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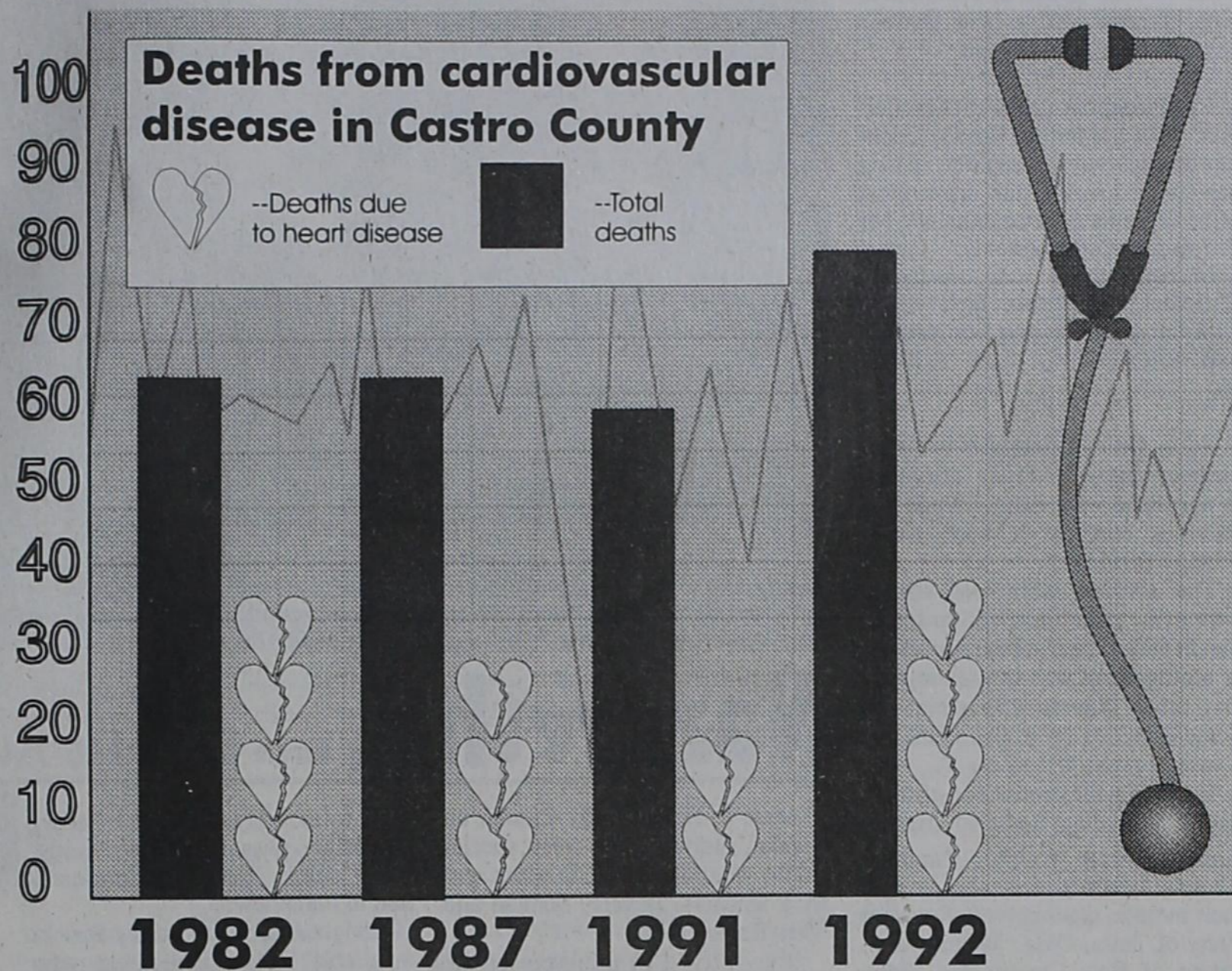
Heart deaths up in county

Castro County's death rate climbed significantly in 1992, and so did the number of deaths from heart attacks and cardiovascular disease.

The latest statistics from the American Heart Association, released by AHA last week, show that 38 of 76 deaths in the county in 1992 were from cardiovascular disease. The 50% rate is higher than the 41% statewide.

The 50% rate is also higher than the percentage in 1981, and from 5 and 10 years ago. According to AHA statistics, only 33% (19 of 57) of all deaths here in 1991 were from heart disease. In 1987, 40% (59 of 145) were from cardiovascular illness. The 1982 stats show 30 of 62 (48%) deaths were from heart disease.

Cardiovascular disease is still the state's top killer, claiming the lives of 52,846 Texans in 1992; cancer was second, killing 29,995; accidents were third, 5,987; and 2,382 died from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and related illness.



Clerk wants to avoid repeat of violations in April runoff election

Dozens of county voters may have violated election laws in the recent primary election, and County-District Clerk Joy Jones is trying to head off more violations of the Texas Election Code.

Several races are to be decided in a runoff election April 12 (early voting is April 4-8). Only persons who voted in the Democratic primary or who did not vote at all in the primary election are eligible to vote in the Democratic runoff. For the Republican runoff, only persons who voted in the Republican primary, or did not vote at all, may vote in the GOP runoff.

Jones said there were several blatant violations of the Election Code.

"There have been people who have signed petitions for Robert Hawkins and Wayne Collins petitions who have voted in the Democratic Primary," Jones said. "We can cross-check those petition signings and primary poll lists now, and those are clear violations."

"It went the other way, too. There were people who signed petitions for Democratic candidates, who voted in the Republican primary. There are people who are guilty on both sides."

The violations came despite warnings that were printed in the *News* telling persons who signed a petition for a candidate that they were bound to vote in that candidate's primary. The exact wording in the Texas Election Code says:

On signing a petition to be filed under Section 172.021, the signer becomes ineligible to vote in a

primary election or participate in a convention of another political party during the voting year in which the primary election is held.

"We had some persons who denied signing petitions who voted in a primary they shouldn't have voted in," Jones said.

According to the Election Code, a person commits a third-degree felony if one "votes or attempts to vote in an election in which the person knows he is not eligible to vote."

Illegally voting can bring a prison term of 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. Even an attempt to vote illegally, in a party primary or runoff in which a person is not eligible, can bring a conviction on a Class A misdemeanor. The punishment for that can be a fine of up to \$4,000 and up to a year in jail.

Jones said several persons told her they had been "pressured into signing petitions," and told of petitions presented at places of work and churches in the county by candidates and volunteers from both parties.

Jones also dismissed criticism of her office for allowing deputy clerks Joyce Thomas and Betty Rickert to work on elections. The two will meet in the Democratic runoff after finishing first and second, respectively, in the party primary.

"Joyce and Betty are deputies and are required to do what I ask them to do," Jones said. "We can't have people in there on election night who don't know what they are doing."



THE COMING OF SPRING brings smiles to the faces of children everywhere and this trio from Pybus Pre-School are enjoying the warm temperatures by examining yard decorations at their school Monday morning. Pictured from left are Anna Brockman, Cameron Cluck and Mark Sheffy. The

high temperature Monday was 69 degrees, and that was the lowest high posted for the week. The mercury shot up to 82 degrees last Thursday when youngsters were enjoying their spring break holiday.

Photo by Anne Acker

Spring

Recordings are made daily at 7 a.m. for the preceding 24 hours at KDHN, official recording station for the National Weather Service.

	Hi	Low
Thursday	78	36
Friday	82	39
Saturday	76	39
Sunday	79	46
Monday	74	31
Tuesday	69	32
Wednesday	78	37
March precipitation	.51	
1994 precipitation	.86	

Shut up and deal

Casino Night is Saturday

If you're ready for springtime and fun, you should make plans to attend the Chamber of Commerce's casino fun night on Saturday.

The casino night will be held in conjunction with the chamber's "Spring Win" promotion, which stresses the benefits of shopping at home.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the event and it will continue until 11 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Tickets for casino night will be \$15 per person and will entitle the holder to admission, \$500 worth of fun chips and a food buffet. Tickets purchased in advance will be worth an extra \$50 in fun chips. Local merchants will be giving out bonus chip coupons to persons who ask for them when doing business around town today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday. Businesses offering the coupons will display a bright sign on their door.

Players may use their fun chips to bet on games such as blackjack, bingo, craps and over-under. The chips will have no cash value and

must be turned in at the end of the evening. Those holding chips at 11 may use them to bid on auction items which have been donated by local merchants.

Door prizes will be awarded and a special silent auction will be held on selected items including an autographed Michael Jordan basketball.

Some of the prizes on the auction will be gift certificates, designer clothes and accessories, beef certificates, business services (such as a full year of pet check-ups and shots), a trip to see a Texas Rangers baseball game, dinner for two at several different restaurants, private golf lessons and much more. The grand finale of the evening will be the auction for the big prize—a weekend for two at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, N.M., a prize worth \$400 which was donated by Dimmitt Agri Industries.

Several people have volunteered to help with the event, manning the door, food, dealing and much more.

Kelly Proffitt is the "pit boss" and Layne Myatt is in charge of

rounding up dealers and game leaders. Mary Lou Schmucker is chairman of the buffet and she is receiving help from Walt Hansen and Doug Pybus at IGA Foodliner and Dimmitt Thriftway as well as other volunteers. Greg Odom has agreed



to serve as auctioneer. Those serving on the steering committee are Henry Ramaekers, Avery Thrasher, Mickey Bishop and Bill Sanders. They will collect prizes and a lot more.

If you have not been contacted, but would like to help, call the chamber at 647-2524.

City buys new trackloader, looks at improvements

Monday night, the Dimmitt City Council voted unanimously to purchase a new Caterpillar track loader for \$103,214 from West Texas Equipment Co. in Amarillo.

The price includes trade-in allowance for the city's old track loader. The machine is used at the city landfill. A representative of West Texas Equipment Co. told the council that the city could purchase the track loader on a five-year pay-out plan. No payment will be required until one year after delivery. He said the interest rate on the pay-out would be 5.5%, allowing for five yearly payments of \$24,194.

The only other bid received was for \$122,000 from Yellowhouse Machinery of Lubbock for a John Deere crawler-loader, including trade-in allowance.

In other business, the council tabled any action on an ordinance regulating "peddlers" in the city limits. City Attorney Jack Edwards said he could not find any ordinances relating to peddlers, although Councilman Don Sheffy said he thought one had been passed a few years ago.

The council instructed Edwards to research the matter and bring a report at the next meeting of the council.

City Works Dept. head James Killough told the council that Da-

Three hurt in Friday wreck

Three accidents in Castro County and a fourth just over the county line south in Lamb County kept Dept. of Public Safety troopers busy over the weekend.

On Friday afternoon, two Ford pickups collided at the intersection of State Highway 86 and County Road

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vid Bone of American Maize-Products Co. had asked him about putting concrete in two intersections leading to the plant. There is a concentration of truck traffic in the intersections and the street is difficult to maintain.

Mayor Wayne Collins read two estimates from Dimmitt Ready Mix for the work at two different spots—one for \$16,638 and one for \$4,788. The council authorized Collins to negotiate with American Maize-Products on the project.

At a council meeting in February, Elmer Berryhill expressed concern about the condition of the city parks. He asked why the city is spending money on a new park (the playa lake park on the by-pass road) when the old parks need a lot of work. The council asked Killough and Burrous to look into fixing up the old parks and report back to the council.

Monday night, Burrous said city workers have been repairing the swings. However, Burrous said the city might want to do away with the swings completely, because of the liability they might represent.

Edwards said that the city would be liable only if the city were negligent.

Edwards said it could be consi-

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ACCIDENT SCENE — A two-vehicle accident Friday afternoon between Dimmitt and Nazareth sent three people to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt with possible injuries. A 1992 Ford F-150 Custom pickup driven by Svaantje Lilley of Nazareth (pictured left background) was traveling north on a county road. Mrs. Lilley's vehicle ran a stop sign at the intersection with Highway 86 and

collided with a 1987 Ford F-150 XLT pickup driven by Urban Ball of Nazareth. Mrs. Lilley and her two children, Kean and Kevin, were treated and released from Plains Memorial. Ball and a passenger in his pickup, Sid Gerber of Levelland, were not injured.

Photo by Anne Acker

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Jeremy Langford came home for Spring Break and he was accompanied by a friend, Dana Dickey of Midlothian. Jeremy is in school at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches.

Several co-op board members went to Corpus Christi for the annual Texas Agriculture Cooperative Council. Those from this area attending were Don and Paula Graham, Lance and Terri Louder and family, Mack Steffy, Larry Robb, Robert Boozer, Vincent and Toby Gerber, Ricky Mitchell and family, all representing Dimmitt Agri Industries; Carl and Jo Parks and Laura and Randy Small representing Castro Co-Op Gin; and the Emmett Heard family, Kim and Christina Acker, James and Dorene Collins, Rodney and Sara Hunter and Danny and Shelly Rice, all representing Dimmitt Consumers. They enjoyed good meetings, good food and good rain every day.

Helene McFarland of Arney celebrated her 75th birthday party on Sunday in her home at Windy Acres. Many friends and family members came for the event, which was sponsored by her children. Helene is an artist, a builder, pig farmer and a former Castro County Republican Chairman. Those from Dimmitt attending were Aural Davis, Tina Rawlings, Carolyn Jones, Deanne Clark and Charles and Opha Burks. Other local residents attending were Rachel Hunter, Irene Wilhelm and Aurelia Schoenenberger.

Vickie Smithson's grandparents, the Robinsons, were visiting in the Methodist Church Sunday along with the Sammanns' grandchild, Heath Wing of Ralls. The Johnny Robertsons had Kathy's sister and family visiting with them last week.

Margaret Parsons, Janet Hand, Doricel Davis and Janice Richards of Bovina went to Breckenridge for a tennis outing. Doricel visited her sister, Rochelle Oldham, on the way. Jane O'Kelley of Abilene also joined the group.

The Greg Sides family went to

Georgetown to fish with Kim and Ed Watson and their family over spring break.

Andrew Ortiz of Denver, Colo., grandson of Ed and Betty Freeman, is spending his spring break in Dimmitt. He flew into Amarillo on Saturday.

Robert and Norma Smith and daughter, Jill, were guests of the Richard Polansky family of Round Rock last weekend. They attended the Ferris and Plainview High School games at the state basketball tournament in Austin.

Jill received her master of science degree in mathematical statistics from Texas Tech University in December and she is teaching in the Ferris Independent School District. She lives in Waxahachie.

John and Kelli Smith are teaching in Plainview ISD and John is one of the basketball coaches.

The Ferris team won the Class AAA state title and Plainview won the Class AAAA crown.

Andrew Acker of Argyle, son of Arnold and Sharon Acker, spent spring break visiting his grandparents, Rose Acker and Jack and Doris Flynt, in Dimmitt.

On Thursday, Rose invited Mackenzie of Amarillo, granddaughter of Lorann Hamilton, and Rosetta Bellinghausen over for lunch. They had fun making spaghetti in her pasta machine, then enjoyed a delicious spaghetti lunch.

Arnold and Sharon Acker went to the Caribbean to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Barbara Schilling and Angie and Joe Acevedo went to Dallas to visit relatives during spring break.

The Allison's, Tonya, Amber, Jeremy, Weldon and Marissa, visited with relatives in San Angelo on spring break.

Emily Clingsmith was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club which met at the Senior Citizens Center and she served a delicious chocolate cake. Ina Rae Cates won high score and Edith Graef was second. Others playing were Bobby George, Bernice Hill, Lorann Hamilton, Dude McLauren, Susie Reeves, Helen Braafladt, Ferne Dickey, Johnnie Vannoy, Dugan Butler, Cleo Forson, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Louise Mears and Alma Kenmore.

Charlene Phillips of Clovis, N.M. has been staying with her mother, Edith Graef, for a few days.

Ysleta Ball gave the devotional at Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning. Her subject was "Overcoming Limitations."

