

Goodpasture to lay off 30 employees

25¢ plus 1¢ Sales Tax

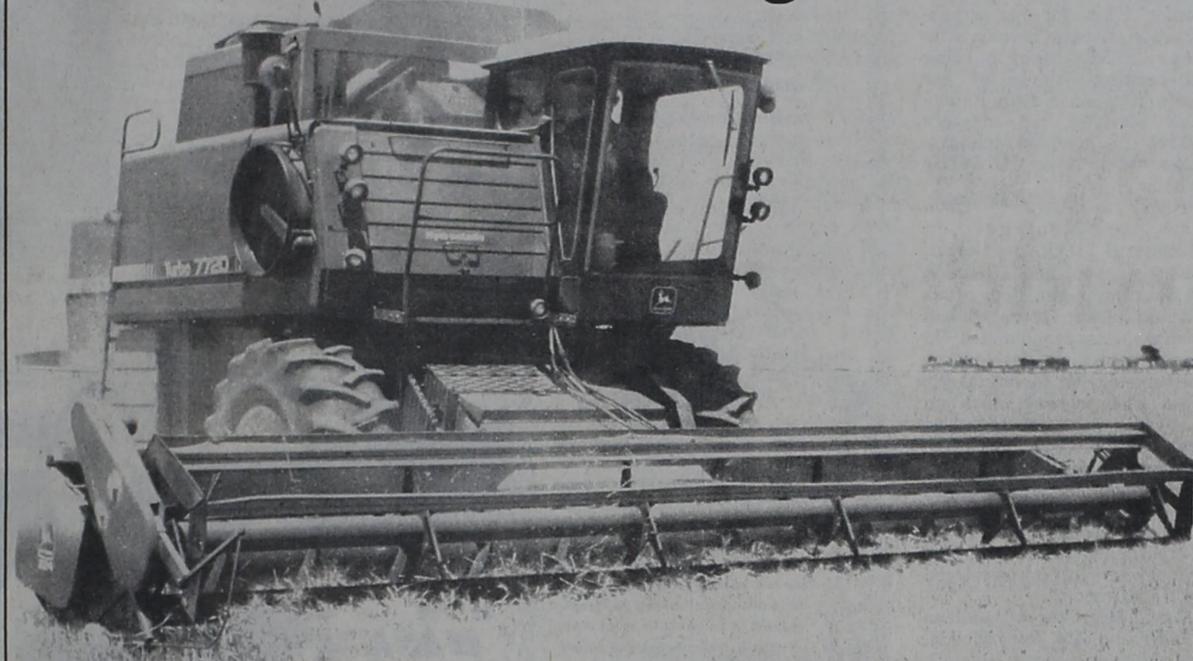
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Wheat-cutting time



LOCAL FARMER STEVE BUCKLEY powered up his combine Monday as the 1986 wheat harvest hit high gear in the county. Many farmers were delayed by rain, with over 10 in-

ches of rain in the past three weeks in some parts of the county bringing activities to a standstill. However, many farmers were back to irrigating their crops this week.

Fair weather helps harvest

A disappointing wheat harvest is in the final stages, with most observers indicating 1986 may be one of the worst wheat years in the county in several years.

"It was dry at the wrong time, and the rain lightened up the test weights," said Carl Collyer of Bruegel and Sons Elevator north of Dimmitt.

"A lot of our wheat quality has been below normal—quite a bit below normal," said Ronnie Truelock of Farmers Grain in Hart. "A lot of the wheat we have received has been below No. 1 on average, and it is not usually like that around here. It's just the year that we've had—it hasn't been real good for wheat."

Truelock said most of the wheat received by Farmers Grain is irrigated wheat, and is averaging "around 60 bushels

per acre. 60 bushels isn't too bad for this year, really. There are some people who are glad to have made 60 bushel wheat, and others have been disappointed to have made 60 bushels. We have very few people who have made 70 or 80 bushel wheat this year."

Truelock estimated farmers in the eastern part of the county were "about 70% through" with harvest, while Bill Clark of Dimmitt Agri Industries said farmers were "about 50% finished" with the harvest. "We'll be through by the middle of next week with almost all of the harvest, if the weather holds," Clark said.

"The yields are much less than last year," Clark added. "Dryland wheat not hauled on is making from 15 to 23 bushels, but the dryland

wheat that was hauled on is only making 7 or 8 bushels per acre. Irrigated wheat, I would think, is in the neighborhood of 40 to 50 bushels per acre."

Collyer said most of the wheat received by Bruegel and Sons has averaged 20 to 25 bushels per acre on dryland, while irrigated grain has averaged "about 60 bushels, but we haven't had enough irrigated wheat to really know."

Collyer and Truelock said that several feed yards in the area have been in the market for the wheat, as well as the limited barley grown in the area.

"The feed yards have been aggressive in their bidding for the wheat," Collyer said.

J. R. Brown of Flagg Grain said harvest in the western por-

tion of the county is "about 65% finished, and yields are way off. A lot of things have happened. Many farmers have not been willing to spend dollars on fertilizer and irrigation because prices have been so cheap. Farmers just didn't shoot for the big yields this year."

"Yields have been so erratic it's really hard to get an average. The best yield I've seen is 98½ bushels, and that was from Tommy Martin. There was one farmer who had a fair stand of volunteer wheat come up, so he watered it and put some fertilizer on it and made 60 bushels. He had a stand of wheat he planted, fertilized and watered, and it only made 52 bushels. "It's been a crazy year."

30 employees will be laid off in late July or early August at the Goodpasture fertilizer plant in Dimmitt.

The layoffs will leave the plant with 13 employees, who will "keep the operation going—we just won't be making any final product," according to plant manager Pete Stewart.

"Farmers have cut back on their ability and, especially, their need to buy fertilizer," Stewart said. "All fertilizer producers are in the same situation. The Fertilizer Institute in Washington said there was 10% less product purchased in April, 1986, than in April, 1985, and 1985 was a bad year. Our inventories were already high going into this year because last year was not a good year and this year was even worse."

The 13 persons who will be kept at the plant "are shift supervisors and other necessary personnel," Stewart said. "We will keep our operation going, we just won't be making any final product. When inventories are down to a level that is acceptable we'll be back up. It's one of those cases where if you have no place to put it you'd better not make any more."

Stewart said the plant would maintain its current operations level until all of the company's tanks are full, and estimated it could be "late July or early August before we have all of the tanks full."

The upcoming layoffs are the first long-term layoffs at the local plant in three years. Layoffs have not been uncommon, though, at the plant, which has seen its production rise and fall along with the agricultural economy.

Tax rebates surge higher

To the bewilderment of local observers, sales tax rebates to the City of Dimmitt from State Comptroller have remained healthy through the first half of 1986, with recent rebates up almost one-third from 1985 levels.

Dimmitt received a check for \$13,258.34 last week for sales made in April and reported to the comptroller's office by May 20. Last June's check was for just \$8,719.86.

For the year, Dimmitt has received \$98,293.71, a 31.9% increase over the first six months of 1985. Last year, Dimmitt had rebates totalling \$74,670.24.

"There are two reasons for the higher allocation," said Sarah Marshall of the State Comptroller's office. "There are several new businesses that have added to the allocation over the past year, and there were four businesses who, in May, made two or more payments in one period. That helped increase the rebate for Dimmitt, and has helped all year long."

Also helping to increase the tax totals in 1986 have been major construction projects, including Job Towler Equipment Co. and American Fructose Corp. The two projects had a combined total of over \$4 million, with at least a portion of the material purchased locally.

"I would also hope this means more people are buying

locally," said Jerry Hanners of the Economic Development Commission.

Other area cities are at least remaining even with year-ago rebates. Canyon is running 7.2% ahead of last year, Tulia 3.5% ahead, and Amarillo 3.5%. In Hart, payments are only \$150 below those received through June, 1985, while Nazareth's rebate total of \$7,919.35 is 8% off from last year's \$8,614.07.

Strickland, Cubs turn quadruple play

Jeremy Strickland, on loan for one game from the Dodgers to the Cubs, helped turn a quadruple play Tuesday night in Mustang League action in Dimmitt.

Strickland, playing right field, caught a short fly ball, then raced to the infield. He tagged the runner going from first to second, then tagged the runner who had left second for third base.

The runner on third had tagged up and tried to score while Strickland was pulling off his unassisted triple play, but was thrown out at the plate by Strickland.

"It was the easiest play I've had all year," Strickland told his teammates in the dugout. "It was fun."

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By Don Nelson

From a list of 40 or more "progress proposals," the County Program Building Committee has established eight goals for the county to concentrate on.

The committee decided (rightly, I think) that the county's top priorities should be (1) to improve agricultural profitability and expand the county's economic base, and (2) to do all we can to preserve existing industry.

Read the complete list of goals in this issue and decide what you can do to help our county attain them. Bear in mind that our most valuable resource is not our land, it's

our people. People have ideas; people can organize and work; people can make things happen.

When we look back at these goals in 10 years, what kind of grade will we give ourselves?

Here's a list that was drawn up in 1976, during our nation's Bicentennial, of major goals to be met as the US started its third century:

1. Come to terms with our energy resources.
2. Halt the perils to the environment being posed by technology.
3. Re-establish fiscal responsibility at the federal, state and local levels.
4. Cut back on our standard of living to conserve energy and offset population growth in other parts of the world. (The US has 6% of the world's population, but consumes 30% to 40% of its resources.)
5. Concentrate technology on such goals as cures for cancer and heart disease, quality health care for all levels of society, and development of products that will raise the poor to better living standards.

Now, 10 years later, what kind of grade would you give

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City approves audit, refuses Scott request

City aldermen approved the city's 1985-86 audit and, once again, told Ben Scott that Steve McGavock would have to bear the cost for any work done at the "city farm" during their meeting Monday.

Aldermen also rejected the only bid received for two older police vehicles and announced they were accepting applications for the city manager's post vacated by Paul Catoe, whose resignation was effective last Friday.

The audit, prepared by Crofford and Company of Amarillo, showed the city was in the black last fiscal year, ending

April 30, but its profits were significantly lower than for the 1984-85 FY.

The city's bottom line shows, after depreciation, the city had \$126,682 in surplus on April 30, compared with \$380,046 after depreciation one year ago.

Curtis Crofford, certified public accountant, said this year's surplus was lower "because of a gross receipts tax shortfall, plus a few other items." According to the audit, the city was anticipating about \$200,000 in gross receipts taxes, but instead received just \$86,616.

"This was due to the discontinuance of payment of gross receipts tax to the City by Westar Transmission Company on industrial gas sales within the City of Dimmitt in the early part of 1985," said Doug Conder, audit manager for Crofford and Co. "State law requires a payment of 2% of gross sales to the City, for all sales, on a regular basis. Westar is claiming they own the lines but do not own the gas that is used in Dimmitt. . . . Westar claims that Gas

Marketing, Inc. of Amarillo is the company selling the gas. Therefore they both claim no responsibility with respect to the tax on industrial sales.

"At this time a decision with respect to this gross receipts tax is pending with the Texas Railroad Commission. Its' outcome is probably going to be based upon the results of another case also pending with the Commission. . . . The Attorneys in Austin for the City feel the final outcome is quite sometime off and don't know for sure what to expect."

Crofford pointed out losses in the garbage and sewer departments.

"The garbage department lost \$18,800 after depreciation," Crofford said, "and the sewer department had a \$70,900 loss with depreciation. Service-oriented departments should break even. I think you need to consider raising these rates. . . you would have made about \$100,000 more if these departments had paid for themselves."

Scott, appearing on behalf of

Weather

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

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	80	53	
Friday	88	59	
Saturday	89	61	
Sunday	91	60	
Monday	92	60	
Tuesday	92	55	
Wednesday	81	55	.33
June Moisture			4.27
1986 Moisture			9.94

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AFS reception set Sunday

Paula Hurrell, AFS exchange student from Lock, South Australia, and her Dimmitt family for the past year, the Richard Bennetts, will be honored at a reception Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. at the home of Doug Pybus, 1640 Sunset Circle.

The public is invited to attend.

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Dickie Holcomb of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt, and the daughter of Edna Faye Reinhardt arrived in Finland May 25 for a three-week visit with the Moberg family. Nina Moberg had spent the year of 1984 with the Holcombs in Dimmitt and had graduated with Brad. Dickie was there for her graduation from high school in Grankulla, Finland, a suburb of Helsinki.

Mr. Moberg manages a semi-pro hockey team called the I.F.K. and is manager of the Hesperia Hotel. Pia (remembered for her stay with the Clingingsmiths in 1961) works in the fashion industry with her own business.

There are two other children, Ira, 13 years old and Marc, 16. Marc had just returned from a year's stay in Canada with a family there. The area of Finland where they live was green rolling hills with lots of trees. The temperature was between 65° and 77° during the day—around 50° at night. It stays cloudy a lot so the Finns are always happy to see the sunshine.

