

## Corn checkoff passes

Texas corn producers have approved a referendum to establish a statewide half-cent per bushel check-off to fund corn research and market development.

And apparently, Dimmitt will remain the state headquarters of the commodity group's governing board.

The referendum, which was conducted under guidelines of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, required a two-thirds majority to pass and that's what it got—barely. 68% of the ballots were cast in favor of the referendum, so it carried by 1-1/3%.

The referendum was conducted by mail and drew a 3% return (881 ballots) from the 61,500 ballots mailed to all Texas farmers and landowners on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service's (ASCS) mailing lists who have a corn base.

The election returns "were consistent with the returns in earlier statewide referendums by sorghum, wheat and other check-off programs," according to Elbert Harp, an independent consultant who oversaw the election for the Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB).

"The board hired Elbert because of his expertise in past check-off referendums when he was executive director of the Texas and National Grain Sorghum Producers Boards, and his assistance in conducting this referendum has been invaluable," said Carl King of Dimmitt, who serves as president of the Texas Corn Growers Association and is a member of the TCPB.

"This is the first time in the history of Texas that we've had a statewide organization for corn," King added.

The checkoff has been in effect in a seven-county area of the Panhandle-South Plains area for 10 years. The TCPB, which is made



Carl King

up of growers from the seven-county area, requested the statewide referendum after receiving numerous requests for research and other assistance from growers in other producing areas of Texas.

"Texas is one of the last major corn states to initiate a check-off program," said Harp.

The half-cent per bushel check-off fee is expected to generate



Weldon Davis

approximately \$600,000 per year to be administered by the TCPB for market development, technical research, and education, according to Harp.

With the passage of the referendum, the board was expanded from nine to 15 members.

Three previous board positions were up for election at the same time as the referendum. These

posts, along with six other at-large positions, were also voted upon by producers casting ballots in the referendum. Twenty-six candidates were vying for the nine available seats on the board.

The nine producers elected to the board included King of Dimmitt, Weldon Davis of Hart and Bert Williams of Farwell, all of whom were members of the previous board; John Baker of Temple, Jimmy Barger of El Campo, Neal Burnett of Plainview, Gerald R. Donaldson of Boling, Jack Thompson of Hartley and Robert Young of Dalhart.

With the re-election of King, Davis and Williams, the expanded board will consist of all nine present members plus six newly elected ones.

Carryover board members are Harold Bob Bennett and Doug Higgins, both of Hart, Raymond Schlabs of Hereford, Jerry Don Glover of Muleshoe, Joe Reed of Kress and Ronnie Sherrod of Hale Center.

"We gambled and we won," King said. "We didn't want to lose

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LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!—Kindergarten students (from left) Charley Nutt and Joanna Olsen show off their Easter candy treasures to their teacher, Karen Carter, last Thursday. The kindergarten students from Richardson Elementary School converged on the city park last Thursday for an Easter egg hunt and the youths hunted, then ate, to their hearts content.

## Germany is feeling pressure from refugees, visitor says

By LINDA MAXWELL

Quirina Pruter, a native of Mexico and a naturalized citizen of West Germany, visited two of her brothers in Dimmitt recently, and answered a few questions about the current situation in Germany.

As a volunteer worker for AWO, a workers' welfare organization, Pruter has been able to see first hand the conditions faced by some of the East German refugees who have been pouring into West Germany since the recent easing of border restrictions between the two countries.

"People can cross the border both directions at more places now, than before," Pruter said.

"AWO is trying to help these people and find sponsors for them—people who would be willing to make friends with them and help them adjust to West German life.

"In our village of Albersdorf [which is about the size of Dimmitt], we had a party to help the villagers get acquainted with 80 East Germans who were staying nearby in a children's summer camp being used temporarily as a refugee camp."

Pruter said that one job volunteers perform is introducing the East Germans to shopping in stores that carry more than one brand of each item. She said that the multitude of various brands can be overwhelming to them at first.

"They only have one kind of each thing, and many times they wait in long lines, only to be told

there is no more when they get to the head of the line," she related.

Pruter said she and her husband befriended an East German family with six children, including a baby that was five days old when they crossed the border.

"This family escaped a few days before the border was officially opened. They went to a lot of trouble, and then the border opened," she related. "They are nice. Their children are different, because they're not used to having a lot of things. They didn't know what grapes were, and oranges and bananas they would get only once or twice a year."

Pruter said the family told her they wanted to escape because their daughters were being forced to work in the same type of job as the parents—at a cattle-raising operation—even though they wanted to learn a different trade.

"The West Germans were very happy about it [the border opening] at first. There was crying, everyone was very emotional—we cried," Pruter described. "It was very impressive. People were lining the streets—you can always recognize the little East German cars—and people were giving them champagne and fruit."

"But the effect is wearing off already. It is getting to be a problem. There are no homes or jobs available. They were already sending some [refugees] back, because there was not even room for them to spend the night.

"I think the [West] German people are getting afraid that it will be too much. Especially the older people are afraid it will cost the country too much, and that it might affect their pensions.

"The young people have been more accepting. At school, the children accept them and play with them, even though they dress a little differently and they don't know as much about computers and certain toys," she continued.

Pruter said the family they sponsored has now obtained a house and the father found a job. The two older daughters also found jobs in a restaurant and will receive job training.

It is accepted as normal for women to work outside the home in Germany, according to Pruter, and everyone is required to have an education or job training of some kind.

Pruter's daughter, Pamela, is 14, and was born on Valentine's Day in Germany. She is in the equivalent of the eighth grade in Germany, in "real schule," which progresses through the 10th grade, and includes training in higher level job skills. Pruter said Pamela may transfer to "gymnasium" later, which continues through the 12th grade and prepares students for college.

She related that many students choose "grundt schule," which only goes through ninth grade.

"It is for those who have trouble

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Who do our elected representatives represent?

Do they represent us, the constituents who elect them, or the political action committees that finance their campaigns?

Common Cause, the Washington-based citizens' lobby, contends that politicians can't serve two masters, and that if we're going to have a truly representative democracy, the political action committees have to go.

"The 1988 elections clearly demonstrated the need for fundamental campaign reforms," says Common Cause President Fred Wertheimer. "Campaign spending was out of control. Special-interest political action committee (PAC) contributions flowed overwhelmingly to incumbents, skewing the election and corrupting the Congress.

"Special-interest PACs gave House and Senate incumbents \$115 million for their 1988 campaigns. Challengers received only \$17 million.

"Successful candidates for the US Senate in 1988 spent, on average, \$4 million each. That means that to win a Senate seat a candidate had to raise an average of \$12,000 per week for six years!

"PACs gave House members \$8 for every \$1 given to their challengers during the 1988 elections. And 17 winning senators raised more than \$1 million in special-interest PAC money.

"The outcome? A record 98% of incumbent senators and representatives who sought re-election in 1988 won.

"And it's about to happen all over again in the 1990 elections."

Common Cause is pushing a nationwide petition drive for fundamental campaign reform. CC wants to drastically reduce the role of PACs in congressional elections, and to place limits on campaign spending.

House Speaker Tom Foley and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell both want campaign reform legislation brought to a vote

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TRULY INTERNATIONAL—Quirina Pruter, left, is a native of Mexico and a naturalized citizen of West Germany. She was in Dimmitt recently to

visit relatives. Here, she is showing her sister-in-law, Carmen Flores, a scarf she bought on a vacation trip to London.

## Absentee voting in elections continues

Absentee balloting will continue through May 1 in several local elections, including a charter election for the City of Dimmitt, school board and city elections for Hart and Nazareth, and election of two board members for the Castro County Hospital District.

The uniform election date for regular balloting will be May 5.

### HOSPITAL

Terms of hospital board members Stanley Schaeffer and Nell Ingram are expiring, and both have filed for re-election.

Absentee balloting will be conducted at the Dimmitt City Hall during regular business hours each weekday.

There will be three polling sites for the election, including the Dimmitt city hall meeting room for Dimmitt, the Golden Group Building in Hart, and the high school in Nazareth.

### DIMMITT

Dimmitt city voters will decide whether or not to adopt the proposed city charter, drawn up by the 15-member Charter Commission.

Absentee balloting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each week day at the city administrative offices. Absentee clerk will be Jo Hamilton, with Dolores Baldrige and Betty McClure as alternates.

Election balloting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room. Voting judge will be Carole Dyer, with Phil Lemons as alternate.

### HART

Terms are expiring for incumbent school board members Danny

Rodriguez and Harold Bob Bennett. Both men have filed for re-election and are being challenged by Jerry Miller and Kent Irons.

The term of City Commissioner Stanley Dyer is expiring, and he has filed for re-election.

Absentee ballots in the school board election may be cast at the school business office, and the city absentee ballots may be cast at the city hall, during regular business hours.

Balloting for the both the school and city elections for Hart will be held at the Golden Group Building from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### NAZARETH

Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman has filed for re-election and is unopposed. City Commissioner Jerry Lange did not file to continue after expiration of his term. Gregory Schacher and Thelma Wethington are vying for the spot.

For the Nazareth school board, incumbents Henry Ramaekers, Alphonse Kleman and J.C. Pohlmeier have all filed for re-election. Lou Wethington also filed to compete for a position.

Absentee voting will take place at the superintendent's office for the school board and at the city hall for the city.

The school and city have both set the election balloting site for the Nazareth ISD home economics room from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Regular elections for DISD school board members and for the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen will not take place at the uniform election date of May 5, because of class-action lawsuits filed by Larry Gonzales. The suits both ask for injunctions to stop any further elections until single-member districts are worked out, in an effort to give minorities more opportunity to win a spot on the two governing boards.

DISD board members and city aldermen whose terms would have expired will continue to serve until the lawsuits are settled and new elections can be set.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said the city is currently negotiating in the lawsuit, and anticipates a settlement at least by August. He noted that the city and school district are requesting identical single-member district boundaries within the city in an effort to lessen voter confusion.

## Weather

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

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Monday	77	48	
Tuesday	86	34	
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April Moisture			0.51
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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Geneva Dennis and I drove to Midland on Sunday afternoon and attended church with Decimae Dennis. Music was by the Day Family Singers and the message was by John Maisel, president of Eastern European Seminary. He had served in the Marine Corp, was signed to a contract with the Hous-

ton Oilers, and was engaged in several Christian ministries to athletes and businessmen in Dallas. He went to Europe as a consultant for a major card company and went with friends behind the Iron Curtain. He has been involved in full time ministry and Sunday night he shared a report of the Hand of God

working in Eastern Europe.

Monday morning Geneva, Decimae and I started out from Midland on her spring break from Midland Lee High School. On our way to Kerrville, we enjoyed all the pretty wild flowers, especially the blue-bonnets. We spent the night in San Antonio and ate supper on the River Walk at the Cafe Ole'.

We spent the day at Sea World and enjoyed the penguins, dolphins, the killer whales, Shamu, and the flamingos.

We went on to Kingsville where we visited with Leigh Ann, Ed Kramer and Pratt (daughter of Glenn and Mona Merritt). Leigh Ann went with us to King's Inn on the Baffin Bay to eat fish.

On to Falfurrias and beyond to visit some friends of Decimae's, Rob and Barianne Wilson and little daughter Sarah. The Wilsons live on a huge ranch with all kinds of wild life including turkeys, quail and deer. They have 54 hunting dogs they use during hunting season, and one wild hog.

Back to Kingsville where we shopped at the large Vanity Fair Outlet.

In Goldthwaite, we stayed with Dr. Douglas and Mona Dennis and Eric, who was home on furlough from the Marines. They took us to Eagles Nest to eat some good fish. Mona's mother, Mrs. Burts, joined us for all the fun. We had lots of entertainment with four little dogs, three poodles and another one. Two of the dogs belonged to friends who were on vacation. One night we watched a dog fight between the doctor's dogs and the pharmacist's dogs. The next day they had a dog race. The dogs names were Charlie,

Bear, Wags and Lucy.

On Easter Sunday we came back to Midland and attended the Easter Cantata, "Calvary's Love," at the First Baptist Church. After church we visited in the home of Mark and Kay Merritt and girls, Lori and Leslie. Mark and Kay had been to Dimmitt to visit Glenn and Mona Merritt for the Easter holiday. The girls enjoyed the Easter egg hunt with their cousins, Bryan and Derek Merritt, sons of Brock and Susan Merritt of Tulia.

Zona Vilas's son, Max and his wife, Joy, and children, Alexis, Levi and Aleigha, from Fritch, visited with her over Easter weekend. They had an egg hunt for the youngsters, a good visit and attended church with her Sunday

The Alexandria Quintet will be presented in concert on Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in the Harrel Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

McLaughlin and Marx, piano and harp, will be in concert on Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at Hereford High School auditorium.

Virginia Crider was hostess for "The Thursday Bridge Club." The group enjoyed lunch and four tables of bridge at the Senior Citizens Center. J May Courtney won high score and Louise Mear's score was second high. Others playing were Dugan Butler, Elizabeth Huckabay, Alma Kenmore, Neva Hickey, Helen Braafladt, Edith Graef, Johnny Vannoy, Ina Ray Cates, Dude McLaurin, Emily Clingsmith, Dorothy Elder, Cleo Forson, Gladys

Benson and Sal DiCuffa.

Ruth Cochran, Jean Morris, Rita Vasquez, and Maxine Myers attended the Texas Library Association 1990 annual conference in the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas on April 3-6. Libraries—The Heart of the Matter was the theme for the conference.

Jean met her son, Scott, on Tuesday afternoon in Dallas. He is attending college in Stephenville.

Maxine and Ruth went with Maxine's sister-in-law, Bobbie Myers, to eat and to visit on Wednesday night.

Ruth went with her cousin, Joe Thomas and his family, to eat and to visit on Thursday night.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock spent Easter Sunday at Hart with Wanda's folks, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Felder. They all attended church at the Church of Christ.

Lavelle Mapes of Walsenburg, Colo., visited the Elzie and Sarena Teague family of Dimmitt for a few days last week. Jack and Lucille McCoy of Amarillo came by for a visit Saturday.

Trinity High School's one-act play, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," will compete in regional at Texas Tech in Lubbock April 20. Contest begins at 2 p.m. with Trinity's production scheduled for 5 p.m. in the University Theatre in the Student Activities Center, on 18th between Flynt and Boston. Admission is \$3.

Their director is Don Blankenship, known as "Mr. B" here. He was Dimmitt High School's speech and drama coach in the mid-70's and took the school to regional in one-act play competition.

The Trinity High School group is staying at Holiday Inn South in Lubbock. "I'd love to see some of my Dimmitt friends while we're in Lubbock," Blankenship said.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock are home after spending 10 days visiting Brad and Pam at Homestead AFB in Florida. Homestead is located 20 miles south of Miami.

Most of their time was spent visiting and relaxing.

Pam's folks, Carroll and Richard Kennedy of Stockton, N.Y., joined the group and they went to Bayside Market Place which is located on

the bay in the heart of Miami. It is known as the "New Fun Spot" for shopping, dining and entertainment.

