yokum of Pecos.

He is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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People



SHEILA BARTON, 26-year-old daughter of Melvin and Violet Barton of Dimmitt, will serve as a missionary in Puerto Rico for a year and a half as part of a program in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She is currently in missionary training at Provo, Utah. She is a senior political science major at Brigham Young University.

Bennight works with German soldiers in Pershing missile unit

By CECIL B. NEWBERRY
Moving cautiously through bomb blasted craters and shattered trees, United States GIs work their way toward German soldiers deeply rooted in defense bunkers along the Rhine River.

During World War II, when German and American soldiers met on the battlegrounds of Europe, death was usually the result. Today, when Army Pfc. Rickey O. Majors Bennight of Dimmitt sees a German soldier, he is looking at an ally, a friend and a co-worker.

Bennight, 19, grandson of Fred and Ramona Annen of Dimmitt, is a Pershing missile crewman with the 85th US Army Field Artillery Detachment, stationed at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen, West Germany.

United States soldiers at Geilenkirchen work side by side with West German soldiers to form a Pershing missile unit. United States soldiers are responsible for maintaining the missile warhead.

"I'm responsible for updating and maintenance on all of the tools used on the missile. When we're in the field I also pull guard duty with the German soldiers," said Bennight.

While the Americans maintain the warheads, the German soldiers have the acutal missile and the launch vehicles. Neither the missile nor the warhead are any good unless they are combined. It requires a team effort for the soldiers.



ARMY Pfc. RICKEY O. MAJORS BENNIGHT of Dimmitt performs a functions check on his M16A2 rifle. Bennight is a Pershing missile crewman stationed at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base in West Germany. (US Army Photo by Cecil B. Newberry)

"Working with the Germans is different. Speaking with them is not as difficult as I thought it would be, but their army isn't as disciplined as ours. Their soldiers are draftees, so most of them don't like serving in the army," said Bennight, a 1988 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Locatd on the Dutch and Germap borders, Geilenkirchen is surrounded by small villages and towns, many of which pre-date America. The location is ideal for American soldiers to get out and see Europe

first hand.

"We're only about 15 minutes who fought in World War II in Bastogne, Belgium," he said.

from the Holland border, so I go there all the time. I've also been to Garmish, skied in the Alps, and visited the monument to Americans

AC spring telecourses to be available in Dimmitt

Amarillo College will offer several telecourses for the Spring semester which are available to Dimmitt residents on Cable Channel 20, KACV-TV.

Registration for the classes will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 10 at Amarillo College. Anyone who needs more information should contact Neil Sapper at 371-5416.

Courses offered include Fundamentals of Mathematics II, Concepts of Healthful Living, Child Psychology and Social Principals and Institutions.

The Fundamentals of Mathematics course, "For All Practical Purposes," is an introductory - level, college math course for the liberal arts student. The program incorporates interviews, dramatizations and computer graphics to demonstrate math as a dynamic discipline, responding to real world issues and problems. It will air from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Mondays.

Through interviews, dramatizations and animation sequences, "Here's to Your Health," the Concepts of Healthful Living course, challenges students to examine

their value systems in light of the many controversies in medical science today and to expand their knowledge of areas of health that were virtually unknown 20 years ago. It will air from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays.

Child Psychology, "The Growing Years," is a comprehensive introductory course on child development. Some of the topics and environment, prenatal development, the newborn, the infant, language, individual differences, preschool development, social stereotyping, play, intelligence, moral development, children in families and adolescence. It will air from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Social Principals and Institutions provides the framework for understanding the numerous complex social phenomena of our time. "Focus on Society" will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays.

Telecourses combine televised lessons on KACV-TV, related reading and study assignments and a few meetings on the AC campus for orientation, discussions and exams.

Turkey shoot set

The Swisher County 4-H will sponsor a turkey shoot Sunday, Jan. 7, from 1:30 p.m. to dark at Tule Lake.

The shoot site is located two miles east of Tulia on FM 1318, two miles north, and a mile east.

Cash prizes and turkeys will be presented to the marksmen. Light refreshments will be available.

Proceeds will go to the Swisher County 4-H Show Fund.

For more information contact David Gibson, Swisher County Extension Agent, at 995-3726; Henry Roach, 995-2477; or Donald Adams, 668-4618.

Who's Now

PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a girl for Nick and Laura Hurtado of Dimmitt. Kristen Nicole Hurtado was born Dec. 11 at 12:04 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 7 3/4 oz. and was 20 inches long at birth. She has an older brother, Matthew, who is three. Her paternal grandparents are Larry and Sharon Sadler of Dimmitt. Maternal grandmother is Julia Hurtado of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Ezell and Verba Sadler of Dimmitt, Frank and Mary Sanchez of Trinidad, Colo., Tex and Norma Conard of Dimmitt, Flora Hurtado of Las Vegas, N.M. and Nellie Hamlin of California.

OUT OF TOWN

Richard and Melissa Santiago of Honolulu, Hawaii are the parents of a baby girl, Anessa Nicole, who was born last Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 4:17 p.m. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 oz. Anessa Nicole's mother is the former Melissa Polivoda of Dimmitt. Her maternal grandparents are Florence Polivoda of Dimmitt and Thomas Polivoda. Paternal grandparents are Maria Santiago and Mr. Santiago, both of Philadelphia, Penn.

It's a boy for David and Mary-Anne Hardegree of Hereford. He was born Dec. 17 at 11:05 p.m. in Deaf Smith General Hospital, weighed 7 lbs., 5 1/2 oz. and was 19 inches long. He has been named Ethan Ryne. His mother, the former Mary-Anne Howell of Dimmitt, is a registered nurse in the obstetrics department at Deaf Smith General Hospital. Ethan Ryne's maternal grandmother is Marie Howell of Dimmitt. His paternal grandparents are Tom and Ann Hardegree of Fort Worth. Maternal great-grandparents are Marvin and Stella Mae Ward of Idalou. Paternal great-grandparents are J.D. and Pat Hardegree of Yellville, Ark.

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chapel's new courtyard for the ceremony, including 24 honored guests from Italy and the US—former prisoners, their wives and children. The security fence surrounding the chapel area is made of four-point barbed wire that once enclosed the POW camp.

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Cook-off deadline is Monday

If you have a favorite beef recipe that always gets rave reviews, why not enter it in the 1990 National Beef Cook-off.

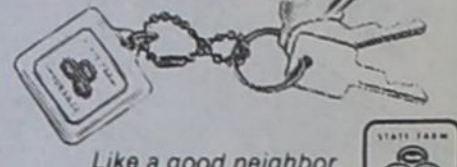
The Texas Beef Cook-off will be held Feb. 16-17 during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Deadline for submitting entries to the Texas Beef Cook-off is Monday and anyone who would like to enter should contact the County Extension office at 647-4115.

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Employers to get tax relief in 1990

Experienced employers have something to look forward to in 1990.

Their unemployment insurance taxes will decline substantially, according to Mary Scott Nabers, employer representative on the Texas Employment Commission.

The minimum tax rate for experienced employers will be .29% of the first \$9,000 of each employee's wages. This is down from .64% in 1989. The maximum rate will be 6.29%, down from 8.34%. The entry level rate for most new businesses remains 2.7%.

"These rates are the lowest that Texas employers have seen in many years," Nabers said.

The decade of the 80's visited severe economic recession upon the state and record numbers of unemployed Texans filed for unemployment benefits. The trust fund from which benefits are paid was quickly depleted and replenishing it resulted in higher taxes for employers.

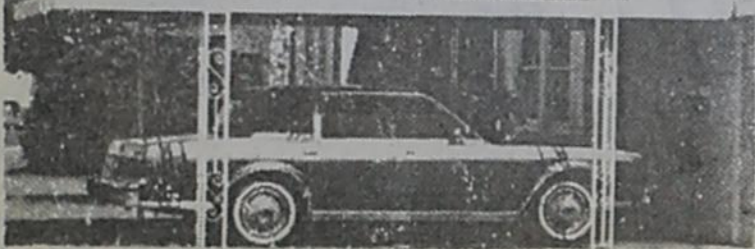
"Those higher tax rates came at a time when employers themselves could least afford it," said Nabers.