On Tuesday afternoon Nina and Dickie caught the ship to Stockholm, Sweden. You arrive at 9 a.m. and spend the day looking at old Stockholm and shopping. Then you catch the ship and sail back to Helsinki. Stockholm was founded in 1252 and became the capital of Sweden in 1634. It is a beautiful city with lots of canals. The people are friendly and most all speak at least passible English. Dickie rode her first subway there. There were approximately 200 Texans on the ship so it was just like old home week. The dining was elegant, the food delicious and was a very relaxing experience for Dickie.

Saturday was graduation day. There were around 110 people who came to visit, bringing gifts and pretty flowers. There was lots of good food, good conversation, and good times.

At midnight they all stopped to sing "Happy Birthday" to Dickie and they gave her a handwoven wool Finnish-made blanket. They also got in one verse of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Midweek, Nina and Dickie and Ira, Anna (one of Ira's friends) drove about 1½ hours from Helsinki to their summer home. It is on an island about ½ mile from the mainland. It can only be reached by boat and is so beautiful and green and exceptionally peaceful. Dickie wished they'd had more than 1½ days to spend there, but Nina had to go back to work at the Hesperia Hotel and they had to prepare for a three-day trip to Leningrad in the Soviet Union.

Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Nina and Dickie flew to Leningrad, which is one of the most beautiful cities Dickie had ever seen. The ballet was wonderful, the palaces are unbelievable. The architecture and art are tremendous. The other story is how sad the people are, what little they have, what an immediate loss of freedom you feel. There is very little hot water, the food was not good, no air conditioning in cars or hotels (they also had no hot water).

So many small things we take for granted—like running down to get a Coke at the grocery store—going to church, they cannot do. They have so few choices in their lives. It felt really good to leave and fly back to Helsinki on Monday.

The rest of the week was spent shopping, visiting friends, and getting ready to

come home. Pia and Nina are very fond of Dimmitt and their friends here. They sent Hellos and best wishes to everyone here. Such fond memories they have of their times here. Now Dickie has fond memories of her times there.

Recently Mauzee Youts and Clara Gladden had a fun time on Lake Tenkiller in Oklahoma. They were joined in Amarillo by Gerald, Janice, Brad and Lindsey Davis, stopped in El Reno and picked up Lucille Davis (Gerald's mother) then went by Shawnee and Clara's sister Dollie joined them. On to the lake where Bob and Phyllis Mooney were waiting. They visited George and Ercel Newell who were gate keepers at the lake. They had lots of good food, fellowship and fishing. Some caught lots of fish, others caught very few.

Richard Stahl celebrated his 39th birthday in the dark of night Friday. After tennis lessons at 10:30, he was presented with a "tennis court cake," card, and fellow-classmates shared cake with him.

The Methodists held their Vacation Church School this past week. Kay Rogers and Jill McLean directed the school and made the presentations of certificates to teachers on the closing sharing program Friday noon before all ate sandwiches and cookies. Parents were invited to the program to view crafts and eat lunch with the children.

Jeri and Buddy Byrnes had lunch with Stan and Rayla Friday. They were passing through town, and reported that Genevieve Howe is adjusting to her new home in Clovis pretty well. She is attending the activities of the retirement ranch and has received cards and letters and tapes as well as visits from the Eddie Adamses and really appreciate the thoughtfulness of Dimmitt friends.

Scott O'Kelly has a guest-

friend, Spencer Smith, from Mangum, Okla. this week. Scott had gone to fish and visit last week.

Kim Sides Watkins is visiting her folks, the George Sideses this week. She has been to Muleshoe to see her in-laws a few days.

Marie Sammann has been co-caring with her sister for her father who has had knee surgery.

Mrs. Emily Ramey, a former resident of Amarillo and now living in Dimmitt, has just returned from Chicago, Ill. where she attended graduation exercises at Clarendon Hills Junior High for her granddaughter Lenora Ramay, who was awarded a trophy for being outstanding athlete of her class. Her son Edwin Ramey also received his masters degree in business management from Keller Graduate School.

Henry and Ara Morrison went to Montague on Memorial Day weekend. Henry's school had a reunion on Saturday night. Four of his class of 12 were there, as well as many other schoolmates. On Sunday everyone gathered at the cemetery for Memorial services, then spread lunch on long tables under the trees. The next weekend was Ara's reunion and Homecoming at Ringgold. Five of her 21 classmates met at Vernon on Saturday night and two more were at the Homecoming at the Ringgold school where lunch was catered by Underwoods.

David Morrison of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McKinney and boys, Lee and Kenneth Kirkland of Amarillo visited Henry and Ara Morrison over this last weekend.

The Mays held their family reunion at the Hugo Reservoir near Hugo, Okla., last weekend. Those going from Dimmitt were J.C. and Rhoda Mays, Anthony, Mary, Sabrina, Cory, and Wesley Mays, and Andy, Janet, Eric,

and Tara Mays. Others attending were from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas. There were 65 in atten-

dance. They had fun fishing, water skiing, visiting and eating. They enjoyed a big fish fry on Saturday night.

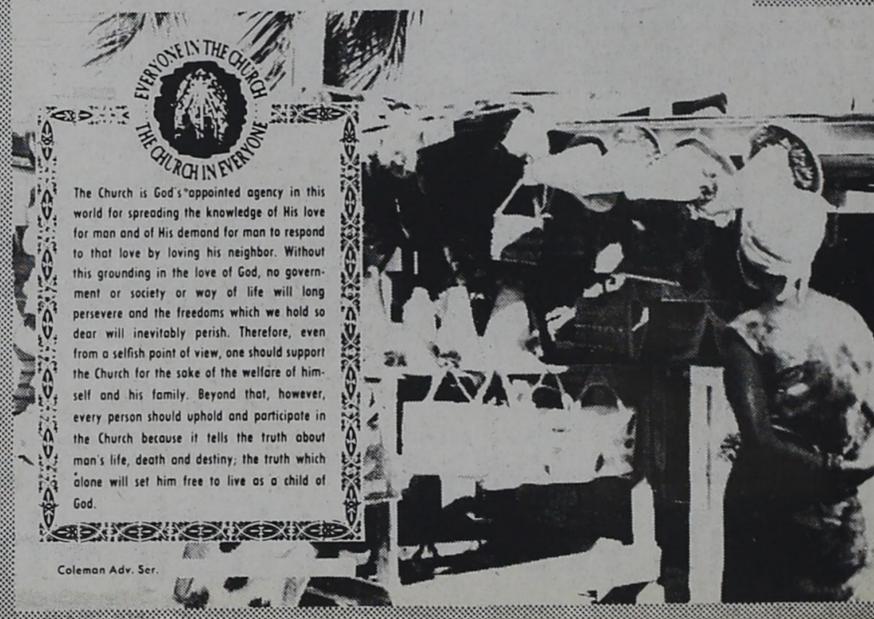
Loranell Hamilton was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the (Continued on Page 3)

A HAT WOULD BE SO MUCH COOLER!

She must go to the native market for her physical needs. The straw hat would be so much better than the old scarf tied and knotted about her head. Sweet, cool air could come through that straw and that would feel so wonderful in this heat!

Where does she go for her spiritual needs? Is there a church on the island? Does she know that she will be told about a great God there who will help her, guide her, and refresh her?

How fortunate we are in this country that there is a church in every community. Spiritual help, refreshment of soul, fellowship and love awaits all who enter her doors. We invite you to attend Church this week.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD Tom and Linda Mullins, Pastor 302 SE 2nd Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Evangelistic Service 6:00 Wednesday— Mid-Week Service 7:00	HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC Nazareth - 945-2616 Very Rev. Harold L. Waldow, Pastor Sunday— Sunday Morning Masses 9:00 Saturday— Saturday Night Obligation Mass 7:30 Week Days— Morning Masses 7:30 Baptism—last Sunday of each month.	IGLESIA DE CRISTO E. Lee and SE 3rd Evangelista - Jose Valdez Sunday— Bible Study 9:30 Morning Worship 10:30 Evening Worship 6:00 Wednesday— Bible Classes for all 7:30
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ken Cole, Pastor 1201 Western Circle Drive Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Training Union 6:00 Evening Worship 7:00 Wednesday— Prayer Meeting 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 8:10	ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Hart Very Rev. Harold L. Waldow, Pastor Sunday— Sunday Morning Mass 11:00	PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA MEXICANA 301 NE 7th Dimmitt, Texas ORDEN DE LOS SERVICIOS: Escuela Biblica Dominical 9:45 Culto de Adoracion 10:45 Culto de predicacion 6:00 Tel. 647-7289 BIENVENIDOS A TODOS!
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 501 SE 3rd - 647-2402 Rev. Kenneth Carroll, Pastor Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Worship 6:00 Wednesday— Wednesday Service 7:00	CHURCH OF CHRIST SW 4th at Bedford Dale Wells, Minister Sunday— Bible Study 9:30 Morning Worship 10:30 Evening Worship 6:00 Wednesday— Bible Class for all 7:30	MACEDONIA BAPTIST 412 North East Street Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Training Union 6:00 Evening Worship 7:00 Monday— W.M.U. 4:30 Tuesday— Brotherhood 7:55 Wednesday— Prayer Meeting 7:30 Friday— Sanctuary Choir
LEE STREET BAPTIST Ed Barrentine, Pastor 408 SW 2nd - Phone 647-2300 Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Training Union 6:00 Wednesday— Mid-Week Services 7:30	NEW HOPE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. James Alexander, Pastor Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Worship 7:30 Wednesday— Mid-Week Services 7:30	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH 1001 W. Halsell Saturday— Evening Mass 7:30 Sunday— Morning Mass 7:30 Morning Mass 10:00 Weekday Mass— Thursday Evening Reconcille' ions 8:00 Thursday Evening 7:00
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY 309 NW 4th - 647-3403 Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Worship 7:00 Wednesday— Wednesday Service 7:00	SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST Bently Gwyn, Pastor Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Training Union 6:00 Evening Worship 7:00 Wednesday— Prayer Service 7:30	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Western Circle Drive Edward D. Freeman, Pastor Sunday— Church School 10:00 Common Worship 11:00 Wednesday— Bible Study 7:00
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 600 Western Drive - 647-5478 Terry L. Griffith, Minister Sunday— Bible Study 9:45 Morning Worship 10:50 Evening Worship 7:00 Wednesday— Bible Study 7:00	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Hart Steve Ulrey, Pastor Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 UMYF 5:00 Evening Worship 6:30	LA IGLESIA DE DIOS DEL PRIMOJENITO East Halsell St. Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 Sermon 11:00 Lord's Supper and Feet Washing 11:30 Evening Worship 7:30 Wednesday— Wednesday Services 7:30
LA ASAMBLEA CRISTIANA "Full Gospel" - 400 NE 5th Pastor Ruben Velasquez Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday Night 7:00 Wednesday— Wednesday Night 7:30 Friday— Friday-Prayer 7:30	FIRST UNITED METHODIST Vernon O'Kelly, Pastor 110 SW 3rd - 647-4106 or 647-4107 Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 10:45 MYF, Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi 5:30 Evening Worship 6:30 Wednesday— General Meeting 9:30 WSCS, Morning 9:30 Chair, Night 7:30	

We Salute Summer Activities

Summer is here and all the activities that go along with it. We are a very blessed community in the fact that we have so many people interested in providing organized activities for the young folks of our community.

Many things were slightly delayed due to the "Monsoon" but everything is in full swing now.

The 4-H horse club is doubling up to make up for postponed shows and they will be competing here in Dimmitt Sunday. If you've never been to one of these shows, drive on out to the arena this Sunday and check it out.

Monday through Friday, just about any time of the afternoon and evening, you can find a good T-Ball or baseball game in progress. If you're not participating, head for the baseball park in Dimmitt, Nazareth or Hart. They're all buzzing with activity. (If it's within walking or jogging distance, walk or job out, you'll feel better for it.)

If you still have time to spare, there is always the swimming pool or the golf course. Both are great for getting sun and exercise.

Don't forget that garden. Nothing quite compares to fresh, homegrown vegetables.

If you are especially wise with the management of your time you may even be able to squeeze in time for a family vacation. We hope you can, as we believe this is especially important, during these busy times, to stop and spend time with your own family. After all you may not always have the opportunity—kids do tend to grow up and away in a hurry.

If for some reason, you have been just sitting around the house doing nothing much, now is the time to correct the situation. Saturday is the longest day of the year so turn that TV off and take advantage of the extra time to "make hay while the sun shines!"

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JUNE 20, 21 & 22

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Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Wheat harvest got underway this week even before the ground was dry. Averages are down this year due to the Russian aphid, rust, etc. A. L. Conner brought in the first load to Sunnyside Grain and Supply Wednesday night. Moisture was 10, test weight 60, and this patch averaged 71 bushels per acre. Nelson Farms took the first load to Farmer's Grain leg Saturday. Moisture was 14, test weight 59 and this patch averaged 48.5 bushels per acre.