They had lunch at "Dick Clark's American Bandstand" and went sight seeing by boat on the Island Queen down Biscayne Bay, referred to as "Millionaires Row." They saw the home of Gloria Estafan of the "Miami Time Machine" music group, one of the Miami Dolphin's football players home which had 23 bedrooms and cost \$4.5 million, Hugh Hefner's home, Elizabeth Taylor's home while she was married to Eddie Fisher, and numerous others. "Miami Vice" was filmed on the island.

They also went to Epcot Center at Orlando where the innovation in communication, health, energy, life styles of the future, transportation, the land, the sea and imagination are yours to explore.

They also went through the Orchid Jungle, which is a self guided tour with the paths winding through 10 acres of lush tropical jungle. Most of the orchids growing there grow as epiphytes attached to trees. The Orchid Jungle has over 8,000 different orchids from all corners of the world.

Sue Merritt and Dorothy Sheffy were hostesses for a surprise birthday get-together in the Merritt home for Shirley Stephens and Myrtle Lois Moran last week. The serving table and all the entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated for Easter. Sue and Dorothy served a delicious angel food cake, fresh strawberries and hot almond tea to Shirley Stephens, Myrtle Louis Moran, Carole Dyer, Esta Vandiver, Jean Kemp and daughter Camille of Ft. Worth, also Perry Kemp, son of Andy and Teresa Kemp of Ft. Worth, who was here visiting his other grandmother, Gayle Bruegel and family. They all had fun talking about the good ole' days.

The Book Club met Wednesday at Rhoads Memorial Library. Marie Perrin gave a review of "O, Ye Jigs and Julips." Carole Dyer and Oleta Gollehon served bunny cakes and hot punch from a table decorated with an egg tree. The spring luncheon will be next month.

## Church Happenings

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday is Samaritan Counseling Center Sunday.

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"Receive the Holy Spirit" is the title of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the service for the public worship of God Sunday at 11 a.m.

Morning prayers will be recited Wednesday at 6:30.

"The True Vine," John 15:1-11, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Pat Stanton will speak and minister in our church next Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m.

### Ministerial Alliance

Yom Ha-Shoa, Holocaust Memorial Day, begins at sundown on Sunday.

Patrice Schaaf will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Matthew 5:31-32 Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the rectory of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

The new Pastoral Council officers are John Nino, president; Shirley Brockman, vice president; and Guila Silva, secretary.

There will be a Charismatic Day of Renewal at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Amarillo Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Small Christian Communities will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Room. Coordinators are asked to remind their community chairpersons of the meeting.

A youth rally, "Share the Spirit of Love," will be held Sunday, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Diocesan

Activity Center in Amarillo.

The rally will take the place of the regular May CCD workshop for Dimmitt youth and everyone is expected to attend. Sixth graders are also welcome. The church will pay the registration fees and will provide transportation. A carpool will leave Dimmitt from the church at 12:15 p.m. on May 6. Hart youths will leave following the Sunday mass. This is a good chance to get together with youth from the diocese. Those attending are urged to register today (Thursday) because the deadline is Friday and the diocese must know how many youth to expect.

The afternoon's activities will include music and a talk by Mike Carotta, a youth minister from Nebraska. He will talk to young people about how to keep their dreams alive, even through tough times.

A Ladies' Majella Day is planned today (Thursday) at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo. Father Bob Curry will continue his series on "Women in the Bible." All ladies are urged to attend. A registration fee of \$10 (which includes lunch) will be charged per person.

A Contemplative Intensive Retreat has been planned Sunday through April 27. Father Curry will be the retreat master. Anyone interested should contact the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 383-1811 for details.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS:** There will be a training program for those involved in lay ministries next Thursday, April 26, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The seniors' mass will be held May 12 at 5:30 p.m. A first communion rehearsal will be held May 18 at 7 p.m. and the first communion services will be held May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

## Letter

### Lewis praises youths

Dear Editor:

I would like to let our community know just how special our students can be.

Ms. Allen (Becky) asked me to accompany her and Mr. Johnson (Michael) to the junior high band contest at Pahandle.

Panhandle by school bus could have been miserable; however, the trip was delightful and so were the band members. The students were

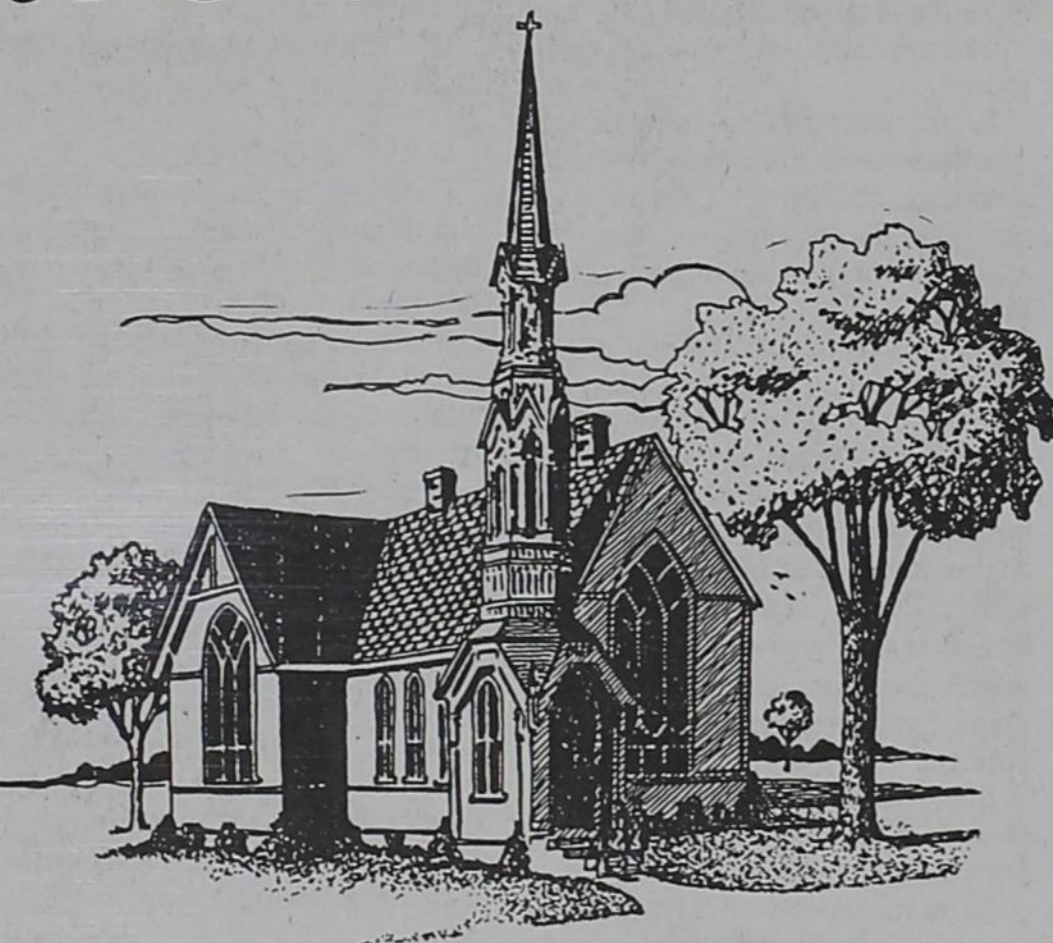
absolutely wonderful on the bus, on stage and at the fast food places!

I need things like this. It helps me remember that once these students leave my room, their music development continues to progress with other teachers in other areas.

Thanks Ms. Allen and thanks junior high band members. Congratulations on your rating!

AVIE LEWIS

# Church Directory



And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:4

**New Hope Memorial Baptist Church**  
300 NE 7th, Dimmitt

**Sunnyside Baptist Church**  
David Fletcher, Pastor  
647-5712, Sunnyside

**First United Methodist Church**  
Perry Hunsaker, Pastor  
938-2462, Hart

**La Asamblea Cristiana**  
"Full Gospel"  
Ruben Velasquez, Pastor  
400 NW 5th, Dimmitt

**First United Methodist Church**  
Vernon O'Kelly, Pastor  
647-4106 or 647-4107  
110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt

**Iglesia De Cristo**  
Pedro A. Gonzalez, Pastor  
E. Lee and SE 3rd, Dimmitt

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
Norbert Choong, Pastor  
647-4219  
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt

**Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana**  
Eduardo Acevedo, Pastor  
647-4373  
301 NE 7th, Dimmitt

**Church Of God Of The First Born**  
611 E Halsell, Dimmitt

**Immanuel Baptist Church**  
James Alexander, Pastor  
501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt

**Rosa De Saron Church**  
Maria Castaneda, Pastor  
647-5598  
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt

**St. John's Catholic Church**  
Norbert Choong, Pastor  
Hart

**Church Of Christ**  
Benny Baker, Minister  
647-4435  
SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt

**Rose Of Sharon Temple**  
407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

**First Assembly Of God**  
Claude Hendrick, Pastor  
647-5662  
300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt

**First Baptist Church**  
Paul Kenley, Pastor  
647-3115  
1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt

**Lee Street Baptist Church**  
Bro. Don Webster  
647-5474  
401 SW 2nd, Dimmitt

**Church Of God Of Prophecy**  
647-3403  
309 NW 4th, Dimmitt

**First Christian Church**  
David Keller, Pastor  
647-5478  
600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt

**La Iglesia De Dios Del Primojenito**  
East Halsell St., Dimmitt

**Presbyterian Church**  
Edward D. Freeman, Pastor  
647-3214  
1510 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt

**Holy Family Catholic Church**  
Neal Dec, Pastor  
945-2616, Nazareth

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# Police Calls

A stash of 12 pounds of marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$12,000, was found Monday evening in a house approximately six miles west of Dimmitt in a search by the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Drug Trafficking Task Force with the help of the Department of Public Safety.

A 47-year-old Dimmitt man was awaiting arraignment Wednesday on felony charges of possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds. Bond will be set at the arraignment.

"We received a tip that the man might be in possession of marijuana, and we obtained a 'permission to search,'" Castro County Sheriff Lonny Rhynes said.

Christopher Rodgers, 21, of Hart is being held for a revocation of probation hearing. He was on probation on felony charges of burglary of a building.

City police had three "customers" in one call at 12:01 a.m. Monday. Officers were called to a residence on Southwest Fourth Street for a fight in progress. Upon

arrival, the officers arrested three men for public intoxication—a 44-year-old from Earth, and a 41-year-old and 25-year-old from Dimmitt.

A Dimmitt youth told police last Wednesday (April 11) that another youth had struck him in the face with his fist, allegedly without provocation. The two had been playing basketball with a few other youths at the high school gym after school. Investigation is continuing.

Emigdio Sandoval told police Friday that someone damaged his yardlight and the windshield of his pickup, apparently using a BB gun. He estimated damage to the windshield at \$300 and to the yardlight at \$40.

One of the teenage girls reported as a runaway last week was reported missing again Friday evening. Her parents said that she had been placed on six-months' probation for running away last week. Investigation is continuing.

Two other cases of public intoxication were handled during the week, including a 28-year-old Dimmitt man early Sunday, and a 30-year-old Dimmitt man Sunday evening.



**THE HUNT IS ON** — Richardson Elementary School's kindergarten students including (from left) Rachelle Webster, Charles Stubbs, Angela Cartwright, Abel Espinosa, Matthew Wright and Eric Martinez, all from Diane Sanders' room, searched in every pipe, tree branch, in the grass and every other possible hiding place, for Easter eggs and candy last Thursday. The kindergarten classes at RES were treated to an Easter egg hunt before school let out for the holiday.

# Walk-a-thon scheduled for April 29

A Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for April 29 in Dimmitt, with the proceeds to benefit the research efforts of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

The Walk-a-Thon will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School track, and those wishing to participate either by walking or by pledging funds per mile walked, may contact Jerre Shultz at 647-4205, Deanne Clark at 647-3487, or Martha Jo Hyman at 647-2255.

T-shirts and pledge cards will be made available to event participants.

Parkinson's is a degenerative disease, which mainly affects persons over 40, and causes a characteristic tremor or shaking brought on by disrupted communication between the brain and muscles.

Researchers say an alarming number of young people have also been diagnosed with the disease, and the theme of this year's fund raising effort, "Take the first step," is dedicated to them.

# Halsell speed limit reset

At their Monday meeting, the Dimmitt Aldermen approved a change in the speed limit on West Halsell street, appointed two members to a joint city-county airport zoning board, and heard an appeal from Carl King to restrict spraying of herbicides in the city limits.

The board declined any action on the herbicide appeal, since Alderman Harold Hyman, owner of Hyman Farm Service, remarked that any chemicals too strong for use within the city limits are already regulated by state law.

King asked that the city at least publicize the harm that can be done to trees and shrubs by careless use of herbicides containing 2, 4-D mixtures, and urged that citizens follow the warnings and usage directions on the labels of chemicals for home use.

"People especially need to be careful about applying chemicals on windy days, because drifting of the chemicals to neighboring property can be a problem," King pointed out.

In other business, the aldermen approved an ordinance lowering the speed limit for a portion of West Halsell Street in response to a request from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, located in the 1000 block of the street. The current speed limit for the area by the church had been 50 mph, and church members felt it was hazardous with their many activities involving children.

Traveling west on the street from North Broadway, the first limit posted will be 35 mph, increasing to 40 mph between the intersections with Fourth and Fifth Streets, then going up to 45 mph at Seventh Street, then not increasing until the city limit, with the speed going on

up to 55 mph.

In order to qualify for federal grant funds for improvements at the city airport, the city must form a joint airport zoning board in cooperation with Castro County. Each entity will appoint two members to the board, with those four naming a fifth member, who will serve as the board's chairman.

The aldermen named Robert Jones and Wayne Proffitt as the city's representatives to the board.

A group of citizens appeared before the aldermen to ask how they should approach the matter of solid waste disposal regulations in writing to their representatives in Austin and Washington.

Burros commented that he will prepare a sample letter expressing the concerns that the city feels are most vital at this time that people

may use as a guide in writing to elected officials.

The aldermen approved an ordinance closing the south six inches of the east-west alley between the city hall and the post office building. County Surveyor John Alldredge reported that the post office was built two inches over the line into the proper alleyway, even though the alley was built two feet further over.

# Rabies clinic planned May 2

The Easter 4-H Club will sponsor its third annual rabies clinic Wednesday, May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the barns south of the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Vaccinations will be given by Dr. Charles Atchley. Cost will be \$5 for a rabies only shot, and \$6 for a canine seven-way or feline three-way shot.



Five Cat Card Club Winners for this week have been named at Dimmitt Middle School.

Fifth grader Carlos Flores was nominated for being "a perfect gentleman."

Seventh graders Zack Bell, Danny George and Joe Juarez were honored for working hard for Mrs. Lemons.

Eighth grader Rene Rivera was cited for helping a substitute teacher.

Winners of Cat Card privileges get to attend school-sponsored functions free during the week of their selection, and get to go to the head of the cafeteria line. Coupons for redemption are also offered by local merchants.

