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Who will be next? Rural burglaries continue as holiday season nears

Who will be next? With two rural residential burglaries within the last week and "December being the worst month for burglaries," peace officers and many citizens are pondering the question of "whose home will be next" to fall prey to criminals.

The sheriff's department continues to solicit the assistance of the general citizenry to "watch out for suspicious, unfamiliar vehicles." Should vehicles be spotted, individuals are asked to immediately contact the sheriff's department personnel in either Floydada or Lockney.

Two burglary patterns are evident: a majority of residential burglaries are in rural areas and most occur during daylight hours "while people are away from home." Many persons erroneously think of break-ins happening principally at night.

"Many times stolen property is recovered," officers point out, but owners are advised to have serial numbers of firearms and other property written down and stored in a safe place to aid in identification should a theft occur. Also, "TX and your driver's license number" should be engraved on such items.

Engravers are available for public use at the sheriff's offices and at the Floydada Police Department.

An estimated \$2,297 loss has been placed on property taken during an early evening Thursday burglary at the Rodney Carpenter residence, two miles north and three-fourths mile east of Aiken. It occurred between 7 and 8:55 p.m.

Reportedly stolen were a microwave, a VCR, a portable TV, guns, fishing tackle, Christmas gifts, clothing and other items. Several windows in the house were damaged.

The day before, Wednesday of last week, "about 15 guns, assorted jewelry, a scanner" and possibly other items were taken from the Everett Pyle home, one to one and a half miles south of Lockney between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Although no exact value has been

placed on the theft loss, officers say it will run into the thousands of dollars.

Hubert Frizzell of Lone Star reportedly had "about 20" sheep stolen some two weeks ago, with the loss placed in excess of \$1,000. The sheep were located in the Providence community, "just over in Hale County."

Decor contest judging Friday

Out-of-town judges will travel Floydada's yule trail this Friday evening to select winners in the annual Christmas decor contest, sponsored by Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

Prizes are to be awarded in two categories: residential and commercial. First place winner in each division is to receive a \$25 cash prize, second place recipients each earn \$15 and \$10 goes to both third place winners.

Nettie Ruth Whittle, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, reminds families and businesses to have their displays lighted Friday

evening, Dec. 19, in order that they may be viewed by judges.

In addition to the decorations contest, the Chamber of Commerce has sponsored an "Adopt A Decoration" program to provide lighted Christmas trees which appear in the downtown area. These new decorations have been erected in addition to previously-used decor.

Mrs. Whittle deems the "Adopt A Decoration" program as having been "very successful." She adds that the Chamber expresses appreciation to those who participated and to citizens who have erected holiday displays.



BROTHERLY — Adam Gonzales plays the role of a good brother as he scrapes snow from the car windshield of his sister, Rosemary, late last Wednesday afternoon. Snow flakes had covered the ground — barely — by dawn. This was the first snow cover of the winter.

— Staff photo

Floydada High School pupils fare well on exit level TEAMS exams

Floydada High School juniors and some seniors who recently received the results of their exit level Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) have learned that they generally scored well. Tests were given in October.

These scores were reviewed by the board of trustees at their December meeting.

Of the 77 junior students taking the tests, 97 percent of 75 students mastered the mathematics section. Ninety-one percent of 70 students mastered the language arts section.

"These few students who did not master the tests will have three chances before their scheduled graduation date to retake the TEAMS," explains Counselor Sheree Cannon. "The TEAMS must be passed by students prior to receiving a high school diploma as mandated by the 68th Texas Legislature in July 1984."

In addition to the eleventh graders being tested for the first time, five seniors took the tests. Of these five seniors, three were taking the test for the first time. All or 100 percent of the 1987 seniors "have demonstrated mastery of both sections of the TEAMS and have met the minimum requirements set for graduation."

Trial date postponed

The December 15 trial date for the lawsuit filed against George Miller by Jack Lackey has been postponed. A 3-2 split vote of the Floyd County Commissioners and County Judge involved the county in the suit in November.

According to 110th District Clerk Mary McPherson, "The trial was postponed to enable Miller's lawyer to prepare his case against the supplemental suit filed about a week before the trial was scheduled to begin."

McPherson indicated that a new date would be set for "sometime in January or February."

Administrators and teachers were "extremely pleased" with the results. Teachers and other school staff have developed plans to work with the students who did not demonstrate mastery at the various levels throughout the school system.

The TEAMS test are given in grades one, three, five, seven, nine and 11. "Teachers use these results to plan curriculum and programs to assure students of instruction in their deficit areas of minimum skills," the counselor explains.

Management structure of Floyd newspapers changes

R.K. Towery, owner and publisher of the Floyd County Hesperian and the Lockney Beacon, today announced changes in the management structure of both papers.

Alice Gilroy, who has served as Editor of the newspapers for the past year, was named Publisher of both papers, and Jim Reynolds, who joined the staff of Floyd County Newspapers in the Spring of 1986, will assume the Editorship of both the Hesperian and the Lockney Beacon.

Reynolds is a veteran area newsman and was owner and Publisher of the Crosbyton Review before joining Floyd County Newspapers. He is a stockholder in Blanco Offset Printing in Floydada. At one time Reynolds was co-owner of the Lockney Beacon.