Sandra Waggoner, Laura, Susan and John flew from Lubbock to Dallas and from there to Hawaii Friday for a ten day visit with her brother, John Stapleton and his family, and some vacationing with them.

Mrs. L. G. Elkins and her daughter Vanneta Stockham of Tequesta, Fla. visited in the Sunday morning services with Gerald and Pat Elkins and spent the day with them to help Gerald celebrate a belated birthday. His birthday was Friday.

Mickey and Jerri Ka Hadley and Michael of Canyon spent the weekend with Jackie and Sandra Clark.

Frances Pharis and her daughter, Kayla Hancock and her son Colby of Abilene came last Sunday afternoon and spent the night with Eules and Hazel Waggoner. On Monday Frances, Kayla, Colby and Hazel went to Roswell and visited until Wednesday with Alan and Delores Jackson, Blake and Ben. Dr. Harold and Andrea Waggoner and Daila

of Roswell came over Tuesday afternoon to visit with them. Frances, Kayla and Colby went home Thursday.

Ezell and Verba Salder returned home from Breckenridge Thursday night. They attended a practice session with the fiddle music group in Clovis Friday night.

Gerald Elkins sang a solo in the Sunday morning services and Kathy and Rev. Bentley Gwyn sang a duet.

Billie and Emma Jean King hosted the first Oler reunion in their home Sunday. All of their children were present as well as her mother, Ruby Oler of Happy, and two of her brothers, Thurman Oler and family of Beeville and Jack Oler and family of Tulia. Also nieces and nephews of deceased brothers and sisters.

Saw Leta Musick in the bank and she and David would like to thank everyone for being good neighbors to them since they have moved to the community. They are enjoying country life.

Harold Love of Wichita Falls visited Saturday and spent Saturday night with Lance Louder. Travis Hampton of Nazareth visited with them Saturday. Terri, Lacy, Jake and Katy have been in Lubbock since Tuesday morning helping her parents who have moved from Abilene to Lubbock.

Carrie Sadler came home from Lubbock Saturday to visit through Thursday with Larry and Sharon Sadler,

Laura and Matthew and other kin while she is on her week vacation. She will start work next Monday.

Ezell and Verba Sadler attended the funeral services of a friend, Mrs. Anderson in Melrose Sunday afternoon.

Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler visited Sunday afternoon in Lubbock with Dr. Myles and Linda Sadler, Gregory and Amy.

Hershel and Retha Wilson took crafts they have been making to Arlington last Thursday where they visited with David and Daneen Travis and helped them with a garage sale through Saturday. They returned home last Sunday in time to attend the church services last Sunday night.

Lonnie and Renee Wilson, Samantha, Jessica, and Andrea, Doug and Debbie Freeman, Sonya, Angelia, and Adam, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Epperson and a grandson, Lanny Epperson of Wolf-forth had a barbecue chicken supper Saturday night to celebrate Fathers' Day with Hershel and Retha Wilson. Lonnie and Doug did the barbecuing. The Eppersons spent Saturday night with them.

Retha Wilson has been busy this week as Rainbow the clown teaching Bible verses to the kids in Vacation Bible School at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

On the go

More about

Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Jo Gregory won high score and Lorannell won second high. Others playing were: Era Heckerson, Cleo Forson, Johnnie Vannoy, Virginia Crider, Susie Reeves, Louise Mears, Dude McLorean, Rosalie Hawkins, Oleda Schumacher, Edith Greaf, Jean Christian, Faun Welker, Ferne Dickey and Neva Hickey.

The "Singing Group" met in the home of Gene and Connie Ivey on Friday night. After much singing, Connie served delicious chocolate cake, strawberry cake, chips and other snack food to: Frances Frazier, Geneva Justice, Mary Lou Frazier, Richard and Col-etta Young and their daughters, Alice and Molly, Ara Morrison, Irene Carpenter, Oleta Sanders, Coy Dunn and Mary Edna Hendrix. Then on Saturday evening most of the group (along with Virgil Justice) went out to the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home to sing for the residents during their dinner hour.

The Bagwell Family met in the home of Milton and Sandra Bagwell to celebrate Fathers Day. Those enjoying all the food, fun and fellowship were: Ivor and Hazel Bagwell, Steve and Anita and little Eric Bagwell, Scott and Rick Bagwell, Robert, Vicki, and Anna Funck, and Clara Neumayer.

Bill and Winona Bunch attended a family reunion in Clovis over the weekend. There were two families, the Collum Family and the Barrow Family. They ate at the Villa on Friday with 43 attending and ate their homecooked food at the Clovis Park on Saturday and Sunday with 63 attending. Most brothers and sisters of both families were present from Arizona, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Eleven-year-old Toni Moore of Clovis entertained the group by singing "Eyes of Blue," "I'll Fly Away," "One Day at a Time," "Will the Circle be Unbroken," "Song, Sung-

Blue" and the group joined in with her last song, "Amazing Grace."

Beral Hance was in Tulia Thursday visiting her grandson, Boyd Hodges. Beth Hodges of Panhandle and Sheralyn Bowersock and son, Kent Andrew of Wichita Falls were there. They went to see Boyd's new house and had a good visit. Boyd has been promoted to vice-president of the First State Bank.

Carol and Susan Hance of Lubbock visited Beral Hance Monday. They also visited in Hereford with relatives.

Alice Collyer was installed as Worthy Patron and her husband Carl as Worthy Patron of the Dimmitt Chapter #819 (Eastern Star) June 7. Margerie Happner from the

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Collyer's former home of Mathis came to help with the installation ceremony, as did Ana Lewis of Gulfshore, Ala., Jean Anderson of Cave Creek, Ariz., Dell Gray of Floydada and Earnestean Porter of Fort Worth. Also here for the occasion were the Collyer's two children John and his wife Debra and their two daughters and their daughter Mary Saherty and her husband Rick and their little daughter Allison. John and his two daughters participated in the opening of the installation and Mary served as a hostess. The children presented Alice with a gavel to use during her term. Many local guests joined the Collyers and their co-officers for the installation service and refreshments served following the ceremony.

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Nazareth

The family of John and Theresa Pohlmeier gathered in Nazareth this weekend. A reunion Mass in Holy Family Church on Saturday morning was offered for the living and deceased members. Dinner was served to over 200 and "open house" was held from 3 to 4 p.m. The immediate family members present were: Harold of Corpus Christi; Alfred of Fillmore, Calif.; Leona of Fremont, Neb.; Virgil of Tulia and Max, Paul, Le Roy, Vincent

and Philip of Nazareth.

Anton Anderle, Mrs. Lillie Richter, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Richter of Cameron visited with Alvin and Matilda Anderle last week.

Greg Birkenfeld had back surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo last Tuesday. He should be home soon.

Fonsa Huseman is a patient at Hereford General Hospital. She had knee surgery Monday morning.

Helen Backus spent Sunday

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

in Dumas with her son Edmund and family.

Bert and Marie Venhuas spent Sunday in Dumas with their families, Edmund and Irene, Clyde and Angie, and Herbie and Joyce Wethington.

There were many get-togethers on Sunday for Fathers' Day. The morning mass in Holy Family Church was offered for the living and deceased fathers and grand-

HISD board approves 1986-87 budget

The Hart Board of Education met in regular session June 9 and approved the budgets for the 1986-87 school year.

The board approved the budget for the vocational agricultural department in the amount of \$7,500; the boys CVAE program, \$4,250; wood-working, \$5,250; ag mechanics, \$2,500; band, \$10,000 and athletics, \$26,000.

The board also accepted the bid submitted by Ed Harris Lumber for a new ceiling and air conditioning system for the elementary gym. The ceiling will cost \$9,987 and the air conditioning system will run \$2,700.

They also approved support contracts with the Region XVI Education Service Center for the four-year-old program, curriculum, library and cluster in-service.

Brown-Graham and Company of Tulia were selected to handle the 1985-86 school audit.

In other action, the board employed Melanie Hart as math teacher for the coming school year.

Hart received her high school education in Hart High School and has received a bachelor of

science degree from Texas Tech University.

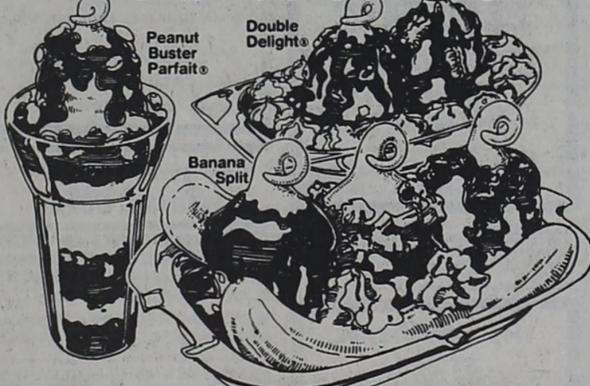
They also employed Linda McLain, former Dimmitt High School student. McLain received her bachelor of science degree from West Texas State University.

Aides employed for the 1986-87 school year, subject to assignment, include Barbara Diaz, Marsha George, Gloria Diaz, Rosa Perez, Sharon Davis, Adelina Garza, Betty

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Kiwanians make plans for fireworks

At their regular Monday meeting, Dimmitt Kiwanians made final plans for their annual Fourth of July fireworks sales.

Fireworks Chairman Melvin Fuller said two stands would be set up, one just east of the city on SH86 and another at the Kids, Inc. baseball complex on West SH86.

Each of the stands will carry a variety of fireworks, and will be open July 1 through July 3 from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., and from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. on July 4.

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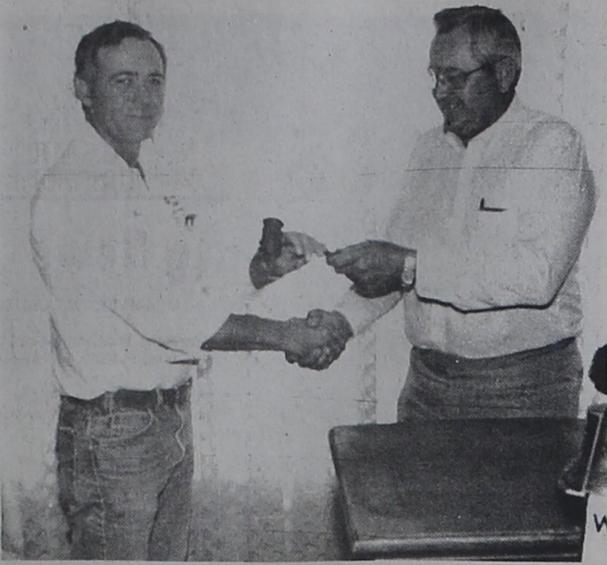
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NEW BOSS LION—Marvin Bryant (left) accepts the gavel of the Dimmitt Lions Club from outgoing Boss Lion Fred Bruegel Jr. at the Tuesday noon meeting of the club at Al's Colonial Restaurant.

Fertilize grapevines for good grape production

Proper fertilization of grape vines is important for good production, and either too little or too much fertilizer can hurt the yield and quality of grapes, says a soil chemist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Grapes in West Texas generally don't require high levels of soil fertility," said Dr. Michael Hickey, director of the Extension soil testing laboratory here. If vine vigor is low, fertilization may be needed, he said. But he cautioned that excessive levels of plant nutrients in the soil can adversely affect the crop.

Observation of the vine's appearance isn't always sufficient to determine fertilization needs, Hickey said. "Yields are affected before vine symptoms show," he noted. He recommended an annual laboratory analysis of soil and plant tissue samples to monitor fertility requirements.

"Leaf petiole analysis has proven quite useful, and a research data base for interpretation is available," Hickey said. He said a suitable sample for this consists of approximately 50 petioles — the stem between the leaf and branch — from leaves opposite fruit clusters. The petiole should be collected at or near peak bloom, which is now occurring in much of the area, he said.

When these are received at a qualified laboratory, such as the one at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, scientific analysis can determine types and amounts of nutrients needed.

"Nitrogen is the major nutrient of concern in Texas," the Extension soil chemist said. The grape vine's greatest need for nitrogen is during early spring growth and through bloom. The nitrogen demand diminishes through mid and late summer.

Over-fertilization, use of slow-release nitrogen sources, or late season fertilization should be avoided, he cautioned.

ed. "These practices stimulate late season vine vigor, which can result in severe freeze injury," he explained.

Often, grapes are grown in shallow, marginal soils of high pH (acid soils), and poor inherent fertility, which increases the susceptibility of zinc and iron deficiency. Over-fertilization with phosphorous may also complicate the situation on high pH soils, the Extension specialist warned.

Additional information about soil and petiole sampling and testing is available at local county Extension offices.