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this year.

That's going to bring a show of true colors. The present system of campaign financing is fundamentally corrupt, and everybody knows it. Any senator or representative who doesn't vote to curb the influence of political action committees should be voted out of office at the first opportunity.

On this issue, the voting public should become its own political action committee.

Incidentally, two of the biggest recipients of PAC money during the last five years have been our two US senators from Texas. According to Common Cause, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen leads the entire Congress with PAC receipts totaling \$2,598,924, and Republican Phil Gramm ranks fifth with \$1,708,689.

(Those figures aren't as scary as they seem on the surface. While those who were elected to the US Senate in 1988 spent an average of \$4 million each, campaign expenses in Texas run well above that national average, and those who need more usually get more. Even with their huge PAC receipts, Bentsen and Gramm have had to get substantial funding from grass-roots supporters.)

Lottie Bearden died Saturday morning in a Port Arthur hospital.

In many ways, she was like a second mother to me.

The Beardens and the Nelsons

were next-door neighbors on Southwest Third Street for 38 years, starting in 1945, when I was 11. Our families vacationed together, spent Thanksgivings together (Lottie always made me a mince-meat pie), and shared a few sorrows and a lot of joys.

Lottie and my Mom were best friends. A tall hedge separated the two homes, but there was a home-made gap in it to walk through on the way from one back door to the other. That gap in the hedge is still there.

Lottie attended all my voice recitals when I was a teenager (it was her husband, Ray, who advised my parents to start me on voice lessons). She was there in 1954 when I got married; I was with her in 1974 when Ray died.

Lottie taught a lot of fourth graders here from 1945 to about 1960, and helped a lot of our farmers with their ASCS programs for the next 17 years. For the last seven years, she had been living with her daughter, Yvonne Fry, in Port Neches.

I'll never forget her crinkle-eyed grin, her lilting voice, her mince-meat pies, her unfailing pleasantness toward me, and her encouragement and support through the years, especially when I was a gawky kid of 11, or 13, or 17.

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## Class of 1970 plans reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1970 is planning a 20-year reunion to be held at Homecoming, Sept. 28.

Organizers of the event are seeking addresses for all classmates and teachers. If you know the whereabouts of the following persons, please contact Jerry Cartwright or Delores Heller.

Susan Cordova, Janie Davila, Rita Dowse, Frances Garcia, Delinda King, Betty Kittrell, Deborah Phares, Mary Nell Walker, Joy Branaman, Cathy Messengale, Sharon Henley, Cordelia Raney, Janie Higdon, Janie Paschel, Kathy Griffin, Clarence Adams, Johnny Aranda, Rodrigo Diaz, Michael Diller, Joe Ferrusca, Danny McGowan, Joe Mike Meyers, Richard Rivera, Randy Talley, Joe Guy Shropshire, Harvey Brewer, Glenn Dubois and Paul Dichl.



**Out of Town**  
It's a girl for Tim and Kelly Huffer of Hobbs, N.M. Paige Elizabeth was born March 7 at Seminole. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Paige has an older sibling, Stacey, who's nine-years-old. Grandparents are Gerald and Mary Braddock of Nazareth, and Max and Helen Huffer of Crescent, Okla. Her great-grandmother is Ruth Griffin of Amarillo.

Linda Wise and Kevin Gene Welch of Friona are the parents of a baby boy, Dillon Gene, who was born March 19 at Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford. Dillon Gene has two older sisters, Kelsey, 5, and Katy, 3. Grandparents are Frank and Shirley Wise of Dimmitt and Gene and Mildred Welch of Friona. Great-grandmother is Ruth Coleman of Dimmitt.

## Benefit opera set in Plainview

The Plainview Symphony and Opera Guild will hold a benefit performance of George Bizet's "Carmen," at the Plainview High School Auditorium Friday night at 8.

The entire opera will be performed in English and everyone is invited to attend.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are available from Symphony Guild members or at the First National Bank of Plainview, 205 W. Fifth, Plainview, 293-5381; Hale County State Bank of Plainview, 201 W. Sixth, Plainview, 293-3635; or American State Bank of Plainview, 3009 Olton Road, Plainview, 293-3888.

## Army, Navy & Air Force News

Master Sgt. Julian Acevedo, Jr., son of Julian Sr. and Edith R. Acevedo of Dimmitt, has re-enlisted in the US Air Force in England after 20 years of military service.

Master Sgt. Acevedo is a production superintendent with the 48th Aircraft Generation Squadron. Acevedo is a 1968 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
We can't begin to express our appreciation for all the wonderful things everyone has done. The cards, flowers, memorials, food, visits and loving words were overwhelming.

**THE GARY COWLEY FAMILY**  
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& CHELSIE  
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Ed Wales would like to thank all of the people for their understanding and expressions of sympathy, flowers and food during our recent loss. A special thanks to TOPS and the ladies from the ICC Church.

**JUANITA WALES**  
ED WALES JR. & FAMILY  
CHARLES WALES & FAMILY  
MICKEY LOU WALES  
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
A special thank you to each and everyone that has been so kind to me and my family during my illness.

For each prayer, card, flower, gift, call or visit and food brought to us, thank you!

For Dr. Lee and Dr. Patel and all the great nurses at Plains Memorial Hospital, for my friends at school and all you lovely people, I am so thankful! What a great place this is to live!

BILLIE KIRBY

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to thank everyone for the many prayers, for all the visits, cards, flowers and gift baskets during Jake's extended hospital stay. You cannot possibly know how much we appreciate every act of kindness and your concern for our well being.

JAKE & MARTHA ISAACS  
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### 15—Legal Notices

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 14.598 miles of grading, structures, flexible base and asphaltic concrete pavement on US 60 from ECL of Friona to Castro County Line and from Parmer County Line to Deaf Smith County Line, covered by F 639(17) in Parmer and Castro County, will be received at the State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1 p.m., May 9, 1990, and then publicly opened and read.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Rhea Bradley, Resident Engineer, Littlefield, Texas, and at the State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.  
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The City of Dimmitt, Texas, will receive bids for Street Paving and Storm Sewer until 4 p.m. on May 7, 1990, at City Hall. (1) This project is being financed with \$191,329.00 of federal funds equal to 83% of the total cost of the project from a grant received from the Texas Dept. of Commerce, Community Development Program. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4 p.m. on May 7, 1990, at City Hall.  
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# Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Toots Holbrooks underwent surgery Thursday to replace her knee cap at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Toots was in surgery for four hours and was put in CCU to monitor her blood pressure.

R.V. Bills was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Friday after he became ill while undergoing tests in Dimmitt. Richard and Bess took R.V. to Lubbock and they both stayed all night with him. He seems to have gallstones and colon problems.

Embee Roy and Willie Mae Sadler returned home Wednesday from an extended vacation and fishing trip to Port Isabel.

.25 inch of rain was recorded Thursday night.

Helen Lance of Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas met with the Castro County Historical Commission Thursday and had dinner with Teeny Bowden and Clara Vick. We do not have enough stories, books sold, or money in the bank so she has extended the deadline. She is encouraging us to work harder on publicity and personal contacts. Emma Jean King and Teeny Bowden attended the meeting.

Hadley Fletcher will advance to the state contest in Waco the first week in May with his Construction Graphics for the Dimmitt High School Industrial Arts Club. Lewis Jurado will also advance with his written test on Power Transportation System Project.

In the Dimmitt Middle School Science Regional Awards at South Plains Regional Science Fair Friday and Saturday at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Justin Damron won second place and Jennifer Vick won third place for the sixth grade with their projects.

Rev. David and Debra Fletcher

spent Thursday through Saturday in Gruver so the children could spend part of the Easter holidays with both sets of grandparents, John and Doris Armes and Gene and Jo Fletcher.

Emma Jean King went to Happy Thursday to bring her mother, Ruby Oler, home with her to enjoy the grandchildren over the Easter weekend. Most of the children were home for the weekend.

Several women, as well as men, have worked this week at the church trying to get the tiles up for the carpet.

Janie Vick typed stories on the computer after the Wednesday night church supper while her children, Jennifer and Jade, attended an Easter egg hunt and Teeny Bowden and Clara Vick attended a called business meeting. The church voted to rent two machines to help get the tile up.

Madge Robb and Emma Jean King worked at Teeny Bowden's Monday recording and filing family stories.

Teeny Bowden visited Tuesday with Beck Bridges and Alma Umberson at Canterbury Villa and helped Mrs. Umberson write her family story.

All of Euleess and Hazel Waggoner's children and grandchildren spent the Easter weekend with them, except Harold and his family. They celebrated Euleess's birthday, as well as Easter. Their grandchildren range from 30 years old (Gregg Gamblin) down to two and one-half months old (Joseph Edward).

Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua spent the Easter weekend in Muleshoe with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norman, Sr.

Billy King was taken by Helicopter Air Ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Sunday

with a heart attack. They are trying to dissolve the blood clots with blood thinner before attempting anything else.

Ettie McDermit, sister of Flossie Jones, died unexpectedly early Sunday morning in her sleep at her home. She was a very good nurse for a great number of us.

Hershel and Retha Wilson attended the funeral services for Woodrow Jones at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt Friday. They had visited with Woodrow's family at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday.

Lonnie and Renee Wilson and children, Doug and Debbie Freeman and children, Wanda and James Collins and their daughter, and Sherri and Dewey Peacock and son Collin, had an Easter egg hunt with Hershel and Retha Wilson Sunday. They also had dinner with them. Phillip and Flossie came by to see their grandchildren hunt eggs.

There were no services at the church Sunday night so those who wanted could attend the Easter Pageant at the First Baptist Church in Olton. The pastor's family and the Sadler's attended the Easter Pageant at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Lillian Carson had a demonstration in her home Monday morning. Marsha Cowley was her model. Mrs. Leona Blanton and others attended.

Hershel Wilson led the singing for a revival in Corsicana recently. Retha and her mother, Mrs. Grady Epperson, went along and visited with Daneen and David in Arlington.

Rev. David and Debra Fletcher, Embee Roy and Willie Mae Sadler visited with Toots Holbrooks at St. Mary's Hospital and R.V. Bills at the Methodist Hospital Sunday. Billie King was brought in before they left so they visited with Marshall and Kaye King. Toots has been moved from CCU to a room and is in satisfactory condition. R.V. was still undergoing tests, but will likely have surgery. Billie was stable all night and they think he will be all right.



**POLLY SIMPSON, Castro County Judge (right) was named a director of the Judges and Commissioners organization during the group's 61st annual conference in Abilene. Tom Bowden, (center) was honored as a retiring director at the conference. Also pictured is Bowden's wife, Elaine (left).**



**CASTRO COUNTY COMMISSIONER Jeff Robertson (third from left) and his wife, Karen (far right) attended the 61st annual Judges and Commissioners conference held in Abilene recently. They visited with Tom Bowden (left), who is San Saba County Judge, and his wife, Elaine (second from left).**

## Simpson is named director

Castro County Judge Polly Simpson was inducted as a director of the Judges' and Commissioners' Association at the group's annual convention recently in Abilene.

Simpson and Commissioner Jeff Robertson represented the county at the Judges' and Commissioners' Convention, which was held March 21 through 23 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Abilene.

More than 600 members and guests attended the 61st annual convention and heard speeches by gubernatorial candidates Ann Richards (Democratic) and Clayton Williams (Republican).

Other items on the agenda for the convention included seminars that were designed to enhance the knowledge of those officials attending. Both county judges and commissioners are required by Texas law to undergo a required number of hours per year of update instruction.

New officers for the association were inducted during a steak dinner on March 23. They are Knox County Judge David N. Perdue, president; Crosby County Commissioner R.W. Self, first vice president; and Winkler County Judge Frances Clark, second vice president.

## Shot clinic is set

An immunization clinic offering vaccinations against several childhood diseases will be held in Dimmitt Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dimmitt Middle School auditorium, 806 W. Jones.

Vaccinations offered include polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

## Letter

### 'Beware of implications in Earth Day promotions'

Dear Editor:

Much planning is presently being done in regard to a world-wide event know as "Earth Day 1990." Earth Day 1990 is set for April 22, and we folks out here in "rural America" need to be advised and aware of all the hidden implications connected with Earth Day.

Christina Desser, executive director of Earth Day 1990 has recently said, "Whereas 1970, the first Earth Day, awakened people to the issues, 1990 needs to make the environment the screen through which all other decisions are made."

The key words in Ms. Desser's statement are "screen through which ALL other decisions are made." This is exactly what the promoters of Earth Day are trying to do. They are trying to unite the world for a global cause. The environmental issue is nothing more than a deceptive means to accomplish the task. The Earth Day promoters are trying to raise everyone's "consciousness."

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To say that Earth Day 1990 is going to be a big event is a gross understatement! To date, Earth Day promoters are boasting that they have over 133 countries willing to participate. ABC will be airing a two-hour special gala presentation concerning Earth Day 1990. Numerous Hollywood stars will each be giving their endorsements, along with President Bush and our newly-trusted Soviet friends.

The bottom line in it all, however, is to unite the world for a global cause. If that statement sounds NEW AGE, it is! No one should deny that folks everywhere should be concerned with protecting the environment. Earth Day is just a simple means whereby the NEW AGE MOVEMENT is moving our society toward a one-world government, one-world financial system, and one-world religion. "Global oneness" is the resounding theme of NEW AGERS everywhere.

Thus, in the name of saving the earth, misinformed and uninformed Americans will be mobilized to "build alliances" that transcend the boundaries dividing countries, continents and cultures; and in the process, subvert the independence of the United States of America.