Renise Blair sang several choruses including *O, Lord We Praise Your Name, I Came To Glorify His Name, and Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know*. Others singing were Gertie Waggoner, Irene Carpenter, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix. We all missed visiting with Becky Bridges, who was in the hospital.

Jack Hodges of Panhandle came by for a short visit with his mother-in-law, Beral Hance, at Canterbury Villa.

Trudy Tidwell of Canton was a guest in the home of Alan and Elaine Steinle during spring break.

They were good friends with the Steinles when they were in Canton for two years.

Kris and Teri Dowell and their children were guests in the home of Kris' parents, Bryce and Darlene Dowell, over the weekend.

Ruth Cochran drove to Texarkana to visit her father, Horace Cochran and his wife, Margaret, during her spring break. Ruth spent most of her time in the hospital since her dad was taking treatments.

Maxine Myers rode as far as Childress with Ruth, then stayed with her aunt, Martha Lou McKee until Ruth returned from Texarkana.

Edith Graef celebrated her 80th birthday party Saturday afternoon in her home with many friends and relatives coming to wish her a "Happy Birthday."

The serving table was loaded with many delicious pick-up foods, punch and coffee. A beautiful flower arrangement was the centerpiece and other flowers throughout the home included an azalea plant and a vase of pretty red roses.

I visited with several out-of-town people including Susie Phillips of Amarillo; Reta Welch's daughter, Rhonda; the Ivey girls who brought their mother, Connie Ivey; RaeNeal Perry of Tulsa, Okla.; Wilton Armstrong of Hale Center; and Zetha Blackburn of Dimmitt.

Little Alyson Smith of Amarillo celebrated her second birthday Saturday in the home of her parents, Doug and Debbie Smith. Her grandparents, Bobby and Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt and Doug's parents, the Smiths of Kansas, were there to enjoy the party. Alyson called me from Amarillo to thank me for the gift I gave her for her birthday.

Scott and Carol Bagwell and children of Lubbock spent the weekend with Milton and Sandra Bagwell and grandparents, Ivor and Hazel Bagwell.

Paul and Barbara Kenley and daughter, Nikki, drove to the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and the Petrified Forest while Nikki was on her spring break from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Bro. Paul reported they had a good time and it didn't even sprinkle on them while they were traveling, so it is dry out there, too.

William and Rosetta-Bellinghausen celebrated their wedding anniversary over the weekend. They went to Hereford and ate at Sirloin Stockade. Helping them celebrate were Charles and Rona Richard, Vernice and Laurence Green and Andy and Oleda Schumacher. Others joining in the celebration were Leander and Clara Reinhart, Edna Reinart and June Koelzer of Hereford.

Bill and Shirley Newland went to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Mike Kiddy in Arlington during spring break.

Tonya Newland joined them after a brief mission trip with Howard Payne students to El Paso.

The mission group helped paint churches in the area.

Kim is an elementary music teacher in Arlington and Tonya is a social work major at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.



PACK CHAMPIONS in the Nazareth Pinewood Derby Race, which was held recently, were (from left) Shane Kleman, third; Brett Hoelting, second; and Ben Irlbeck, first. The youngsters raced the

wooden cars they made first by dens. The first three finishers in each den advanced to the pack run-off and this trio won. *Courtesy Photo*

Nazareth

By Ulrgle Gerber, 945-2669

Mass in Holy Family Church on Sunday morning was very special to the sixth-grade CCD class and their teachers, Beverly Schulte and Vera Ramaekers.

They served as ministers of the mass, working as readers, hospitality, servers and presenting the offertory gifts.

Father Neal Dee gave them special recognition and also recognized the CYO choir and their director, Greg Birkenfeld.

Father Neal Dee and May Hochstein attended a symposium last Friday and Saturday at the DeFalco Retreat Center of Father Patrick Sena.

His topic, the Book of Revelation, aimed at helping teachers of the Word with good and useful information. Father Neal shared some of his learning with us Sunday morning in his homily.

A large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the NHS Drama Club's presentation of its ULL One-Act Play, "Where the Lilies Bloom" Sunday afternoon at the school cafeteria.

Prior to the play, a Mexican stack-up dinner was served to many. Good luck in your district presentation in Plainview.

Congratulations to Lesley Brockman and Cassie Birkenfeld who participated in the Knights of Columbus free throw contest in Austin this past weekend at St. Edward's University.

Cassie Birkenfeld won the 11-year-old division by making 21 of 25 free throws. She will compete at the national level at a later date. Ralph and Sharon Brockman and members of their family drove to Austin for the contest. Cassie's mother, Peggy Birkenfeld, and her grandparents, George and Rita Book of Lake Buchanan, Tony and Erlene Fritz and family of Temple, and Mark and Vera Hoelting and their family of Greenville all met in Austin for the contest and later enjoyed a great little family reunion.

Alvina Gerber and Lawrence Schmucker spent a few days in Fort Worth with their sister, Hilda Duer,

who is being treated for pneumonia in the hospital. She is doing well.

Prayers are asked for Lucy Leinen, who is a patient in Plainview's Methodist Hospital. We wish her well.

Ray and Mattie Swirczynski enjoyed having company over the weekend of March 11 and 12, including Mattie's daughter, Susan, her husband, Dale Herring and her children, John and Erin of Oklahoma City. Because of the rain they enjoyed a lot of visiting and the pleasure of eating out at night.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and Max Acker enjoyed a drive Sunday to Knox City to visit with their brother, Paul Pohlmeier on his 80th birthday. Paul is a resident of the Brazos Valley Nursing Home.

Classifieds gets results!

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We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the **CASTRO COUNTY NEWS**.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the *Castro County News* office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

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:
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LEADER OF THE PACK—Dimmitt's Kim Thomas, center, blew away the field in the first heat Saturday morning in the 400 meter preliminaries at the

Chieftain Relays in Friona. Thomas won the event by almost a full second Saturday afternoon.

Photo by John Brooks

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden,

Another car accident Saturday morning before 7 required the ambulance and fire trucks.

The wreck was just across the Lamb County line.

A van had suffered two blow outs and was parked in the west bar ditch.

The driver of a red pickup traveling from south to north fell asleep at the wheel. The vehicle crossed the road and hit the van head on with enough speed that the van and surrounding grass at Cecil Curtis'

tailwater pit caught on fire. Both men were injured and a helicopter was called to transport one to an out-of-town hospital. The other man was treated at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Emma Jean King hosted the Birthday Club last Thursday to honor Leona Blanton of Lubbock on her birthday. The group enjoyed lunch together at noon, then visited and played "42" the rest of the time. Those present were Mattie Axtell and Beatrice Shirey of Earth,

Leona Blanton of Lubbock, Nelda Curtis, Frances Duke, Bess Bills, Verba Sadler, Willie Mae Sadler and the hostess, Emma Jean King. Teeny Bowden went for awhile to visit with Leona Blanton.

Emma Jean and Billie King visited in Amarillo Saturday with Francis and Mary King. Billy and Francis attended a gun show.

Billie and Emma Jean King's grandchildren, Brandy, Brian and Brett Sutton of El Paso were expected to arrive Monday to spend spring break with their grandparents.

Westex FLBA represented at annual meeting

Several directors and staff members of Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt were among the 700 persons at the Farm Credit Bank of Texas 1994 annual meeting last week for FLBAs.

The annual stockholder's event was held in Austin. Local directors and staff who attended were John Morris of Dimmitt, Westex president; David Horn and Dale Swinburn of Tulia; Tim Wilhelm of Nazareth; and Roy Carlson and George Turrentine of Hereford.

Dr. Ray Perryman, Texas economist and author, discussed the farm economy in his March 18 address. The meeting also featured William Perry Pendley, president and chief legal officer of Mountain States Legal Foundation in Denver, who spoke on private property rights. Bank Chief Executive Officer Arnold Henson told delegates that the district continued to experience improved operating results in each of its financial key result areas. Loans in the FCBT at year-end were \$3.6 billion and total capital improved to \$797 million.

Westex FLBA has \$57 million in long-term agricultural and rural home loans outstanding to 774 farmers in three counties. Offices are in Dimmitt, Tulia and Hereford.

Road work will alter traffic

Construction work to place a drop inlet on US 385 near its junction with Third Street in Dimmitt will begin Monday and north and south bound traffic will be restricted to two lanes during construction.

It will be necessary to close the mouth of the intersection of Third Street on the eastern side of US 385 during construction; however, traffic using Third Street will have access to US 385 by using a short portion of Grant Street west to its intersection with US 385, according to Highway Dept. officials.

A targeted completion date for the construction is 30 working days from Monday.

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For further information regarding application and admission requirements, call 806-656-2599.

Applications are being accepted now. Selected candidates will begin formal training in June.

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Rodriguez is awarded two grants

Eliza Ortiz Rodriguez, daughter of Natividad and Olivia Ortiz of Dimmitt, has been awarded two grants from the Junior League of Dallas.

The \$1,000 grants will be used for Rodriguez' "creative and innovative ideas in teaching."

Rodriguez, who has taught for 14 years, is currently teaching pre-kindergarten in the Dallas Independent School District.

She has received the Lions Club Teacher of the Year and Dallas ISD Teacher of the Year awards.

She is a 1975 graduate of Dimmitt High School and she is married to Rocky Rodriguez of Hereford. The couple has three children.

Playa meeting scheduled in May

The first Playa Lake Symposium is planned May 18-20 in Lubbock.

Playas have been termed "the High Plains area's most underutilized natural resource." The conference will feature several speakers who are experts on use of playas and underground water.

The conference is being sponsored by Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, US Dept. of Agriculture-Soil Conservation Service, Texas Dept. of Agriculture and Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

Speakers will focus on recharging the Ogallala Aquifer through playas.

4-H'ers earn Houston honors

Several Castro County 4-H'ers returned from the Houston Livestock Show with placings in various divisions.

County competitors were topped by Beau Hill and Jana Nelson (story was in last week's News). Also earning placings were:

Jason Wooten, sixth place lightweight cross barrow; Derek Buckley, fourth place mediumweight Poland barrow; Colby McDaniel, 19th place heavyweight Duroc barrow; Matthew Wright, 22nd place heavyweight cross barrow;

Also, Carol Summers, seventh place lightweight polled Hereford steer; Tawnee Matthews, fourth place mediumweight Santa Gertrudis steer; Taylor Matthews, seventh place light weight all other breeds steer; Tye Baca, eighth place mediumweight Chianina steer; Steve Steffey, ninth place heavyweight Hereford steer.

Others representing 4-H at Houston were Carla Petty, Wesley Wright, Jacy Buckley, Caitlin Buckley, Coby Summers, Summer McLean, Chad Rogers, Dagon Newton, Robin Schulte, Aaron Kern and Matthew Kern.

Reports have not been turned in from Dimmitt FFA despite a request for the results.

Cotton meeting set for Lubbock

The largest gathering of Texas cotton industry associates will be at the 87th annual Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) Convention and Trade Show, April 8-9 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The show's theme, "Technology: Key to Advancement into the 21st Century," will be prevalent in the exhibit hall. Over 175 exhibitors will be at the trade show with the latest technology in the cotton industry. About 5,000 people are expected to attend.

"This was a good year for cotton production in Texas," said Tony Williams, executive vice president of TCGA. "This year's trade show will promote this and the technology available for future years."

The show officially opens at 9 a.m. April 8 and will run through the evening of April 9 with a closing awards banquet. The banquet will salute the past officers and welcome the new officers into the role of leaders in the cotton industry. The agenda includes a tour of Lubbock, the 22nd annual Natural Fibers Fashion Design Competition, and a workshop on tax exemptions for cotton gins.

I want to express my appreciation for the support and confidence you have shown me, by voting for me in the Democrat Primary. I ask for your continued support and confidence in the run-off, April 12, 1994.

Sincerely,
Betty Rickert

Political advertisement paid by friends of Betty Rickert

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SEVEN X CATTLE FEEDERS, INC. has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 23979 to construct a **Cattle Feedlot** in Summerfield, Castro County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 2 miles south on FM 1057 and 1 mile east on County Road 604 from Summerfield, at the intersection of County Road 604 and County Road 503. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on March 17 and March 24, 1994.

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The GI Bill

American success story

This is the 50th anniversary of one of the most successful programs ever enacted by our federal government.

In the statute books, it's officially logged as Public Law 346, 78th Congress.

By title, it was called the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

But all of us know it by its popular name—the GI Bill of Rights.

Signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1944, the GI Bill provided four major types of assistance to veterans of World War II: (1) education and vocational training; (2) guaranty of mortgage, business and farm loans; (3) unemployment allowances, including aid for the self-employed; and (4) job counseling and employment placement.

It was those first two provisions that were to change the face of America.

The GI Bill stipulated that veterans of World War II could attend any college or university that would accept them, and the federal government would pay the bill—up to \$500 a year for tuition, books, fees, etc., plus \$75 to \$120 per month subsistence allowance for the veteran and his family if he was a full-time college student.

It was enough, in those days, to enable a veteran to get a college degree if he wanted one. And many veterans who had never given college a thought in their younger years decided they wanted it. They had done their duty to their country during the war, and now they would do their duty to themselves to secure their future.

Enrollment at most colleges and universities skyrocketed as the veterans marched into the classroom. Many were newly married and needed more than a dormitory room, so low-rent housing projects (usually quonset-hut villages) sprang up around most campuses to handle the surge of this new breed of college men.

While changing the face of college campuses, these regiments of young veterans also changed the character of the American college student.

The traditional "Joe College" suddenly found himself in competition on the grade curve with a new breed of student—an older, serious, focused learner with a wife and maybe a baby or two, who knew why he was there, and who was determined to get the most out of this opportunity.

In answer to most colleges' "fraternity rows," the veterans even formed their own loose-knit Greek-letter organization — Chi Gamma Iota (XGI). It was more of a light-hearted social group than anything, but it also had political clout on campus when clout was needed.

After completing college, most of these veterans availed themselves of the second provision of the GI Bill—a government-insured mortgage guaranty. They took out "VA Loans" for new homes, or new businesses, or farms, or machinery. It was a step-up opportunity to a standard of living that many hadn't even dreamed of while they were fighting in the islands of the Pacific or among the hedge rows of Europe.

The GI Bill initiated a chain reaction of success: Higher educational levels resulted in better jobs, which meant higher incomes, which spurred the sale of more new homes and cars and appliances, which in turn expanded the economy and created new jobs, and led to a higher quality of life.