MEDICAL researchers at the University of California at Irving say parents should be more aware of the quality of air their children breathe, both indoors and out, reports National Wildlife magazine. Children are far more sensitive to air pollutants than older children or adults. The reasons: children need more air per unit of body weight to maintain proper metabolism and body temperature, and their smaller air passages collect more pollutants.



'THANKS, SWEETHEART'—Stephanie Ryan, Dimmitt Lions Club Sweetheart for the past year, receives a gift and appreciation plaque from outgoing Boss Lion Fred Bruegel Jr. during the club's annual Installation and Ladies' Night Banquet last Thursday at K-Bob's Steak House. Ryan, a 1986 graduate of DHS, also has received a college scholarship from the club, and represented Dimmitt in the District 2T-1 Sweetheart Contest. She's the daughter of Robert and J'Lynn Ryan. Her successor is Ronna Lewis, daughter of Cliff and Avie Lewis.

Use common sense to protect against lightning

Lightning is deadly and annually kills more Americans than tornadoes and more than hurricanes and floods combined.

However, since lightning usually kills only one person at a time, lightning deaths do not attract as much attention as other weather-related fatalities.

"Lightning is particularly common with spring and summer thunderstorms in Texas, so individuals should take certain precautions during stormy weather," advises Dr. Gary Nelson, a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Quick thinking combined with common sense can go a long way in preventing lightning fatalities when thunderstorms are on the prowl," Nelson emphasizes.

He lists some "dos" and "don'ts" regarding lightning safety:

OUTDOORS

- Do seek protection immediately. Safe places include a building that's protected from lightning; a large, steel-framed building; an enclosed automobile; and a large, un-protected building.

- Don't touch any metal fences, wires, clotheslines or pipes. In a car, keep your hands off any metal or the radio.

- Do get off your bicycle, golf cart, horse, tractor or motorcycle.

- Don't take cover under lone trees, taller trees in groves or in unprotected shelters such as those on a golf course or camp ground.

- Do head for a cave or under a cliff if you're hiking in mountains or other hilly areas.

- Don't huddle in groups; spread out a few feet from one another.

- Do head for a low spot—lower than ground level—such as a ravine, gully or

ditch, but not one that's filling with water.

- Don't remain near railroad tracks.

- Do get off beaches, piers or docks and get away from pools, oceans and lakes.

- Don't swim, wade or go boating; head for land at the first signs of a thunderstorm.

- Do seek shelter in a clump of head-high trees or a thicket of small ones if you're stuck in a forested area.

- Don't stand in open spaces, since most lightning fatalities are people who are taller than their surroundings—a golfer in the middle of a fairway, a farmer in a field, a rider in open country.

- Do immediately set down golf clubs, tennis rackets, fishing poles and other metal objects than can act as lightning rods.

INDOORS

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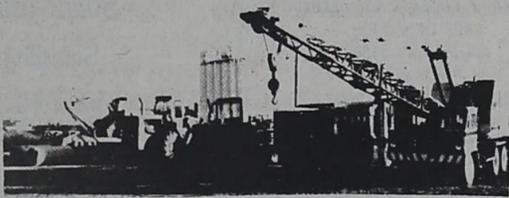
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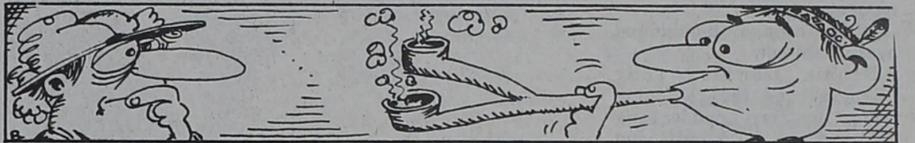
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People

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Birdwell make new home in Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. James Birdwell are home in Sikeston, Mo., after exchanging wedding vows May 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of the church, officiated at the formal double-ring afternoon ceremony.

The bride is the former Wendy Downing, daughter of Gene and Shirley Downing of Florissant, Mo. The groom is the son of Bill and Kathryn Birdwell of Dimmitt.

The couple exchanged wedding vows before altars decorated with two spiral candelabras and a fan candelabra accented with mauve ribbons.

Globe candles highlighted every third pew.

Dennis Downing sang "Longer" and the "Wedding Song," and Terri Loudder sang "When Love is Found," and "Sabbath Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an original bridal gown of white charmeuse trimmed in Venice lace. The gown featured a sculptured neckline, forming melon sleeves and a fitted bodice, all accented with insets of lace. The ultra full skirt flounced at the hemline, flowing into a semi-cathedral length train.

She carried a bouquet of carnations and pink sweetheart roses featuring a small cascade of flowers down the front.

Maid of honor was Mary Holschen of St. Louis, Mo., friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tish Hetrick of Idaho, Barbara Stine of Atlanta, Ga., and Kathryn Schaeffer of Fort Worth, all friends of the bride.

Feminine attendants wore gowns of acetate taffeta with overlays of scalloped-edged crocheted acetate lace. They were accented with a suede rose colored satin ribbon sash at the waists.

Bridal attendants carried



MR. AND MRS. JAMES BIRDWELL
... She's the former Wendy Downing

smaller versions of the bride's bouquet.

Best man was Kyle Touchstone of Lubbock, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Mark Merritt of Midland, Jimmy Cleavinger of Baytown and Greg Barringer of Virginia Beach, Va., all friends of the groom.

Guests were seated by Kerry Downing, Jim Wright and Gregg Sides.

Amber Langford and Amber Vaughan-Matthews handed out rice bags.

The couple were honored with a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church after the wedding.

The bride's table featured silver appointments and was decorated with swags and candelabras.

The groom's table was covered with a white cloth with a mauve underskirt. It featured silver appointments and small candelabras.

After the reception the couple enjoyed a wedding trip to San Diego, Calif., and to San Francisco, Calif.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of McCluer High School. She has a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Central Methodist College. She is associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Sikeston.

The groom is a 1976 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He has an associate degree of applied science from Amarillo College in drafting and design. He was employed with American Fructose as a draftsman.

Happy anniversary!

JUNE 19—Dean and Dianna Wilhelm, Bob and Dorothy Ellis.

JUNE 21—Gary and Becky Hart, Larry and Sharon Davis.

JUNE 22—Frank and Shirley Barnes.

JUNE 23—Virgil and Shirley Brockman, Ray and Carol Phillips.

JUNE 24—Mark and Brenda Welch, C. D. and Linda Fitzgearld, Carl Dean and Mary Kleman, Gerald and Sheila Brockman.

JUNE 25—Jackie and Beth Roberts.

Hoelting named to honors list

Russell Hoelting of Nazareth has been named to the dean's honor roll for the 1986 spring semester at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M.

Hoelting was named to the "honors" list by maintaining a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.59.

Eastern students receive one of four designations as a dean's honor roll student. In addition to the "honors" list, students are named summa cum laude with a 3.8 to 4.0 GPA; magna cum laude recipients have a 3.7 to 3.79 GPA and students with cum laude honors hold a 3.6 to 3.69 GPA.

Hoelting is a sophomore accounting major at ENMU. He is a 1985 graduate of Nazareth High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hoelting of Nazareth.

Chester Morgan is USAA winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Chester Morgan of Wichita Falls, formerly of Dimmitt, has been named a US National Award winner in foreign language.

Morgan, a sophomore at Hirsch High School in Wichita Falls, moved with his family from Dimmitt in 1982. He attended school here from the first through the fifth grades.

Morgan was nominated for the National Award by his German teacher.

He is the son of Patricia and Bob Campbell of Wichita Falls and the grandson of Raymond Odom of Dimmitt.

Registration due for Electric Camp

Registration for the 4-H Electric Camp is due Friday, June 27.

The camp, which is for 4-H members ages 14-19, will be held at the 4-H Center in Brownwood.

The camp will be divided into five sessions.

For more information on the camp, call the Extension office at 647-4115, or come by the office in the courthouse.

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Connie Saenz and Eddie Holguin

Saenz, Holguin to wed

Victor and Imelda Saenz, Sr., of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Connie Saenz, to Eddie Holguin, son of Felipe and Soledad Holguin of Hereford.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows Saturday, July 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

The bride to be is a 1985 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is attending Amarillo College majoring in education. She is employed with Tierra Blanca School in Hereford.

The prospective groom is a 1983 graduate of Hereford High School. He is employed with Moore's Jack and Jill in Hereford.

The couple plan to reside in Hereford after the wedding.

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Kenneth Kleman and Teresa Fulenwider

August vows set

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Fulenwider of Springlake announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Teresa Carol to Kenneth Herman Kleman, son of Mrs. Walter Kleman of Nazareth and the late Walter Kleman.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows August 16 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the

wedding and reception following at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and has a degree from Vogue Beauty College. She is employed by Shear Design of Earth.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Nazareth High School and is now employed as manager of Nazareth Oil and Gas.

Wales, Bagley attend national WIFE seminar

Lois Wales and Pat Bagley of Dimmitt were among 80 members of Women Involved in Farm Economics from throughout the nation who attended the annual WIFE Legislative Affairs Seminar and legislative breakfast last week in Washington, D.C.

"I have been alarmed to hear the concerns from every state represented at these meetings," said National WIFE President Naioma Benson. Topics covered in the session dealt with animal welfare, trade policy, grain inspection standards, tax reform and current programs administered by USDA.

Among speakers who ad-

ressed the group were Kika de la Garza, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Tom Mick, of US Wheat Associates who spoke of proposed revisions in the US Grain Standards Act, and Vernon McMinimy, of A. E. Staley Manufacturing, who focused on trade issues.

The WIFE members also received updates on legislation and the Family Farm Defense Fund.

Dimmitt teachers attend DKG convention

Sue Broderson and June Parker of Dimmitt attended the Alpha state convention of Delta Kappa Gamma educational society June 12 through 15 in El Paso.

The convention was hosted by the six DKG chapters in El Paso. 292 state chapters were represented, and the 1,000-plus DKG members attending included 32 state officers and committee chairmen, and the

International DKG president and first and second vice presidents.

Broderson, who is the incoming president of the Iota Zeta chapter of DKG in Dimmitt, attended a six-hour presidential workshop accredited by the Texas Education Agency and other planning sessions.

Parker, incoming first vice president of the local chapter, attended the main sessions and program planning sessions.

The two also attended a necrology service for DKG members from throughout the state who had died during the past year. Evie Froehner, long time teacher and administrator in Dimmitt, was among those recognized during the memorial service.



By CYNDY REYNOLDS

The rain got us again! The Castro County Kurlie Q's moved their dance to the Scout Hut Monday, June 9. Bill Harman cued the rounds and I called the tips. Our regular club caller, Sid Perkins, could not be with us. We had about two squares in attendance and refreshments were served by J.R. and Rickie Mixon.

The Kurlie Q's were invited by the Floydada Whirlers to join them July 4 at Lake McKenzie for a picnic and dance. Everyone brings their own food then we put it all together and have a great time eating and dancing. I will be calling for everyone and Square Dance attire is optional. The dance starts at 7:30 p.m. and we hope to see all of you there!

The Ground Rules

Be a good listener. Think of the caller as the quarterback in this game of square dancing. He calls the plays by giving you the signals for the movements he wants you to dance. Two beats later you do what he has called. You can't be talking or thinking of something else and count on reacting correctly.

Not only does talking during a square dance distract you but it also makes it difficult for others in the square to "catch" the instructions and to hear the music. Remember, too, that there is room for only one teacher at a time. You can help others best by being in the correct place at the correct time.

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Molly Waggoner

Paul Walden

DHS science student, teacher attend seminar

Molly Waggoner and Paul Walden, both of Dimmitt, recently attended the Texas Energy Science Symposium at Austin.

The symposium provided this area's outstanding high school science students and teachers with up-to-date information on developments in energy.

It began June 9 and continued through last Thursday. Approximately 400 of the top science students and teachers throughout the state attended.

Waggoner and Walden were among 36 participants from the Panhandle and South Plains area sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company.

The event is presented annually by the Texas Atomic

Energy Research Foundation, a combination of 10 electric utilities in Texas, including SPS.

Waggoner is a student at Dimmitt High School. She is the daughter of Winston and Judy Waggoner of Dimmitt.

Walden is a chemistry and physics teacher at Dimmitt High School.

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JUNE 20—Wade Backus, Alice Wilhelm, Cody Brockman, Chad Smithson, James Campbell.

JUNE 21—Jeff Travis, Christina Neinast, John Mark Bennett, Chad Thompson, Cowboy Johnson, Rex Lust, Kenneth Covington, Lorene Birkenfeld.

JUNE 22—Michele Schmucker, Mary Beth Gerber, Brenda Birkenfeld, Jessica Rosenberry, Tommy Cleavinger, Rita Stidham, Wayne Collins, Mona Merritt, Quincy Hawkins, Paula Rhynes, Andy Smith.