"Now that the fund is again on sound footing, it is gratifying to see employers getting a break."

Translating the new rates into dollars, a minimum-rated employer will pay \$26.10 per employee per year. A maximum-rated employer will pay \$566.10 per employee per year. Roughly 40% of all Texas employers are minimum-rated, 4% having the maximum rate, and the remaining 56% are somewhere in between.

The Texas Employment Commission will begin mailing 1990 tax rate notices the first week in February.

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Computer course to be offered

If your New Year's resolutions include learning more about your computer, plan how to make that resolution come true.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with South Plains College, is sponsoring an introductory course, "Electronic Spreadsheets and Their Use in Agriculture," Wednesday through next Friday, Jan. 5, on the SPC campus. The course will feature the Lotus 1-2-3 program. No prior computer experience is required for the course.

Spreadsheets can be an important component in your computer tool kit, said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Service agricultural economist. They can be used for record keeping, financial planning and "what-if" decision analysis.

Any calculation that would normally be done with pencil and paper can be done with a spreadsheet. Spreadsheets are the most versatile type of software, Smith said.

The workshop will start at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. on Wednesday and next Thursday, Jan. 3 and 4. Hours Jan. 5 will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will learn the basic concepts of building and using spreadsheets, making entries, moving elements around, copying, saving, retrieving and printing. These basics will be reinforced through repetition of commands and practical exercises.

Students will be introduced to the power of spreadsheets as they use the graphics, database and macro features.

Upon completing the workshop, they will know how to set up and use their own spreadsheet templates and how to use commercially available templates, Smith added.

The fee for the workshop is \$125, which includes three meals, example disks and registration materials. Enrollment will be limited to 20 to ensure hands-on participation.

Additional information is available from local county Extension agents.

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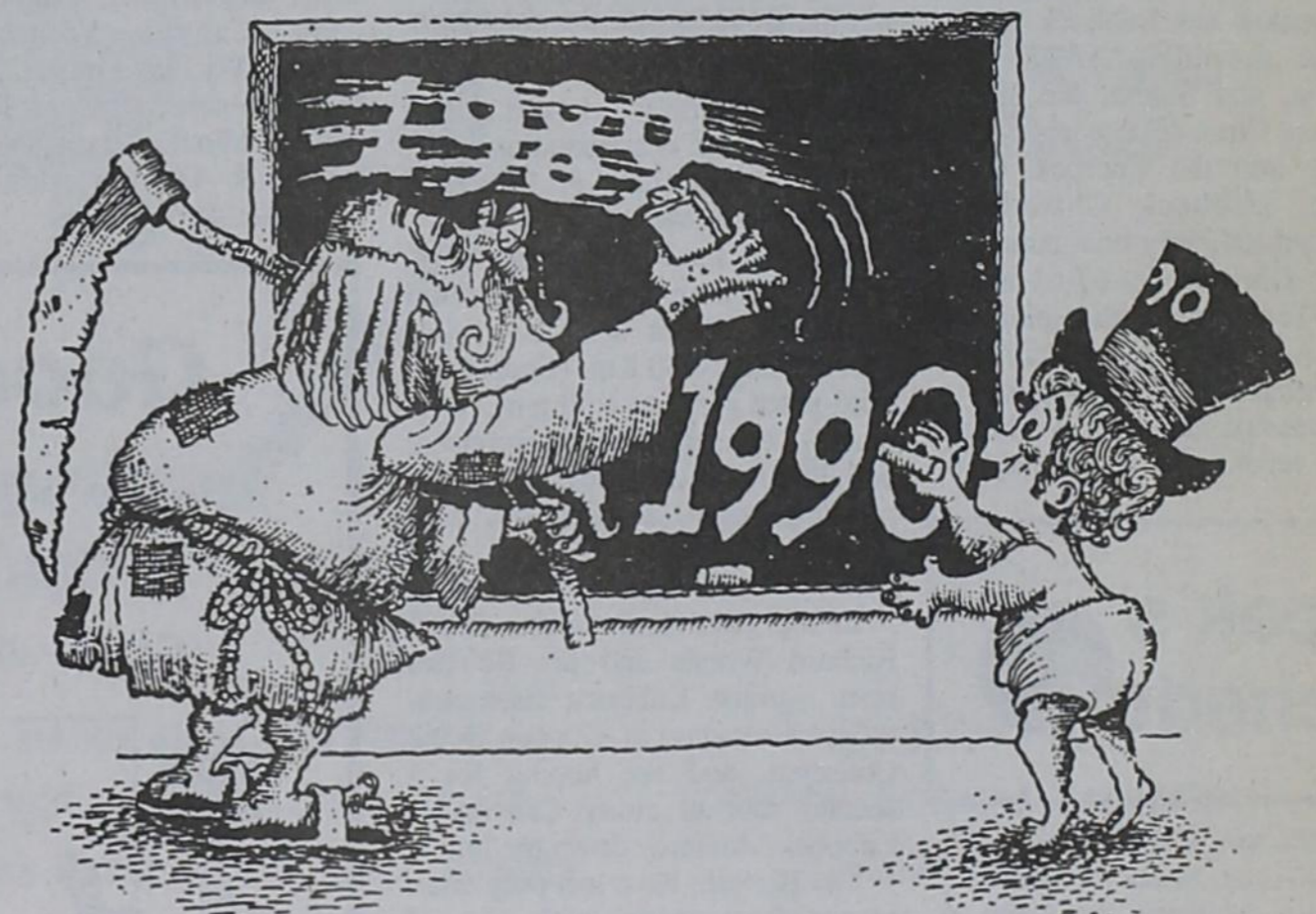
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SENIOR DETERMINATION was a cause for celebration in March when the Nazareth Swiftettes, behind the senior leadership of (from left) Tammy Drerup, Jenny and Stephanie Brockman, and Shana Birkenfeld, captured Nazareth's 10th state basketball championship. It was the second straight title for the Swiftettes under Head Coach Sandy Heiman.

Bobcats, Bobbies face tough Caprock schedule

Dimmitt's Bobcats and Bobbies face some of their toughest tests so far this season in the big Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament at Lubbock today (Thursday) through Saturday.

They're playing in 16-team lineups featuring some of the top boys' and girls' squads in North Texas. Games will be played in three Lubbock gyms — Monterey, Coronado and the Municipal Coliseum.

The Bobcats will try to give Coach Ken Cleveland his milestone 800th career victory when they open against Lubbock Dunbar at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Monterey gym.

If they win their opener, they'll face a double-tough challenge in the winner's bracket. Lurking in the same bracket are Lubbock Christian, the defending TAPS state champion, and Slaton, the state's top-ranked Class AAA team.

Going into the Caprock Tournament, Lubbock Christian's Eagles had lost only one game this year—to Dimmitt, by 67-64 in the Berger Tournament championship match. And the Eagles definitely want another shot at the Bobcats.

The Bobcats had only two losses on their record going into the Ca-

prock Tournament, both of them to Slaton, by margins of 20 and 29 points. Coach Clifford Smith's Tigers, who have been routing respectable teams of all classes, are one of the pre-tourney favorites.

Other teams in the boys' tournament are Lubbock Monterey, Shallowater, Canyon Randall, Odessa Permian, Brownfield, Lubbock Estacado, Wichita Falls, Frenship, Lubbock High, Coronado, Levelland and Odessa High.

The Dimmitt-Dunbar and Lubbock Christian-Lubbock High winners will play each other Thursday at 4:30 in the championship quarterfinals in the Monterey gym, while the two first-round losers will meet in the consolation bracket at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Coliseum.

Two victories Thursday would put the Bobcats into the championship semifinals Friday at 4:30 in the Coliseum, while a 1-1 start would send them into a consolation quarterfinals game either at 4:30 or 6 p.m. Friday at Monterey.

Saturday's schedule in the boys' tourney will include consolation semifinals games at 9 a.m. (Coliseum) and 10:30 a.m. (Coronado), third-place game at 1:30 p.m. (Coronado), consolation championship at 6:30 p.m. (Coliseum), and championship game at 9:30 p.m. (Coliseum).

In the girls' tournament, Coach Richard Woods and his Bobbies open against Lubbock Estacado today (Thursday) at 12 noon in the Coliseum, and are hoping for a second shot at either Canyon or Lubbock Monterey down the line.