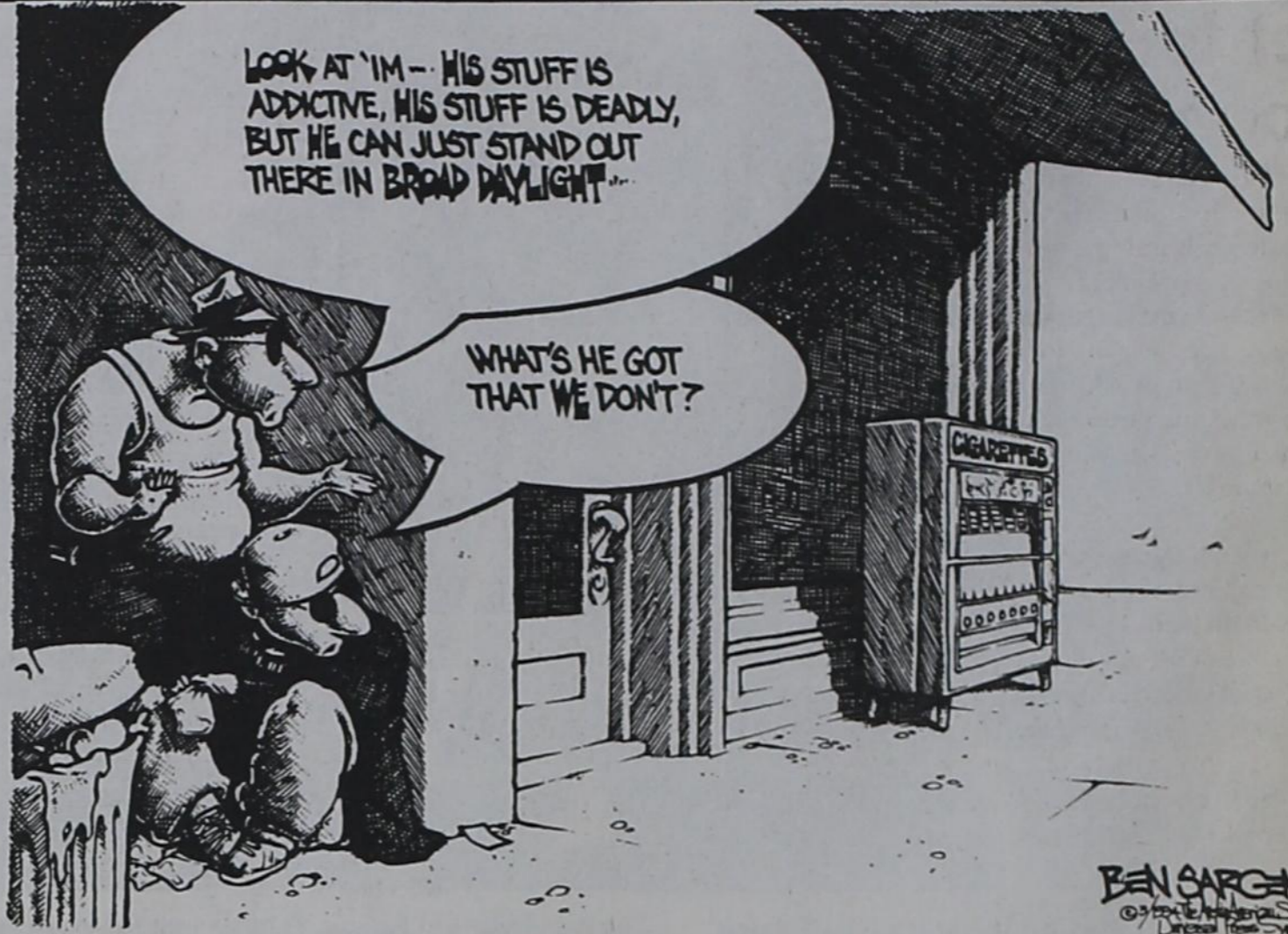
That's the major success story of the GI Bill. But there's another success story there, too: The veterans paid it all back, and then some.

Those higher incomes for the better-educated veterans meant more tax income for the federal government. In the long run, the additional income taxes paid by GI Bill beneficiaries well exceeded the program's cost.

And how many federal assistance programs accomplish that?

Further generations of Americans are still realizing benefits from the GI Bill.

It was a great program — well-intentioned, well-deserved and well-rewarded. And its golden anniversary is well worth celebrating. —dn



Letter

Voters commended

Dear Editor:

It's a good time to say a word of appreciation to the voters of this county who followed the letter of the law, especially when they were torn between the two parties this time.

Petition signers were to sign petitions only in one party, and were to vote only in that party, and yet, some voters signed in one party and voted in the other (both Republican and Democrat).

It was a temptation, and yet some didn't vote rather than break the law. (A few signed petitions in both primaries) and some couples split their votes between the two parties, which is a healthy sign of independence.

There could be a heavy fine and misdemeanor charges could be filed for those breaking the law, but the prosecution would need to be

assured.

In close elections, the losing candidate would consider filing. Who knows whether the outcome would be different if all laws had been followed.

Voters who braved the bad weather also are to be commended. This voting privilege is precious and early voting is designed for just such a day as we had. A few brave souls even made their precinct conventions.

The rule for the April 12 runoff is this: It is not necessary for a registered voter to have participated in the March 8 primary to vote in the April 12 runoff; however, anyone who did vote in the March 8 primary of one party may not vote in the runoff of an opposing party.

Local candidates in the runoff hope that rule is kept. DEANNE CLARK

Letter

Student wants Dimmitt info

Dear Editor:

I am a fourth-grade student. We are studying the United States of America.

I would like to receive information and postcards about Dimmitt, Texas, from your readers.

Please print my letter so your readers can help me with this project. They may send information and postcards to Devin Doyle, Sallie Zoll School, 200 East Mary Street, Lansing, Kan., 66043.

Thank you for your time and newspaper space. DEVIN DOYLE

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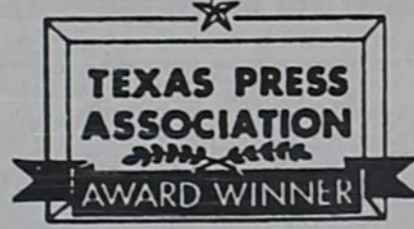
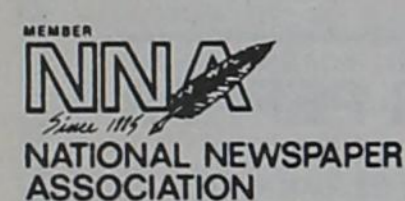
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Last Puzzle Solution

ACROSS

- 1 film "Viva Zapata" was shot in this Starr Co. town
- 5 OK healer Roberts
- 6 located on border of Rains & Wood Cos.
- 7 "Giant" star James
- 8 Monahans' dunes: _____ Park
- 18 TXism: "_____ slinger" (writer)
- 19 TX Bush continued Reagan's Strategic Defense _____
- 21 Cowboys linebacker Darrin (init.)
- 22 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby Don't Get Hooked _____"
- 23 "Dallas" exterior _____ were shot at Southfork
- 24 Spanish "por favor"
- 29 TXism: "running _____" (spouse)
- 30 TXism: "hit me like _____ of bricks"
- 31 Dr. Pepper rival
- 32 Itasca's mascot
- 34 Ed _____ was in "Daniel Boone" with TX Fess Parker
- 35 Gov. O'Daniel (init.)
- 36 what Texans do with watermelon seeds (2 wds.)
- 37 TX Deutschedorf film: "_____face"
- 38 TXism: "it's hard to _____ with the eagles when you work with turkeys"
- 39 arrival guess

DOWN

- 1 Texans buy & sell fruit at this (2 wds.)
- 2 TX Horton's "Battle of New _____"
- 3 in Kaufman Co. on 175
- 4 TXism: "does _____ office business"
- 9 TX Heloise gives these in column
- 10 TX Gary Morris' "The Love She Found _____"
- 11 TXism: "let sleeping dogs _____"
- 12 _____ Gov. Bullock
- 13 TXism: "like kissing your _____" (tie)
- 14 folded tortillas
- 15 _____ gallon hat
- 16 TXism: "_____horn" (amateur)
- 17 TXism: "best I _____ eyes on"
- 20 dates
- 22 hot breakfast food or former TX town these in column
- 24 song writer Williams (init.)
- 25 TX Perrine was a _____ Vegas showgirl
- 26 Gov. Pease (init.)
- 27 TXism: "just down the road _____"
- 35 TXism: "_____ to a frazzle" (tired)
- 37 summer head wear in Texas (2 wds.)
- 38 Rice is called "The Harvard of the _____"
- 41 TXism: "go at full _____" (go fast)
- 42 assortment of type
- 45 Lady Bird's relationship to LBJ
- 48 home of Sul Ross Univ. in Brewster Co. former small town south of Texarkana on hwy. 59

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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

By DON TAYLOR

An attitude adjustment

If you think you are beaten, you are, If you think you dare not, you don't. If you like to win, but you think you can't, It is almost certain you won't. If you think you'll lose, you're lost For out of the world we find, Success begins with a fellow's will... It's all in the state of mind.

—Author unknown

In the last six years, I have worked with hundreds of troubled businesses. Some owners are able to weather the adversity and return to profitability, while others fail. One key difference I've observed is their attitudes.

When the attitude is positive, there is hope. However, when the owner's attitude becomes negative, the end is near. Without an attitude adjustment, the business will fail.

By definition, attitude is the state of mind with which we approach a given situation. Our attitude dictates how we feel,

how we look and what we do. In business, our attitude establishes the way we deal with our customers, fellow workers and even affects the tasks we attempt to accomplish.

Success over adversity

Doug Johnson, manger of the Office Furniture Outlet in Amarillo, knows the value of keeping a good attitude. When a national discounter moved in less than a block away, Johnson could have been discouraged. Instead, he looked on the bright side.

"They'll make us run a better store," he said of his new competitor. "We'll have to work harder to please our customers." Johnson has worked harder, and the business is doing well. Attitude makes the difference.

Stan Greil agrees. Greil is the city manager in Yukon, Okla. He has observed the attitudes of entrepreneurs in several cities.

"I deal with business and community leaders every day," says Greil. "Without a doubt, the ones with the most enthusiasm and the best attitudes are the most

successful. A great attitude will take you to the top."

Attitude is a habit

Developing a positive attitude is not a one-time enlightenment. Attitude is a habit of thought. You can develop a positive attitude by focusing on the results you want. Then, your attitude will change to meet your expectations.

Good habits require time to develop. For example, establishing proper work habits may take several weeks. Begin by arriving at work on time and doing the most important tasks first. Take pride in everything you do. Even if no one else notices, you will receive great personal satisfaction from a job well done. Your attitude will change.

Respect and consideration for others also plays a key role in your on-the-job attitude. Make sure others get credit for their work. Pitch in and help whenever you can. What goes around comes around, and you may need help the next time.

Be enthusiastic, because enthusiasm fuels progress. It also fuels your attitude.

Since attitude is a habit of thought, have enthusiastic thoughts. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm."

It also takes a good attitude to overcome adversity. Dr. Robert Schuller said, "Tough times never last, but tough people do." Schuller was talking about an attitude adjustment when he made this world-famous statement. His words later became the title and topic of a best-selling book.

If you concentrate on developing the habit of positive thinking, then what Schuller says will work for you. When tough times come, you will have a reserve of willingness to tackle the problem and the faith to conquer the adversity. Your good attitude will carry you through.

Proverbs 23:7 says, "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Begin now to develop the right attitude, and you will find life more meaningful, business more rewarding and the future more exciting.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo 79105.

ABI Agriculture Business Industry

Net farm income up

Net farm income rose to \$48.6 million in the US in 1992, according to statistics released this week by the US Dept. of Agriculture.

That's the highest net farm income has ever been since 1950, when USDA began measuring the statistic. Net farm income measures the value of agricultural production during the calendar year.

The second-highest year was 1989, at 46.9 million; 1990 was third-best, at \$46.48 million. Net farm income slid in 1992 to \$40 million.

The statistical analysis by USDA shows what most producers (and business people in farm communities) knew: farm income was pretty good in the late 1970s, then plunged in the 1980s.

Net farm income was as high as \$34.3 million in 1973, and had been recovered up to \$27 million in 1979. Then the bottom fell out, down to \$16.1 million in 1980, then dipped to \$14.25 million in 1983. That was the lowest figures since the pre-inflationary days of 1968.

The government stats show that

Net farm income: yields are higher

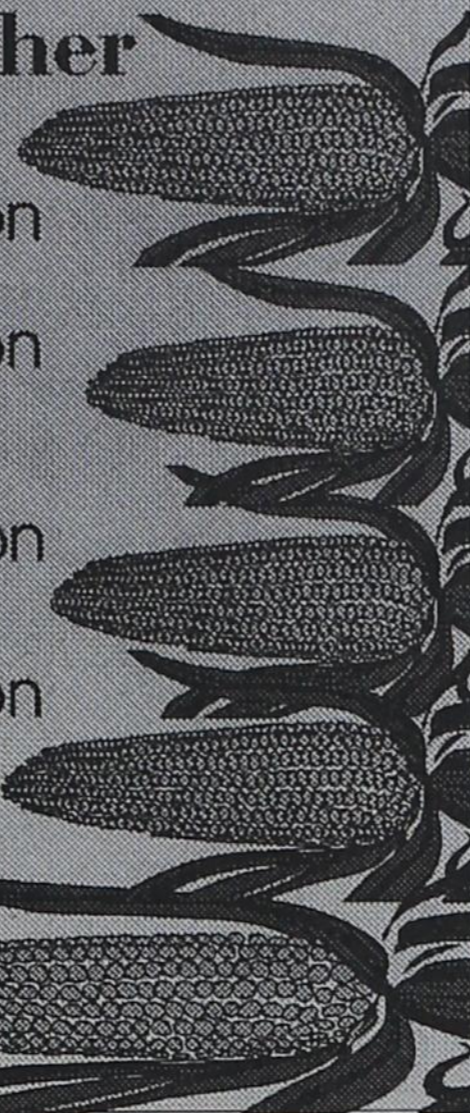
1950: \$13.64 million

1960: \$11.21 million

1970: \$14.36 million

1980: \$16.13 million

1992:
\$48.65 million



farm income had been fairly stable from 1950 through 1971, going from a low of \$10.5 million in 1964 to a high of \$15 million in 1971. Farm income then rose to \$19.5 million in 1972 and to \$34.3 million in 1973.

PCCA pays out \$15 million

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) has announced a cash distribution totaling more than \$15.3 million to the 1993 West Texas-Oklahoma marketing pool and 1988-crop denim mill option participants. The payments are being mailed this month.

The distribution to marketing pool members includes \$8.8 million in premiums for strength on the 1993-crop pool. Pool members and their local cooperative gins also will receive payments for participation in the pool's Timely Delivery Program of almost \$1 million.

Capital retains for 1988-crop participants in PCCA's Mill Option Program of \$5.5 million also are being retired.

"This is the second consecutive year PCCA has retired capital retains for mill option participants, and we are on schedule with the projections we made when PCCA purchased the mill in 1987," said Van May, PCCA president. "Participation in the mill option is a sound investment that pays important dividends to our members."

A \$5-per-bale capital retain withheld from cotton sales proceeds is required for PCCA members who wish to share in the denim mill's earnings. The retains are revolved back to the members after five years, and members have an opportunity to sign in or out of the mill option each year. The sign-in/sign-out period for the 1994 crop mill option is April, May and June for West Texas and Oklahoma. The marketing pool sign-in/sign-out period is only April.

"Since 1987, the mill's earnings

have totaled more than \$68 million, for an annual dividend of \$14.29 per bale in cash and stock," May said. "That is a very good return on a \$5-per-bale investment by anyone's standard."

Cotton producers seeking more information about participating in PCCA's mill option or its marketing programs should contact a cooperative gin or PCCA headquarters in Lubbock at 763-8011.

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Warning issued for escaping runoff

With pre-plant irrigation in full swing across the area, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is reminding producers that irrigation runoff is escaping from fields in violation of state law and water district rules.

Water district rules prohibit tailwater from running out of fields onto the land of others unless there is an agreement for the water to be diverted onto another's property.

A water district rule defines water waste as "Wilfully or negligently causing, suffering, or permitting underground water to escape into any river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, street, highway, road or road ditch, or onto land other than the owner of the well."

Allowing the water to escape not only contributes to unnecessary depletion of the ground water stored in the Ogallala Aquifer, but it also erodes topsoil and causes safety hazards.

When a tailwater report is received, water district personnel investigate the water waste and document it with written memorandums and photographs. In addition, they contact

the landowners and/or operators and ask them to stop the water waste. Follow-up investigations are conducted to make sure the water waste has been halted.

"We prefer to work with the farmer and address the problem; in most cases, that works," said Ken Carver, assistant manager for the water district. "If the waste doesn't stop, then we have no choice but to seek an injunction from the courts."

Under an injunction, continued tailwater waste is considered contempt of court and carries a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and/or a six month jail sentence per occurrence. If violations continue under an injunction, a district judge could order the county sheriff to padlock the water well to prevent further waste. Violators can also be held liable for damages resulting from their water waste, such as accidents on flooded roadways, property damages or crop damage.

Carver said there are many physical methods producers can use to control tailwater runoff, including:

- Row length reduction, terracing and cutting borders at the end of the field.
- Surge irrigation systems and tailwater return pits.
- Center pivot sprinkler systems and furrow diking.

"The individual operator is the key to whether or not water is wasted," said Carver.

SEC meeting to be tonight

Swisher Electric Cooperative will hold its annual membership meeting tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 at the Ezra Jones High School Cafeteria, 501 Northeast Fourth, in Tulia.