JUNE 23—Ricky Rowland, Roy Gonzales, Bobby Rosenberry, Cleta Wilkerson, Sabrina Mays, Meredith Morgan, Rafael Guajardo, Jr., Clara Vick, Clarence Norris, Beverly Hill, Jim Schmucker, William Robel.

JUNE 24—Betsy Wilhelm, Jackie Spinhrne, Ricky Kuntz, Deborah Jordan, Amy Covington, Wessie Ivy, Rebecca May, Jason May, Brandon Burks, Debbie Felts, Jason Aven, Cary McLain, Tiffany Sanders, Joey Aaron Luna.

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Family members and friends of Robert Glen Ballard, who was murdered June 6, 1985, have contributed \$5,000 to a special reward fund for Castro County Crime Line.

The \$5,000 will be paid to anyone providing information leading to the indictment and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the stabbing, which took place early in the morning at the Ballard's

home near Sunnyside.

The \$5,000 reward is on top of a \$2,500 reward offered by Crime Line for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons who committed the murder.

Anyone with information in the case may call Crime Line at 647-4711. Callers do not have to identify themselves, and payment is through an anonymous "drop" system.

Protect yourself from home selling fraud

Dealing with a person who advertises "I buy homes for fast cash," can make you the victim of a costly deal.

Dr. Jane Berry, a housing specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), says that homeowners with assumable VA or FHA mortgages can be victimized by their ability to sell their homes through a simple rather than a formal assumption.

She explains that in a formal assumption, the person buying the property assumes responsibility for any nonpayment of the loan.

For a simple assumption, however, the original mortgage holder remains responsible for any default which might occur on the loan. Simple assumption of FHA and VA loans can be accomplished between buyer and seller without HUD, VA or the mortgage company's approval.

In some cases, a homeowner will even pay the buyer a fee to take over his loan on a simple assumption, even though he's sacrificing the downpayment, equity and everything else that was invested in the property, says Berry.

This may seem like an attractive deal to families in financial trouble, she says, especially when the buyer agrees to let the family stay on as renters of

the property for an amount less than their mortgage payment.

Such an arrangement may work out for both parties, as long as the new owner continues to make mortgage payments as agreed, notes the specialist.

But Berry says there are numerous instances of new owners taking deposits, rentals and other fees and then failing to make mortgage payments. Then when foreclosure results, the action is against the original owner of the VA or FHA mortgage, not the buyer who made the simple assumption of the loan.

"Not all buyers in this circumstance are out to defraud homeowners," she remarks, "but it is up to the homeowner to determine whether the prospective buyer is legitimate and intends to meet the mortgage commitment."

The housing specialist advises making every effort to check out the credit record of a prospective buyer.

If you have any doubts, she recommends sticking to a formal assumption, where liability for any future default would rest with the new buyer.

Berry also points out that with VA or FHA mortgage rates falling, it will be to the advantage of most buyers to simply get their own mortgage rather than assume yours at a higher rate.

Randall Paul Artho

Randall Paul Artho, infant son of Harold and Karen Artho of Umbarger, died Monday.

Sugarless foods have sugar calories

"Sugarless" and "sugar-free" food products may still contain calories from sweeteners, in spite of their label claims.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) defines "sugar" as sucrose, which is common table sugar, says nutritionist Dr. Alice Hunt.

However, other sugars such as glucose and fructose, and related natural sweeteners called "sugar alcohols," including xylitol, sorbitol and mannitol, can be used in food processing, says the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) specialist.

All these sugars and sugar alcohols contain as many calories as table sugar and break down in the body in a similar way, Hunt explains.

But because of the narrow definition of sugar used by the FDA, a food can be labeled "sugar-free" and still be high in sugar-contributed calories.

The nutritionist points out that sugar alcohols do not contribute to the development of cavities in the teeth, which is why they are often used in "sugarless" gum and candy.

But a food will be lower in calories only if it is sweetened with the artificial sweetener saccharin, or the non-nutritive sweetener aspartame, reminds the nutritionist.

A SMALL Asian deer named the Reeves' muntjac is threatening to replace the dog as the British man's best friend, reports International Wildlife magazine. The small irresistible deer, a native of Asia, is about the same size as a dog, has large eyes and tiny antlers, and it barks just like its rival.

Obituaries

Graveside services were held Wednesday in St. Mary's Cemetery in Umbarger with Rev. Sondermon, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, D'Ann of the home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Artho of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Axe of Vega; and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Axe of Vega and Mrs. John Jennings of Canyon.

Nora Lee Huffstickler

Nora Lee Huffstickler, 56, of Friona, died June 10.

Graveside services were held Friday in Friona Cemetery with Leland Hutson, minister of Tenth Street Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements were by Ellis Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Huffstickler was born in Mississippi. She was married to J. W. "Jim" Huffstickler in 1948 in Eureka, Calif. He died in 1984. She moved to Friona in 1951 from Jackson, Miss. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Marie Taylor of Layton, Utah, Olivia Mat Huffstickler of Friona and Annette Radford of Rosston, Okla.; a brother, Edward Allen Hill of Dimmitt; and five grandchildren.

James C. Kennedy

James C. Kennedy, 60, of Hart, died June 10.

Funeral services were held last Thursday in the Hart Church of Christ with Erik Kokotkiewicz, minister of the Teline Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Kennedy was born in

South Mayd. He served in the Army from 1944 to 1946. He married Jean Hall in 1947 at Olton. He moved to Lubbock in 1949 and attended barber college. He had lived in Hart since 1945, where he was a barber. He was a farmer, a member of the Hart Church of Christ, American Legion and Hart Disabled American Veterans. He was a Cub Master leader for years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kathy Trimble of Plainview; a son, Jimmy of Amarillo; two brothers, T. C. of Olton and Leslie B. of Amarillo; three sisters, Pearl Moss of Decatur, Oleta Thommarson of Goodman, Mo., and Eliz Ayres of Anderson, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

Larkin Weldon "Popeye" Vardell

Larkin Weldon "Popeye" Vardell, 65, of Silverton, died Friday in San Angelo.

Graveside services were held Sunday in Silverton Cemetery with Earl Cantwell, minister of Rock Creek Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vardell was born in Wise County. He was retired from Santa Fe Railroad and was a veteran of World War II. He was married to Lubretia Garrison in 1950 in Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Frank of Buchanan Dam; two daughters, Theresa Pate of Tonopah, Nev., and Irene Harris of Humble; four brothers,

Willard of Silverton, Othor "Slim" of Dimmitt, Hilton of Kress and Luther of Clovis, N.M.; two sisters, Maggie Sweek and Annie North, both of Silverton; and six grandchildren.

Vernon L. Wood

Funeral services for Vernon L. Wood, 66, of Guymon, Okla., were held Tuesday in Henson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Morris Pruitt, pastor of Sunset Lane Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Elmhurst Cemetery.

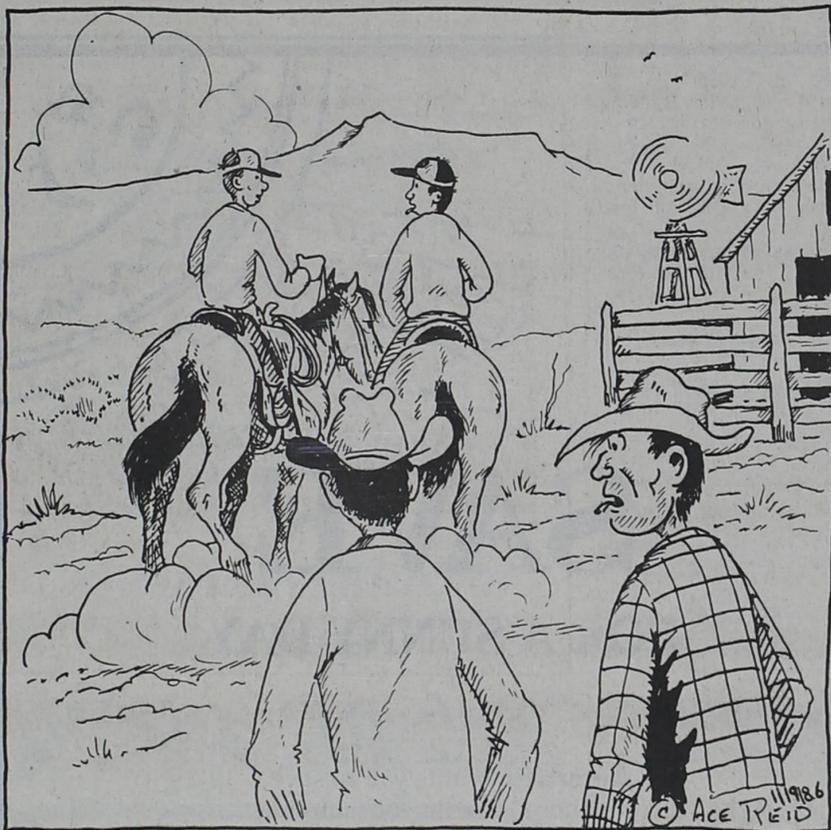
Mr. Wood died Saturday.

He was born in Hardesty, Okla., and had lived in Guymon since childhood. He was married to Earnestine Becker in 1940 at Guymon. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a sergeant in a photo reconnaissance squadron. He operated Wood's Conoco station for many years and was associated with Longbotham Wholesale Co. for the past seven years. He was a member of the Sunset Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Susan Webb of Eva, Okla., and Sandi Stump and Shari Remling, both of Guymon; a son Stephen of Guymon; his mother, Lula Wood of Guymon; two sisters, Aline Couch of Guymon and Betty Touchstone of Dimmitt; four brothers, Marion and Don, both of Guymon, Jim of Beaver, Okla. and Paul of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

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By Ace Reid



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Back in the Fifties, the country was captivated by the atom, and its limitless uses. But, back in the Fifties, no one considered what to do with the waste that would be created by atomic energy.

Even in the Fifties, everyone knew high-level waste was deadly and needed to be handled with kid gloves. But, in the Fifties, the government decided low-level waste was harmless, and dumped it, practically, everywhere.

However, some of the waste termed low-level was as deadly as the high-level waste. Since high-level waste was given top priority, though, low-level waste was put on the back-burner. Even waste that was placed in the wrong category, the lethal "low-level" waste, was still given cavalier treatment until a few years ago.

The government, quite often, has no idea of where its own nuclear waste is stored because four different agencies have at least a segment of authority over nuclear wastes. To compound

the problem, private industry may still bury radioactive wastes on its own land. In many cases, the federal government does not know which companies are doing so, what kind of waste is being dumped, or where the waste is located.

Further muddying the water is state regulation: 26 states have enacted laws to comply with federal standards, with some of the waste regulated by state agencies.

In the other states, nuclear waste is regulated by the federal government.

All 50 states regulate certain nuclear materials, however, and enforce certain protective standards.

In a series originally published in 1983, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* said " . . . the fragmented lines of authority among four federal agencies . . . the Dept. of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Dept. of Transportation underscore the anarchy . . ."

"The EPA sets environmental and public-health protection standards covering radioactive wastes.

"The DOE enforces some of the standards set by the EPA. The NRC also enforces some of the standards.

"The NRC regulates low-level waste

generated by some government installations.

"The DOE regulates low-level waste generated at other government installations.

"The EPA and NCR share responsibility for regulating radioactive materials emitted into the air.

"The EPA is responsible for nuclear waste dumped into the ocean.

"The NRC and the DOE are responsible for developing nuclear waste repositories on land.

"The NRC regulates high-level radioactive waste at nuclear power plants.

"The DOE regulates high-level waste at government installations.

"The DOT regulates carriers of nuclear waste.

"This regulatory maze allows nuclear waste to be trucked about the country and stored in various locations without any single regulatory agency being responsible for it."

More about

Aldermen. . .

(Continued from Page 1)

and evidently you could have given us five (years). Maybe his (McGavock's) attorneys should have researched it."

The extension of the lease for a five-year term was brought up during a May meeting between Scott and the aldermen when City Attorney Jack Edwards pointed out that "one board could not obligate another," and since there could conceivably be a totally new board of aldermen after three years, that is the limit on such contracts. However, the current board could extend the contract, but has, for the time being, chosen not to do so.

"Someone's got problems because the lake is getting smaller," Scott said. "You folks (city) will be more in danger of getting water in your deal (waste treatment plant) and we've done a lot of fixing up, getting everything in shape."

"We have a legitimate contract," Mayor Wayne Collins said, "and we'll live up to our part of it. We expect you all to do the same."

Aldermen rejected a bid of \$1,000 by Hance Auto Sales for a 1981 Ford and a 1979 Chevrolet formerly used by the police department.