The Bobbies have lost only three games this season, with two of those losses coming back-to-back in the Queens Classic against Canyon (42-53) and Monterey (64-67).

Dimmitt, Canyon, Monterey, Idalou and Abernathy are all considered championship challengers in the big 16-team field.

A victory over Estacado would send the Bobbies into the championship quarterfinals against either Coronado or Shallowater at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Coronado gym. A first-round loss to Estacado would put the Bobbies into a 10:30 a.m. game Friday at Coronado in the consolation bracket.

Should the Bobbies win their first two tourney games, they would advance to the championship semifinals at 6 p.m. Friday at the

Coliseum, where their most likely opponent would be Canyon. The Lady Eagles would have to defeat Frenship in their opener and either Big Spring or Wichita Falls Rider to make it to the semifinals.

A 1-1 start for the Bobbies would put them into the consolation quarterfinals, either at 4:30 or 6 p.m. Friday at Coronado.

Saturday's schedule in the girls' tourney includes the consolation semifinals at 9 a.m. (Coronado) and 10:30 a.m. (Coliseum), third-place game at noon (Coronado), consolation championship game at 5 p.m. (Coliseum) and championship game at 8 p.m. (Coliseum).

The 16-team girls' tournament includes Dimmitt, Lubbock Coronado, Shallowater, Lubbock Estacado, Canyon, Frenship, Big Spring, Wichita Falls Rider, Lubbock Monterey, Cooper, Hale Center, Lubbock High, Abernathy, Lubbock Dunbar, Idalou and Brownfield.

Swifts, Swiftettes to open in Sudan Tournament today

The Nazareth Swifts will take on Muleshoe and the Swiftettes will tangle with Anton today (Thursday) in the first round of the Sudan Booster Club Tournament.

The Swifts will meet Muleshoe at 4:30 p.m. in Sudan's new gym while the Swiftettes and Anton play at 6 p.m. in Sudan's old gym.

Other first round games today (Thursday) include:

BOYS—Anton vs. Farwell, 7:30 p.m., old gym; Whitharral vs. Friona, 4:30 p.m., old gym; and Sudan vs. Spearman, 7:30 p.m., new gym.

GIRLS—Muleshoe vs. Wall, 3 p.m., new gym; Portales, N.M. vs. Whitharral, 3 p.m., old gym; and Sudan vs. Friona, 6 p.m., new gym.

In the boys' tournament, today's

Swifts earn 3-A laurels

Four Swifts earned spots on the 3-A all-district first and second teams while four others earned honorable mention honors.

Brian Schmucker and Bob Kern earned first team defensive honors and second team offensive laurels. Marty Gerber and Lynn Nelson were named to the second team on offense.

Honorable mention offensive players for the Swifts were Harold Verkamp, Blaine Johnson and Zac Hatla. Defensively, Hatla and Vance Acker received honorable mention.

Here's a breakdown of the Swifts' all-district placings:

OFFENSE

Second team: Bob Kern, senior guard; Marty Gerber, senior tackle; Brian Schmucker, senior back; and Lynn Nelson, senior end.

Honorable mention: Harold Verkamp, senior back; Blaine Johnson, junior center; and Zac Hatla, senior tight end.

DEFENSE

First team: Bob Kern, senior linebacker; and Brian Schmucker, senior secondary.

Honorable mention: Zac Hatla, senior lineman; and Vance Acker, junior lineman.

(Thursday's) Nazareth - Muleshoe winner will meet the Anton-Farwell winner at 4:30 p.m. Friday while the losers of the two games play at 4:30 p.m.

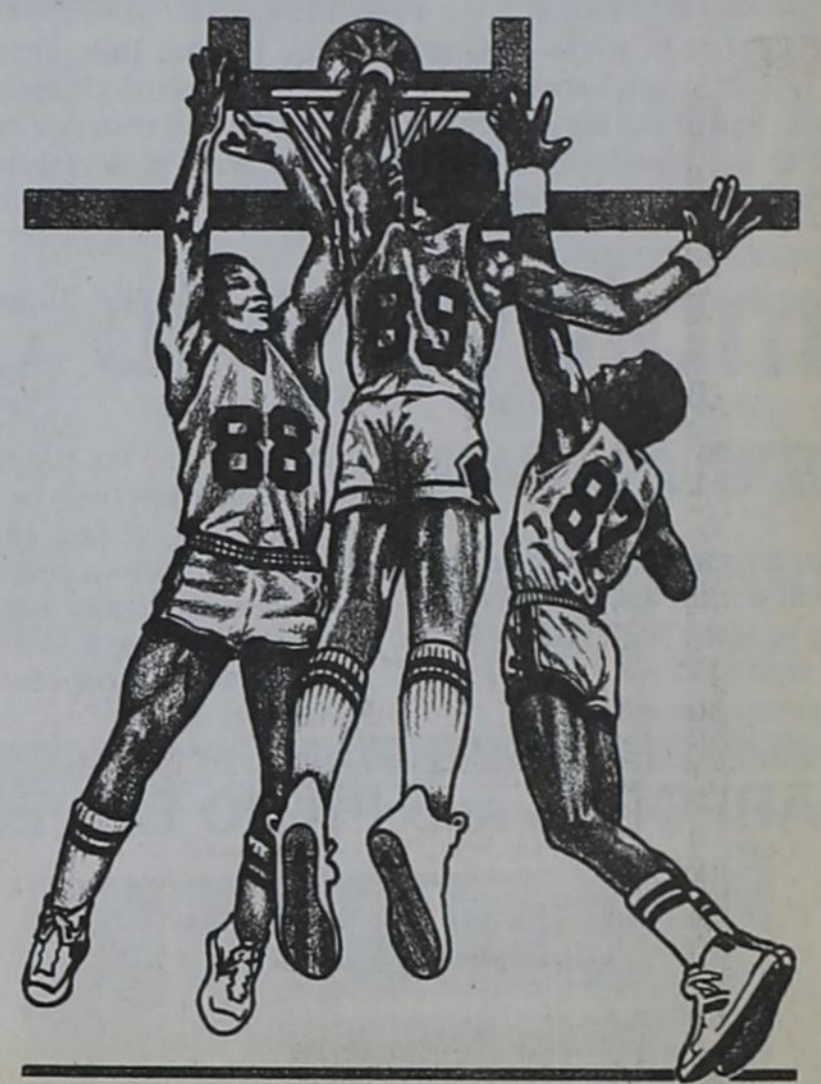
If the Swiftettes win today, they'll take on the winner of the Muleshoe-Wall game Friday at 3 p.m. The losers of the two games also play at 3.

Saturday's boys' tourney gets underway at 1:30 p.m. with the seventh place game (in the old gym) and the consolation championship (in the new gym). The

third place game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and the championship will be decided starting at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be played in the new gym.

In the girls' tournament, the seventh place game (to be played in the old gym) and the consolation championship (to be in the new gym) will begin at 12 noon Saturday. The third place game will begin at 3 p.m. in the new gym and the girls' tournament championship game will begin at 6 p.m. in the new gym.

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Good Luck, Swifts and Swiftettes in the Sudan Classic!

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 28 and 29

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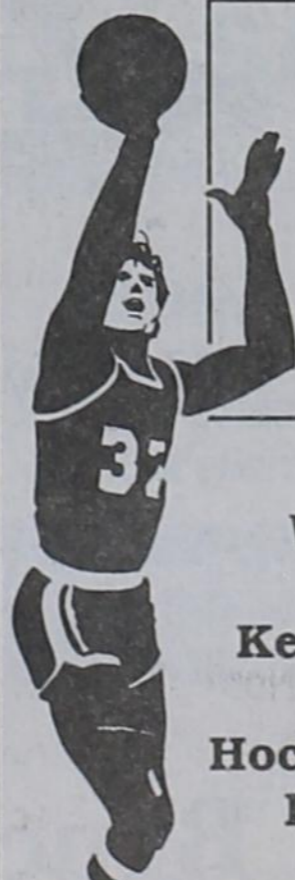
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Week's Schedule

TODAY—Swifts vs. Muleshoe, 4:30 p.m., first round, Sudan Booster Club Tournament; Swiftettes vs. Anton, 6 p.m., first round, Sudan Booster Club Tournament; Bobcats vs. Lubbock Dunbar, 10:30 a.m., Monterey High School Gym, first round, Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament; Bobbies vs. Lubbock Estacado, 12 noon, Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, first round, Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament.