A catered meal of brisket and fried chicken will be served. Coffee mugs commemorating Swisher Electric's 55th anniversary will be one of three attendance prizes for members registering for the meeting.

A one-hour business meeting will follow the meal and it will include a board election and reports from the auditor and manager Charles Castleberry. Drawings for door prizes, including a cordless electric lawnmower as a grand prize, will follow the business meeting.

Those attending will elect three directors, including one to replace Jack Middleton, who will be retiring from his position.

Middleton was appointed to the board on Oct. 10, 1975, to fill W.A. Jordan's unexpired term.

Gaylord Cogburn and Paul Louis Iribeck have been nominated by the co-op's nominating committee for the position.

Other directors seeking re-election to their seats are Guinn Fitzgerald and Gene Latham.

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The Center for Environmental Studies has scheduled the following courses that meet OSHA 1910.120 requirements:

- March 28-30, 1994 ... Emergency Spill Response \$275 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- April 29, 1994 Waste Site Supervisor/Refresher \$125 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 13-17, 1994 Waste Site Worker \$450 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 1994 • 6:30 p.m.

Ezra Jones School Cafeteria
501 NE 4th Street
Tulia

6:30 p.m. — Meal, Brisket and Chicken
7:30 p.m. — Elections and Business
8:30 p.m. — Door Prize Drawings

People

Chamber plans spring luncheon

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will hold a spring luncheon on April 6 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center and Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt will perform for entertainment.

Cost for the luncheon is \$5 for chamber members and \$6 for non-chamber members. Reservations are due by April 4 at the Chamber office in Dimmitt.

Lunch will be served by Loranel Hamilton's bridge club and proceeds will benefit the Senior Citizens Center.

In addition to performances by OM teams, other things planned for the meeting are business announcements and a run-down of upcoming events.

Anyone interested in letting the public know about changes their business has undergone recently, or anyone wishing to highlight an upcoming club or organization event should notify Delores Heller at the Chamber office, 647-2524.

A door prize of \$25 Dimmitt

Fire Dept. to test storm siren

The Dimmitt Fire Dept. will test its storm alert sirens each Friday at 12 noon beginning this week, according to Fire Chief Randy Griffith.

Sirens will be tested each Friday, unless threatening weather is possible in the area, Griffith said.

The sirens will sound off in one continuous blast.

Hospital board to meet

The Castro County Hospital Board will meet March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Ettie McDermitt Meeting Room in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

The public is always welcome to attend the meetings of the board.

Dollars will be presented to a Chamber member, but you must be present to win.

For more information, contact Heller.

Breast exam unit planned here April 25

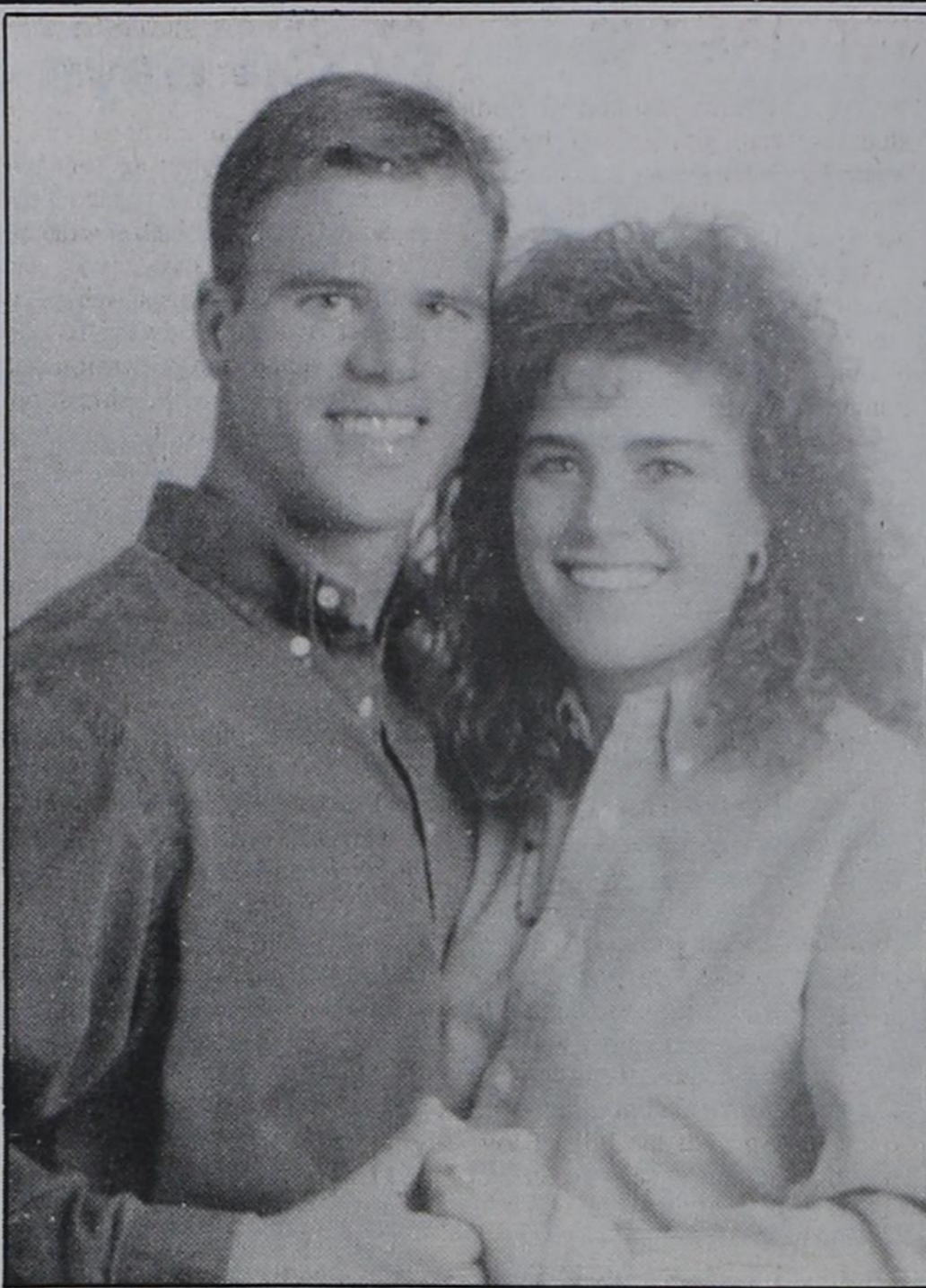
A mobile mammography unit will be in Dimmitt on April 25 at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The unit is sponsored by Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital. Exams are done by appointment only, and may be made by calling 1-800-377-4673.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. This includes the x-ray, physical breast exam and the radiology fee for reading the mammogram. Funding has been provided by the Texas Dept. of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

The major goal of the clinic is the early detection of breast cancer. The clinic provides low cost screening which includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection; teaching of breast self-examination, and a mammogram. Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection. Early detection is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer. The guidelines are:

1. Learn and perform breast self-examination every month.
2. Have a physical examination every year.
3. Have a mammogram according to the recommendations by age:
Age 40: One baseline mammogram.
Age 40-49: A mammogram every one to two years.
Age 50 and over: An annual mammogram.



Phil Behrens and Stephanie Brockman

May vows planned

Cyril and Mitzi Brockman of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie, to Phil Behrens, son of Jerry and Delores Behrens of Canyon.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on May 28 in Holy Family Church at Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Nazareth High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from Eastern New Mexico University and she is currently serving as an assistant women's basketball coach at ENMU.

The prospective groom graduated from Canyon High School in 1985. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and he is a sales representative for Herff Jones Co.

Following the wedding, the couple plans to live in Canyon.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from March 24 to April 1.

DIMMITT

- THURSDAY:** Corn dogs, whole kernel corn, vegetable salad, banana pudding and milk.
FRIDAY: Salmon patties, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, fruit and milk.
MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit and milk.
TUESDAY: Pizza, corn on the cob, battered squash, peach cobbler and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Taco boats, whole kernel corn, shredded lettuce, baked apples and milk.
THURSDAY: Ham sandwiches, potato chips, lettuce, pickles, tomato, ice cream cups and milk.
FRIDAY: No School!

HART

- THURSDAY:** Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, apple crisp and milk.
FRIDAY: Nachos, pinto beans, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.
MONDAY: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, carrot sticks and broccoli, hot rolls, peach cobbler and milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, carrot sticks, broccoli, hot rolls, apple cobbler and

milk.

- WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, corn, cheese rolls, pudding and milk.
THURSDAY: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, apple crisp and milk.
FRIDAY: Nachos, pinto beans, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

NAZARETH

- THURSDAY:** Frito pie, corn, cornbread, syrup, pineapple and milk.
FRIDAY: Chalupas, lettuce, cheese, broccoli, apple cobbler and milk.
MONDAY: Lasagna, tossed salad, applesauce, rolls and milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, pudding, rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sloppy Joes, beans, peaches and milk.
THURSDAY: Burritos and chili, carrot sticks, corn, Easter cake and milk.
FRIDAY: No School!

Thank you for reading The Castro County News!

FHA elects Goldsmith

Rachel Goldsmith, a sophomore at Dimmitt High School, was elected Region I Vice President of Public Relations at the Future Homemakers of America meeting recently at Lubbock.

Rachel is the daughter of Dan and Deborah Goldsmith of Dimmitt. She spoke on "FHA/HERO: Spotlight on You," to the House of Delegates. Her presentation was unique in that she "signed" portions of it using the Morphemic Sign System. Following her election to office, she was interviewed by a nominating committee which placed her in her office.

She will have opportunities for regional and state officer leadership training in Dallas, Austin and Trinidad, Texas. The National FHA Leadership Conference will be in Orlando, Fla.

Other DHS students attending the meeting were Mirella Cardona, Sonia Cardona, Mary Davila, Mary Garcia, Lindsey Garza, Sarah Goldsmith,

Adriana Lopez, Selma Montalvo and Rosemary Reyes. Advisors are Barbara Kenley and Jackie Odom.



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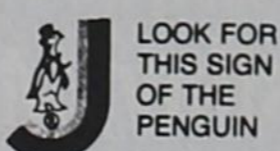
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CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE POLLY SIMPSON shows off the gavel she received when sworn in as president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. Simpson's name was engraved on the gavel along with names of past presidents. She also was presented with a smaller gavel engraved with her name, which she will be allowed to keep. Photo by Anna Acker

Simpson sworn in as president of county officials association

Castro County Judge Polly Simpson has been sworn in as the 68th president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. She was recognized at the association's annual conference, which was held at the Holiday Inn Centre in Odessa last Wednesday through Friday. Simpson is the first county official to serve as president of the association. She will serve until March 1995. The West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

represents 17 county judges and 468 county commissioners. Simpson was joined at the banquet and installation ceremony by Janice Shelton, her secretary; commissioners, Newlon and Carolyn Rowland, Jeff and Karen Robertson and Vincent Guggemos; Kenneth and Elaine Pearson of O'Donnell; Brent, Sarah and Abby Sanders of Floydada; Brad Sanders and Dr. Kathy Volanty, D.E.A. of Lubbock; Dale and Lisa Ann Switzer of Seminole; and Dimmitt residents Houston and Doris Lust, George and Carolyn Sides, Maretta Smithson, Jerry Matthews and Joe Bob, Diane, Will and Matthew Sanders, and Susan and Kami Sanders.

Hearing set here March 31

A hearing to receive comments about unmet needs of Castro County citizens, served in mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse will be held March 31 at 10 a.m. at Dimmitt City Hall. The hearing is planned by the Dimmitt Counseling Center, a branch office of the Central Plains Center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse. All comments will be used in planning services for Fiscal Year 1995, which begins Sept. 1. Written comments are also acceptable, and should be addressed to Genell Craig, Dimmitt Counseling Center, 109 NE Second, Dimmitt 79027.

Students recognized for essays

Two Dimmitt Middle School students were singled out by the *Amarillo Globe News* for an essay they wrote entitled "What Makes Me Special." The two students are fifth grader Isais Olmos and fourth grader Daniel Medrano and both are in Lidia Simmons' English as a Second Language (ESL) class. The *Globe News* received 1,596 essays from 47 schools and only selected a few for publication. Essays written by Olmos and Medrano were among those chosen. The contest was part of the National Newspaper - In - Education Week, as sponsored by the Newspaper Association of America. Here are the students' essays.

By ISAIAS OLMOS

I am special because I am a Mexican. I came to Texas because my dad found a job and started working. I want to work when I finish high school and when I finish college. I want to go to Mexico to visit by grandpa and my grandma. When I come back to Texas I want to work with my dad and my mom so I can help with the bills. I love coming to school to help myself get a better education.

By DANIEL MEDRANO

I am special because my mom and dad love me. My mom and dad put me in school so I can learn to read and write, and follow directions. My dad loves me because I help him change the oil in the tractor. What makes me special is that my family loves me for what I am now.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday is Palm Sunday and it signals the beginning of Holy Week. Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10. "After the Hosannas" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's Palm Sunday sermon Sunday at the morning worship service which will begin at 11. "A Word to the Weary" will be the subject of Pastor Freeman's sermon at the Wednesday service, which will begin at 7 p.m. "Spring Practice" will be the subject of Pastor Freeman's sermon at the Maundy Thursday communion service, which will begin at 7 p.m. Renise Blair will be the soloist. "Your Nail" will be the subject of Pastor Freeman's sermon at the Good Friday service, which will begin at 7 p.m. The Silent Witness, a mime group from Muleshoe, will perform on Good Friday.

Ministerial Alliance

Lillith Ardhuerumly will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 5:1-14 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Hart.

First Baptist

The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will hold revival services Sunday through Wednesday.

The Master Singers of Abilene, directed by Dalton Stewart, will be special guest musicians during the revival. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 nightly Monday through Wednesday. The Master Singers will give a special concert Saturday night at 7 at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

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4-H Fashion Show is set

Castro County 4-H'ers will model clothing they have constructed or bought Monday night in the Castro County Senior 4-H Fashion Show, which will begin at 7 in the assembly room at the courthouse in Dimmitt. The show will include four categories including casual, dressy, formal and specialty in both clothing construction and buying divisions.

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Before he had done speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar upon her shoulder. The maiden was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, and filled her jar, and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Pray give me a little water to drink from your jar." She said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly let down her jar upon her hand, and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw for your camels also, until they had done drinking." So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.
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Sports

County players named all-state

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) has recognized four county players on its all-state list and tabbed eight for all-region honors.

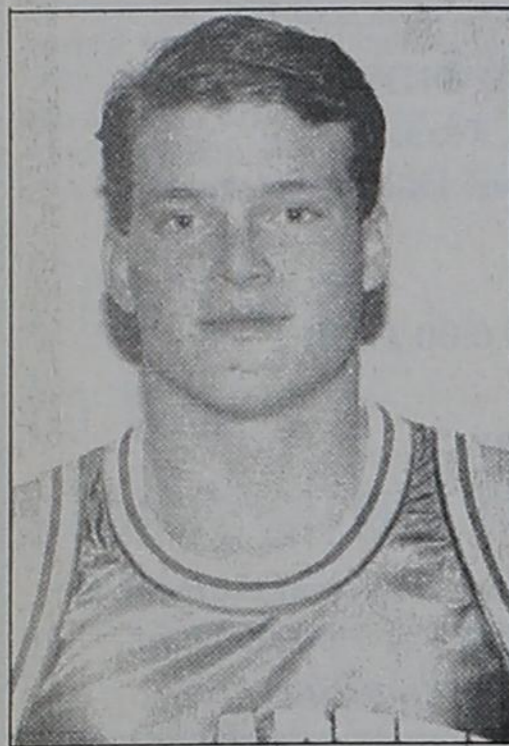
The Class A first-team all-state list includes Nazareth's Nick Johnson, a 6-0 senior point guard who averaged 11-1/2 points, five rebounds, seven assists and four steals per game for the Swifts, who finished the season with a 33-6 record as state runners-up. Teammate Justin Wethington, a 5-11 senior guard, was named to the all-state third team. Wethington averaged 16-1/2 points, four assists and four rebounds per game to lead the Swifts.