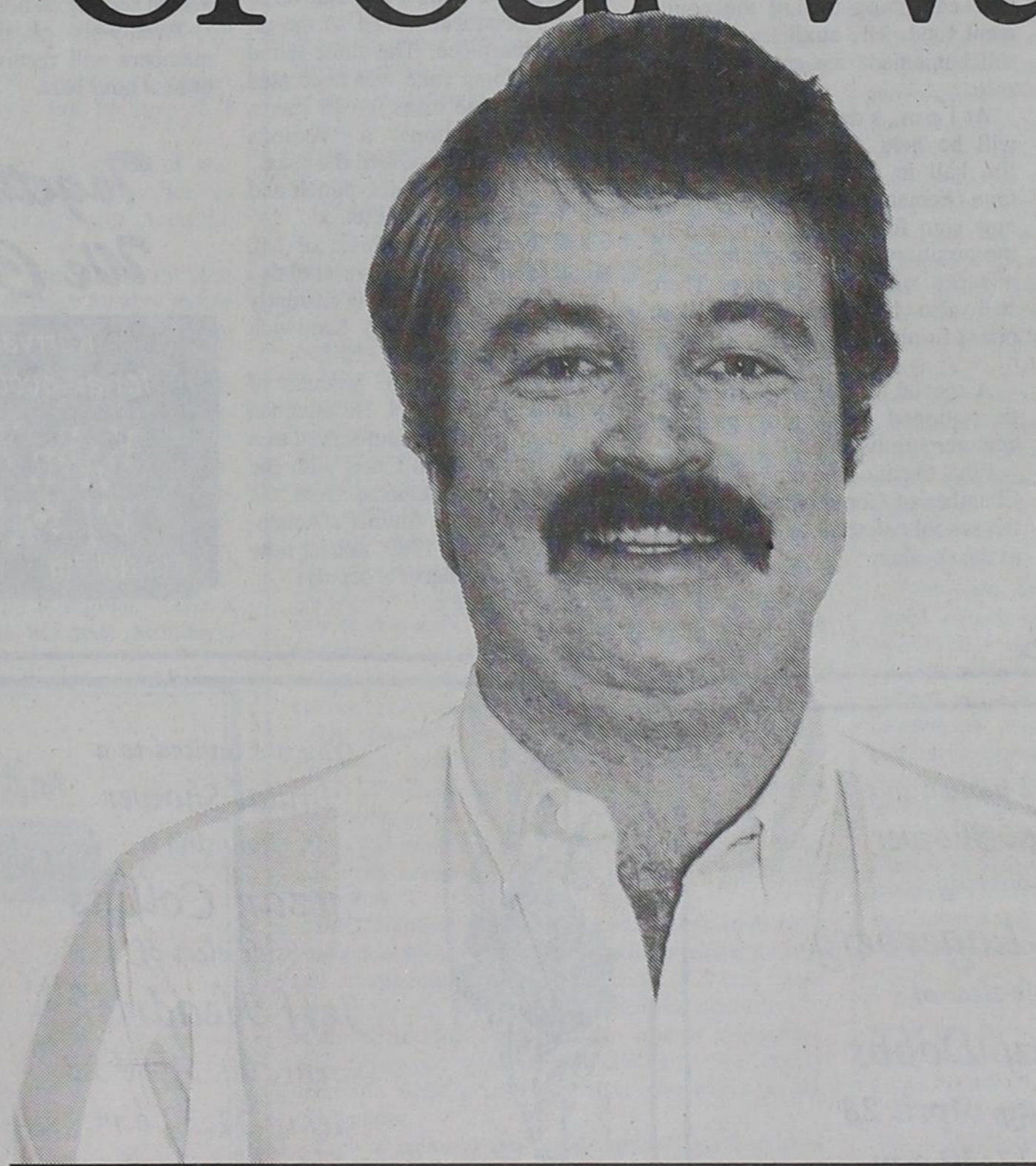
If the New Age promoters of Earth Day 1990 are successful, the American people will be convinced that they must lower their standard of living, boost federal spending, and accept international and national controls in order to combat environmental "crises."

Earth Day is indeed a key part of "conditioning" we Americans for still other governmental controls within our society, eventually working toward a one-world government.

In a recent presentation to my civic club, your city manager shared how the government, through the ploy of using the EPA, wants to regulate how the citizens of West Texas and Castro County can dispose of their trash. If we do not take a stand now, we will be paying in excess of \$42 a month for garbage service in Dimmitt, and \$60 in Plainview! Let's get educated to the issues set before us, and be aware of political ploys such as Earth Day 1990, which are set out to destroy the freedoms upon which this great country of ours was founded.

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# People

## Couple establishes new home in California

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Del Smothermon are home in La Mesa, Calif., after a wedding trip to various points of interest in and around California.

The couple exchanged wedding vows Feb. 10 in a double-ring garden ceremony at LaJolla Women's Club in La Jolla, Calif. Rev. John Sorensen officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the former Norma Lee Robbins. The groom is the son of Delbert and Jackie Smothermon of Easter.

The trees and flowers common to southern California provided the backdrop for the garden wedding. The couple recited their wedding vows in an enclosed garden area standing under a portico covered with orange blossoms.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Gary Gravel, wore a white satin gown of sheer illusion net and Venise lace. It was designed with a fitted bodice and Juliette sleeves. Pearls and sequin trim added a soft glow to the sweetheart neckline and bodice. The low-cut back of the gown featured sequins and Venise lace with a runner of pearl buttons. The softly gathered skirt flowed from a tapered basque waistline into a chapel-length train. The train was accented with floral motifs of Venise lace which also edged the floor-length hemline of the gown.

She wore a fingertip-length veil of nylon tulle crowned with floral motifs of Venise lace accented with pearls.

She carried a bouquet of peach carnations highlighted by baby's breath, white satin ribbon and cascading greenery.

In keeping with tradition, the bride wore pearl and diamond earrings for "something old," a pearl necklace as "something new," a garter for "something blue" and she "borrowed" her veil.

Mary Robbins of La Mesa, Calif., served her sister as matron of honor.

She wore a royal blue, floor-



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL DEL SMOTHERMON  
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length gown featuring a scooped neckline, wedding band collar and an illusion net yoke accented with floral motifs of blue Venise lace. Hankerchief sleeves, a split peplum waistline and an A-line skirt completed the design.

She carried a nosegay of peach carnations, tiny peach rosebuds and

baby's breath set off with peach cascading satin ribbons.

Best man was Mitch Meyer of La Mesa, friend of the groom.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with black tie and vest while the best man was outfitted in a black tuxedo with royal blue tie and cummerbund. They each wore a boutonniere of peach carnations and royal blue wisteria.

Following the ceremony, the couple were honored with a reception at the Fletcher Hills Town and Country Club House in California. White wedding bells hung from the ceiling with royal blue streamers. Royal blue and white flowers accented with pearls also decorated the club. The bride's and matron of honor's bouquets served as the table's centerpiece. The three-tiered white wedding cake was decorated with royal blue roses, green leaves and rope scallops. A Precious Moments figurine topped the cake.

Pick up foods, mints, punch and nuts were served to guests.

The bride is a graduate of Mt. Miguel High School. She attended Grossmont College and is currently the manager of Subway Sandwich Shop in Spring Valley, Calif.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended Sul Ross University and served as a Petty Officer Third Class with the US Navy. He graduated from the San Diego, Calif., Sheriff's Academy in February, 1989, and is now employed as a sheriff's deputy.

## DMS choral to perform 'Rock Opera'

The Dimmitt Middle School fifth grade choral students will perform a musical program at 1:15 p.m. next Thursday, April 26, and April 27, at the DMS auditorium.

The presentation, entitled *Stone Soup—A Rock Opera*, is based on the story of "Stone Soup." It was written by Carol Kaplan and Sandi Becker for young choirs.

The students have spent a lot of time learning the songs, making the artwork, preparing the costumes and props, according to their teacher, Avie Lewis.

Lewis showed the opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* to her students before Christmas and the group enjoyed it so much she began to look for other ideas. She found the "Rock Opera" while attending the Texas Music Educators' Association convention in February.

Everyone is invited to attend the performances.



Helen and Wesley Brown

## Browns to celebrate golden anniversary

Wesley and Helen Brown of Hereford, formerly of Dimmitt, will be honored with a reception in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hereford Senior Citizens' Center, 426 Ranger in Hereford.

The couple were married in Clovis, N.M., on April 16, 1940. They have lived in Minnesota and New Mexico as well as in Dimmitt and Hereford.

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The reception is being hosted by the couple's children and their spouses, Verna and Ron Griffith of Park Rapids, Minn., Judy and Ronnie Scruggs of Lubbock, and Ronnie and Nina Brown of Hereford.

## Rush tea is planned

The Amarillo Panhellenic Association will host a rush tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Children's Learning Center, located at 1006 S. Jackson in Amarillo.

Young women who are interested in going through sorority rush are invited to attend. Panhellenic members will be on hand to answer questions about rush for all attendees. At 2:30 p.m., a video presentation showing the benefits of sorority life will be shown.

Those who have not received a Panhellenic form may do so at the tea. It is important for all young women going through rush to register both with their college of choice as well as their local Panhellenic.

Young women throughout the Panhandle are encouraged to attend. Those who cannot attend, and would like a Panhellenic application, should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jennifer Eades, 2818 S. Lipscomb, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

## Auxiliary plans brunch

Plains Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary will hold its annual awards brunch Tuesday, May 8, at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The brunch will begin a 10 a.m., with Wanda Murdock, Irene Blanton, Lucille Drerup and Retta Welch serving as hostesses.

Twenty-six of the Auxiliary's members will receive service pins or new hour bars.

## Earth Day celebration set Saturday in Earth

In conjunction with International Earth Day 1990, the City of Earth will hold special observances and a celebration Saturday.

Activities in the city will begin at 10 a.m. in the city park with a tree planting and special speakers.

Organizers of the celebration said there will be a concession stand, environmental booths, activities, and crafts.

Also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., an open house will be held at the Earth Volunteer Fire Dept.'s new fire hall, located on the east edge of town on Highway 70. At 11 a.m., Jim Hightower and Steve Fromholtz from Austin are expected to participate in a tree planting at the fire hall, and Hightower will speak briefly.

The firemen will serve a hamburger cookout for lunch, including

all the trimmings. Donations will be accepted for the meal, with the proceeds going toward the equipment fund. The auxiliary will also sell homemade ice cream for dessert.

At 1 p.m., a dedication ceremony will be held, dedicating the new fire hall in the memory of long-time fireman James Wages. Also, a new sign for the hall, donated by the auxiliary, will be dedicated in memory of Gary Cowley. There will also be drawings for door prizes furnished by the auxiliary.

A special mobile post office will be stationed in the city park for commemorative cancellations.

Final event of the day will be the Chamber of Commerce banquet in the school cafeteria, with Ace Reid as the speaker.

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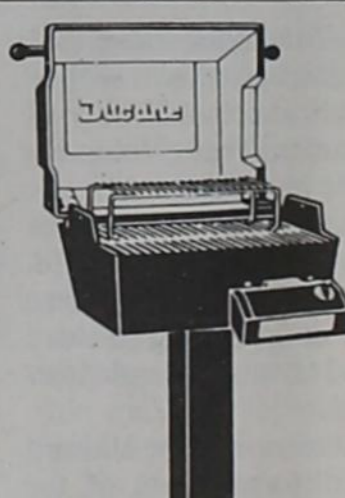
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# Schulte is named DAR Good Citizen

Kara Schulte of Easter has been named a "Good Citizen" by the Los Ciboleros chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Schulte, the daughter of Lester and Beth Schulte of Easter, is a senior at Dimmitt High School.

She was chosen as the "DAR Good Citizen" by the faculty at Dimmitt High School. Criteria for selection include dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Included in the entry is an essay on *Our American Heritage and My Responsibility to Preserve It*. The essay had to be written by each student, without the benefit of reference materials, in a single sitting under the supervision of a faculty member.



Kara Schulte

A four-year student at Dimmitt High School, Schulte was active in band, basketball and track as a freshman. She served as historian of the Future Homemakers of America and was class treasurer. The title "Most Likely to Succeed" was an honor she won that year.

As a sophomore she continued her active participation in basketball and track and was chosen to represent her school at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. She was an academic all-American, "Sophomore of the Year," and was inducted into the National Honor Society after being ranked ninth in her class.

Historian of the DHS Student Council as well as membership in the Spanish Club, the Key Club, the Castro County 4-H Council, Na-

tional Honor Society, and the varsity basketball and track teams were the highlights of her junior year. She was again chosen as an academic all-American and received the "I Dare You" award in 4-H.

This year, Schulte is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Homemakers of America, is president of the Key Club, secretary of the DHS Student Council and National Honor Society, and is president of the senior class. She is also a co-captain of the varsity basketball team.

Schulte's plans for the future include attending Texas A&M University with a major in political science and/or international relations. She hopes to work for the foreign service after graduation.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Region 1-AAA University Interscholastic League (UIL) Literary Contest qualifiers from Dimmitt are (back row, from left) Cory Joiner in accounting, Danna Ralston in ready writing and Michelle Hardee in spelling and literary criticism; and (front, from left) Gerardo Lopez in editorial writing, Monica

Villanueva and Gina Thurman, alternates in CX Debate, Priscilla Garcia in accounting, Sandra Sandoval in spelling and Ryan Hardee in the biology and chemistry events of the science competition. Not pictured was the CX debate team of Robert Langford and Rodney Killough. They will also advance with a second place district finish.

## Cancer Society plans annual crusade drive

The importance of a proper diet in cancer prevention is the focus of this year's American Cancer Society's Crusade, which gets underway in Castro County next Thursday, April 26. The theme of this year's crusade drive is *The Great American Food Fight*.

Local American Cancer Society volunteers will begin their annual door-to-door residential drive next Thursday. Gerald Hanners is chairing this year's drive for Dimmitt, Georgie Kleman heads the Nazareth campaign and Janet Mitchell

will guide the Hart drive. The county are facing a residential drive goal of \$3,100 this year.

"In Castro County, the lives of almost every family have been touched in some way by cancer," said Doris Lindsey, chairman of the Castro County crusade drive. "We hope that our residents will give generously when our volunteers call."

Lindsey said that the local volunteers will be distributing brochures and informational materials to residents throughout Castro County

during the crusade. The materials are also available from any county ACS volunteer.

Officers for the Castro County unit of the American Cancer Society are Gwen Bryant, president; Martha Isaacs, vice president; Margo Boyd, secretary; Mary Alice Lane, treasurer; Louise Mears, communications director; Kathy Welch, memorial chairman; and Betty Wallace, chairman of services and rehabilitation.

The kickoff for the 1990 drive was held at the Hereford Country

Club recently, when approximately 40 members from the 15W Texas Division of ACS met and listened to reports from several individuals, including Dr. Myron Dees, District 15W Crusade chairman.

Dr. Dees explained where every penny of a \$10 donation will go. \$3.70 of each \$10 collected will go to help pay for cancer research at 10 major Texas hospitals, medical schools and universities. A dollar goes for education and training of health care professionals. \$3 will help with public education, informing Texans how to guard against cancer through prevention, early detection and treatment. The remainder of the \$10 is spent on patient services

## Canterbury Villa News

Resident of the Month is Wilda Hawkins of Dimmitt, a resident here since December.

Employee of the Month is Marie Montiel, an LVN. She has worked here for several years.

We welcome new residents Ruby Maples from Dimmitt and Paul Pohlmeier from Nazareth. Mrs. Maples' children are C.J. Maples and Dorothy Elder, and her hobbies include crocheting and quilting. Mr. Pohlmeier had been engaged in farming. Grace Rogers had the privilege of returning home for a

while, but now she is back with us.

Those celebrating birthdays this month include Loneta Jordan, born April 7, 1916 in Texas; Vena Townsend, born April 9, 1914 in Texas; Jewel Kirby, born April 10, 1898; Ella Higdon, born April 11, 1916 in Oklahoma; and Eva Peacock, born April 26, 1909 in Texas.

The ladies from the Church of Christ brought cake and punch April 9 to help our residents celebrate their birthdays.

Last Thursday, Hereford's Golden Line Dancers entertained us.

They were just as impressive as last year.

Saturday, the Local Group sang for us and they are a real blessing to hear.

Today (Thursday) some of our residents will enjoy an outing to "The Grand Ol' Follies" in Amarillo. We will leave here around 11:30 a.m., with the program starting there at 1:30 p.m. Part of the program will be televised, and participants will include the Amarillo Mayor and weatherman Roy McCoy.