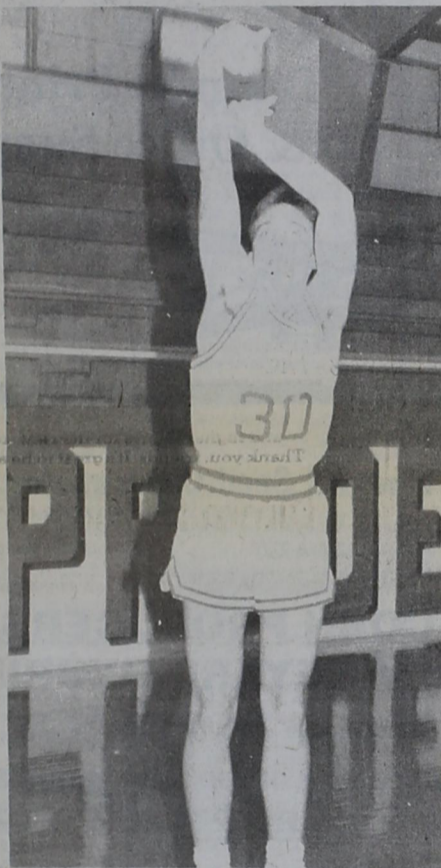
FRIDAY—Swifts and Swiftettes in Sudan Booster Club Tournament; Bobcats and Bobbies in Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament; Longhorns and Lady Horns vs. Seagraves at Smyer.

SATURDAY—Swifts and Swiftettes in Sudan Booster Club Tournament; Bobcats and Bobbies in Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament.

TUESDAY—JV Longhorns, JV Lady Horns, Longhorns and Lady Horns at Lazbuddie; Bobbies and Bobcats at Abernathy; JV Swifts, Swifts and Swiftettes at Channing.

Good Luck, Bobcats and Bobbies!

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Bobcats:

- 82, River Road 50
- 58, Levelland 57
- 61, Palo Duro 58
- Borger Tournament:**
- 77, Palo Duro 71
- 59, Frenship 45
- 67, Lub. Christian 64
(Championship)
- 95, Hereford 50
- Pioneer Classic:**
- 51, Slaton 71
- 62, Andrews 55
- 75, Estacado 70
(Consolation)
- 57, Morton 50
- 66, Slaton 95
- 71, Abernathy 53
- 86, Randall 66
- 88, Morton 55

Bobbies:

- 91, River Road 23
- 57, Levelland 42
- 79, Lazbuddie 24
- Queens Classic:**
- 58, Nazareth 55
- 42, Canyon 53
- 64, Monterey 67
(Fourth Place)
- 78, Coronado 46
- Levelland Invitational:**
- 54, Plainview 45
- 35, Levelland 34 (OT)
- 59, Muleshoe 52
(Championship)
- 72, Morton 56
- 61, Estacado 44
- 34, Randall 48
- 88, Morton 39

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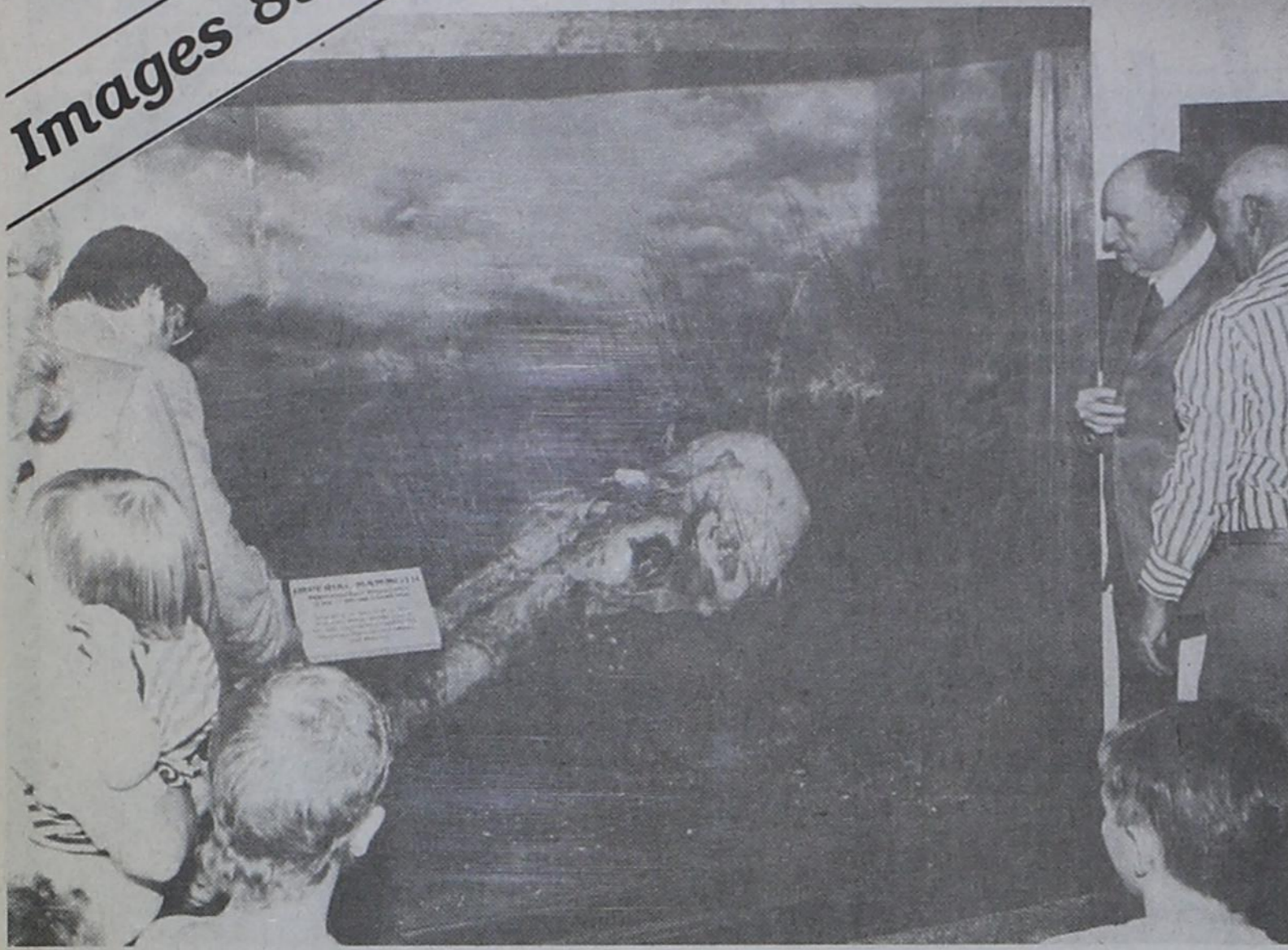
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CASTRO COUNTY'S IMPERIAL MAMMOTH, which was restored at the Museum of the Llano Estacado in Plainview, was unveiled for the first time in its museum setting in April. Museum Curator Eddie Guffee (dark hair) takes up the

drape covering the exhibit. At right are Plainview Mayor E.V. Riddlehuber and Castro County museum Association President Lon Woodburn (striped shirt), who assisted in the unveiling.

More about

Former AFS'er introduces husband to Dimmitt family ...

(Continued from Page 1)

and very few medicines are available. Their main need is for preventative health care, while I have been enjoying curative health care."

"Even groceries have to be flown in because so little is available there," Kim continued. "It is very dangerous there — a communist

country in a state of civil war. The contribution we could make there would be enormous, but it would be incredibly frustrating."

Kim gave an update on her family's activities, saying that her father still manages a German-owned company that produces coal

mining equipment, and her mother is lecturing at a Bible school again.

"Graham, my middle brother, is the one in Greece for the winter, and Pierre, the youngest of the family, just completed his first year of medical school," she reported.

When asked how things had changed here since she had been gone, Kim observed that a lot more women are working now, and a lot more land has been left unplanted.