Melinda Schmucker, a 5-10 sophomore point guard for Nazareth's

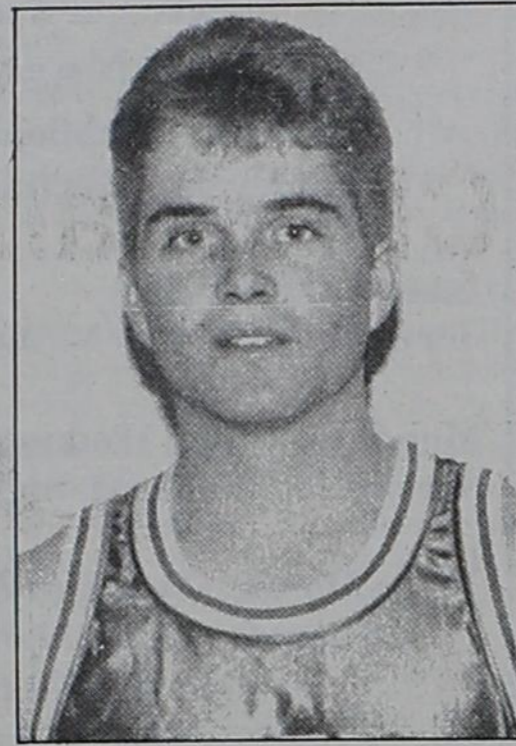
Swiftettes, was named to the all-state second team after leading her team in scoring.

Shea Bennett of Hart, a 5-10 junior guard, was named to the all-state third team. She led the Lady Horns to the regional tournament for the first time in school history.

Players earning all-region honors were Schmucker and Bennett, Class A Girls' first-team; Kristi Brockman of Nazareth and Jodi Card of Hart, Class A Girls' second-team; Johnson and Wethington, Class A Boys' first team; Colby Pohlmeier of Nazareth, Class A Boys' second team; and Derrick Thomas of Dimmitt, Class AAA Boys' third team.



Nick Johnson



Justin Wethington



Shea Bennett



Melinda Schmucker

Thomas named to regional team

Dimmitt's Derrick Thomas was named to the all-South Plains Class 3A team announced Monday by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Thomas was picked to the squad after averaging 18.1 points a game for

the Bobcats this year.

He was joined by fellow District 2-3A team members Allen Blair of Littlefield and Tyrone Henderson of Floydada. The team's coach is Littlefield's Bryan Huseman.

Inman competing well in gymnastics

Laura Inman, formerly of Dimmitt and now of Syre, Okla., is competing on the Level 5 team for Flyaway Gymnastics in Sayre.

Laura, 9, is the daughter of Burke and Judy Inman of Sayre. Her grandparents are Geneva Phillips of Dimmitt and Illyrahe Inman of Hereford.

Laura competed in the Olympic Gold meet at Clinton, Okla., where she was fourth overall, and placed eighth overall in a later meet in Clinton. She has competed in other meets in Oklahoma City and Clinton. She has qualified for the Western Oklahoma Sectional Meet, where she hopes to qualify for the state gymnastics competition.



Laura Inman



UNDER THE TAG—A Morton runner slides into third Friday during the first game of a doubleheader at George Howell Park. Just late with the tag was

Dimmitt third baseman Freddy Ruiz. Dimmitt won the first game, 12-9, then shutout the Indians 10-0 in the nightcap.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Bobcats take doubleheader from Indians

George Howell Park was a hitter's paradise in the first game and a pitcher's nightmare in the second game as the Dimmitt Bobcats swept a doubleheader Friday from the Morton Indians.

Dimmitt, 6-5, took a 12-9 win in the first game, then used 10 walks, four timely hits and sparkling defense to win the nightcap, 10-0. The second game was called in the bottom of the fifth by the 10-run rule.

Dimmitt took a 1-0 lead in the first with a sacrifice bunt by Phil Thrasher keying the inning. Joe Juarez scored to give the Bobcats a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

As the southwest wind picked up, the Indians scored one and the Bobcats scored six runs in the second. Three of the Dimmitt runs scored on back to back homers by Freddy Ruiz and Gerald Barrios. Morton cut into the lead with three runs in the top of the third with three straight doubles, but Dewayne Espinosa and Jason Wooten each doubled in the bottom of the inning as Dimmitt extended its lead to 9-4. Morton scored three more in the fourth on a long home run by pitcher Pug Lyon, but Dimmitt struck again for two more in the bottom of the inning.

Pitcher Jason Nino gave up two runs in a shaky seventh but got out of the jam to take the win. Nino walked just four and struck out seven batters.

In the second game, Dimmitt's Dan Matthews pitched his best game of the year. He was helped by timely defense, including a double play and two runners thrown out on the basepaths by catcher Barrios.

Dimmitt led 1-0 going into the bottom of the fourth in the last game. After Espinosa walked and Chad Ellis singled, Jason Wooten doubled Espinosa home and sent Ellis to third. A balk called on Morton pitcher Jackie Cheek scored Ellis. Joe Juarez moved Wooten to third on a bunt, then Phil Thrasher reached on an error to score Wooten. Thrasher scored the fifth run of the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, five Bobcats batters walked off pitchers Cheek and Markeis Patton, forcing home two runs. Ruiz then doubled, plating two runs and forcing the end of the game.

Friday, the Bobcats play at Boys Ranch at 5 p.m., then host Lubbock Christian Monday at 6 p.m. The Bobcats go to Lubbock Christian on April 5 in their final pre-district tuneup.

Ortega, Farris and Brockman win Plainview tennis tourney

Dimmitt's Art Ortega won his second boys' singles championship of the season this weekend while Nazareth's Alston Farris and Scott Brockman captured the gold in doubles at the Plainview Tournament.

Other county netters from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth also fared well in the tourney, with several reaching the semifinal round before losing.

Ortega drew a bye in the first round, then beat Nazareth's Nathan Hoelting, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0. He reached the finals with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Ortiz of Valley, then claimed the first-place trophy by beating Jody Wood of Wellington, 6-2, 6-3.

Farris and Brockman had an easy time throughout the meet. They won their first match over Calahan and Payne of Plainview, 6-0, 6-1. Wilkerson and Pitman of Spearman were the Naz duo's next victims, with the Swifts winning 6-1, 6-0. Farris and Brockman beat Ty Annen and Brad Beck of Dimmitt, 6-0, 6-1, to reach the finals. They were scheduled to meet Goddard and Rector of Friona in the championship match, but the Friona duo forfeited.

Several other county netters posted good finishes in the tourney. Jaret Schulte and Bryan Charanza of Nazareth and Ty Annen and Brad Beck of Dimmitt reached the semifinal round in boys' doubles, Shea Bennett of Hart qualified for the semis in girls' singles and Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin of Nazareth advanced to the semifinal round in girls' doubles.

Several players also reached the consolation championship. Carrie Matthews and Polly Bolton of Dimmitt won the consolation title in girls' doubles, Karmen Pohlmeier captured the consolation crown in girls' singles and Brent and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt finished as runners-up in the consolation bracket.

Here are the results from the tournament:

BOYS' SINGLES

FIRST ROUND: Art Ortega of Dimmitt drew a bye; Joel Townsend of Dimmitt lost to Valdez of Valley, 1-6, 1-6; Ryan Hoelting of Nazareth beat Beedee of Spearman, 6-1, 6-1; Jason Aven of Hart beat Eric Delgado of Farwell, 6-2, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND: Ortega beat Nathan Hoelting of Nazareth, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; Townsend lost to Joey Guerra of Plains, 3-6, 2-6; Ryan Hoelting lost to Wood of Wellington, 1-6, 2-6; Aven lost to Wood of Wellington, 2-6, 1-6.

SEMIFINALS: Ortega beat Ortiz of Valley, 6-3, 6-3.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Ortega beat Wood of Wellington, 6-2, 6-3.

BOYS' DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: Brent and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt drew a bye; Jaret Schulte and Bryan Charanza of Nazareth beat McQueen and McQueen of Wellington, 6-2, 6-2; Alston Farris and Scott Brockman beat Calahan and Payne of Plainview, 6-0, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND: Portwood and Portwood lost to Rector and Goddard of Friona, 1-6, 3-6; Schulte and Charanza beat Lovorn and Searvez of Kress, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Ty Annen and Brad Beck of Dimmitt beat Comer and Sutherland of Wellington, 6-1, 6-1; Farris and Brockman beat Wilkerson and Pitman of Spearman, 6-1, 6-0.

SEMIFINALS: Schulte and Charanza lost to Rector and Goddard, 2-6, 7-5, 5-7; Farris and Brockman beat Annen and Beck, 6-0, 6-1.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Farris and Brockman beat Goddard and Rector (by default).

CONSOLATION BRACKET: Portwood and Portwood beat Schnell and Swink of Spearman, 6-0, 6-2; Portwood and Portwood beat McQueen and McQueen of Wellington, 6-2, 6-3; Portwood and Portwood lost to Baldree and Williams of Post, 3-6, 1-6, to finish as consolation runners-up.

GIRLS' SINGLES

FIRST ROUND: Amy Wooten of Dimmitt drew a bye; Amber Langford of Dimmitt beat Kelly Butts of Spearman, 6-1, 6-3; Karmen Pohlmeier of Nazareth drew a bye; Shea Bennett of Hart beat Jennifer Ernest of Plains, 6-1, 6-1; Tanya Leibel of Hart lost to Goddard of Friona, 0-6, 1-6; Denia Durbin of Nazareth beat

McDonnell of Plains, 6-3, 6-2.

SECOND ROUND: Langford lost to Goddard, 0-6, 4-6; Denia Durbin lost to Cruz of Valley, 4-6, 3-6; Bennett beat Wooten, 6-1, 6-0; Pohlmeier lost to Spillman of Wellington, 3-6, 2-6.

SEMIFINALS: Bennett lost to Spillman of Wellington, 6-1, 4-6, 5-7.

CONSOLATION BRACKET: Pohlmeier beat McDonnell, 6-1, 6-2; Pohlmeier beat Blair of Plains, 6-2, 6-3; Pohlmeier beat Francis of Littlefield, 6-1, 6-3.

GIRLS' DOUBLES


FIRST ROUND: Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin of Nazareth drew a bye; Carrie Wethington and Robin Schulte of Nazareth beat Airhardt and Renner of Friona, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; Danna Wilhelm and Gayla Reyna of Hart beat Soria and Valdez of Post, 7-6, 6-4.

SECOND ROUND: Wilhelm and Reyna lost to Chauveaux and Devoss of Wellington, 1-6, 1-6; Wethington and Schulte lost to Pearson and Townsend of Spearman, 0-6, 2-6; Brockman and Durbin beat Matthews and Bolton, 6-2, 6-2.

CONSOLATION BRACKET: Matthews and Bolton beat Gatewood and Ratliff of Littlefield, 6-2, 6-3; Matthews and Bolton beat Tiffan and Haberer of Springlake-Earth, 8-2; Matthews and Bolton beat a Valley team, 6-2, 6-1, to win the consolation championship.


SEMIFINALS: Brockman and Durbin lost to Puckett and Williams of Post, 6-3, 4-6, 5-7.


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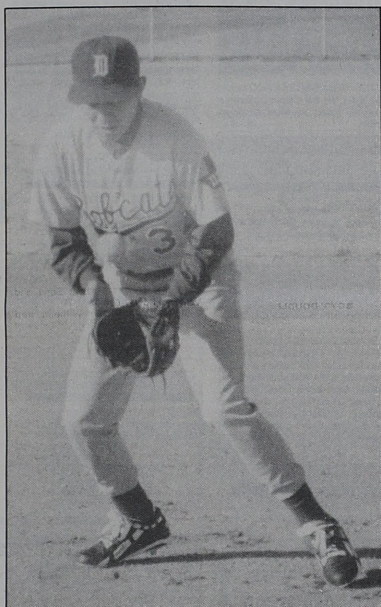
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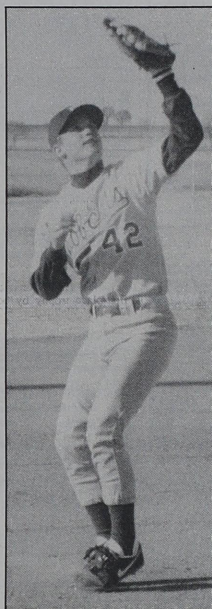
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A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central 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 Kevin Ellis, TNRCC Office of Air Quality New Source Review Program in Austin or the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Section 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 March 17 and March 24, 1994.

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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.

22-49-2tc

24-Card Of Thanks

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Trio named All-South Plains

Nazareth's Nick Johnson and Melinda Schmucker and Hart's Shea Bennett can add another award to their growing lists of post-season honors.

The trio have been named to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* All-South Plains team.

Johnson, a 6-0 senior point guard, was named to the Class A Boys' team and also earned Player of the Year honors. He averaged 11-1/2 points, five rebounds, seven assists and five steals for Nazareth,

which finished its season as state runner-up with a 33-6 record.

Schmucker and Bennett led their respective teams in scoring this year and each earned mention to the Class A All-South Plains girls' team.

Other honorees on the boys' list were Dustin Klafka, a 6-2 junior from Lorenzo; Ladd Winn, a 6-2 junior from Plains; James Stewart, a 6-0 junior from Anton; and Brett Thomas, a 6-1 senior from Lazbuddie. The boys' Coach of the Year was Ruben Osuna of Roby.

Dimmitt netters capture team title at Brownfield

The Dimmitt High School tennis team captured the team championship at the Brownfield Tennis Tournament March 11 and 12, with Art Ortega pacing the squad with his boys' singles championship win.

Ortega finished first in boys' singles, Amber Langford was second in girls' singles, and Ty Annen and Brad Beck were third in boys' doubles.

The team earned 23 points to win the championship over second-place Plains, which accumulated 18 points.

Ortega won five matches enroute to the tournament championship. In the first round he beat Mark Terrel of Lockney, 6-1, 6-1. His other victories were over Justin Briggs of Seminole, 6-0, 6-1; Miguel Reyna of O'Donnell, 6-1, 6-0; Gage Tosh of Muleshoe, 6-2, 6-0; and Bernal of Plains, 6-1, 6-4.

Langford advanced to the championship game by beating four players, but she lost the first-place game to Marci Matthews of Anton, 3-6, 2-6. Langford topped Tina Kuchler of Whiteface in the first round by a 6-1, 6-0 decision, then posted wins over Kelly Bailey of Floydada, 6-3, 6-4; and Guisella Narvaez of Seminole, 6-4, 6-1.

Beck and Annen were upended in the semifinals, but managed to win their third-place game, 7-5, 6-4. The pair beat J. Costa and R. Guzman, 6-0, 6-1; Tyson and Cavazos of Seagraves, 6-0, 6-2; Bernal and Winn of Plains, 6-1, 6-1; before losing to Walker and Yocom of Seagraves, 3-6, 3-6, in the semifinal round.

Amber Matthews and Polly Bolton of Dimmitt won two matches before losing out. They beat Reeder and Wolfe of Seminole in the first-round, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; then topped Tanner and Williams of Morton, 6-1, 6-1; before losing to Puckett and Williams of Post, 1-6, 1-6.

Another boys' doubles team, Jimmy Bryan and Robert Moss, beat B. Lawson and M. Bazon of Levelland, 6-2, 6-0; before losing a split-set decision to Latham and Miramontes of Muleshoe, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6.

Tyson Adams and Chris Perez, Dimmitt's third doubles entry, lost to Walker and Yocom of Seagraves.

Amy Wooten entered the girls' singles tournament after winning her play-in match with J. Hernandez of Brownfield, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

The girls' list includes Sudan's Danielle Martin, a 5-6 junior, and Shaun Weaver, a 5-6 freshman, who led the Hornettes to the Class A state championship. Buffy Ferguson of Jayton (Class A state runner-up) rounded out the list. Martin was named the Player of the Year and Coach of the Year was Steve Osborn of Meadow.