Saturday at 3 p.m. the Lighthouse Singers will entertain us. Comprised of the Taylor family, this group plays instruments and sings.

April 28, the Lee Street Baptist Church Clowns will be here at 3 p.m. We cordially invite all of our friends and family to come join in all of our activities and entertainment.

Our usual activities include church services each Sunday morning and afternoon and every Thursday morning, ceramics on Monday afternoons, nail care on Tuesday morning, Bingo on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30, game time each Wednesday afternoon, prayer meeting each Wednesday night, crafts on Fridays, and discussions, exercise and game times every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. We're starting a regular "take a ride" time on alternate Mondays, too.

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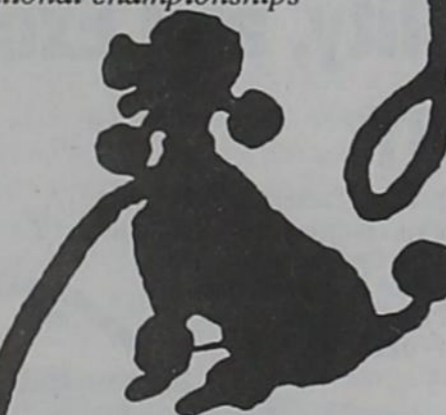
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Hopefully, it also will produce an opportunity to objectively measure just how far we have come since that first Earth Day back in 1970, as well as identifying what must be done to continue to work for a cleaner, safer environment.

However, judging from the print and broadcast coverage given critics who attack American business as being totally ruthless and greedy, without regard for our water, air and other natural resources, we can expect to see the naysayers try to steal this special Earth Day for their own causes, ignoring the progress that has taken place over the last two decades.

Of special interest because of its fundamental role in providing the food man needs to survive will be agriculture's portrayal in the broader environmental scene at Earth Day celebrations.

It is vital that the public know the facts surrounding modern production-oriented agriculture because there is an alarming misunderstanding among some non-farm segments of this country as to how American farmers can continue to produce the increasing amounts of food demanded by a growing world population, and do it safely and efficiently.

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Such a balanced production system also implies a practical strategy to insure enduring food security. Future generations will have to depend upon a sustainable and productive resource base. Both agronomic and economic experience suggest there is no viable alternative to increased food productivity.

With a world population increasing by more than 90 million each year, another billion people will need to be fed by the year 2000, just 10 years from today. The real challenge facing governments and producers alike is to increase agricultural productivity. Only in that way

will man be able to meet current food needs while enhancing the productive capacity that will insure future food security.

This is being achieved today in many areas through production-oriented agriculture that is both efficient and environmentally responsible.

Modern crop technology has made American agriculture the envy of the world. It is the most reliable supplier of low-cost, high-quality foodstuffs to millions of people who rely upon the United States for the food they need to survive.

Within this context, sustainable agriculture goes well beyond the current interest in "alternative" agriculture, sometimes referred to as "low-input" or "organic" or "regenerative" systems. Each of these food production philosophies involves certain practices that may have specific agronomic and/or economic merit.

However, most agricultural experts question whether such production systems can replace the proven capability of today's conventional agriculture which is science-based and uses modern, high-yield technology.

In fact, it has been estimated that a major reduction in conventional, production-based farming practices could slash American food output by up to 40 percent!

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Let's make certain America's farmers receive the credit they have earned as responsible managers of the natural resources they depend upon for their own future . . . and the safety of their own families.

If anyone really wants and needs sustainable agriculture, it is the American farmer, and he knows that it results from sound, production-oriented crop management programs that are environmentally sound, not by ignoring proven agronomic and economic principles that have given our country one of the safest, most economical and diverse food supplies in the world.

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# Sports

## Bradley, Patel and Griffith advance to regional tennis

Three Dimmitt High School tennis players qualified for the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament with first place finishes at the district meet April 9 and 10 at the Lubbock Municipal Tennis Center.

Halley Bradley won the girls' singles division while Asha Patel and Amber Griffith teamed to take the doubles' crown home to DHS. As a team, Dimmitt finished second overall.

The trio will try for a spot at the state tournament when they compete at regional April 25 and 26 in Odessa.

Bradley knocked off three opponents to claim the District 2-AAA crown. She blanked Jennifer Smith of Friona and Wendy Green of Muleshoe (both by 6-0, 6-0 game counts) for a spot in the finals, then topped Elaine White of Friona, 6-2, 6-0, for the championship.

Patel and Griffith had a tough time in their quarterfinal match against a Friona team. They Dimmitt duo dropped the first set 3-6, but came back to win the second and third, 6-2 and 8-6, to advance.

A Muleshoe team tried to put an end to Patel's and Griffith's regional tournament hopes, but the Dimmitt team prevailed, 6-3, 6-3; then topped a Friona team, 6-1, 6-3 for the district crown.

Scott Stahl and Chad Killingsworth, both of Dimmitt, split sets before Stahl won the match for third place in boys' singles action.

In the quarterfinals, Stahl beat Brian Parmer of Littlefield, 6-4, 6-2; while Killingsworth topped Mark Wright of Littlefield, 6-0, 6-2.

Both Dimmitt youths lost their semifinal matches—Stahl to David Barnett of Friona by a 6-1, 6-0 count and Killingsworth to Mark Outland of Friona, 6-1, 6-3. That threw them into the third place game.

Jeanne Davis of Dimmitt competed in girls' singles and won her first round match, but lost in the quarterfinals. She beat Janet Hines of Floydada, 6-4, 6-2; but was eliminated by Shonda Strahan of Muleshoe, 6-2, 6-1.

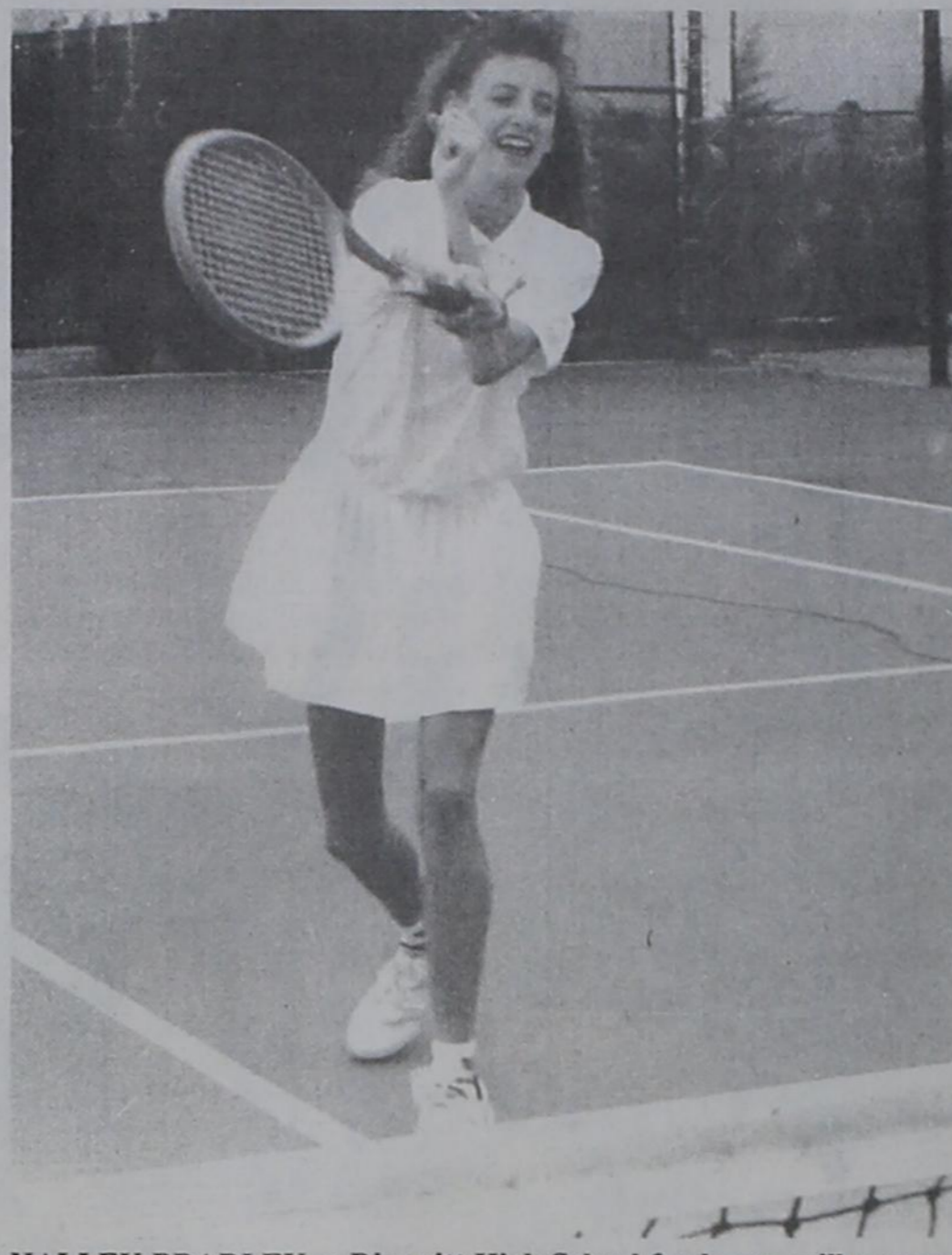
In boys' doubles action, Dimmitt's Shawn Christian and Rene Abrego fought a tough battle against a team from Muleshoe, but lost the split-set match 5-7, 6-1, 3-6. Yogi Patel and Matt Sims, also of Dimmitt, were beaten, 6-1, 6-1, by a Friona duo.

The DHS junior varsity tennis team also competed at the district meet April 9 and 10.

Jeremy Langford defeated Jeffrey Bradley of Muleshoe 8-0, but lost his next two matches to John Parker of Friona (8-6) and to David Garcia of Friona (8-6) and had to settle for fourth place.

Chris McGuire dropped his first match to Gabino Suarez of Floydada, 9-8.

Dimmitt's junior varsity doubles teams competing included Robbin Myers and Steven Campbell, who lost to a Friona team 8-1; David West and Shad McDaniel, who lost to a team from Friona by an 8-3 count; and Tara Grand and Amy Beck, who were defeated by a team from Littlefield, 8-3.



HALLEY BRADLEY, a Dimmitt High School freshman, will compete at the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament Wednesday and next Thursday, April 25 and 26, in Odessa. Bradley earned the right to compete for the regional singles' crown by winning the District 2-AAA tournament April 10 in Lubbock.

## Naz trio to compete at regional

Noel Johnson, Peggy Huseman and Rusty Schacher will represent Nazareth High School's girls' and boys' track teams at the Region 1-A meet in Levelland after placing in the District 3-A meet Friday at Olton.

Johnson claimed the top prize in the girls' high jump with a jump of 5-2. Schacher won the boys' 100-meter dash in 11.31. Huseman finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 64.75.

Nazareth's Christy Birkenfeld finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 33-1, in the mile run, clocking a time of 6:17.92, and in the long jump, recording 15-7, to qualify as an alternate to the regional meet.

The Swiftettes earned a total of 53 team points to finish fourth in the meet behind Petersburg (125 team points), Sudan (121 points) and Springlake-Earth (82).

The Swifts finished ninth overall with 12 points.

## DHS Band to hold car wash

The DHS Bobcat Band will sponsor a car wash Saturday at the Pizza Hut parking lot in Dimmitt.

Band members will wash cars from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with all proceeds going toward the band trip in May.

The band members will wash cars for \$5, while pickups, vans and suburbans will be cleaned for \$8. If a vehicle is extra dirty, an additional \$2 will be charged.

## Dimmitt ladies are golf winners

Three Dimmitt women were among the winners at the High Plains Golf Association's first play day for the 1990 year, which was held last Wednesday at the Castro County Recreation Center in Dimmitt.

After 18 holes of flighted competition, three Dimmitt ladies were listed among the winners. They were Joyce Rickerd, low gross and

low puts in the third flight; Connie Gilbreath, low gross in the fifth flight; and Neva Hickey, low puts in the fifth flight.

Forty-nine women from Hereford, Canyon, Tulia, Olton, Muleshoe, Farwell, Dimmitt and Clovis, N.M. competed. The group enjoyed a meal catered by Mary Cluck following the competition.

# Hart athletes race to regional berths

Ricky Ojeda, Craig Skiles and Beatrice Guerrero brought home gold medals in their respective events while Roger Medrano, Connie Rodriguez and the boys' mile relay team (1,600-meters) including Skiles, Ojeda, Jason Ethridge and Medrano, finished second at the District 3-AA track meet last Thursday at Olton. Each will compete at the Region 1-AA track meet April 27 and 28 in Abilene.

Skiles was busy in the boys' meet, earning two gold medals and a silver one. He won the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.77 and finished first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 40.70. He also ran with the 1,600-meter relay team, which finished second.

Ojeda won the 800-meter dash in 2:06.78 and was a member of the 1,600-meter relay squad and the third place 400-meter relay team.

Medrano, who finished second in the 400-meter dash to qualify, also ran on both relay teams.

For the girls, Guerrero captured the gold medals in the 400-meter dash (63.20) and in the 1,600-meter run. She also ran a leg of the 400-meter relay team, which finished third overall.

Connie Ethridge finished second in the 800-meter dash to earn a regional berth.

Hart athletes also recorded several third place times, which qualified them as regional alternates. Individuals finishing with bronze medals were Jay Davis, 100-meter high hurdles, 16.04; Jason Ethridge, 300-meter intermediate hurdles, 42.58; Ojeda, pole vault; boys' 400-meter relay (Andres Marin, Medrano, Davis and Ojeda), 44.95; girls' 400-meter relay (LaTonya Finch, Guerrero, Jolene Balko and Angie Dyer); and Dyer, 100-meter run, 12.8, and 200-meter run.

Other Hart results from the boys' meet were:

- 100-meter dash: 6. Marin, 11.6;
- 7. Dusty Upshaw, 12.06.
- 200-meter dash: 6. Marin 23.7.
- Shot Put: 7. Richard Rodriguez.
- Discus: 7. Rodriguez.

Other Hart girls' results were:

- 1,600-meter run: 6. Eva Espinosa.
- 800-meter dash: 5. Espinosa.
- 800-relay: 4. Hart (Balko, Espinosa, Rodriguez and Dilphia Ponce).
- 100-meter dash: 6. Finch.

- Long Jump: 6. Dyer.
- 3,200-meter run: 6. Ponce.
- 300-meter intermediate hurdles: 5. Shelly Smith.
- Discus: 4. Carmen Galvan.
- Shot Put: 5. Galvan.