"More stores are closed down.

You're having a recession, I think?" she queried.

"I was nervous to come back," Kim said, "because it seems that you tend to idealize a place in your memories, so I was afraid of being let down. I tried not to let myself expect too much, but I've been so thrilled with this visit."

"It has been so nice to show Robin 'my' Dimmitt, because it was such a good experience for me here, and now I can show him this place I talk about so often. My travels are more enjoyable now, too, since I have someone to share them with," Kim remarked.

DePoyster is new officer

Craig DePoyster, 22, is a new patrolman on the City of Dimmitt's police force. He started work here Dec. 6, moving from Brownfield.

He received certification in law enforcement technology from South Plains College in Levelland in December of 1988, and is a 1986 graduate of Union High School in Brownfield.

DePoyster is single, and is the youngest of his family, which includes a brother and two sisters. He is a member of the Assembly of God.

He said he got into law enforcement because he likes helping people. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

About Dimmitt, DePoyster said, "I like it here real well, so far, and everyone has been very friendly—except for a couple of people I've arrested."



Craig DePoyster

More about Holiday ...

(Continued from Page 1)

that he had blacked out while driving his pickup to Plainview.

"Reyna said he lost control of the vehicle and it rolled one and three-fourths times. He said he was wearing his seat belt," Dunklin reported. "His injuries were fairly minor, but I don't know when he was released from the hospital."

Damage to the vehicle was rated heavy, but no citations were issued. A hospital spokesman said Reyna was no longer a patient there Wednesday.



Jack Flynt (left), on behalf of the First United Methodist Church, presents the keys to a new 1990 Ford Taurus GL to Rev. Vernon O'Kelly. At right is Wally Wallace,

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A new category of record keeping software is making it less expensive to use a computerized record keeping system, said Dr. Jackie Smith, the Extension Service economist.

The Extension Service, in cooperation with South Plains College, is sponsoring a short course on one of these programs, Quicken, at the college campus Jan. 10-12. The three-day course will use a case study to introduce the program and its many features.

The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first two days and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the final day.

"Programs are available for less than \$50 that will keep cash records, print checks and generate income and expense reports for the whole farm or by enterprise," Smith said. Quicken 3, by Intuit, is one of these checkbook-based, user-friendly programs that is rapidly gaining popularity in the South Plains, he said.

Topics covered in the course will include benefits of record keeping to make profitable production and marketing decisions, setting up enterprise classes and income and expense categories, making entries, printing checks, and producing reports. Speeding the entry of repetitive transactions and other shortcuts and interfacing with Lotus 1-2-3 also will be covered.

Enrollment will be limited to 20 to ensure hands-on participation. The fee of \$125 will include a copy of the Quicken 3 program disks and manual, a course notebook and three meals. For those who already own Quicken and bring it to use in the course, the fee will be only \$100.

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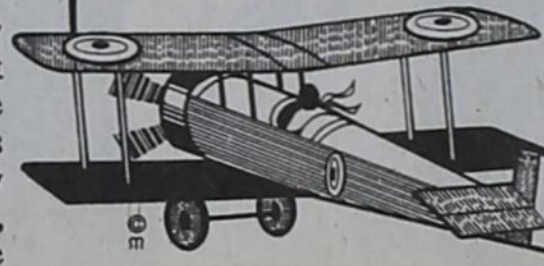
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By MARY JANE SHANES

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The earnings base, which is the maximum amount of earnings on which FICA taxes are paid, rises from \$48,000 in 1989 to \$51,300 in 1990. People who earn \$48,000 or less per year will not notice as big a change in their FICA deductions as workers who earn more than \$48,000.

If your earnings are \$15,000 per year, for example, you will pay \$21 more in FICA taxes in 1990 than you did in 1989. If your earnings are \$25,000 per year, your taxes will increase \$56. If your earnings are \$48,000, you will pay \$67.20 more in FICA taxes for 1990.

Although workers in higher income brackets pay more in FICA taxes, they can count on higher benefits when they are eligible for Social Security. Their monthly benefits will be higher because benefit amounts are based on the amount of earnings on which FICA taxes were paid.

Employers also will pay more into Social Security and Medicare in 1990 since they match, dollar for dollar, the FICA taxes paid by

employees.

If you're like most people, you probably think of Social Security as something you will get when you retire, but Social Security is much more than a retirement program. It's a package of protection-retirement, survivors, and disability insurance. It protects you and your family while you work and after you retire. Social Security won't replace all earnings lost because of retirement, disability or death, but it is a base you can build on, now and in the future, with other insurance and investments.

Your FICA deduction also pays for Medicare hospital insurance, which can help pay for hospital care when you reach 65 or if you become disabled before 65.

The earnings base will rise automatically in future years according to increases in average wage levels. Social Security benefits will rise automatically in future years according to increases in average wage levels. Social Security benefits also will rise automatically. After you start getting Social Security, the amount of your monthly benefit will increase each year with the cost of living.

For more information or to file a claim, call 1-800-234-5772.



CAROLE DYER (right) receives recognition for her fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Dimmitt Literacy Association. Gerald Hanners, association steering committee chairman, presents the award at the committee's Tuesday night meeting. Other fund raisers recognized, but not present, included Geneva Schaeffer, Myrtle Lois Moran, and Sue Merritt.



It's Here

A New Year is cause for celebration and cheer, and our message to all of peace and prosperity in the new decade.

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Water District to test groundwater levels

Now that groundwater levels have been allowed to stabilize following the 1989 pumping season, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 technical division staff will begin making annual depth-to-water measurements at area well sites starting Monday.

The Water District maintains a network of more than 1,000 privately-owned water wells throughout its 15-county service area. Each year, field personnel visit each well site to make a depth-to-water measurement.

During the measurement, a steel tape coated with a few feet of blue carpenters' chalk is lowered into the well. On the part of the tape that enters the water, the chalk turns a darker shade of blue. By subtracting the length of the darker blue area from the total length of the tape lowered into the well, the current depth-to-water is determined.

A vinyl sticker showing the assigned well number, the depth-to-water measurement and the date of the measurement is attached to equipment at the well site for the well owner and/or landowner's information.

The same observation wells are measured each year and the data collected during the January and February 1990 measurements will be compared to the previous year's data to determine any changes in the water levels in the Ogallala Formation.

Maps showing the location of each observation well in a county or portion of a county served by the Water District are published annually in the April issue of the District's newsletter, *The Cross Section*.

Tables listing the observation wells in each county and the depth-to-water measurement at one, five and 10-year intervals are included in this special issue. The annual average water level changes in feet for one, five and 10-year intervals also are published.