THE DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL tennis team won the team championship at the Brownfield Tennis Tournament recently. Netters participating in the meet were (kneeling, from left) Ty Annen, Amber Langford, Amy Wooten, Carrie Matthews, Polly Bolton, Amanda Odom and Art Ortega; and (standing, from left) Brad Beck, Robert Moss, Jimmy Bryan, Joel Townsend, Tyson Adams, Bryan Portwood, Chris Perez and Brent Portwood.

Photo by Anne Acker

Then in the first-round she lost to S. Black of Muleshoe, 2-6, 5-7.

Boys' singles entrants Joel Townsend and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt each won their play-in matches, too, with Townsend beating Brady Moore of Post, 6-3, 6-2; and Portwood topping David Turner of Lockney, 6-0, 6-2.

In the first round, Portwood fell to Russell Baldrce of Post by an 5-7, 2-6 count. Townsend went on to beat Oren Pedin of Whiteface, 6-3, 6-2; and Paul Castillo of Anton, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5; before he lost to Gage Tosh of Muleshoe, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

Brent Portwood played Justin Ehrlick of Seminole in the first round and lost, 2-6, 3-6.

Scoreboard

Baseball

Friday

Game 1

Dimmitt 12, Morton 9

Morton 0 1 3 3 0 0 2 - 9 9 6
Dimmitt 1 6 2 2 0 1 X -12 9 8
Pug Lyon, Wade Tanner (6) and Mica Smith, Jason Nino and Gerald Barrios. WP-Nino (2-2). LP-Lyon (1-1). 2B: Morton-Mica Smith, Wade Tanner; Jim Ed Field, Adrian Mendoza and Michael Ramon; Dimmitt-Dewayne Espinosa, Jason Wooten and Phil Thrasher. HR: Morton-Lyon; Dimmitt, Freddy Ruiz (1), Gerald Barrios (2).

Game 2

Dimmitt 10, Morton 0

Game called by 10-run rule in fifth
Morton 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 0
Dimmitt 0 0 1 5 4 - 10 4 3
Jackie Cheek, Markels Patton (5) and Mica Smith, Dan Matthews and Gerald Barrios. WP-Matthews (2-3). LP-Cheek (1-1). 2B: D-Jason Wooten, Freddy Ruiz.

Monday

Bobcats 29, Hale Center 4

Game called by 10-run rule in fifth
HC 0 0 1 2 1 - 4 9 6
Dimmitt 2 11 7 9 X - 29 19 2
Placencio, Hooks (4) and Martinez, Dan Matthews, Jason Nino (4) and Gerald Barrios. WP-Matthews (3-3). LP-Placencio. 2B: HC-Hinojosa, Jimenez 2; Dimmitt-Joe Juarez, Emilio Nino, Freddy Ruiz, Gerald Barrios, Dewayne Espinosa. 3B-Espinosa. HR: HC-Hooks; D-Freddy Ruiz (2), Jason Wooten (1).

Track

Chieftain Relays at Friona Varsity boys

Team totals: 1. Tulla 129; 2. Borger 112; 3. Boys Ranch 93; 4. (tie) Dumas and Friona 73; 6. Sanford-Fritch 40; 7. Dimmitt 26; 8. Highland Park 10.
3200: 3. Joe Larra, Dimmitt, 10:48.86.
800: 2. Joey Flores, Dimmitt, 2:01.50.

Varsity girls

Team totals: 1. Borger 140; 2. Sanford-Fritch 129; 3. Dimmitt 83; 4. Friona 63; 5. Tulla 46; 6. Dumas 41; 7. Brownfield 38; 8. Boys Ranch 25; 9. Highland Park 19; 10. (tie) Vega and Claude 2; 12. Clovis Gattis JH Freshmen 1.

High Jump: 2. Dolores Dimas, Dimmitt, 5-0.
400 relay: 2. Dimmitt, 52.73.
800: 1. Amy Ethridge, Dimmitt, 2:30.62.
400: 1. Kim Thomas, Dimmitt, 61.83.
1600: 2. Rochelle Harman, Dimmitt, 5:57.33.
1600 relay: 1. Dimmitt, 4:17.57.

Wolverine Relays at Springlake-Earth Varsity boys

Team totals: 1. Springlake-Earth 78; 2. Hale Center 74; 3. Happy 66; 4. Olton 59; 5. Lubbock Christian 44; 6. O'Donnell 37; 7. Lazbuddie 36; 8. Plains 28; 9. Anton 26; 10. Hart 19. 11. (tie) Sundown and Bovina 16; 13. (tie) Nazareth and Melrose, N.M., 14; 15. Morton 9. 16. (tie) Meadow and Lockney 1.
800: 2. Robledo, Hart, 2:08.03/
100: 3. Aven, Hart, 11.16.

Varsity girls

Team totals: 1. Springlake-Earth 98; 2. Anton 67; 3. Littlefield 50; 4. Hart 48; 5. Meadow 46; 6. Clovis Marshall JH Freshmen 42; 7. Whiteface 35; 8. Melrose, N.M. 32; 9. Nazareth 26; 10. Bovina 24; 11. Roby 9; 12. (tie) Sundown and Lockney 16; 14. (tie) Lubbock Christian and Lazbuddie 15; 16. Farwell 14; 17. (tie) Olton and Happy 10; 19. Whitharral 8.

800: 1. Ball, Nazareth, 2:35.16.
400: 2. Ball, Nazareth, 65.00; 3. Garcia, Hart, 65.66.
200: 1. Garcia, Hart, 27.25.
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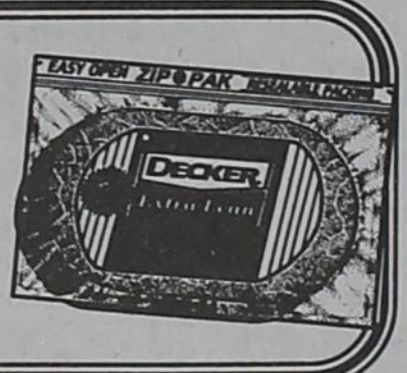
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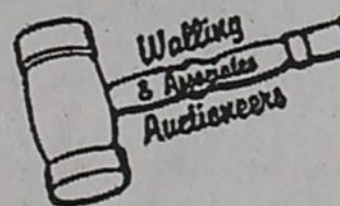
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Obituaries

Lorenzo Gonzalez

Lorenzo Flores Gonzalez, 32, of Amarillo, died March 9 in San Francisco.

Services were Saturday at Good News Church in Hereford with the Rev. David Alvarado, pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's Cemetery by Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Gonzalez was born Oct. 2, 1961 in Dimmitt. He had lived in Hereford until 1983, when he moved to Amarillo. He was a Hereford High School graduate and was a member of the Pentecostal Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include two sisters, Marta Mariscal of Hereford and Lucy Saiz of Amarillo; and two brothers, Joe Gonzalez of Hereford and Martin Gonzalez of Amarillo.

Granville Martin

Granville V. Martin, 80, of Paducah, former Castro County sheriff, died Saturday.

Services were Monday in Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Vernon Rodgers, pastor, and Dr. Tilden Armstrong and the Rev. Byron Garrison, both of Paducah, officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery with Masonic rites by Masonic Lodge No. 868. Arrangements were by Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Martin was born in Aledo. He moved to Cottle County in 1929 from Foard County. He settled in the Sneedville community. He had worked for the Matador Ranch, where he met Thelma A. Detwiler. They married in 1937 at Valley View.

Mr. Martin farmed in Paducah and served as chief of police from 1954 until 1957, when he moved to Castro County. He served as deputy sheriff for almost 20 years. He was elected sheriff in 1977 and served one term.

He returned to Paducah in 1981 and served as patrolman and chief of police until 1988. He was a member of the Texas Sheriff's Association and the Matador Cowboy Reunion Association, which awarded him Silver Spurs.

Mr. Martin had attended over 400 hours of FBI Law Officers training and attended continuing education courses at West Texas A&M University and Texas A&M at Huntsville.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 868 and was Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 506 in Paducah. He also was Past Patron of Dimmitt OES Chapter No. 819 and had been recognized as a life member of OES. He was a member of Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Thelma Joyce Hall of Paducah; a son, Willie Martin of Paducah; four sisters, Adelaide Donovan of California, Alice Pollan of Daingerfield, Ruth Smith of Lubbock and Katie M. Allen of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Tony Zepeda

Tony Aldrete Zepeda, 40, of Hereford, died Sunday.

Services were Wednesday at San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford with the Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld, pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's Cemetery by Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Zepeda was born Oct. 1, 1953 in Dimmitt. He moved to Hereford in 1954. He was a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Tony Zepeda Jr. of Abilene; two daughters, Jessica Zepeda and Deidra Zepeda, both of Hereford; his mother, Florence Zepeda of Hereford; 11 brothers, Felix Zepeda of Phoenix, Ariz., Joe Zepeda and Raymond Zepeda of Levelland, David Zepeda of Dallas, Johnny Zepeda of San Diego, Calif., and Greg Zepeda, Abel Zepeda, Jesse Zepeda, Domingo Zepeda, Ralph Zepeda and Robert Zepeda, all of Hereford; and six sisters, Amalia Riojas, Gloria Madrigal, Linda Porras, Delia Garcia and Janie Ortiz, all of Hereford, and Rose Gavina of Levelland.

Who's New?

Out-of-town

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hopping are the parents of a baby girl, Rebecca Leigh, who was born March 10 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long. She has a big sister, Kallie, who's 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Lantz of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hopping of Littlefield.



UP AND OVER—Dimmitt's Dolores Dimas clears 5 feet in the high jump Saturday at the Chieftain Relays in Friona. Dimas finished second in the event to help the Dimmitt girls to a third place finish in the meet with 83 points. *Photo by John Brooks*

Police Calls

Dimmitt police made several arrests on outstanding warrants during the past week.

Picked up were a man, 21, for forgery by passing bad checks; a woman, 22, on three warrants for forgery by passing bad checks; and a man, 20, on a warrant from Parmer County for evading arrest.

Other reports included a man, 21, arrested for public intoxication; burglary of an apartment at the Azteca Complex, where a table and four chairs were taken; a shoplifter at Alco where a juvenile was caught with BBs in a pants pocket; and a juvenile assaulted in a family violence episode.

Three accidents were reported in the city over the past week. On Saturday morning, a 1978 Ford pickup driven by a 31-year-old

Dimmitt man collided with a parked car at NW Third and Halsell. Police said the driver backed into the left front quarter of the parked car, then left the scene. The driver was ticketed for leaving the scene, no insurance and no driver's license.

Sunday night, a 21-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for driving while intoxicated-third offense after the 1990 Ford F-150 pickup he was driving struck an unattended vehicle belonging to the City of Dimmitt in the 400 block of SW Fifth. Police said the man was going south on SW Fifth and struck the City pickup, which was legally parked by the curb.

Sometime Sunday, a 1983 Mercury Marquis owned by a Hart man was struck in the 700 block of W. Dulin. The car was parked facing west and an unknown vehicle struck it during the night or Sunday morning.

Grand jury hands up 9 indictments

A 24-year-old Dimmitt man was indicted Thursday for sexual assault by the Castro County Grand Jury.

Warren McDonald was indicted on one count of sexual assault in connection with an incident on July 16. The case had reportedly been heard and passed on at least three occasions by the grand jury which met during the second half of 1993.

Eight other persons were indicted; seven of the indictments were handed up on check charges. Those indicted include:

--Joseph Pete Reyna, also known as Pete Reyna, forgery on a Sept. 11 check for \$100.

--Laquita Lee Thomas, charged with forgery by passing and forgery by making on three checks, worth

\$160, in February and March.

--Jo Anne Casias, forgery by making, on two checks worth \$110 on Feb. 26.

--Dannette Freeman, forgery by passing, on a check for \$300 on March 1.

--Erasmus Dominguez Jr., forgery by passing, a check for \$90 on Jan. 28;

--Ascencion Vargas Jr., forgery by passing, a check for \$90 on Jan. 28.

--Norma Smith, theft by check over \$750 and under \$20,000, on 38 checks written from October through December 1993.

Also indicted was Reyes Ruiz Garza, who was arrested for his third driving while intoxicated charge on March 6.

More about

Three hurt in accident...

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522, sending three persons to Plains Memorial Hospital.

A 1992 Ford F-150 Custom pickup driven by Swaantje Deswart Lilley, 26, of Nazareth, was going north on the county road. DPS reports indicate Mrs. Lilley ran a stop sign and collided with a 1987 Ford F-150 XLT pickup driven by Urban Ball, 66, of Nazareth. Neither Ball nor a passenger, Sid Gerber, 28, of Levelland, were injured.

Mrs. Lilley and her children, Kean, 4, and Kevin, 11 months, were taken to the hospital for treatment of possible injuries. They were released after emergency treatment. Mrs. Lilley and her oldest child were wearing seatbelts; the infant was not in a child safety seat or otherwise restrained, according to the DPS report.

On Saturday at 10:40 p.m., a man was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his pickup slid off the highway and into a wheat field west of Dimmitt.

Galindo Ismael Salcido, 41, of Farwell, was arrested for driving while intoxicated after reportedly registering a .207 on the Intoxilyzer. DPS reports said Salcido was driving on SH 86 3.9 miles west of Dimmitt when he lost control of his 1980 Ford

Crown Victoria on a curve. The car slid off the road and into a wheat field on the north side of the road. The car caused light damage to a fence belonging to Fred Bruegel.

Sunday at 6 a.m., a Hart man received light injuries when his 1987 Ford F-150 pickup hit a telephone pole on County Road 625 two miles southwest of Hart. Manuel Sanchez, 38, of Hart, was going south on the road when he lost control and drove into the west bar ditch, DPS reports said. The pickup went onto its top and hit the telephone pole. Damage to the pole was \$530.

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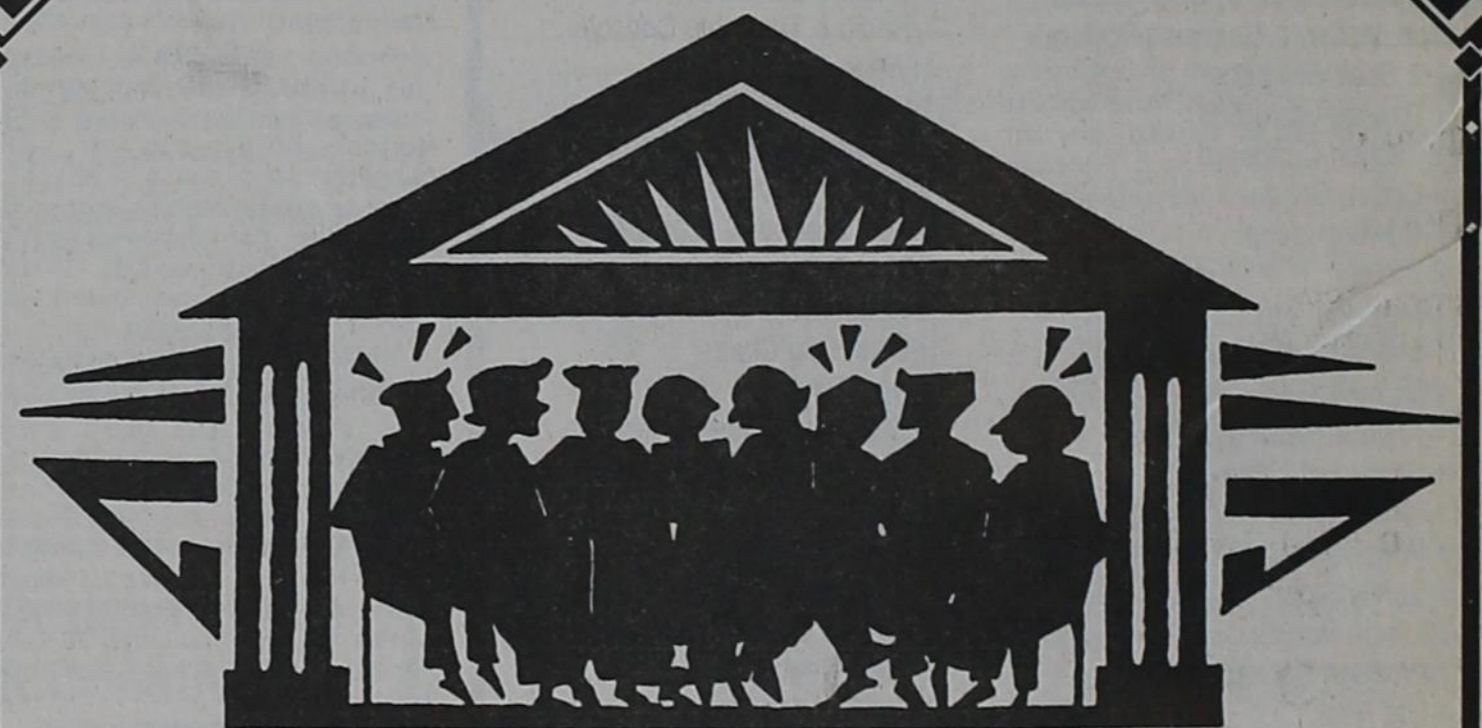
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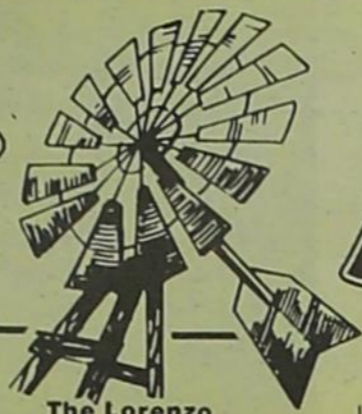
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Seminar to explore uses of playas

LUBBOCK — The playa lake has been called the High Plains' most underutilized natural resource.