Engineers focusing on safety, efficiency

Texas Agricultural Extension Service programs related to irrigation efficiency, farm safety and other areas benefit Texans in numerous ways, including reduced irrigation costs, increased water conservation, and reduced farm-related deaths and injuries.

"These educational programs, however, will be affected by decreased resources should additional budget cuts at the state level and proposed reductions at the federal level take place," says Extension Service Director Zerle L. Carpenter. "While the Extension Service will continue to focus its efforts on high quality educational programs aimed at meeting the needs of clientele, budget restraints will definitely limit the scope of these programs," he adds.

The key tool in helping farmers with irrigation efficiency has been an intensified demonstration program, points

out Wayne Keese, Extension Service agricultural engineer.

Over the past 10 years, on-farm demonstrations of irrigation pumping plant efficiency testing have shown a tremendous potential for cost reductions in farm irrigation pumping — \$1.23 per hour on the average natural gas-powered pump for a furrow system, 56 cents per hour for the average diesel-powered pump, and \$1.30 per hour for the average electric-powered pump.

"The typical irrigation pumping plant in the Texas High Plains, which boasts the largest irrigated crop acreage, operates about 2,000 to 2,400 hours a year," Keese points out. "Real savings are possible by keeping irrigation systems in good working order and by practicing other management techniques."

On-farm demonstrations with the Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) irrigation system developed by a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station engineer also have shown the potential for reducing both costs and water usage. According to Keese, water application efficiency can be increased from 75% to 80% for a typical center-pivot sprinkler system to 97% with the LEPA system. "This means about a 20% reduction in pump operating time and total water use," he notes.

Also, the LEPA unit can reduce required operating pressure 15 to 20 pounds per square inch or more, reducing pumping costs by \$1 to \$1.25 per hour for a quarter-mile system, or \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year for the typical High Plains center-pivot irrigation system.

A statewide educational program in farm and ranch safety conducted by an Extension Service safety engineer has contributed to a reduction in fatalities and disabling injuries

from farm and ranch accidents.

Over the past five years, farm and rural accidents have decreased 28% from the previous five years, representing a decrease of 255 fatalities and 25,500 disabling injuries. This corresponds to a savings in medical costs alone of almost \$13 million, says Keese.

Further, increased family income due to prevented fatalities is estimated at almost \$32 million during this period. At a 15% tax rate, this means an increase of some \$4,800,000 in federal tax revenues.

Other educational programs by the Extension Service in agricultural engineering also have paid dividends. For example, Extension agricultural engineers helped farmers in Waller and Harris counties learn how to use municipal sludge from Harris County on their cropland. This has resulted in an annual savings of \$40 to \$50 per acre in fertilizer costs, which amounts to at least \$35,000 per year on certain farms in those counties, Keese reports.

In addition, result demonstrations at northern Texas dairies have shown how dairymen could harvest fertilizer nutrients worth \$2 million annually from dairy manure treatment lagoons by adopting recommended irrigation practices.

And an Extension agricultural engineer guided staff of the Texas Water Commission and leaders of livestock and poultry associations in the development of a state technical guideline for adequate, yet affordable, water pollution abatement from feeding facilities.

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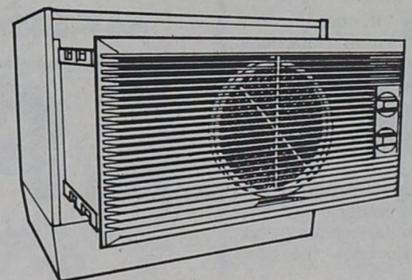
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Sports

Summer camp starts Monday

Dimmitt's annual summer basketball camp will be held next week, with separate sessions for boys and girls eight

years of age and older. "This camp is open to all kids eight years old and older from all over the area," said

girls basketball Coach Richard Wood. "We want to invite everyone, from wherever, to attend the camp. The only restriction is that anyone who has been on a varsity basketball team cannot attend the camp."

Registration begins Monday at 8 a.m. at Dimmitt High School (boys) and Dimmitt Middle School (girls) gyms.

Cost for the camp is \$40, with campers receiving T-shirts and other amenities.

Sessions will run from 8 a.m. until 12 noon through next Friday.

"We will include videotaping all of the campers and other individualized instruction so that we can better help all of our campers," Wood said.

Highlighters hosting slow-pitch tournament

The Dimmitt Highlighters will host a men's slow-pitch softball tournament Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13.

The tourney is open to all interested teams in the area.

Entry fee is \$85 per team and the deadline for entering is 12 midnight Wednesday, July 9.

11 teams will be allowed to enter on a first-come basis.

The first, second and third place teams will receive team trophies and members of the winning team will also get individual trophies.

Teams wishing to enter should contact Richard Nino at 647-4134 (days) or 647-5724 (evenings), or David Ogas at 647-3161 (days) or 647-5798 (evenings) or Albert Fernandez at 647-4121 (days).

Summer Basketball

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MONDAY
Celtics 47, Lakers 41
C—Linda Saenz and Kristi Petty, 14; L—Missy Brockman and Sheila Acker, 12.

Sixers 47, Mavericks 44
S—LaDawn Schmucker 9, Tammy Ball 8; M—Kelly Schilling 28, Kim Washington 8.

Rockets 51, Bucks 48
R—Leona Gerber 14, Shawna Birkenfeld 13; B—Darla Leavitt 16, Cindi Nutt 11.

Hawks 48, Suns 41
H—Mona Heiman 33, Lisa Nelson 7; S—Jill Smith 18, Stephanie Ryan 8.

TUESDAY
Mavericks 61, Suns 30
M—Kelly Schilling 31, Dana Schulte 14; S—Camille Summers 9, Gloria Gauna 7.

Sixers 54, Hawks 46
S—LaDawn Schmucker 14, Susan Mendez 11; H—Mona Heiman 31, Trisha Zimmer 9.

Rockets 44, Celtics 38
R—Leona Gerber 16, Shanna Birkenfeld 11; C—Kristi Petty, Sharon Hampton and Renee Ramaekers 10.

Bucks 49, Lakers 47
B—Rachel Huseman 19, Darla Leavitt 14; L—Sheila Acker 18, Traci Hill 17.

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Hawks	1	1
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MANUEL VELASQUEZ (right) of the Mariners scoops up a ground ball hit by Melinda Anes of the Rangers, who is scampering toward first. Anes was safe on an error and came around to score for the Rangers, but Velasquez and his teammates held on for a 27-26 win in T-Ball action Monday night in Dimmitt.



There are miniature kangaroos that are no bigger than rabbits.

TECAT no match for senatorial district

By BILL SARPALIUS

We should note at the outset that the teacher literacy test administered this spring had a lot of problems. The test's subject area was too narrow, it put too much stress on teachers and never really measured competency.

That said, you can't help but be pleased with the performance of Panhandle and South Plains educators on the recent Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers (TECAT). Test results released last week by the Texas Education Agency confirmed our belief that teachers in the 31st Senatorial District are unequal anywhere in Texas.

The TEA report, which detailed teacher performance

on a district-by-district basis, indicated that 60 of the 89 school districts in our area had a perfect score. No teachers in those districts failed the test.

And, while 67.4% of our school districts were achieving perfection, the rest were coming pretty darn close. No school district in the senatorial district had a passing rate of less than 91%, and only five had less than 95% pass.

The final TECAT breakdown is as follows:

Districts with a 100% passing rate, 60; 99-99.9%, four; 98-98.9%, 10; 97-97.9%, six; 96-96.9%, one; 95-95.9%, three; 94-94.9%, none; 93-93.9%, one; 92-92.9%, two; 91-91.9%, two.

The good news doesn't end there, either. The four-year universities that supply our school districts with many of their teachers had outstanding passing rates. Texas Tech saw 99.2% of its graduates pass the TECAT while 99.1% of the West Texas State graduates and 98.9% of the Wayland Baptist graduates also passed.

We're not particularly big fans of the TECAT, and most teachers would characterize the exam as a waste of time. Still, the TECAT results do say something very positive about our teachers.

The test underscores the commitment of our school districts to attract the very best teachers. We have a long tradition in West Texas of

recognizing the importance of education and emphasizing quality instruction for our students.

As the economy of our region is in a transition period, with both energy and agriculture slumping, education will become even more important. We must educate students to adapt to the changing economic realities of our region, for without a well-educated populace, we will be doomed to a stagnant economy.

Certainly the TECAT is not an absolute measuring stick for educational quality, but bad teachers couldn't have passed the test in the phenomenal numbers District 31 teachers did. We would be safe in saying our teachers, one the whole, are truly outstanding and doing a fine job of educating our youth.

The TECAT has been a positive experience in that it indicated our educational system is on the right track and populated with good teachers. But, as we said at the outset, it also stressed many teachers and caused an overall dip in teacher morale.

So, let's enjoy the TECAT results and then close that chapter in our history. It's time to get on with the teaching.

If you have questions about the TECAT results or other issues, please write us at P. O. Box 12068, Austin, 78711.

Fish is 'heart' food

Fish has long been hailed as "brain food," but now it is also being lauded as food to help protect your heart.

Most kinds of fish are low in cholesterol, fat and calories as well as some oils that may help to prevent heart attacks, says Annette Reddell Hegen, a seafood consumer education specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

These special polyunsaturated oils, different from those of vegetable origin, are called omega-3 fatty acids. All fish and shellfish contain them, she says, but oilier, fattier fish are the richest sources of the fatty acids. Marine fish have more of the omega-3 fatty acids than freshwater fish.

Some research studies have shown that eating large amounts of omega-3 fatty acids can decrease the tendency of blood platelet cells, involved with clotting, to stick up clump together, reports the specialists.

This may decrease the likelihood of forming clots than can block blood flow to the heart and result in a heart attack, says Hegen.

Omega-3 fatty acids may also decrease blood levels of fatty triglycerides and cholesterol. As a result, some heart disease experts are encouraging greater consumption of fish, particularly the oily kinds.

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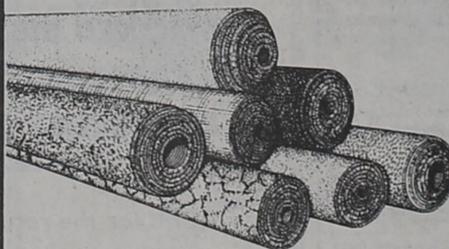
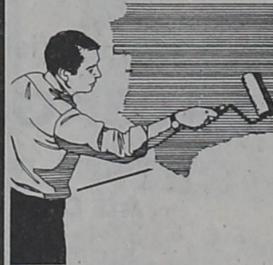
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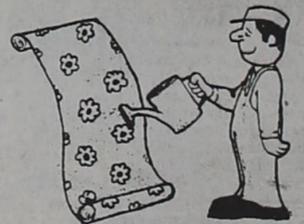
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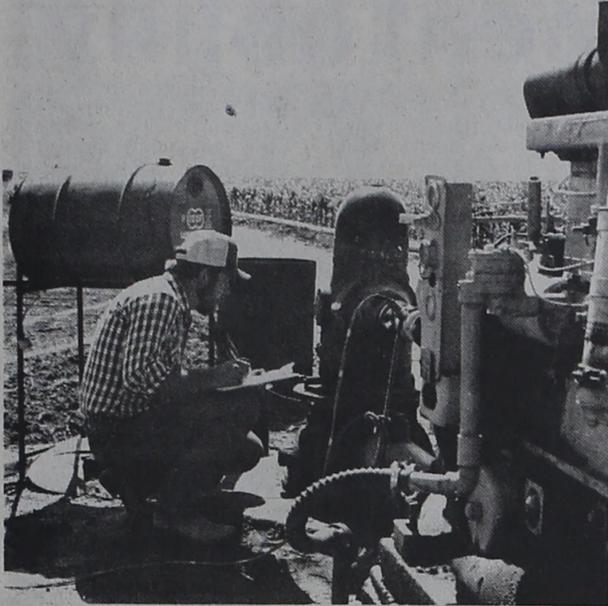
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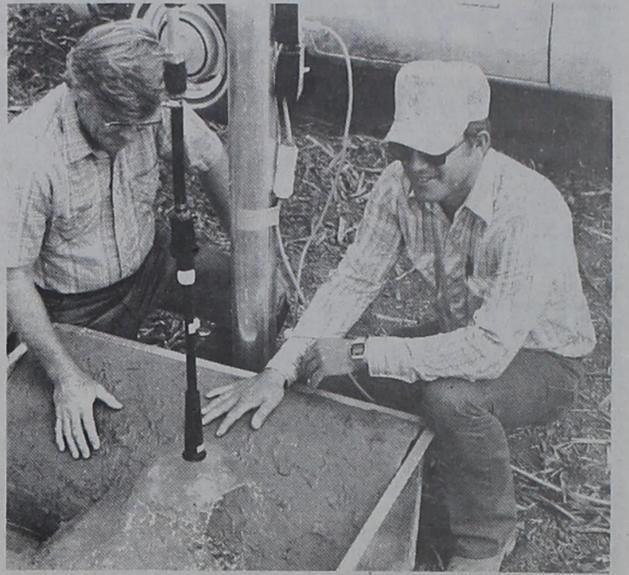
Irrigation demonstrations



JERRY FUNCK takes gearhead readings from a well engine on the Danny Bruton farm during an irrigation field day at the farm, south of Flagg, Tuesday. Funck explained that the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has the equipment and time necessary to analyze the efficiency of electric and natural gas-powered wells throughout the area, and the service is free to persons who live in the district. Funck said that most of the wells in the area are not running at optimum efficiency, and he is always available to help farmers obtain the most efficiency possible from their wells and engines.