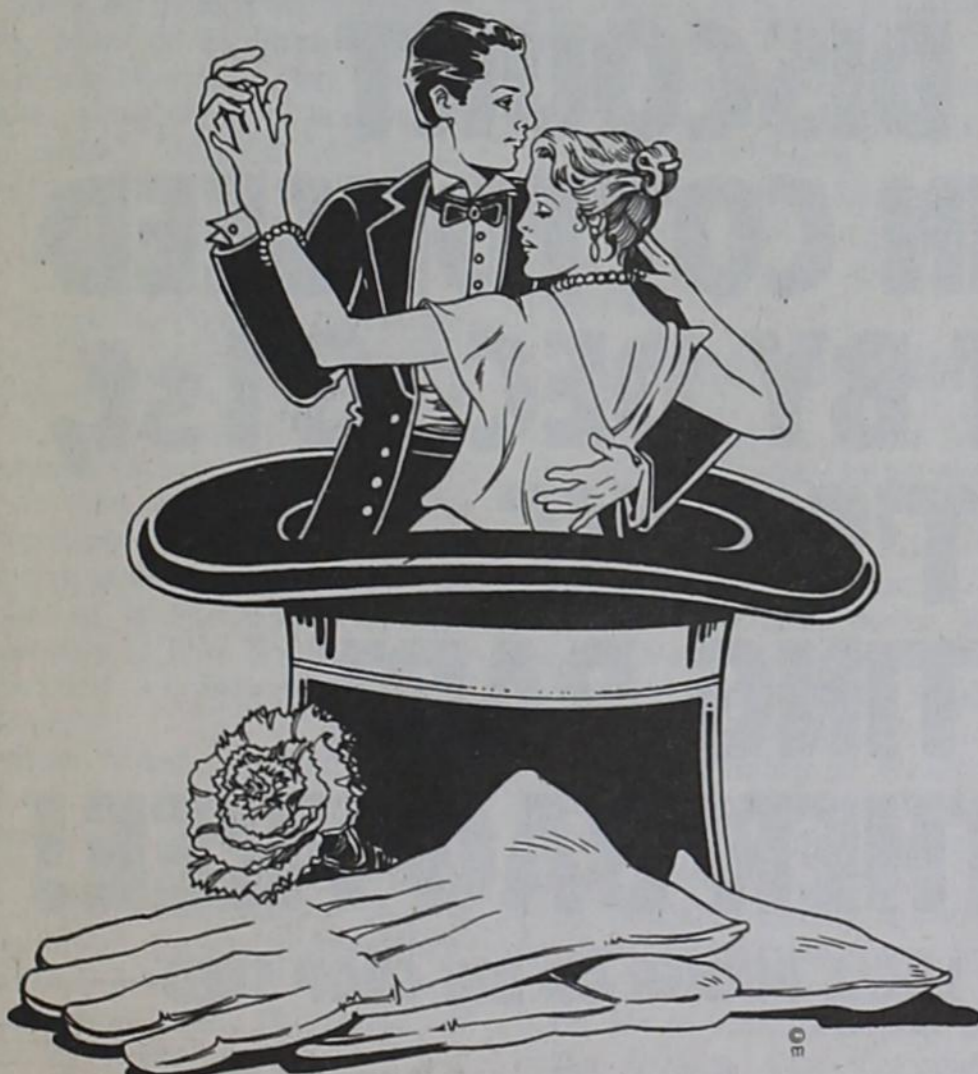
Technical division staff will travel to each well site in blue and white Water District vehicles. Staff members will be happy to answer any questions from landowners and producers while the depth-to-water measurement is being made.



After Charles Lindbergh made history with the first solo flight across the Atlantic, he came home by ship.

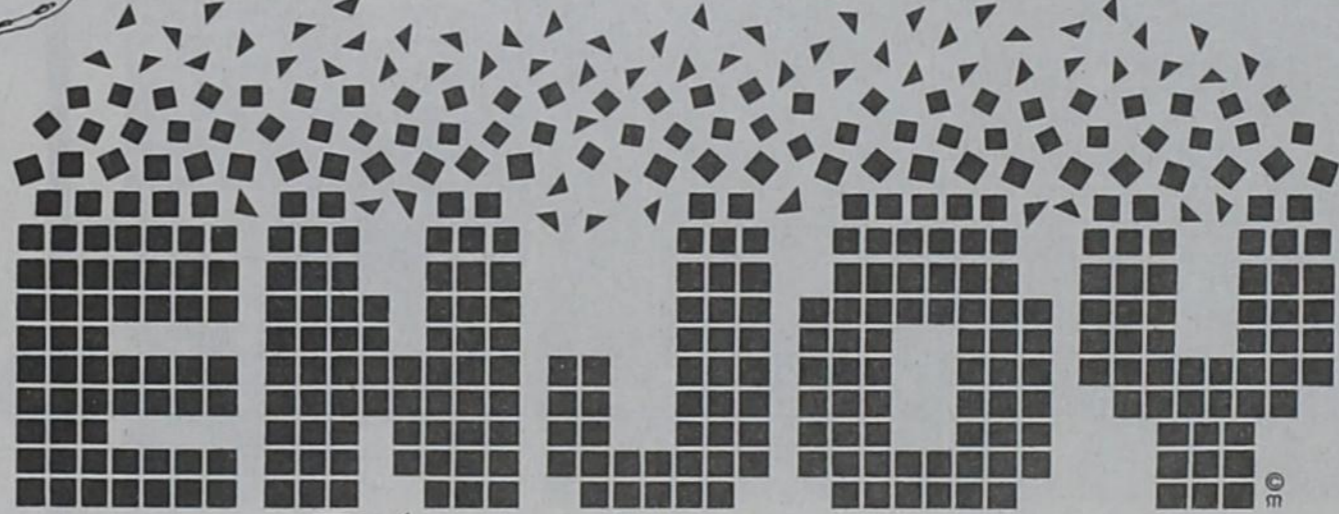
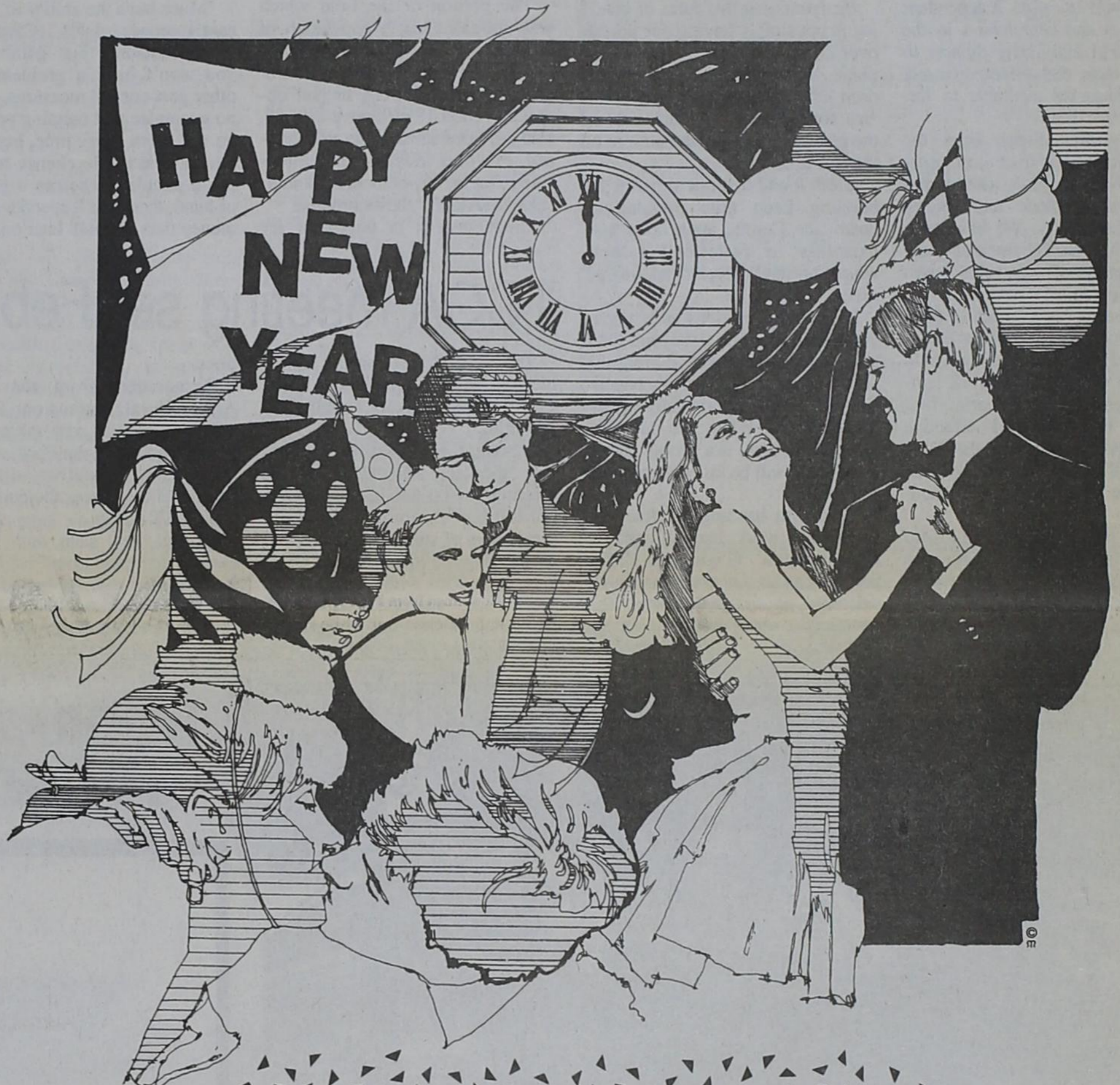
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Study reveals cost-effective mite control

Research funded by the Texas Corn Growers Association shows that by banding young corn plants with the pesticide Comite, High Plains corn farmers can receive effective mite control at half the cost and not disturb important mite-hungry beneficial insects.