A meeting in May will seek to do something to stimulate the creativity of landowners in developing the many positive land, industrial and agricultural uses of the playa lake basins on their properties.

A symposium devoted to disseminating the latest knowledge about the current state of and future creative uses of playa basins on the Texas High Plains will be held May 18-19-20 on the campus of Texas Tech University.

The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. May 18 in the University Center at Tech and the first day keynote speaker will be Texas Senator John T. Montford of Lubbock.

Topics will range from studies on recharge of the Ogallala Aquifer to a tour of area playas to study wildlife habitat, urban

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runoff storage, confined animal waste storage and ag crop production applications around playas.

Speakers and topics will include:

■ Dr. Warren Wood, Current Estimates of Recharge to Ogallala Through Playas.

■ Dr. Don Reddell, Multi-Purpose Modification of Playa Sinks in the Late 1960s.

■ Dr. Lloyd Urban, Recent Artificial Recharge Experiments from Playas.

■ Dr. Thomas C. Gustavson, Bureau of Economic Geology Study on Pantex Playas.

Day two of the seminar will continue with more sessions from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers and topics include:

■ Dr. John Sweeten,

Results of Studies of Playa Basins Used for Storage of Confined Animal Waste.

■ Dr. T. R. Mollhagen, Pesticides and Playas — Collectors for Agriculture Land Runoff.

■ Drs. Lloyd Urban, Loren Smith and Mr. James Mitchell, Ideas for Enhancement of Playas.

■ Darrell Peckham, Current Status and Projection of Ground Water Reserves in the Texas High Plains Ogallala Aquifer.

The final day of the seminar will be devoted to a bus tour of area playas from 9 a.m. to noon.

Information on registration for the seminar is available by calling one of the two co-chairmen for the event, Dr. Lloyd Urban, 742-3597.



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Woody Williams/Canyon News

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'Big Birds' are focus of national raisers group

■ Ostrich Association puts down roots in Texas, where ostrich outnumber cattle on some family farms

Special to AgReview

FORT WORTH — The American Ostrich Association provides leadership for the American ostrich industry and is laying a foundation for its future.

The association supports the ostrich industry through work with government agencies and the media, promotion 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 ostrich through the American Ostrich 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 Association 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 estab-

lished 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 expand.

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 tables of some of the nation's 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 ALTERNATIVE:

The ostrich, *Struthio camelus*, 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. 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 "rednecks," are rare in the United States outside of zoos. 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 "blue-neck" 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 blue-neck 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 costuming, 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 ostrich products until 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.

OSTRICH INDUSTRY:

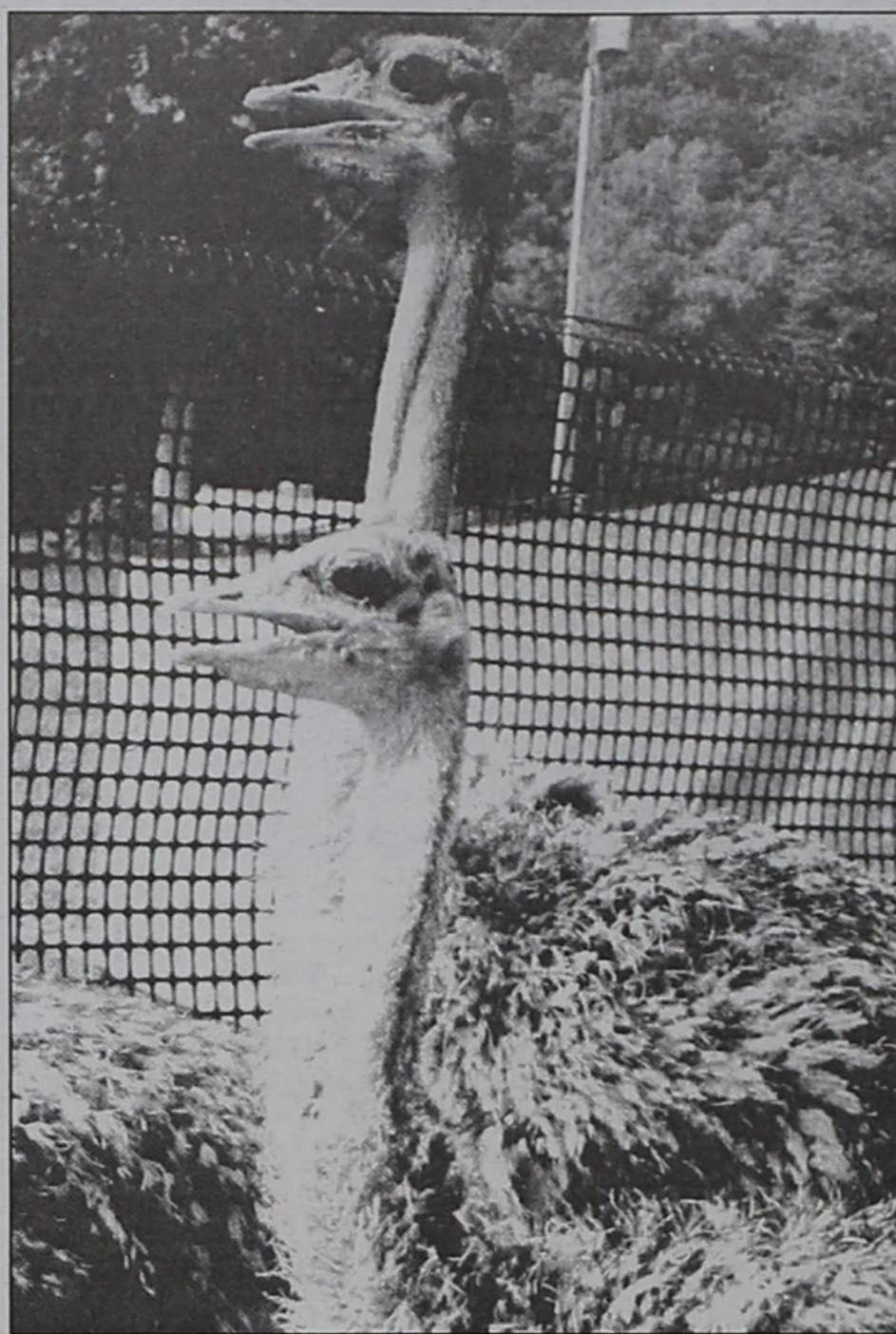
Members of the American Ostrich Association are located from coast to coast, breeding their birds on farms and ranches from California to Florida. South Africa currently produces most of the world's ostrich.

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.



IN THE WILD — More than a dozen birds wander unfettered on a South African ostrich ranch. While American ostriches are grown largely in pens, the South African ranches utilize the open range.

PHIL HAMILTON/ Plainview Daily Herald

Game birds on farm get special treatment

By JOHN H. CUSHMAN
NY Times News Service

UPPER BRANDON, Va. — Tell most farmers to flood low-lying farm land for the benefit of wild ducks and geese and they will reckon that they are coming out behind on the deal.

But at Upper Brandon Plantation, a colonial-era plantation on the south bank of the James River, about 30 miles southeast of Richmond, game birds outrank corn, soybeans, wheat and other cash crops, and anything that encourages waterfowl is considered a sound investment.

The 8,000 Canada geese that stopped here for the last few months foraged freely on tender shoots of winter wheat. But the geese, not the grain, are the farm's

prized assets, so they were granted their own preserve in the middle of the farm.

Deep in a marsh on the edge of the peninsular plantation, a thriving population of ducks are valued tenants, unseen behind a thick, swampy cypress forest.

Easily eroded slopes have been taken out of commercial production and planted in fescue and sunflower, the better to feed doves. Small game hide from predators among tall thickets of panic grass, planted to filter runoff from the farm.

The James River Corp., which set up a training and conference center on the property after buying the farm in 1985, takes important customers there for a few days of easy hunt-

ing and a secluded soft sell. That, to some extent, explains the company's love of wildlife. But the farm has also turned a profit since the company took it over.

Winter wheat production, for example, has been increasing every year. Last year the farm yielded 65 bushels an acre, up from fewer than 40 bushels under the previous owner, who tilled heavily and left the imposing manor house vacant.

"I have a responsibility to make money," said Peter Trexler, an environmental scientist who manages the property. "I also have a responsibility to my company, and to myself, to have a good habitat here. We're trying to do it all: wildlife, the environment and

profit." The fields here have been farmed since at least 1616, making this perhaps the oldest farm in the country under continuous cultivation. But not since William Byrd Harrison, a pioneer of American scientific agriculture, inherited the farm in 1821 has it seen such experimentation. In the latest test, crayfish were seeded in the farm's restored wetlands, where they may eventually yield \$1,000 an acre.

Upper Brandon Plantation has become a model of small-scale, conservation-minded farming, and James River intends for it to stay that way: it has donated the development rights under an easement to two conservation groups, the American Farmland

Trust and the Nature Conservancy.

The company gets an \$8 million tax deduction by giving away its right to develop the property. All future farming practices will have to conform to a conservation plan approved by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. The restrictions will remain binding even if the farm is sold.

James River, a \$4.7 billion manufacturer of paper and other products, will also benefit intangibly by polishing the kind of conservationist image that any paper producer would envy.

But the company insists that at Upper Brandon the profit motive comes first, and last year the farm cleared about \$60,000. In especially good years the company can earn three times that amount

on the 1,800-acre farm, which includes about 750 acres under cultivation, 580 acres in marsh and the rest in forest.

Trexler is no organic farmer: he turns to pesticides to fight off invasive grasses and insects. But he has bought modern equipment to use chemicals as frugally as possible.

Moreover, neighboring farms are imitating his waterfowl programs, which he said is not surprising since renting out hunting rights can bring in thousands of dollars.

"There wasn't a managed waterfowl impoundment on this river basin until we arrived, and there are probably at least three dozen now that I know of, on various farms up and down the river," he said. "We have recreated a lot of wetlands."

Gardners' picks for 1994

By The Associated Press

Some picks among introductions in the catalogs:

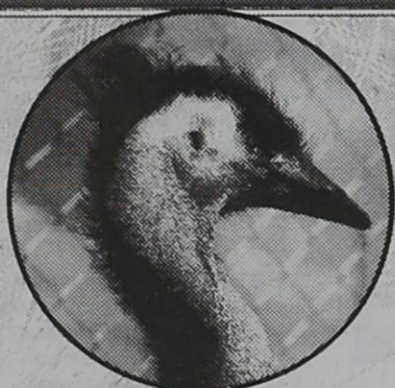
— Colorful clematis varieties are new in the Wayside catalog. Clematis "Multi-Blue" is a dramatic double, blue-purple flower with a central boss of spiky petals; blooms reach 3 or 4 inches and are suitable for

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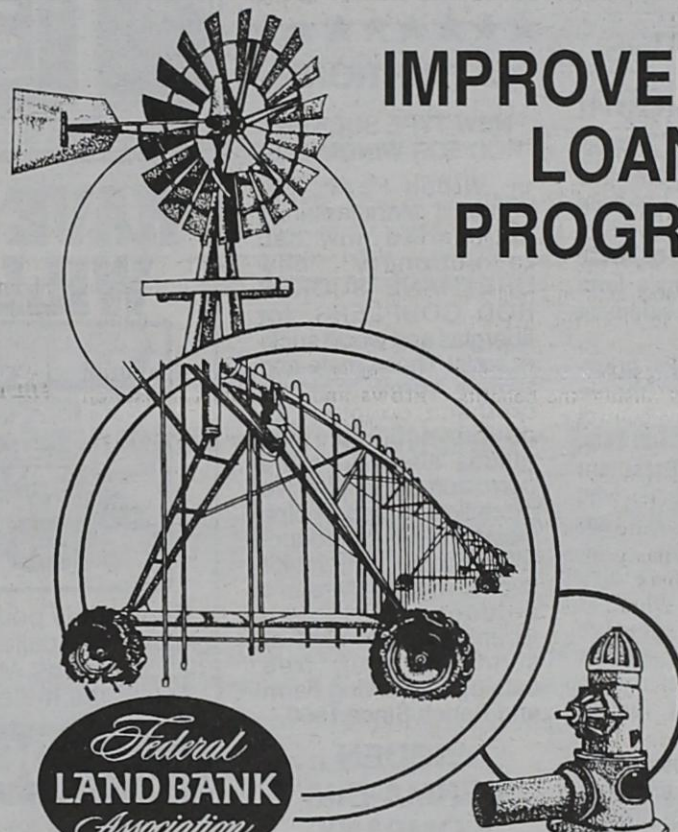
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Lubbock's oldest surviving building gets renovation

By JEAN PAGEL

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Memories cling like mystic cobwebs inside the old St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church.

It was here that Lubbock pioneers gathered in 1914 to share their faith, marry their sweethearts, baptize their children, mourn their dead.

The gothic windows are gone, along with the altar, electric organ and shiny brass kneelers.

A visitor today finds a mess of peeling paint, protruding nails and tattered wallpaper. Dust dances in a sunbeam that lets itself in through splintered shingles.

"You have to use your imagination," conceded Tom Whiteside, brushing his foot over a whiskey bottle.

Whiteside and other history buffs know what

they're up against trying to salvage the oldest public building still standing in Lubbock.

But their \$109,000 restoration project got a big boost from the City Council earlier this year when council members agreed to grant St. Paul's a proper home.

Currently, the little clapboard building — sandwiched between Amigos Auto Service and a voice mail company — stands just a few yards off busy Avenue Q. Vandals and natural deterioration have taken a toll after 80 years.

So the city agreed to keep up the maintenance if the Lubbock Heritage Society renovates the church and moves it to a public park.

"I think it's wonderful," said Blanche Todd, who remembers Sunday school classes under the high rafters and Celtic cross. "It has

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Case names new president

HOUSTON (AP) — Tenneco Inc. announced that Jean-Pierre Rosso has been named president and chief executive officer of Case Corp., the company's farm and construction equipment division.

Rosso, currently president of the worldwide home and building control business at Honeywell Inc., succeeds Case President Edward J. Campbell, who is retiring March 31, Tenneco said Monday.