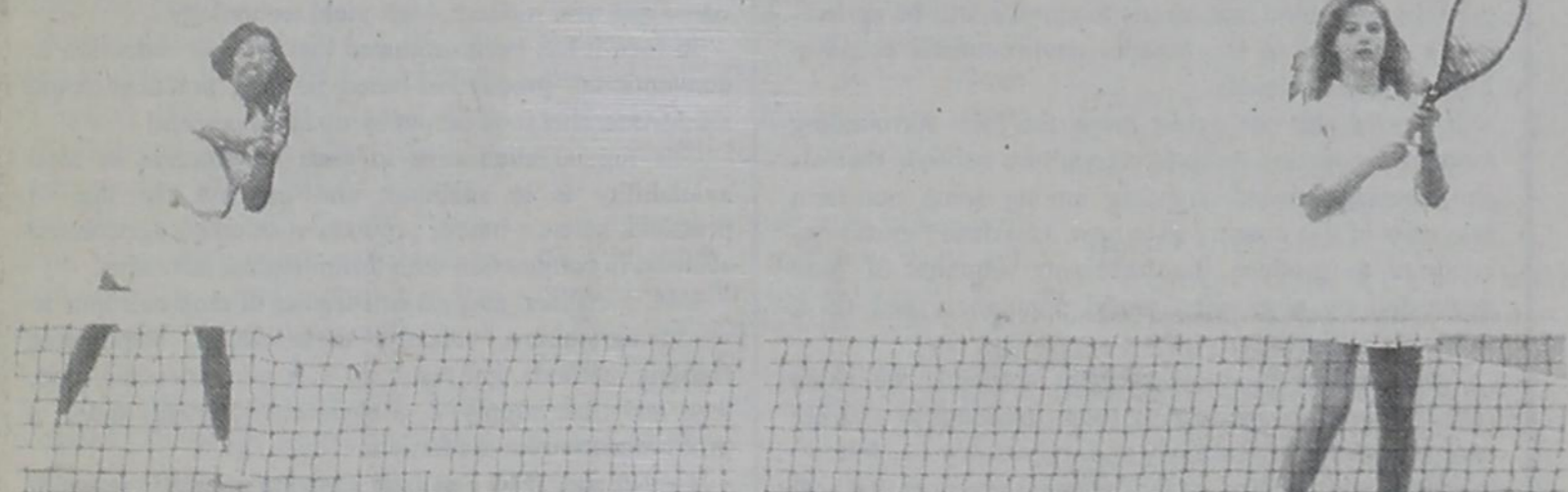
## Dimmitt school bands perform in UIL contest

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band earned a Division II rating in concert and a Division III rating in sight reading at the University Interscholastic League's spring concert contest held in Panhandle last Wednesday.

The band performed several selections including *La Sabre*, *Blanco Canyon* and *Chestford Portrait*.

The Dimmitt Middle School Band competed at the UIL concert contest April 10 in Panhandle and earned a Division II in concert and a Division III in sight reading.

Under the direction of Rebecca Allen, the band performed *Newcastle March*, *Spring Song* and *Covington Square*.



ASHA PATEL AND AMBER GRIFFITH of Dimmitt captured the girls' doubles crown at the District 2-AAA tennis tournament last week in Lubbock and have advanced to the Region 1-AAA

tournament. The two will compete for the regional crown and a spot in the state tournament Wednesday and next Thursday, April 25 and 26, in Odessa.

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# Back to college

# 20 from county commute to WTSU

By DANETTE BAKER

At 5:30 a.m. the alarm pierces the darkness, and once again Tammy Robb drags herself out of bed and into the shower. An hour later, she is dressed, but her day has just begun. She prepares sack lunches for her boys, fixes their breakfast, then awakens them. While they are eating, she gathers her books, and at 7:50 a.m. she heads for the car. She will not see them again until 4 p.m.

This scenario may seem familiar to most people, but when Robb leaves her home, she isn't going to a workaday job. Instead, she drives approximately 45 miles on farm-to-market roads until she reaches Canyon. Her destination is the class-

rooms of West Texas State University.

A senior elementary education major from Nazareth, Robb has been a wife, a mother and, for the past 3-1/2 years, a student.

"I have really enjoyed school, but the hardest part has been trying to find the time for all I need to do," Robb said. "My family has to come first, but next in line has been studying. I have had to realize that having a spotless house is just going to have to wait a few years."

Robb is only one member of a small army from throughout the Panhandle area—and one of about 20 from Castro County—who are commuting to WTSU.

Other commuting students from Castro County are Gwendolyn

Bryant, Tony Fisher, Denise George, Robin Hursh, Richard Jackson, Hettie Keller, Andy Mays, Lee Seman, Rolland Shipley and Sue Summers, all of Dimmitt; Cindy Davis, Sheila Dudley, Perry Hunsaker, Michael Kumor, James Mireles, Rajecania Pittman, Terry Pittman and Mark Stroebel, all of Hart; and Brenda Goad of Nazareth.

These students are joining others nationwide to constitute a new group of collegians classified as "returning students."

The *Chronicle for Higher Education* defines returning students as those who are over the age of 25, and attend school at least part-time or who have come back to college after a year of absence. Students

under age 25 who did not enter college right after high school also are included in this group.

Lila Vars, director of admissions at WTSU, cites several reasons for students returning to college.

"Some are coming to college for the first time; others are already employed and are working toward a master's degree," she said. "With the rapid advancement in our industries, other students are taking classes to keep up with the technology in their respective fields. There are other students who are just taking classes for fun. Whatever the reason, most of these students are degree oriented."

These returning students are quickly replacing the traditional students as the majority on campus. According to a report from the Pew's Charitable Trusts, they make up approximately 50% of the undergraduates nationwide.

As a result, this group is becoming a big market for universities.

"In the past 10 years, enrollment of high school students has decreased approximately 3% nationwide," Vars said. "This semester, the freshman class only made up 14.6% of the total enrollment at WT. We, like other universities, are having to attract this 'over 25' group of potential students to fill the classrooms."

WTSU has initiated marketing strategies to reach this group, by placing advertising in *Accent West* (a regional magazine geared toward the young, upwardly mobile crowd—"yuppies") and has placed radio spots on area stations such as KDHN in Dimmitt.

"We are trying to distribute our class schedules so that a greater number of people see them," Vars said. "Schedules are placed in the Amarillo and Canyon newspapers and we send them to area public schools. The Admissions Office is also working with some corporations that might offer their employees paid tuition to attend WT."

To accommodate this "over 25"

group, the university provides a newsletter to inform night students of services that are available to them, such as an increased number of night classes, and a graphic center that stays open late to sell supplies usually sold in the bookstore during daytime hours. At one time, a child care facility was also available, but it had to be phased out because it was no longer financially feasible, Vars said.

A survey was conducted last semester by the WTSU Registrar's Office to determine if there was enough interest in classes offered later in the day. Out of 108 respondents, more than half said they would enroll in classes scheduled after 2:30 p.m. As a result, an advanced education course (EDX 360) was added this semester at that time.

"The highest response areas were in the education field," said Linda Elliott, WTSU registrar. "If there is a need, EDX 361 will be offered next semester."

From the comments made on the survey, participants feel this is a "very good idea" and hope that in the future the university will schedule more classes during this time.

Another thing that attracts returning students to WTSU is a

bargain on tuition. According to figures released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, WTSU's tuition and fees are about \$750 less per semester than the national average. The nationwide average tuition is \$1,694 per semester.

Robb said she was glad to get such a good deal on her education at WTSU, but was mainly just relieved to be almost finished.

"I am proud of myself and feel that I have accomplished a great task," Robb said. "My goal is to secure a teaching position and try to make a difference in my students' lives, not only as an effective teacher, but to let them know that I really care about them as individuals."

(Editor's Note: Danette Baker of Dimmitt is a "returning student" who is studying journalism at WTSU.)

## More about

## Germany feels pressure . . .

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learning, or who only want to learn a trade, or who are too lazy to go on," she said. "Once they choose grundt schule, they are stuck there, but real schule students usually can go on to gymnasium if they change their minds later."

Pruter said her daughter can speak several languages and used to be fluent in German, Spanish and English.

"We lived in El Paso from 1979 to 1984, and she spoke all three very well, but now, though I think she still understands Spanish, she won't speak it much," Pruter remarked. "But she can still speak English almost as good as a Texan."

Pruter's husband, Hans Herbert Pruter, is in the West German Air Force and was stationed in El Paso at Fort Bliss when they first met in 1972 at a Halloween party at a friend's house.

"He speaks a few words in Spanish, and speaks very good English, but with a British accent," Pruter said.

He is a career man, and works with the HAWK system, coming to the US at intervals to get training, and then going back to Germany to train others.

Pruter said she and her husband were friends for over a year and corresponded after he returned to Germany late in 1972. After he returned to El Paso in 1973, the couple became engaged. They married twice on Jan. 27, 1974.

"We had a civil ceremony in El Paso, then went to Juarez for a church ceremony," she recalled. "In June of 1974 we went to Germany, where we lived in Friedrichstadt, which is known as 'Little Amsterdam.' It was settled a long time ago by Dutch who were fleeing religious persecution. It even has canals like Amsterdam."

She described life in the small town of Albersdorf (where they now live) as "a little bit hard, because everyone knows everyone else, and 'things have always been done that way.'"

Although her husband, like a majority of Germans, is Lutheran, Pruter has remained a Catholic. She attends Catholic services in a village 14 kilometers (almost 9 miles) away, and her daughter takes religion classes there at least once a week, while her classmates are studying Lutheranism. Religious studies are a required part of their school curriculum.

Concerning the German language, Pruter said it is very hard to learn, and even though she could speak a little German from language classes she had taken in school in Mexico, she still needed a private teacher for two years after moving to Germany.

There are a lot of differences in Germany, besides the language, that Pruter had to adjust to. One of the most difficult adjustments was the type of funerals.

"In Mexico, there is a lot of crying and they sit up with the body," Pruter described. "But in Germany, they keep the deceased in a room alone, and the funerals are almost happy, with a big coffee afterward and they pass out cigars. The cemeteries are beautifully kept, almost like big parks, and people take walks through them and there are benches to sit on. Certain times of the year, everyone comes out and works in the cemetery and plants flowers."

One of the customs Pruter says she refuses to adopt is that of

Spring cleaning, in which everything is taken out of the house—furniture and all—no matter how heavy it is.

"Since I can discuss with them now, I have to remind the neighbors that I am not German, but they expect me to act like them, too," Pruter commented.

A custom she says she has come to enjoy is the 3 p.m. "coffee time" every afternoon.

"The food is very good, but a little heavy, and they eat a lot," Pruter observed. "I try everything. We travel a lot, and I like to try different foods. It is hard for me to cook Mexican food because I can't always find the ingredients I need."

"My mother has come over to Germany twice for visits, and once she made a big batch of flour tortillas. The neighbors loved them, and couldn't get enough of them. My family likes my chile con carne, too."

A new food trend for the Germans is supplied by McDonald's hamburger franchises. One is located in Rendsburg, about 40 km (approximately 25 miles) away from Pruter's home village.

"At first my mother-in-law didn't like it, saying that it was unhealthy, but now she likes to eat there almost as much as the young people," she said.

Pruter said the German youth are becoming "Americanized" in other ways, too, including their love of blue jeans.

"The clothing we buy in Germany is more expensive than what we would pay here, but it is very well made and lasts through many years of wearing," she stated. "Most are made of 100% wool or cotton, or blends with mostly wool or cotton. There are very few synthetics."

Although West Germany boasts major supermarkets, Pruter said the little individual bakeries, butcher shops, and tobacconers are still very popular.

"Nearly everyone rides a bike for shopping, and most of the children ride bicycles to school, unless they live far enough away to ride the bus," she related. "We have a car, but drivers' licenses are very hard to get. They are very expensive."

"It costs about 800 marks [roughly equivalent to \$465] to attend the driving school, and you have to be age 18 to drive. There is a new rule now, that you first get a pink license, then if you keep a good driving record for two years, you get a license that is good from then on. If you get your license taken away or have a bad record during the probation period, then you have to go through the driving school again."

"There is a government bureau based in Flensburg that keeps track of everyone's driving record for the whole country. If you do certain things wrong, you get 'points,' and after a certain number of points—14 or so, I think—then you lose your license."

"I was lucky, because I just had to have my American driver's license translated into German, so I didn't have to go through the school," Pruter noted.

Pruter said her daughter was hit by a car in December of 1988, and had to be hospitalized. Since the 18-year-old driver of the car was a "novice," he was only given a warning and sentenced to 15 hours of public service. Also, his insurance had to pay the hospital expenses for Pamela.

Pruter said she once remarked to

her husband that it seemed like all of their money was going for insurance. She recounted all the types of insurance coverage that are mandatory in Germany, including car insurance, health insurance, and even liability coverage on children, in case they cause damage to anyone's property.

Pruter said that German parents receive an "allowance" from the government of 50 marks (about \$29) per child to help pay for their expenses, and a fairly recent provision allows mothers of newborns 600 marks (about \$348) per month for about the first 15 months of the infant's life.

"They are trying to encourage the people to have more children. Most families have only one or two children. You seldom see any with four or more," she observed.

Although the Pruters only have one child, their home is also shared with Pruter's mother-in-law, who is widowed.

"She has her own rooms, kind of like her own little apartment, in our home," Pruter said. "I get along well with her."

Pruter said her mother-in-law really enjoyed a three-month visit she made to the US in 1981 during one of the family's stays in El Paso.

"We took her to Disney Land, San Francisco, Tombstone, Ariz., and Carlsbad Caverns," she recalled.

Pruter remarked that she and her husband like to travel, adding that they have vacationed in England, Denmark, Poland, Belgium, France, Spain, Mexico, Jamaica, and Helgoland, a chain of resort islands off the northern coast of Germany. Her husband currently qualifies for 31 days of vacation per year, not counting Saturdays and Sundays, and additional days are added for further periods of employment.

"We have a regular place we go to in France each summer," she noted.

Pruter is vacationing alone for this visit, and planned to see friends in Colorado, as well as visiting family in El Paso and Mexico, before returning home April 27.

Pruter calls West Germany home now, since becoming naturalized about three years ago.

"It took me 13 years to decide to give up my Mexican citizenship. I always thought I would like to live in Mexico, and my husband said, 'Yes, we'll live in Mexico after I retire.' But he told me later that he only said that because he was afraid I wouldn't go to Germany with him," Pruter laughed.

"The German people are thrifty, and they're not much on credit," she pointed out. "Another reason I decided to change my citizenship was so that my passport renewals would be cheaper."

Pruter's brothers are Rito and Jesus Flores of Dimmitt. She also has a brother, Rogelio, who lives in Dalhart. Her sisters, Socorro Mendez and Maria Luisa, both live in Mexico.

## Baseball Special set for tonight

The Senior Citizens' Center in Dimmitt will have a "Baseball Special" today (Thursday) starting at 6 p.m.