DAVID SWARINGEN of the High Plains Underground Water District demonstrates a "rainfall simulator" at the irrigation field day held Tuesday on the Danny Bruton farm south of Flagg. Swaringen's device can measure the effects of rainfall at rates from one-half to four inches per hour on a variety of soils and fields that are planted in a variety of methods and crops. The simulator can also help producers judge whether their fields are in need of nitrogen or other fertilizers.



LEON NEW (left), irrigation engineer with the Extension Service in Amarillo, and Seth Ralston, Castro County extension agent, look over their Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) demonstration at the irrigation field day held Tuesday on the Danny Bruton farm south of Flagg. The LEPA demonstration showed the variety of uses of the special nozzles. New said that about 30 LEPA systems are currently in use across the High Plains, and said all center-pivot systems can be converted to the LEPA system.

EDC \$ SIGNS

The announcement that is being made this week by Goodpasture to temporarily suspend production at the Dimmitt plant is a disappointing one. It will mean approximately 30 men will be temporarily unemployed. At this time, it is not known exactly when production will stop and for what duration the layoff will be. A similar suspension in production in 1983 lasted four months. We anticipate a similar period of inactivity in this case.

We are asking that all employers in Castro County project employment needs for the coming months. If you anticipate that your business will require additional full time or part time workers please contact the EDC office at 647-2524 and let us know. We will refer those jobs to the Goodpasture employees who are affected by the work stoppage.

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Lenders considering payment ability

Agricultural lenders are putting increased emphasis on the repayment ability of farmers and ranchers.

"Because collateral-based lending has several major weaknesses, lenders are starting to give more consideration

to the borrower's ability to repay the loan," points out Dr. Danny Klinefelter, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Collateral-based lending considers only the protection of the lender and does not address whether or not the loan will benefit the borrower, notes Klinefelter. This type of lending also focuses on the expected value of collateral at the due date of the note or at the date of the next scheduled payment. Therefore, there is a tendency for lenders to be more liberal and for borrowers to borrow excessively when asset

values are appreciating.

"With lending based on repayment ability, collateral is viewed in its proper role as providing insurance and control, not as the justification for borrowing or lending," Klinefelter points out.

The problem is that many lenders and farmers are only going half-way in analyzing repayment ability by only evaluating annual cash flow projections, says the economist. Cash flow analysis is an important element of repayment ability, but on an annual basis, it is a short-run

concept. A firm can be going broke and still be generating a positive cash flow by reamortizing debts, selling off assets (including inventories) and not replacing capital assets on a regular basis (living off of depreciation).

"The frequently neglected half of repayment analysis is profitability," says Klinefelter. "Without sufficient inheritances, non-farm income or asset appreciation to offset losses, a business has to be profitable to survive in the long run."

Even in those cases where profitability is evaluated, it is usually on the borrower's cash-basis of tax returns. This is fine for tax management purposes, but it can significantly

misrepresent business performance, Klinefelter points out. True profitability has to be analyzed on an accrual basis.

Accrual income can be estimated fairly accurately for changes in inventories, accounts payable and accrued expenses. These adjustments are relatively simple, notes the economist, but they are critical because cash basis accounting can frequently cover up developing profitability problems for as much as two years. That can be critical to both the borrower and the lender.

"By considering both cash flow projections and profitability, repayment based lending is a step in the right direction," says Klinefelter.

Pork producers slate election

Pork producers in the area will vote in an election July 7 through July 11 to help select individuals for appointment to an industry-wide body that will administer a promotion, research and consumer information order for pork.

Voting in Castro County will be held at the Extension office in the basement of the courthouse. The office will be open for voting each day from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

Pork producers can vote in any county in their home state after signing a voter registration list certifying that they are pork producers in that state.

Pork producers are urged to vote in person at the county Extension office.

Absentee voting packets containing a ballot and registration form may be obtained from Jim Epstein, National Pork Producers Election, P. O. Box 23762, Washington, D.C., 20026-3762. Absentee ballots must be

postmarked by July 11 and received at this address by July 18.

Votes will be tallied at 9 a.m. on July 15 at the local county office of USDA's agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The public is invited to be present at the official counting, and the results will be forwarded to the secretary for consideration.

All pork producers in the state are urged to vote in the elections. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each state will be eligible for appointment by the secretary of the US Department of Agriculture to the state's allotted positions on the National Pork Producers Delegate Body.

The Delegate Body, consisting of approximately 165 producers, including two or more members presenting each of the 50 states and four importers, will be responsible for administering all aspects of the pork order.

TSTI sets course

Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo will be offering a Feedmill and Elevator Technology course to provide competent, trained professionals to the cattle feeding and grain elevator industries.

The course, set to begin Sept. 8, was developed by TSTI at the urging of the cattle feeding and grain industries because of the difficulty in finding trained people to operate feedyard feedmills and grain elevators, according to Charlie Ball, executive vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

A certificate program,

lasting four quarters or 12 months and an option that will allow students to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree, lasting six quarters or 18 months, will be the two training options offered by TSTI.

The course will train students in the operation of feedmill and grain handling equipment, dust control techniques and hazards, electrical/electronic weighing controls, hydraulic and pneumatic systems and advanced troubleshooting.

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AREA FARMERS Donald Gilreath, Charles Summers and Danny Bruton, from left, look on as Pat Warren of Hydro-Pulse, Inc., of Bryan demonstrates a programming unit for one of

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Robert R. Livingston, one of the five committee members selected to produce the Declaration of Independence, voted for it, but never signed it.

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You will be glad to know it never got over 112° while I was in Arizona, and you will be glad to know the Grand Canyon is still as beautiful as ever.

I was amazed by the number of people from throughout the world who were visiting the Grand Canyon. There were Orientals speaking in an Oriental language, Germans speaking German, and French eating Yoplait.

I had not been to the Grand Canyon since I was eight years old, but not much had changed. It is still from Dimmitt-to-riford across the canyon, and still had 18 different colors ready to bolt into view and ready to change, depending on the angle of your view.

One thing that has changed

is the scenic drive along the canyon's west rim. You can't make that drive from May through Labor Day. Instead, you get a "free" ride on a government-operated shuttle bus which will drop you off at Hermit's Rest or Bright Angel Trail or wherever you want to look.

More crowded than a New York City subway on "Please Paint Graffiti Night," the buses dawdled along with the naggiest bus drivers this side of your favorite mother-in-law constantly reminding you to keep clear of the doors and spoiling your concentration as they tried to describe with words what God must have taken at least a couple of days to create.

The desert, where I spent eight of my nine days, was nice, too. Coolidge, my home town, had received its annual summer rain (.12) a week before we arrived, so the desert was green, and hotter than . . . usual, for June.



COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS who competed in the Hale County Trap Meet Saturday in Plainview were foreground: Becky Rutkowski, Johnny Rutkowski, Shad McDaniel, Michael Ellison, Kasey Wheelless, Corey Mays. Background: Sabrina Mays, Ty Kellar, Todd West, Kevin Wheelless, Joe Yokum and Shawn Ewing.

County 4-H trap shooters compete in Hale County meet

The Castro County trap shoot team competed in the Hale County Trap Meet Saturday in Plainview.

Trophies were given to first and second place winners in the sub-junior division, junior division and senior division.

County 4-H'ers grabbed first place trophies in each of the divisions.

In the sub-junior division, Michael Ellison finished first by hitting 45 of 50 targets. Johnny Rutkowski finished second by striking 43 of 50 targets.

HOSPITAL NEWS

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Do you receive social security or supplemental security income (SSI) checks on behalf of a relative, friend, or someone else? If so, here are some important reminders about your duties as a representative payee.

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If any funds remain after

meeting basic and special needs, they must be saved or invested. The money should be kept in an account separate from yours and clearly identified as belonging to the beneficiary. Keep in mind, though, that accumulated funds may affect a person's eligibility for SSI payments.

Promptly report to Social Security any changes that may affect benefits such as: change of address or custody; person dies, marries, takes a job, or enters or leaves an institution; disabled person's condition improves; or person getting SSI has a change in assets or income.

The leaflet you received when you became a payee describes other changes you need to report and provides other information. If you need a copy, ask at the social security office for the leaflet, *Your Duties As a Representative Payee*.

From time to time you will be asked to complete a representative payee report and explain how you used funds paid to you. Therefore, you should keep a record of money received and how it was spent or saved. Keep all receipts, cancelled checks, and other proofs in case Social Security requests to see them. Social Security has a representative payee account book, available free that may help you keep track of income and expenses.

If you have any questions you may contact us at 1401-B West 5th Street, Plainview, or call us at 293-9623.

Altman completes infantry course

Marine Pvt. Kenneth D. Altman, son of Mary R. Brad-dock of Route 2, Dimmitt, has completed the Infantry Combat Training Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

During the six week course, Altman received classroom instruction and participated in field exercises involving infantry tactics; the construction and camouflage of fighting positions; and the use of mines, demolitions and intra-company communications equipment.

He joined the Marine Corps in November, 1985.

Police Calls

Robert Ryan, superintendent of the Dimmitt Independent School District told police that someone had unlawfully entered the DISD Administration building sometime between 7 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Investigations by police revealed that the unknown perpetrators had entered the building through an outside opening leading to the building's attic.

Reports indicate that they climbed into the attic and started to walk on the false ceiling, but fell through into an office in the north hall.

The persons then ransacked desks in several offices in the building. They also damaged telephones and telephone lines.

Further investigations by officials revealed the vandals had also ignited papers and matches while inside the building.

Virgil Justice reported that the window on the south part of the east main door to A&H Supply had been broken out.

Police report that the window had been shattered by a beer bottle striking it.

Justice said that the building was not damaged when he had last seen the store at 9 a.m. Saturday. He also added that there was no way of knowing if anything was taken, but a real estate sign was missing from the south side of the store.

A 1984 white and blue Ford LTD was reported missing

from the east parking lot at Plains Memorial Hospital Friday night.

Mitzi Brockman of Nazareth, owner of the car, said the car had been left unlocked and the keys were left in the ignition.

The car was last seen at 10:30 p.m. by Patty Summers, a nurse at the hospital, who reported she saw the car as she came to work.

It was reported missing at 11:15 p.m.

The car bears license plate number 739-CUT. It sports four bumper stickers, "I'm a Texas Tech Mom," "Fly Southwest," "Reagan '84" and "Yanex."

Investigations are continuing into the case.

Brock Merritt of 108 NW 11th told police someone had removed a bicycle from the front yard of his residence.

The bike is described as being blue with padded handle bars and upper frame.

City pool is now open

The Dimmitt municipal swimming pool is now open for the summer, according to Pool Manager Anne Gagnon.

The pool, located south of Dimmitt Middle School, is open from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Price for swimming is \$1.25 per afternoon.

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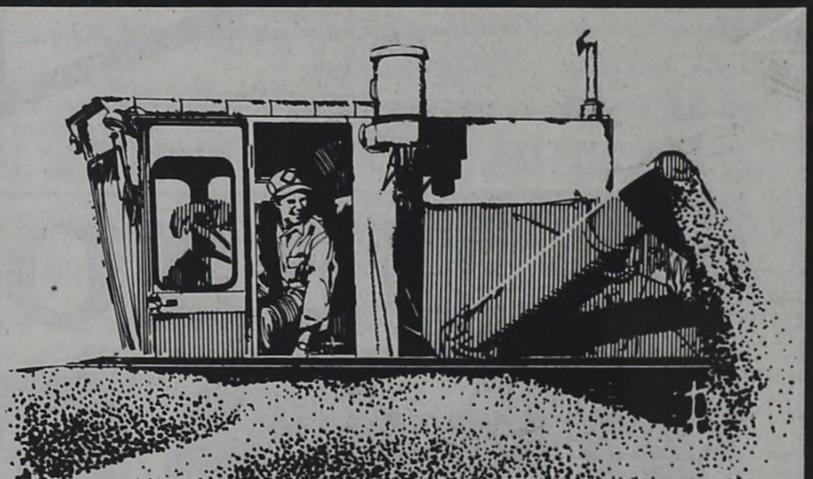
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Committee sets profitability as top priority

Castro County's main need is to improve its economic base by working toward profitability in agriculture and expansion of industry, tourism and government projects.