The French native also succeeds Dana G. Mead as Case's chief executive officer. Mead, Tenneco's president and chief executive officer, will remain Case's chairman.

Mead, who joined Tenneco in 1992 as president and chief operating officer, added the title of chief executive at Tenneco last month when Mike Walsh resigned the post because of his ongoing cancer treatment.

Campbell, 66, also has been an official of Tenneco operation companies for 26 years. He guided the Racine, Wis.-based Case through a complex, ongoing restructuring.

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hurt me all these years to see it deteriorating."

The building hasn't been used as a church since 1941, when its expanding congregation moved. Its new owner stripped most of the identifiable church symbols and created three apartments.

When the owner died in 1987, his family gave the building to the heritage society.

Volunteers have worked since then to return St. Paul's to the way it looked in 1914.

"It embodies the straight and simple lifestyles of the time ... durable and rugged and hardfast," said architect

Mary Crites, who calls the church part of Lubbock's identity.

"If you took a town or city that had no evolution of its buildings — everything plopped down from, say, 1985 — you would have a community that's nameless, not unique," she said.

Researchers give credit for St. Paul's founding to Sally McKee Coleman, a devout Episcopalian who reportedly barred cowboys from her boarding house until they removed their guns and combed their hair.

The 20-by-30 church

was ornamented with buttresses on the outside corners and colored paper pasted to the windows for a stained-glass effect. Its members — mostly ranching families and students at Texas Technological College — extended the building at least twice.

"We can foresee that the future of this little church, whose cross points to the stars, which seem very near in this prairie country, will be marked with continued endeavor and ultimate achievement," the minister's wife wrote in 1923.

Now its future again holds weddings and other functions for people who make reserva-

tions at the park.

Whiteside, an attorney heading the project, optimistically estimates that restorers need six more months and \$42,000 to complete the job.

They plan to replace the roof, the arched windows and the original beige wallpaper, said Whiteside, whose father was married at St. Paul's. One day soon, he promises, the oak floor will be polished again and a few pews might line the back wall.

"It's honoring the people who went on before you," he said, "and seeing what life was like before we were here."

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March 27

TEXAS & SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS — Will hold 117th Annual Convention in the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

March 29

PECAN SHORTCOURSE — Set for the Goldthwaite Civic Center in Goldthwaite.

April 16-17

COTTON GIN FESTIVAL — The 4th Annual Cotton Gin Festival will be held in Burton in South Central Texas featuring cotton gin, antique farm equipment, folklife demonstrations, parade, contests, kids stuff, entertainment and arts and crafts.

May 6-8

PAWNEE, OKLA., OLD TRACTOR SHOW — Typical old tractor event. Information available at 405-282-7008.

May 28

FLOYD COUNTY OLD SETTLERS — Day of celebrating and fun, plus a parade including antique tractors.

June 11

ARMSTRONG FARM TRACTOR PLAYDAY — Paul and Jackie Armstrong of Amarillo will host their annual tractor show on their farm 3 1/2 miles west of Hart on FM 145, then three miles south. A slow race, parade and plowing contest will be held.

July 9

LEVELLAND CELEBRATION AND TRACTOR PARADE — Parade and celebration including old tractors. For information contact Preston Reeves.

July 16

CHILDRESS REUNION — Day of celebrating and downtown parade.

'Waxing eloquent' about lack o' lotto luck

The Texas Lottery has been in effect for a while now, and my luck remains the same. Bad!

I would really like to meet some of the folks who win a substantial amount, and inquire about their pasts. I'll bet they have always been lucky. It kind of hangs over their heads. You know the type. There is small comfort in knowing that most folks are like myself and never win. . . wrong!

THIS BRINGS TO mind a story about a fellow, like myself, who was used to bad luck just hanging over him. The incident occurred during the '30s, before the Lottery, before Bingo, and before Las Vegas. It was a time when raffles were being conceived and were just beginning to take hold in the country. Raffles were the predecessors of our present form of gambling, and were many times sanctioned by the church.

Anyway, this fellow was a cotton farmer in West Texas who needed to trade in his old plow mule for a new one. He went to the bank, took out a loan, went to the local mule barn and purchased a better mule.

HE RODE THE MULE home, fed him, brushed him down, and turned him out into the lot for the night. Daybreak came and the farmer was very anxious to harness up the new mule for a good day of plowing. Upon entering the lot, he found the mule with all four legs sticking straight up in the air, dead as a door nail.

"Woe is me," he moaned. "What am I to do now. I've got fields to plow, kids to feed and money owed on a dead mule. It just can't get any worse."



Precious Memories

By Ernie Gandy

Suddenly, an idea struck him. When he was in town the day before, he remembered someone trying to sell him a raffle ticket for something. He spent the rest of the day making

out raffle tickets for a dollar apiece. He then went to town and promptly sold all of them.

A FEW WEEKS later, he was back in town and ran across a friend who knew what he had done. The friend asked, "Say, how did you come out on your raffle and the dead mule?"

"Very well," he answered with much pride. "I cleared enough to pay of my bank loan and also enough to purchase a new mule out right."

"Yeah, but I'll bet you I made a lot of folks mad when they found out the mule was dead," the friend said.

"Just one," replied the farmer, "but I gave him his dollar back."

(Guest columnist Ernie Gandy is Farm and Ranch director for TV station KLBK, Channel 13, in Lubbock)

Hale man to lead applicators' group

ABERNATHY — Clark Riley of Riley Ag Services in Abernathy has been elected President of the Texas Commercial Ground

Applicators Association at its first annual meeting Feb. 18-19 in Austin.

Glen Akin of Slaton was named vice presi-

dent. Special guest was Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney of Hale Center and staff member Mark Smith.

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Frye named Hereford's Ag man of '93

Kenneth Frye was named the Hereford Brand Man of the Year in Agriculture at the 29th annual banquet of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association, Saturday in Hereford.

The award was presented by Speedy Nieman, publisher of the Brand. He was the 17th recipient of the honor. Frye, who farms at Easter, was honored for his a production and his service in the community.

Neiman said Frye, 51, was noted for having the fastest motorcycle around during his days at Dirnmitt High School. Frye rented his first farm at the age of 17, and continued to farm while attending West Texas A~University. Today, his operation includes 14,000 acres of land in Castro, Parmer and Pecos counties which he and his brother farm. The Frye brothers are among the largest beet farmers in the area, with about 1,100 acres.

Frye also serves on the Castro County ASCS Board, and was ordained as a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Dirnmitt in 1993.

Frye married the former Linda Hogue of Slaton in 1964. They have three children: Shelly, a graduate of Texas A&M University; Carla, who graduated from Baylor University School of Nursing; and Reagan, who will graduate from West Texas A&M University in May.

Frye was re-elected to the TSBGA board during Friday's business meeting. Also elected to the board were J.C. Palmer of Nazareth and Randy Wieck of Umbarger. Ed Ramaekers of Nazareth and Richard Friemel of the Umbarger-Dawn area retired from the board this year. They were given plaques by Bill Cleavinger of Wildorado, TSBGA president.

Roger Hill, president of Holly Sugar, and Steve Reynolds, vice president of Holly Hybrids, spoke at the event. The keynote speaker, "Doc" Blakely, was introduced by board member Coby Gilbreath of Dimmitt.

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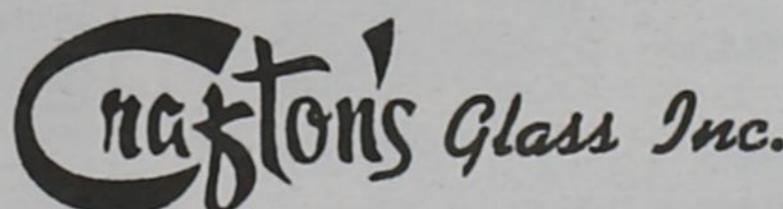
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Chronic fatigue, withdrawal, carelessness about personal grooming.

Major changes in eating or sleeping patterns.

Loss of interest in favorite activities, hobbies, sports.

School problems - slipping grades, absenteeism.

Take a deep breath.

You're not a failure as a parent. You're not helpless. And you're not alone.

If you think you're a failure, consider this: There are many kids with neglectful parents who never use drugs. There are also children with seemingly model parents who do use drugs.

So the first thing to accept is that drugs, while indeed dangerous, are one more problem for youngsters to handle. And they'll do it better and faster if you're aware, involved, and don't stick your head in the sand.

THE AWARE PARENT IS THE GOOD PARENT.

Part of awareness and a major deterrent to experimentation is to talk to your kids about drugs.

But even with a lot of parental involvement, there are no guarantees. So it's important to know the symptoms of drug use and to take action if you see your youngster displaying them.

THE WARNING SIGNALS.

There are no symptoms that are absolutely reliable. But there are clues (see box).

Most of these symptoms tend to be gradual which is why parental awareness is so important.

But don't jump to conclusions.

Many of the warning signs for drug use are the same as those for depression or for the ups and downs of being a teenager. There's also the possibility it's a physical or emotional problem.

But whatever the problem, we're talking about a child who needs help. Right now.

START WITHIN THE FAMILY.

Nothing beats the power of love and family support. That has to start with a frank discussion.

Don't make it an attack. And don't try to talk with your child if he or she seems under the influence.

Wait for a calm moment and then explain that you're worried about certain behavior (be specific) and give your child every opportunity to explain. That means really listening, not doing all the talking.

At the same time, it's important to speak frankly about the possibility of drugs. And it's particularly important to talk about your values and why you're dead set against drugs.

If your youngster seems evasive or if his or her explanations are not convincing, you may want to consult your doctor to rule out illness and to ask for advice.

You may also want to have your child visit a mental health professional to see if there are emotional problems.

FURTHER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY.

If your child seems non-responsive or belligerent, and you suspect drugs are involved, immediate action is vital.

First, you'll need an evaluation from a health professional skilled in diagnosing adolescents with alcohol or drug problems.

You may want to get involved with an intervention program to learn techniques that will help convince a drug user to accept help.

For the user, there are self-help, outpatient, day care, residency, and 24-hour hospitalization programs.

The right program depends entirely on the circumstances and the degree of drug involvement. Here, you'll need professional help to make an informed choice.

Another point: If a program is to succeed, the family needs to be part of it. This can mean personal or family counseling. It may also involve participating in a support group where you learn about co-dependency and how not to play into the problems that might prompt further drug use.

If you don't know about drug programs in your area, call your family doctor, local hospital or county mental health society or school counselor for a referral. You can also call the national helpline - 800-662-HELP - for advice and a referral.

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GIVE UP.

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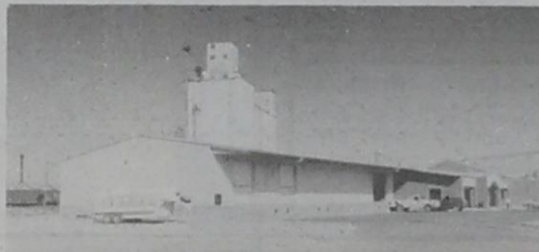
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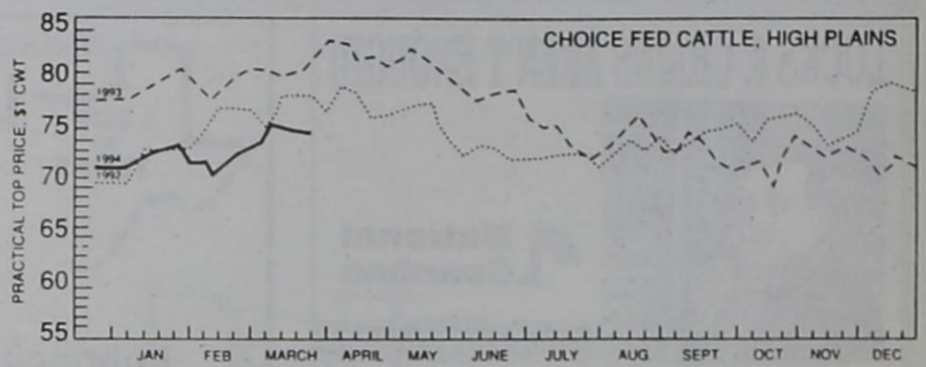
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1,400-year-old yew tree witness to British history

■ Its branches shaded Jane Austen, others

By AUDREY WOODS

Associated Press

SELBORNE, England (AP) — A terrible gale four years ago tore the Great Yew of Selborne from the spot where it had stood for 1,400 years and left it spread across St. Mary's churchyard, its exposed roots twined around human bones from medieval burials.

The tree was righted and replanted with expert advice, but after some early signs that it was rallying, the patient succumbed.

But the limbless trunk — nearly 26 feet (8 meters) around — will remain where it stands as a monument to hope.

"Because it is such a monumental size, and we thought it might take root again," says Rev. James Anderson, vicar of Selborne, a village of about 700 souls 40 miles (65 km) southwest of London.

Yews are thought to be just about immortal. The oldest known tree in Britain is a yew at Fortinghall, Scotland, which is estimated at 1,500 to 3,000 years old. Its girth is over 50 feet (15 meters).

The Selborne yew took root about the time St. Augustine arrived from Rome to persuade the locals to give up the worship of Woden and Thor. When it reached its millenium, the navy of the first Queen Elizabeth had just defeated the Spanish Armada.

The Rev. Gilbert White mentioned the tree in his "Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne," published in 1788 and still a bible for nature lovers. He said its "aspect bespeaks it to be of great age. ... The body is squat, short and thick, and measures 23 feet (7 meters) in the girth, supporting an head of suitable extent to its bulk."

A naturalist and Selborne's most famous son, White was the spiritual forebear of thousands of Britons who pursue flora and fauna through field and stream on the weekends armed with butterfly nets, binoculars and field guides.

The great yew was certainly known to Jane Austen, who lived four miles (6 km) north at Chawton from 1809 to 1817, the last years of her life. In this quiet corner of Hampshire she wrote "Mansfield Park," "Emma" and "Persuasion," and revised and finally published "Pride and Prejudice," and "Sense and Sensibility."

In a letter to her sister Cassandra, written May 31, 1811, she told of the upcoming "gaeties of Tuesday (Ye 4th), on Selbourne Common, where there are to be Volunteers (soldiers) and Felicities of all kinds."

She got to know Selborne in the

decades after White's death and knew other members of his family, says Jean Bowden, curator of Jane Austen's House in Chawton. She knew White's brother, Benjamin, an antiquarian bookseller.

Gilbert White, who died June 26, 1793, is remembered by a window in the church that shows the yew in the background.

It would be thriving still if not for the gale that swept southern England the afternoon of Jan. 25, 1990.

"I just looked out of the window and I could see the tower of the church, which was normally obscured. And the tree had gone," says the vicar.

Experts said part of the tree might be saved if it were righted.

While preparations were made, archaeologists made a quick study of the disturbed burials — the earliest was from the 13th century — and preserved the bones of about 30 people for reburial.

Students from the Merrist Wood Agricultural College sawed off the head of the tree. That reduced the burden on the remaining intact roots, not to mention lightening the load for the three-ton crane that would haul the yew upright.

A time capsule of 20th century odds and ends was stashed in the earth along with compost and fertilizer, and the split trunk was bound together and winched into place. The roots got a good soaking when the winching apparatus knocked a hole in a water main.

Much of the sawn-off wood was sold and made into carvings and souvenirs. Some was used to make a lute as a gift to the church, and planks from the largest bough were taken by the furniture department of the Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education.

"We hope to have a side altar made from it," the vicar says. "Whether it will come to anything I don't know because the wood is of poor quality."

Shoots that appeared in the first two years gave hope that the arboreal first aid had worked.

But Forestry Authority dendrologist (tree scientist) John White decided late in 1992 that it had died. "By Christmas it was gone," he says.

The link with the past is not lost. Cuttings were taken from the live tree when it fell and some are being coddled at the Forestry Authority's research center. A vigorous one has been planted in the churchyard across from the medieval oak door to St. Mary's, with plenty of room to spread its boughs.

"I would expect, in 15 to 20 years, you'd be able to sit in its shade," White says.

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