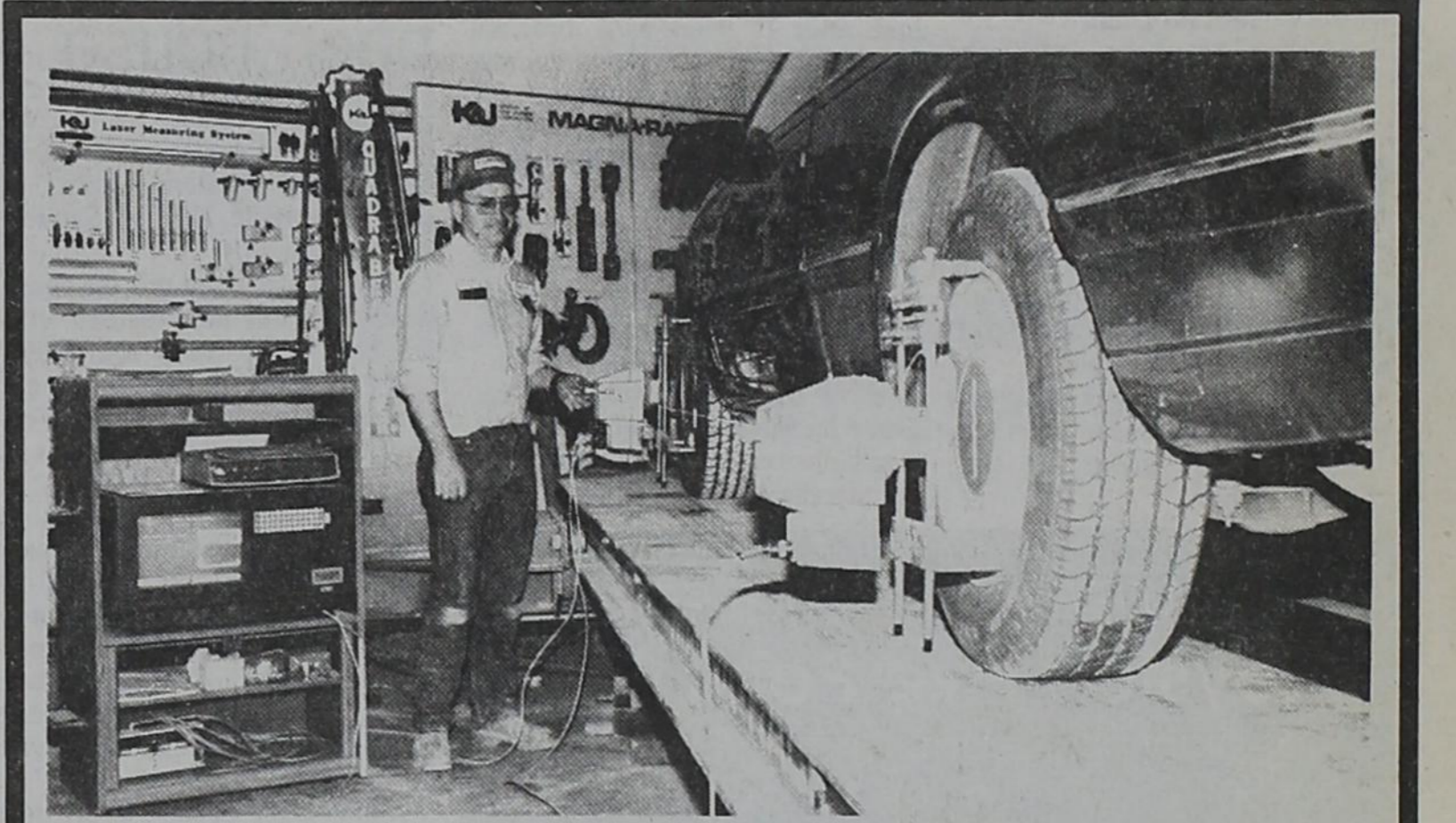
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## Conservationists to be honored at banquet Friday

Agnes Schilling, Dr. R.H. Cox, Gene Purcell, Edd McLeroy, Randy Smith, and Rayphard and Teddy Smithson will be honored as conservationists during the Soil and Water Conservation District's annual awards banquet Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Awards will be presented to Schilling as the Conservation Homemaker of the Year; to Dr. Cox as the

Absentee Conservation Rancher of the Year; to Purcell as the Resident Conservation Rancher of the Year; to McLeroy as the Businessman-Professional Individual of the Year; to Smith as the Absentee Conservation Farmer of the year; and to the Smithsons as the Wildlife Conservationists.

Awards will also be presented to the winners of the poster contest, including Jamye Bingham, first; Jerad

Birkenfeld, second; and Marcus Brockman, third. Essay winners include Amy Beck, first; Monica Garcia, second; and Rala Byrnes, third. They will also receive awards.

The businessmen of Castro County

will cook steaks, local people will contribute potatoes, desserts, salads and the labor for the banquet.

"Now and Then," a musical group, will provide the entertainment during

the meal.

Everyone is invited to attend the banquet. Anyone who needs more information or tickets can contact Dena Wilkerson at 647-4324 or come by the Soil Conservation office at 114 W. Belsher in Dimmitt.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 a person in advance or at the door. Money raised from the banquet can be used by the district for state matching funds. These funds allow the district to operate throughout the year.

## Cotton Talks

Larry Nelson, Swisher and Hale County cotton producer, was elected president of the Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., succeeding Steve Verett or Ralls.

The election officers was held last Thursday by the organization's board of directors after PCG's 33rd annual meeting in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Other officers elected were Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, vice president; and Frank B. Jones Jr., of Lamesa, secretary-treasurer. The board is made up of two members elected from each of PCG's 25 counties. 35 of the 50 members were present for the election.

County director since 1980 and an officer since 1986. He served two years each as secretary-treasurer and vice president, and was chairman of the finance committee in 1987. A well-known leader in the industry, he is a member of the Cotton Inc. Board of Directors, current president of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and is a past-president of the Texas Independent Ginners Association. Nelson holds an agricultural engineering degree from Texas Tech University. He and his wife, Rena, have two children, Kevin and Judy.

Over 250 cotton producers, ginners and other cotton-related businessmen and women attended the PCG membership meeting. Guest speakers were Lester J. Smith, vice president and director of purchasing for Cone Mills of Greensboro, N.C.; and Phillip C. Burnett, executive vice president of the National Cotton Council.

Verett, a PCG director since 1985, had served the maximum of two one-year terms as president. Under PCG by-laws he automatically becomes chairman of the board, replacing Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenora. Mitchell continues as a Martin County director.

Reports were heard at the meeting from retiring President Verett, Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Mitchell and Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Jarrell Edwards of O'Donnell. Edwards concluded his report by presenting a Distinguished Service Award to Roy Moritz of Lubbock, who retired in 1989 as manager of PCG's Boll Weevil Control Program.

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PCG's new vice president, Huffaker, has been a Lynn County director since 1982. He served as secretary-treasurer in 1988 and 1989, is a member of the organization's Boll Weevil Steering Committee and a member and past chairman of the Plains Cotton Improvement Committee. He was chairman of the PCG Finance Committee in 1988 and 1989. Huffaker and his wife, Rachel, have two children, Wayne Jr. (Cal) and Ralph.

Nelson has been a Swisher

Secretary-Treasurer Jones became a PCG officer for the first time after 15 years as a director. The long-time Dawson County producer, ginner and cattleman is a 1960 graduate of the University of Texas and was graduated from Harvard Business School in 1968. A past chairman of PCG's Boll Weevil Steering Committee, Jones is also past president of the Cotton Foundation, a producer delegate to the National Cotton Council, chairman of the NCC Producer Task Force on Environmental Issues and a past chairman of the NCC Producer Steering Committee.

## Dance is set

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Dimmitt is sponsoring a dance Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the VFW Hall.

The band, "Killing Time," will perform for the dance.

Members and guests are welcome to attend.

## Soil Stewardship Week set for April 29 - May 6

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, set for April 29 - May 6, according to Coby Gilbreath, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "Citizens of All Creation."

"This focus is especially appropriate, as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil and water. Together we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's natural renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact," a spokesperson said.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the US since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts.

The Running Water SWCD was organized in 1939 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet their individual land's capabilities and needs.

Informative material on the theme each year is distributed through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

"Basically, it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist far-

## Bluebonnet names Ellis sales manager

Bluebonnet Savings Bank FSB has named Denise Ellis as corporate sales manager.

## MultiVision schedules open house

MultiVision Cable TV Co. will hold an open house at its newly consolidated Western District office in Plainville, Kan., on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Based in Dallas, Ellis will serve as the liaison between marketing, branch operations and Bluebonnet's 39 branches. Her role will be to define, coordinate and implement the branch sales philosophy, programs, products and training for its retail branch network.

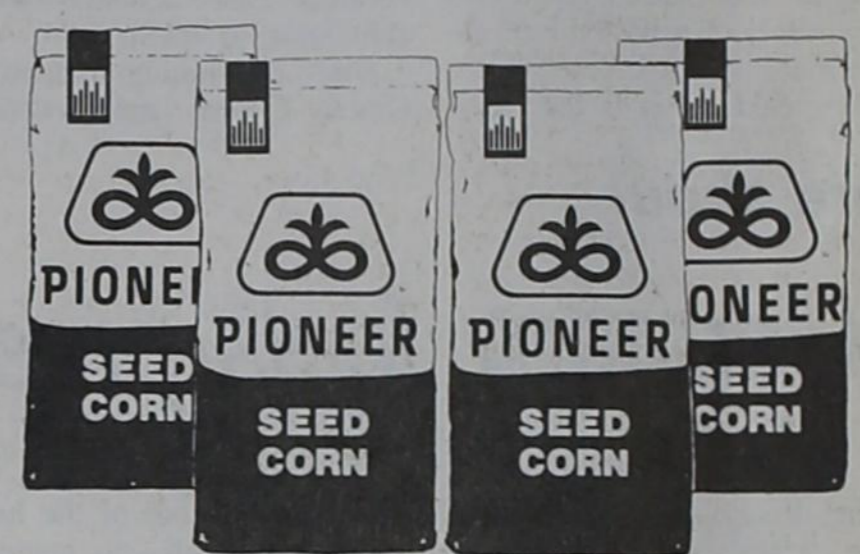
"We are delighted that the consolidation of our new district office has been successfully completed," said Paul R. Keating, district general manager for MultiVision's Western District.

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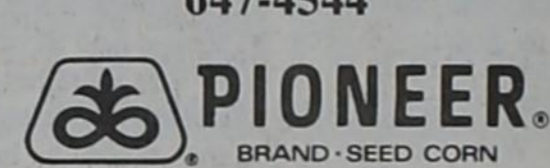
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Letter

# County needs improved road building material

# Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

**Dear Editor:**  
It is time the Commissioners' Court spent the money already collected in taxes to improve our county roads.

The Commissioners' Court needs to spend this money properly, however. If we spend all the money on parts, machinery, fuel and labor, and not any on hauling improved road building material, how are we going to get better roads for the taxpayer?

I hauled an improved road building material to Perry Barham's driveway over five years ago and the road, as far as I know, has not been graded since and doesn't need to be. By using the top soil, as is normally being done in the county, you will need to grade this road any time you get an inch or more of rain (which is a waste of taxpayers' money).

The state tells the Commissioners' Court they can use this improved road building material, getting it from any place they can find it. This is a law that Castro County does not participate in because Commissioners' Court has not seen the need to put improved road building material on the county roads.

Lynn Milligan with Texas Engineering Extension Service from College Station, which is paid by the Texas and United States Highway Department to give small counties technical assistance with their road building program, said

that you normally design a road for 15 years of traffic. The more traffic, the more improved road building material is used, and the shorter the life of the road will be. A loaded truck is many times harder on a road than a car would be. It is time we use this free technological assistance in improving our roads, which I am now doing.

I went to Arlington in January and paid all expenses myself, except the \$15 registration fee. The main thing I learned at Arlington on building a road was to first put on a sub-base material and then add your base material. Third, add aggregate or gravel, and fourth, the asphalt or concrete. I told the instructor that in Castro County we were still using only the top soil and they thought the only place still doing this was a logging road up in the mountains.

With the assistance of some of the taxpayers, I have recently hauled this material to 13 miles of road, which has proved out very successful. There have been many more taxpayers wanting to help, but they have been stopped by the Commissioners' Court and deprived of an all-weather road. I don't think this is the right way to treat our many bosses.

I have not fired any employees. I have terminated their jobs because of economic reasons. I have asked a county specialist at the Department of Labor, minimum wage and hour division, if I could terminate them, since I was going to this new way of improving roads and would no longer need the specialized labor I had now. He told me he did not see anything wrong with terminating them. I want to haul this material to the roads the most economical way we can.

I have also been talking with Lynn Milligan to get the road and bridge funds divided up judiciously

and equitably like the law tells us to do in Castro County. Lynn has referred me to John Fuller, Assistant Attorney General for the Counties. John Fuller tells me this would have to be determined in District Court, since the state has no guidelines to guide the Commissioners' Court on doing this.

David Brooks, who has written two books on County and Special District Law (Jim Mattox has endorsed this book and Jimmy Davis has ordered it for me), has agreed to do this for XX amount of dollars. If the Commissioners' Court can't pay for this or will not pay, then the taxpayers will have to pay for this formal action by donations.

I will appreciate hearing from you on the above matters.

**HAROLD D. SMITH**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Smith has been informed repeatedly by the other commissioners that they would allow him to haul improved road building material in his precinct as long as it is done within the law, within his budget, and according to the regulations imposed by the county's liability insurance carrier.**

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Letter

## 'Teachers are not respected'

**Editor:**  
The Bible says that Jesus of Nazareth was a teacher. He offered knowledge to all men, regardless of race, color or creed. He was not respected. He was not appreciated. He was persecuted and hung on a cross. He and his lessons affected eternity.

Today, teachers hold the future of this great nation in our capable hands. We are not respected. We are not appreciated. We, too, will affect eternity.

**DONNA UNDERWOOD**  
Teacher

Letter

## 'Told you so'

**Editor:**  
1,100-plus taxpayers can't be wrong.

**EULESS WAGGONER**

## History book deadline is extended to June 1

Family stories written for inclusion in the Castro County History, 1891-1991, Vol. II, must be turned in by June 1.

"Stories are still being turned in and we have not met our goal of 800 stories," project spokesperson Teeny Bowden said. "The extension will still enable the Historical Commission to have the book ready by Christmas 1990."

Bowden said Helen Lance, a representative of Taylor Publishing Co., which is publishing the volume, authorized the deadline extension.

"Volume II will have the same cover as the first volume, but the content will be entirely different," Bowden said. "We are encouraging families who wrote their history for the first volume to update their stories for any changes in their families or to expand into more detail than in their first entry."

Bowden said that other new entries for Volume II will include:

the census lists from 1900 and 1910; the story text and pictures of the eight historical markers in the county; a complete list of winners of the Chamber of Commerce honors for Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year; a list of all Castro County armed services veterans from World War I through the Vietnam conflict; our ranching heritage, including farming, irrigation and feed lots; a pre-history section followed by the Easter Elephant story; a section on the restoration of the prisoner of war chapel; an every decade checklist of the businesses located around the courthouse square, beginning in 1891, and preceded by the four original pictures of Dimmitt; and a selection of wedding stories through the years.

Bowden cautioned that those wanting to purchase a book, need to order one by June 1, because the commission may not be able to order any extras.