That should be the county's No. 1 priority in long-range planning, the County Program Building Committee decided last Thursday.

Four study groups made up of Program Building Committee members met at the courthouse to submit proposals and settle on a list of priority goals. The Extension Service sponsors the goal-setting program.

The committee will meet later to come up with a plan of action on how to achieve the long-range goals.

The No. 1 goal came from proposals by two study groups—Agricultural Education and Community Development.

The Agricultural Education group suggested that the county make a concerted effort to improve farmers' profit through improved land utilization (wildlife management, diversification and farming practices), and through livestock programs.

The Community Development study group suggested that "our economic base can be improved if we can further diversify agriculture, secure new industry, attract a larger share of tourist dollars or attract a major government installation or project."

"If we don't achieve profitability in agriculture, then none of our goals will mean much," Ann Armstrong of the Agricultural Education study group commented.

Study groups on Home Economics and 4-H and Youth also submitted proposals that were included in the final list of

eight major goals.

Long-range county goals established by the committee, in order of priority, are:

1. Improve agricultural profitability and expand agriculture, industry, tourism and government projects.
2. Preserve existing industry by improving basic community services and by improving community attitude toward industry.
3. Improve parenting skills through basic skills training (especially among minority population), programs on responsibilities of parents, and parent-child communications.

4. Improve agricultural marketing through government farm policy, quality control, contracting for profit (hedging, options and forward contracts), and transportation.

5. Work toward securing or retaining enough water for the county's needs through conservation, importation, minimum tillage, diking, protecting the water basins, and opposing nuclear and toxic waste dumping.

6. Improve the organization and management of 4-H and other youth programs through local leader-training workshops and through fairs that display projects other than animals.

7. Develop programs that enhance the quality of life for the county's senior citizens (nutrition, exercise, stress

management, communications, consumer skills, etc.) and help residents to better prepare for old age.

8. Develop 4-H leadership by establishing a list of adult and "special interest" leaders, conducting a drive for more adult leaders, encouraging parents to take leadership roles, making adults more aware of the 4-H programs available, contacting third graders and their parents, asking parents to initial sign-up meetings, holding special installation events, getting current members active, including more summer activities, stressing junior leadership, encouraging older members to be club officers, improving inter-club communications, and rotating leaders.

Workers need sun protection

People who work outdoors have one thing in common with sun bathers—a higher risk for developing skin cancer.

"Farmers and ranchers, construction workers and others who work outdoors may not expose large areas of their skin to the sun, but the cumulative effect of the sun's rays just to the forearms, head and neck

can add up over time," says health education specialist Dr. Mary Ann Heussner.

Workers exposed to coal tar, pitch, creosote, arsenic compounds or radium will be at higher risk for developing skin cancer, along with those with lightly pigmented skin, says the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

Living in the Sun Belt increases the risk of skin cancer, as does increased age, she adds.

The specialist reports that the majority of the more than 400,000 new cases of skin cancer being diagnosed each year are curable. However, with a few precautions, many

cases could be prevented.

The American Cancer Society encourages people to regularly examine themselves for skin cancer warning signals: a sore that does not heal, or any unusual skin condition, especially a change in the size and color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot.

Heussner reminds outdoor workers to wear hats when in the sun. Dark, thick hair offers more protection than light or thin hair, but most it's possible to get a scalp burn regardless of your hair type.

Protective clothing is an important precaution, she says, along with putting a sunscreen on any exposed body parts such as the forearms, face and neck.

Avoiding the midday sun when possible will also help workers stay away from the sun's strongest and most damaging ultraviolet rays.

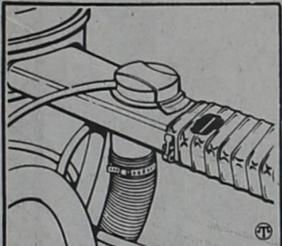
Harvest, more activity mean more slow vehicles

Motorists throughout Texas should be on the lookout for slow moving farm vehicles and equipment.



Your Car: Ready To Roll?

Vacation time's no time to take a vacation from car care maintenance. To help ensure your auto gets you to your vacation destination safely, give it a pre-trip "physical": check the tires for wear and proper inflation. Be sure the car is not in need of an oil change; consult the owner's manual. It's also a good idea to get under the hood and check out two items that can keep you on the road to fuel economy and peak performance throughout your trip: the carburetor air ducts



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For a free pamphlet on how to inspect and install carburetor ducts, write: "Air For Your Engine," The Wiremold Company, Flexible Systems Group, 60 Woodlawn Street, West Hartford, CT 06110.

With the hustle and bustle of spring farming operations, drivers need to be particularly alert for slow moving tractors and other types of farm equipment on state highways and other public roads.

"The usual slow speed and road-blocking width of these necessary machines may be dangerous to vehicles coming up from the rear as well as those passing in the opposite lane," points out Dr. Gary Nelson, safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"A driver recognizing a farm machine should instantly brake and reduce speed until he can successfully judge the machine's size and speed," notes Nelson.

A tractor may be pulling a wide tillage tool or a tool bar and could have axles extending into the oncoming lane, says the engineer. The tractor may be seen easily, but protruding steel beams are difficult to see because of their small appearance and often dusty covering.

"Dusk and dawn hours are the most dangerous because of

poor visibility," Nelson points out. "Drivers should look for flashing tractor lights; reflectors; the red-orange, triangular shaped Slow Moving Vehicle emblem on the rear of a machine; a lead car or truck with flashing lights; or flagging tied to protruding parts of equipment."

Drivers who pass or meet farm vehicles and still maintain highway speeds are risking a serious accident, cautions the safety specialist.

At night, flashing lights may be on an oncoming farm vehicle with parts that extend into an opposite lane or the passing lane. The driver should immediately slow down and make certain there is no obstruction.

"Unfortunately, sometimes deadly obstructions that do not comply with safety measures are present on our public roads, whether they be farm, forestry, construction or personal vehicles or loads," says Nelson. "Drivers should always be on the lookout for these and should report them to law enforcement authorities. This can help avoid accidents and perhaps save a life."

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Conservation is solution to high water bills

When the weather turns dry, don't just turn on your lawn sprinkler and then gripe about your high water bill.

By watering, fertilizing and mowing your lawn properly, you can reduce your water bill as much as 40%, says a turf-grass specialist.

"Conservation by the homeowner provides the only solution to high water bills and excessive water demands during our hot and usually dry Texas summers," says Dr. Richard Duble with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

In small cities where industrial demand for water is low, lawn watering may account for as much as half of all

the water used during summer months. Even in larger cities, lawns get 30 to 40% of all the water supplied by municipalities.

"Most Texas lawns use about 2 inches of water per week during the summer, and most of this usually comes from irrigation," Duble says. "However, as little as 1 inch of water per week can keep lawns alive and green."

Exactly what can a homeowner do to reduce his summer water bill?

"First, water your lawn only when grass starts to show signs of drought stress," explains Duble. "Look for discoloration and wilting. If leaves roll up in the late after-

noon and footprints remain after walking across the lawn, then water within 24 hours.

"Once you've decided that your lawn needs watering, do it right," he emphasizes. "Most homeowners don't water their lawns properly. They either water too often, causing grass to develop shallow roots and making it a prime target for in-

sects, diseases and temperature extremes, or they water too infrequently and apply too much water at one time, resulting in a lot of runoff.

"When watering, soak the soil to a depth of four to six inches," recommends the specialist. In heavy clay soils, watering for 15- to 20-minute periods may be necessary to

prevent excessive runoff.

"Cutting back on lawn fertilization can also reduce watering," says Duble. Applying fertilizer in the spring and fall will generally keep your lawn healthy. Fertilizing during the summer, especially with nitrogen fertilizer, will green up your lawn, but it will also increase grass growth and

water use.

"Mowing less often and cutting your grass at taller heights also will help keep your lawn in better shape during hot, dry weather," adds Duble. "St. Augustinegrass lawns do well when mowed at a three-inch height, and bermudagrass lawns can be cut at a 2-inch height."

Fertilizer key to home gardens

A successful home garden in West Texas requires a fertilizer management program, say two specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"All vegetables require relatively large amounts of plant nutrients," says Dr. Roland E. Roberts, Extension vegetable specialist. "Most home gardeners will have to provide additional nutrients by applying fertilizers or composts."

"If your soil is naturally rich in nutrients, you are lucky," adds Dr. Michael G. Hickey, soil chemist and director of the Extension Soil Testing Laboratory here. "However, you may find it necessary to give your garden a nutritional boost through the use of fertilizers."

West Texas soils generally contain an adequate supply of essential plant nutrients, with the exception of nitrogen and phosphorous, the Extension specialists noted. In some soils and situations, iron and zinc may be needed in small quantities.

The amounts and types of nutrients required for your garden can be determined from a soil test by a qualified laboratory, such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service laboratory at Lubbock, Roberts said. Local county Extension agents can explain the simple procedure for collecting and submitting a soil sample, he added.

Over-fertilization, especially with the "complete" fertilizers, not only wastes your money, but can cause gardening problems, Hickey said. "On many older gardening sites in our region, we find that excessive fertilization with phosphorous has induced zinc and iron deficiency," he said.

If you use a "complete" fertilizer, be careful, because it may contain nutrients you don't need, the soil chemist cautioned. Some "complete" fertilizers will contain trace elements of micronutrients which may be of limited usefulness for soil application, he added.

The content of most fer-

tilizers is designated with three numbers on the label that indicate the percentage of total nitrogen, available phosphoric acid, and water soluble potash in the fertilizer. As an example, a "complete" fertilizer such as 10-10-5 contains 10% nitrogen, 10% available phosphorous, and 5% water soluble potassium. A nitrogen source, such as 21-0-0, contains 21% nitrogen, but no phosphorous or potassium.

Choice of a fertilizer material will depend on the type and amounts of nutrients needed, and the cost of the material. For example, Hickey said, if you are purchasing a fertilizer strictly for its nitrogen content and plan to apply it to the soil and till it in, you should buy the one in which the proper nitrogen amount is the least expensive.

Additional organic matter, such as compost, peat moss or manure, can benefit the home garden, Roberts said. Organic matter helps improve drainage and aeration in clay soils, and increases the water holding capacity in sandy soils. It will likely improve the general soil fertility of any soil, the specialists agreed.

Care must be taken with manure application, they cautioned. Nutrients — particularly phosphorous — will be added, but so will salts, which can be harmful. Don't exceed a rate of ten pounds of dried manure or 50 pounds of feedlot or stable manure for each 100 square feet, they advised.

Compost is refuse that has been converted into a "synthetic manure," the Extension specialists said. Leaves, grass clippings, small prunings, weeds, and vegetable matter from the kitchen can all be used. "In our region, grass clippings will predominate," Hickey said. Depending on your lawn fertilization practices, compost from grass clippings will be high in nitrogen.

To utilize compost or peat moss, spread about five bushels of the material over 1,000 square feet and mix it thoroughly into the soil, Hickey said.

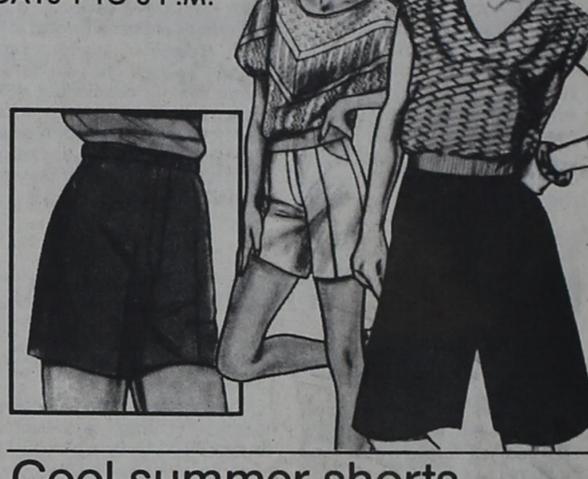
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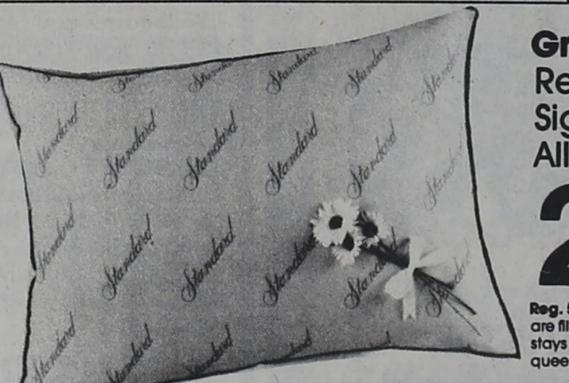
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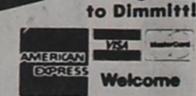
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