The research, funded by a portion of TCGA's grower check-off program, was conducted by Robert E. Glodt, Jr. of Plainview, a consulting entomologist and owner of Agri-Search. His three years of testing has produced solid data that banding the lower half of corn just above knee-high with Comite via a ground rig with high pressure nozzles will usually keep Banks grass mite populations at safe levels below the economic threshold.

The banding method of mite control can be accomplished for about \$6 per acre, compared with \$12 to \$18 per acre required for aerial applications.

"Texas Corn Growers is certainly pleased with the result of Bob's research," said Carl King of Dimmitt, president of TCGA. "We have always worked with independent consultants and researchers in the Texas A&M University System to find the most cost-effective insect control measures available to farmers."

"Mites have always been the most difficult pests to control, especially in hot, dry years when populations can explode and reduce yields substantially. We have confidence that Bob's research may relieve many of our mite insect control problems."

Glodt began his research in 1987 after it was apparent that the Environmental Protection Agency would no longer grant a Section 18 temporary clearance for Azodrin. That miticide had provided effective mite control; however, the EPA alleged that the chemical was harmful to birds and banned Azodrin.

In his research Glodt took into consideration that mites make one primary overwintering migration to corn, usually from neighboring wheat fields.

"This migration occurs prior to

when corn is 18 to 20 inches tall," Glodt said. "Banks grass mites only inhabit the bottom 50% of the leaves of the plant during this early colony establishment phase. By banding on Comite during this early stage, we obtained substantial mite control."

In the application process, Glodt used an application rate of one pint of Comite and one pint of cottonseed oil per acre. (The cottonseed oil mixture helps make sure the chemical sticks to the plant.)

"The mixture could become clabbered if not mixed properly," Glodt said. "Make sure you put Comite into the tank first, then add the cottonseed oil and agitate the mixture while adding water."

He uses the ground application rig equipped with hollow cone nozzles which dispense the mixture at 45 to 60 pounds per square inch.

"The high pressure, hollow cone nozzles are vital. Without them you likely won't obtain optimum coverage of the entire portion of the plant being sprayed. This is essential in the banding program."

He points out this form of banding is not simply having one nozzle over a row and spraying the whole plant. Nozzles are on an 18-inch drop tube between each row. Nozzles spray upward on each side of the plant making sure the bottom of the leaf is covered.

Glodt found that not only did the banding keep mite populations down, the Comite application was harmless to beneficial insects which normally cycle just behind mites.

In natural conditions, mite populations are often at or beyond their peak damaging levels during the tasseling stage and before beneficials are able to provide any worthwhile control. When late miticides are applied, there is a strong chance beneficials will be killed along with the mites.

"But with banding, Comite and beneficials work hand-in-hand to control mites," Glodt said. "Mite populations are knocked down considerably at an early stage. The beneficials, again unharmed by the chemical, are able to help keep mite

explosions from occurring before and during the tasseling stage."

Data from tests conducted by Glodt in 1988 are good examples of the effectiveness of Comite and beneficials working together.

A corn field near Olton was banded with Comite on June 10. 80% of the lower half of the leaves had mite webbing prior to banding. Eight days after the application, the mite population was at a rate of 45 per every 40 leaves. Two weeks later the rate was 16 per 40 leaves. About 25 days after treatment it had risen to 146. That's when the beneficials took over.

"On July 16, 36 days after treatment, the population rate was back down to 17 mites per 40 leaves," said Glodt. "Growers who are experienced in dealing with mite populations know that such a decrease can't be attributed to residual miticide. The naturally occurring biological interaction between beneficials and mites, coupled with favorable weather, caused the reduction."

The portion of the field which was untreated had a population of 343 per 40 leaves at the 36-day period. Glodt says Capture, a miticide for which TCGA helped obtain a Section 18 clearance in 1989, also provided satisfactory mite control. Previous tests also have indicated that an experimental biological ABGA-6162 shows promise.

Glodt says it is important for

growers to continue monitoring their fields after banding and if a field is known for heavy mite infestations, additional aerial applications may be required.

"Growers also need to check for hot spots where additional treatment may be needed," he said.

Growers also should avoid irrigating until five to seven days after the banding treatment, Glodt added. He urges farmers to maintain weed-free field margins, which may cause outbreaks of two-spotted mites. Although Comite provides effective control of two-spotted mites, experience indicates that control may be slowed due to late mite migration after Comite has been applied.

Glodt realizes that in some years mite problems may be minimal even with no pesticide treatment, but he also realizes that if mite explosions do occur in July or August, farmers may not have time to obtain control due to EPA red tape. Late-season applications are also more expensive than early-season banding.

"Mites have the ability to significantly reduce yields," Glodt said. "You shouldn't just gamble that you won't have a problem. Like other pest-control measures, there's no guarantee that banding on Comite will work every time, but if you have a reasonable chance to manage a population before it gets out of hand, then you'll spend a lot less money than you will later on."

TCGA meeting set Feb. 6

The Texas Corn Growers' annual meeting will be held Feb. 6 at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

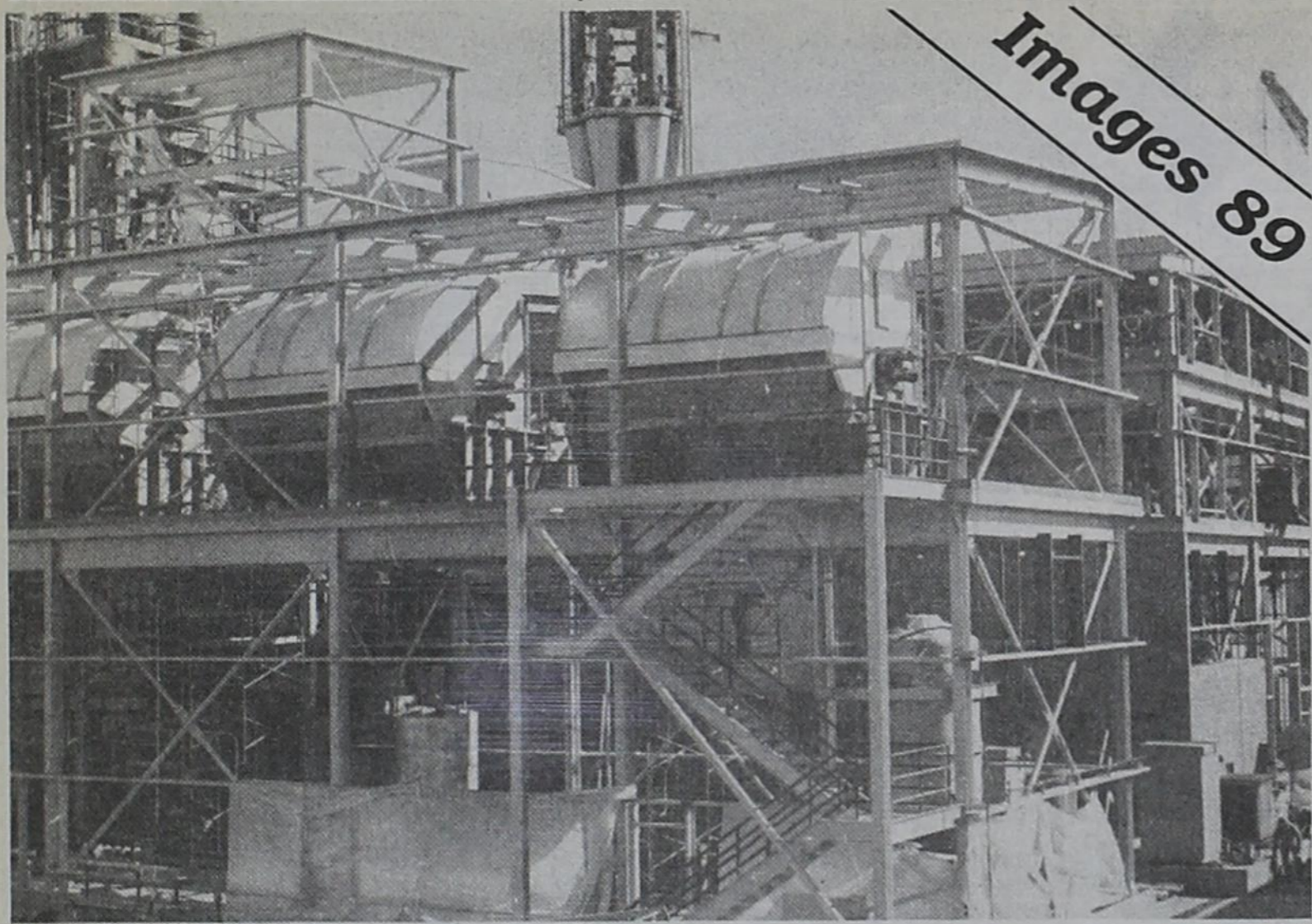
Among the numerous informative speakers scheduled for the meeting is Bob Glodt, a Plainview consulting entomologist whose three years of solid data shows that by banding the lower half of about knee high corn with Comite via a ground rig equipped with high pressure nozzles, you can usually control banks grass mite popula-

tions.