Beautiful Holy Week services were held in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee and Deacons Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer officiating. Services were held on Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday evening, Holy Saturday evening and Easter Sunday morning.

During the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, Ken Schacher was baptized into the church with Shirley Schacher serving as his sponsor. Susan Hartman, Carla Hochstein and Deboarah Huseman entered the church through a Profession of Faith. All four received the sacraments of confirmation and the eucharist with their sponsors Bob Schacher, Angela Hochstein, May Hochstein and Patsy Huseman. During the Sunday morning Easter mass, Joshua Braddock, infant son of Bruce and Lisa Braddock, was baptized. His sponsors were Myles and Cindy King of Templeton.

Many members of Lisa Braddock's family were here for the baptism of her son, Joshua, and to celebrate Easter. The family members came from as far away as Nashville and California for a fun-filled weekend.

It was good to see so many of our college students and others working elsewhere home for the Easter weekend.

On Sunday night, Joe Lynn, Mary Lou, Joyce and Dennis Birkenfeld and Rose Birkenfeld attended services at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo during which Bob King, among others, was received into the church. Bob is Irene Birkenfeld's husband. They all enjoyed the reception and visiting at St. Mary's gymnasium. Bryan Birkenfeld of Amarillo also attended.

Greg, Mary Lou, Lance, Joel and Lacy Venhaus of Friona; Smitty, Analene, Danene and Jennifer Lane of Shallowater; Chris Venhaus of Eastern New Mexico University and two of his college friends, Dornie Tsacabutie of Zunie, N.M. and Chris Lertola of New York City, N.Y., all enjoyed the weekend, Saturday evening's mass and Easter dinner with the Paul Venhaus family.

Meta Stork of Nazareth, Florene Leinen, Terry, Belinda, B.J. and

Beau Hill, all of Dimmitt, enjoyed Easter day in Lubbock at the home of Evelyn Hill.

Lyn, Pam and Christa Bogle of Center, Colo., and Lisa Pohlmeier of Dallas spent the Easter weekend with their parents, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier.

Gene, Susie and Jenny Gerber of Odessa and their friend, Jason, also of Odessa, spent the weekend here with the Vincent Braddock and Uirgie Gerber families.

Kate Hankins and Sylvia Hoelting, both of Plainview, spent Easter Sunday at the home of Martha

Schulte with the Schulte and Hoelting families.

Our sympathy to the family of Check Guggemos, 66, who died Saturday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She is survived by her husband, Vincent; four daughters, Jo Ann Patton of Houston, Jackie Dobmeier of Grygla, Minn., Jane Gerber and Dorothy Guggemos, both of Nazareth; two sisters, Ann Schulte of Nazareth and Edna Schulte of Hereford; two brothers, Tony Hoffman of Hereford and Alfred Hoffman of Pryor, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

## Chili cook-off is set April 28

The Castro County Peace Officers' Association will sponsor its third annual chili cook-off Saturday, April 28, at the rodeo grounds, located on the east side of Dimmitt.

Registration fee is \$15 per entry and is payable to the Castro County Peace Officers Association.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. April 28. A cooks' meeting will follow at 11 a.m. The chili chefs may show off their culinary talents during a show from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and must turn in their chili for

judging at 2:30 p.m. The winners will be announced later in the afternoon. The contest will be governed under Chili Appreciation Society International rules.

For more information call the Castro County Sheriff's office at 647-3311 or Marshall Young at 647-3736.

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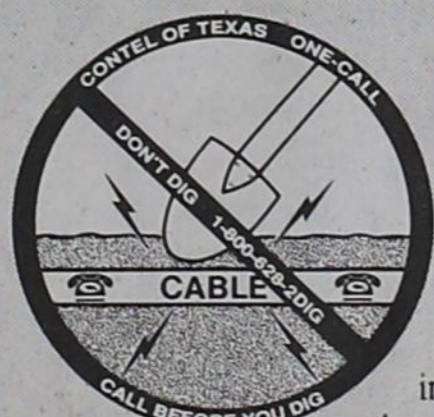
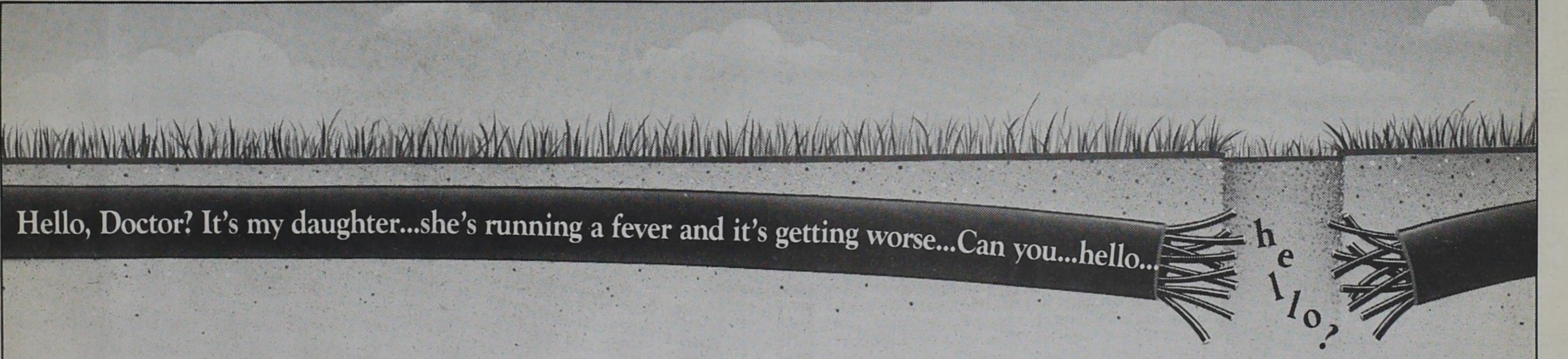
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**DATE:** May 5, 1990

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

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# Obituaries



**Josephine Guggemos**

Vigil services for Josephine "Cueck" Guggemos, 66, of Nazareth, were held Tuesday night at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Services were held Wednesday morning at Holy Family Church with Msgr. Harold Waldow, pastor of St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo, officiating.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Fleming Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Guggemos died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt following a lengthy illness.

She was born Josephine Hoffman on March 31, 1924, in Hereford. She married Vincent Guggemos on Feb. 14, 1950, in Hereford. She had been a Nazareth resident since 1959, moving there from Inola, Okla.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Nazareth Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Jo Ann Patton of Houston, Jackie Dobmeier of Grygla, Minn., and Jane Gerber and Dorothy Guggemos, both of Nazareth; two sisters, Ann Schulte of Nazareth and Edna Schulte of Hereford; two brothers, Tony Hoffman of Hereford and Alfred Hoffman of Pryor, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Nazareth School Library or the American Cancer Society.

**Lottie Bearden**

Lottie Bearden, a longtime Dimmitt resident, died at 9 a.m. Saturday in Park Place Hospital in Port Arthur. She was 88.

Funeral services were held Sunday evening in the Clayton-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel in Port Neches with David Echols, minister of the Twin City Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services and burial were held Tuesday morning at Fairmont Cemetery in Hollis, Okla.

Mrs. Bearden was an elementary school teacher in Dimmitt for many years after moving here in 1945 with her husband, Ray, and their daughter, Yvonne. She later served 17 years with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service here. Her husband was the co-owner of Bearden Motor Co., the local Ford dealership. He died in 1974.

Born May 19, 1901, in Hollis, she graduated from Hollis High School and attended the University of Oklahoma, the University of Colorado, West Texas State University and Texas Tech. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was active in the Dimmitt Garden Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was a Dimmitt resident for 38 years, until 1983. For the past seven years, she had lived with her daughter in Port Neches.

She is survived by her daughter, Yvonne Fry of Port Neches; two grandsons, Steve Fry of Kerrville and David Fry of Sugar Land; and a great-grandson, Shane David Fry of Houston.

**Senior Citizens**

**Senior Citizens' Menu**

MONDAY — Beans and ham, spinach, cornbread, dessert, bread, tea and coffee.

TUESDAY — Kraut and sausage, green beans, "w" potatoes, dessert, bread, tea and coffee.

WEDNESDAY — Pork chops, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, dessert, bread, tea and coffee.

THURSDAY — Beef tips and gravy, potatoes, green beans, dessert, bread, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY — Chicken casserole, beets, corn on the cob, dessert, tea and coffee.



**Ettie McDermitt**

Ettie McDermitt, 77, longtime Dimmitt resident, died Sunday at her home. She had been under a doctor's care.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon in Dimmitt's First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Fleming Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

The former Ettie Hall was born April 8, 1913, in Noble, Okla. She had been a Dimmitt resident for 60 years, moving here from Bowie in 1930. She married Lester McDermitt on Jan. 28, 1933, in Clovis, N.M.

She was a retired nurse and had worked at Plains Memorial Hospital for many years. She was a member of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and its board of directors and the Women's Missionary Union. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Kenneth of Dimmitt; four daughters, Audrey Shottenkirk and Jane Walker, both of Amarillo, Betty Lassier of Carrollton and Doris Saul of Idalou; four sisters, Lou Bliss of Owasso, Okla.; two brothers, Carl Hall of Wolforth and Alvin Ralston of Wheaton, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**Willie Steffey**

Services for Willie Steffey, 76, of Littlefield, were held Saturday in Crescent Park Church of Christ with B.W. Briggs and Wilburn Dennis officiating.

Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Steffey died at 4:25 p.m. last Thursday, April 12, in Lamb Health Care Center after a brief illness.

He was born in Nevada, Texas, and moved to Littlefield in 1929. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Inez Foust Steffey of Littlefield; a son, Mack of Hart; a daughter, Linda White of Conroe; two brothers, James and G.W., both of Spade; and four grandchildren.

**Grace Thompson**

Grace Thompson, 88, of Dimmitt, died at 12:45 p.m. last Thursday, April 12, in Canterbury Villa Nursing Home at Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Saturday in Wellington's First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jesse Dea, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Memorial Garden Cemetery in Wellington under the direction of Foskey-Fleming Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

She was born July 9, 1901, in Palo Pinto County and moved to Dimmitt in 1983 from Wellington, where she had been a resident for 57 years. She married Joe C. Thompson on Aug. 12, 1917, in Altus, Okla. He died in 1976.

She was a homemaker and a member of Wellington's First United Methodist Church for 79 years. She was a member of the Wellington Garden Club, the Belles Lettres Club.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Linna Hunter and Leeda Jo Hitchcock preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Ferne Dickey of Dimmitt; one sister, Mrs. Ray Club of Wellington; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Memorial Garden Cemetery in Wellington.

**What's cooking?**

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for April 19 to 27.

**DIMMITT**

THURSDAY — Barbecued weiners, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, rolls, butter, Jello with fruit and milk.

FRIDAY — Fried chicken with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey butter and milk.

MONDAY — Corn dogs, tater tots, pork and beans, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY — Burritos, corn, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, honey and milk.

THURSDAY — Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, chocolate pudding and milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza, corn on the cob, black-eyed peas, fruit and milk.

**HART**

THURSDAY — Pinto beans, corn on the cob, buttered spinach, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Fried chicken, green peas, whipped potatoes, sliced bread, brownies and milk.

MONDAY — Pizza, buttered corn, tossed salad, cherry cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY — Beef ravioli in meat sauce, green beans, whipped potatoes, yeast rolls, peanut butter cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Beef stew, cornbread, vegetable salad, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

THURSDAY — Pinto beans, cornbread, fried okra, potato salad, apple cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Beef taquito, Ranch Style Beans, salad, brownies and milk.

**NAZARETH**

THURSDAY — Mexican casserole, sopapillas, tossed salad, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY — Roast, mashed potatoes and gray, green beans, hot rolls, Jello and milk.

MONDAY — Hot turkey sandwiches, cauliflower, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY — Pizza, tossed salad, hot rolls, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Joes, peas, carrot sticks, fruit salad and milk.

THURSDAY — Chalupas, corn, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Ham, tater tots, green beans, cornbread, apple cobbler and milk.

**More about**

**Corn checkoff ...**

(Continued from Page 1) any of our old board members, but the referendum had to be held in conjunction with the board election. Also, we stood a chance of losing our office here and having it moved downstate, but Dimmitt will remain as headquarters.

With the expansion of the check-off area, King said future board

projects will likely include research into finding methods of offsetting aflatoxin, a serious problem for some growers in South Texas. The checkoff will also enable the board to broaden its market development efforts.

The first meeting of the newly-elected board has been tentatively scheduled for May 10 in Austin.

# PMHA buys new equipment

Members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary heard reports from Rick Hunter, Mitzie Brockman and Rhonda Killough, and discussed their projects to help improve the hospital at their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Hunter talked to the group about how to treat bad cuts, bleeding, burns, heat cramps or stroke, poisons, spider bites, rattlesnake bites, choking, nose bleeds and more. He also informed the group about the Poison Control Center in Amarillo. In the case of an accidental poisoning, the number to call for help is 376-4292.

Killough and Brockman said there is a need for a plastic "baby head" to help demonstrate neo-natal resuscitation to the cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes and the nurses. The Auxiliary agreed to purchase the "baby head" for the hospital.

The "baby head" is just one of the many projects the Auxiliary has undertaken to help improve the

hospital this year.

They purchased a new sign, set in concrete and brick, to identify the hospital to passers-by. Hunter installed the sign last week. The Auxiliary used \$500 of its memorial money to help with the project and encourages friends of the hospital and Auxiliary members to give memorials for projects to benefit the hospital and its patients.

"We are proud of our service to the county and beyond for the Lifeline program. We now have 42 units in use, and these are serviced by members of the Auxiliary," said Betty Freeman, Auxiliary president. "The units have proved to be a blessing to those who are alone. They now can call for help when it is needed."

Nell Ingram reported on the expense of the Lifeline, and the work involved in installing the systems.

Claudine Langford and Dorothy Cook recently attended a refresher course in Fort Worth and learned more about servicing the Lifeline

units in the homes.

The Auxiliary members have completed the top for the "Honey Bee" quilt, and it's now ready to be quilted. The finished product will be on display soon and chances will be sold for the quilt drawing, which will be held Oct. 26 at the Auxiliary's Octoberfest and Bazaar.

Claudine Langford informed the group about the progress of making a "tray-favor" for each holiday. These are little gifts that are made by Auxiliary members at their Tuesday morning workshops. The gifts are placed on patients' meal trays. The favors will be on display at the state convention along with the group's scrapbook. Freeman and Langford will represent the local group at the state meeting.

The Auxiliary has dedicated its yearbook to Ettie McDermitt, who died Sunday. She had been a "faithful and dedicated member of the Auxiliary for many years."

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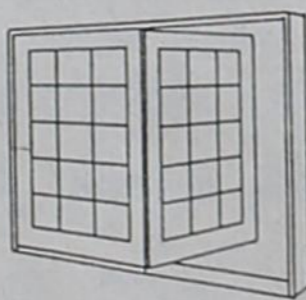
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