Researchers from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will also discuss new miticide research findings. John Ford, director of ACGA legislative affairs is scheduled to address the controversial GATT talks.

Several key state and federal elected representatives have been invited to the meeting including US Rep. Bill Sarpalis, House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, State Sen. Teel Bivins and State Rep. Pete Laney.

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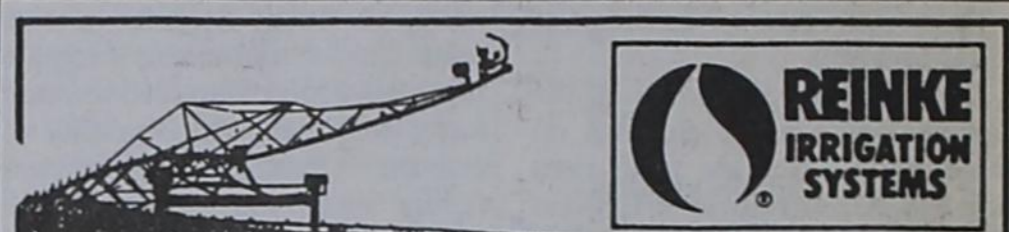
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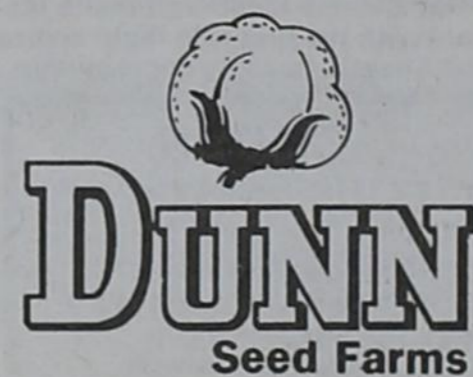
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Family history deadline is set

Feb. 1 is the deadline for those planning to submit a family history or other write-up for inclusion in Vol. II of the Castro County History Book, 1891 to 1991.

The write-ups may be turned in at Cowsert Abstract, Rhoads Memorial Library or the Castro County Historical Museum in Dimmitt or they may be mailed to Castro County History Book, Box 457, Dimmitt, Tex. 79027.

Brochures are available at the above-mentioned locations with advice on what to include in the family history write-ups. The articles can be up to 500 words and may include one photograph free of charge. Additional words will cost 10 cents each and extra photos will cost \$10 each.

"Please remember, when you write your story, to place a cover sheet over it listing the surname of the family and an alphabetical listing of the first name of each person in the family history for indexing purposes," a spokesperson for the project said. "Also, on a separate

sheet of paper, write the caption you would like to be placed under your picture."

Volunteers are still needed to help in collecting the family histories and to encourage individuals and businesses to submit their stories. Emma Jean King is project chairman, and can be contacted at 647-5797.

King said that meetings are being held at the library every Thursday at 2 p.m., weather permitting, for working on the ranching, farming, cattle and other heritage sections to be placed in the book.

"If you know any interesting facts, or would just like to be a part of writing Castro County history, you are welcome to attend," she added.

The book is scheduled for a Christmas 1990 release, with a pre-publication price of \$60, and an after publication price of \$75.

The project is sponsored by the Castro County Historical Commission.

Police Calls

Dimmitt police answered a call at 12:32 a.m. Monday concerning a fight with shots fired in the 600 block of East Andrews. A Dimmitt woman was reportedly beaten by a Hereford woman, and, sometime during the altercation, several shots were fired by an unknown person, according to the police report.

Police said they were told by nurses at Plains Memorial Hospital that the victim had a swollen left eye and numerous cuts and scratches. The incident is still under investigation.

In a separate incident at 10 a.m. Monday, a Dimmitt woman told police that her husband had allegedly kicked her in the face and neck during an argument.

Esmeralda Espinoza of Dimmitt reported to police Sunday that someone had stolen a VCR and a stereo from her home sometime between Friday evening and the time of the report. Espinoza valued the stolen items at \$900. Police reports said that entry was apparently gained by removing a hasp on the front door. Investigation is continuing.

Wade Maynard of Autos Unlimited told police at 8:35 p.m. Monday that a red 1980 Chevrolet Camaro had been taken from his used car lot. He told police the vehicle, which was valued at \$2,500, had been locked and that no one had permission to take it. Maynard said the last time he saw the car was around 4 p.m. Sunday.

Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m., a white Mack truck, driven by Harvey Harlin Dodd, 71, of Dimmitt, struck an unattended pickup parked at Dimmitt Consumers. The pickup, owned by Charles W. Axtell of Dimmitt, sustained light damage to the right back quadrant. The Mack truck, which was attempting to exit the parking area, had light damage, and no injuries were reported.

John Lantz told officers early Dec. 17 that someone had apparently used a vehicle to push over his yard light. Damage to the light was estimated at \$150.

A 26-year-old Hereford man and a 17-year-old Dimmitt youth were both charged with DWI in separate incidents the past week. Each was assessed 15 days in jail and a fine. The Hereford man was also charged with driving without a license.

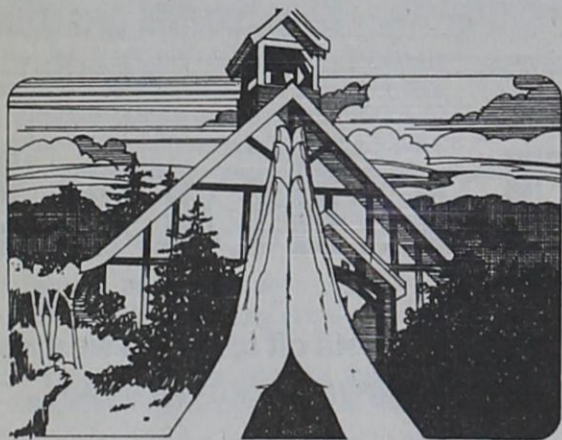
A 25-year-old Dimmitt man was ordered to serve 72 hours in jail and to pay fines on charges of DWI and driving without a license in an incident that happened Monday night.

A 30-year-old Hale Center man was charged in county court Tuesday for driving with license suspended and for speeding.

Three other cases of DWI were handled on Christmas Eve. Also, a case of public intoxication and one of driving without a license and without insurance were reported in the past week.



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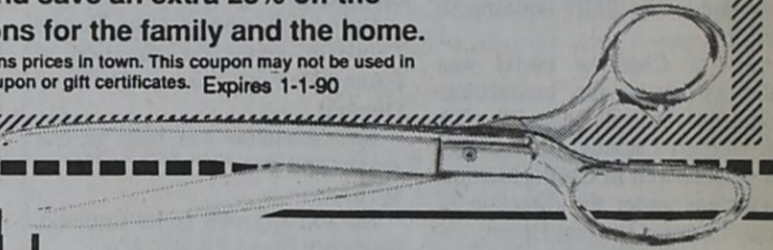
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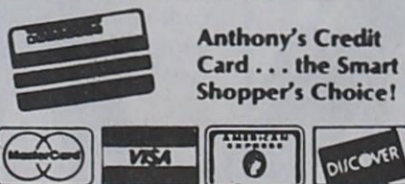
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