Towery said the changes were made "for two basic reasons."

"In the first place, they both deserve it. They have improved the quality of the newspapers for the benefit of our readers, and they did it in the face of some adversity. Secondly, I believe it will be better to have a publisher who is a resident of the county full time, as opposed to having a publisher who is resident about half-time."

"Needless to say, we will continue our active involvement in the affairs of the newspapers, and in the well being of the community. We believe in the

future of this area in general and this community in particular. In fact we believe in it so strongly we have just purchased 12 percent of the stock in Blanco Offset Printing Inc., here in Floydada. Blanco earns its money by printing newspapers from throughout this region and consequently its economic well-being is directly tied to the economy of the region. We think we made a good buy."

Other Hesperian staff members include: Rosemary Gonzales, production manager; Juanita Stepp, reporter; Maria Brown, bookkeeper; Dee Leatherman, typesetter; and Neta Marble, associate editor.

Pam Armstrong is reporter and office manager for The Lockney Beacon.

School holiday begins Friday

Friday, December 19, undoubtedly is circled in red on many calendars at Floydada schools.

Bells are scheduled to ring at 2:30 p.m. Friday, signaling the beginning of the Christmas-New Year holiday.

Studies are scheduled to resume Monday morning, Jan. 5, at the regular time.

a view from The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

This is going to be positively the last thing we write about matters in County Court House this year, we hope.

At any rate we had a nice visit with newly installed County Judge Bill Hardin toward the end of last week, and came away impressed and hopeful.

Earlier in the week, presiding over his first Commissioners Court, Hardin demonstrated a streak of decisiveness that we believe will be beneficial in the days and months ahead. At that meeting we noticed that he did not hem and haw, or cast his eyes about as if searching for instructions from the sidelines. On two occasions when the vote came down 2-2, and a deciding vote from the County Judge was called for, he cast his vote with little hesitation. It may well be that some of us can quarrel with how he came down on the vote, but nevertheless it is good to see the decisiveness. The Judge will no doubt have plenty of opportunities to demonstrate that trait in the future.

We visited with Judge Hardin primarily for two reasons: to get a feeling on what to expect during his tenure as County Judge, and to let him know our concerns and how we might react to those concerns. Our concerns, as relayed to the Judge, and as we have tried to make clear to our readers over the years, is that this community grow and prosper and that it be a decent place for youngsters to grow, develop, and find employment. That cannot happen, or is not likely to happen, if the political atmosphere here take on the coloration of the South Texas "padrone" system, where all county officials owe their position, and their allegiance, to a "jefe", and nothing happens unless the jefe gives his okay. We believe this so strongly that we are determined to prevent it happening here, if it is possible for us to do so.

The Judge, for his part, assured us he understood, and that he will be his own man while holding office in Floyd County. He told us he had visited,

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VOTE NOT UNANIMOUS

Vote during the school board meeting last Monday night on a motion to not renew the contract of the athletic director-head football coach was actually six "for" and none "against." Trustee John R. Dunlap abstained.



CHRISTMAS WISHES — Justin Reeves stands on his tip-toes to improve his view of toys inside Perry's. The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reeves has talked with Santa, whose picture he stands beside, about supplying special Christmas wishes. — Staff photo

'Mr. Peanut Brittle' first city mail carrier

"Mr. Peanut Brittle" is well-known in the Floydada community, even by some folks who would be hard pressed to recognize his formal name: Lorin Leibfried.

His nickname is well-stated, for obvious reasons. He spreads good will by producing and delivering some 200 Texas-size patties to local friends each Christmas, as well as other times throughout the year.

But, not too many people realize that the 80-year-old Leibfried was Floydada's first city mail carrier.

He bears a wealth of fond — and a few not so pleasant — memories of those early days when mail was delivered exclusively on foot.

One woman who lived on his city

route had "two German Shepherds" who learned that the best mode of attacking the mailman was for one to come at him from the front while the other canine slipped in from the back side.

On one occasion, this technique worked and one of the pooches secured a firm hold on Leibfried's pants leg. Luckily, its teeth failed to penetrate the skin.

'THEY WON'T BITE'

About the time the woman-of-

the-house emerged yelling, "They won't bite...they won't bite."

Another "dog story" which remains with the personable candy

man occurred on West Jackson Street. A family pet with a nasty attitude "kept coming out to bite." The family was warned that unless the dog was fenced, the mail service would drop off.

The thought of that mean dog — even though it was supposedly secured inside a fence — prompted the mail carrier to keep a rock in his pouch...just in case! That need surfaced one bright day when the dog sped around the house in pursuit of the mailman, who grabbed the rock and plastered the mutt squarely between the eyes.

The dazed dog fell and skidded on his belly, "then ran off yelping."

In Piggly-Wiggly food store the

following day, the little girl who owned the dog kicked Leibfried in response to his defending himself against the dog's attack.

WEATHER EXTREMES

Extreme heat and sand storms slowed the mail carrier, but they took a back seat to Winter's blasts. Early in his career, Leibfried was waiting on a relay amidst a "real Norther" of blowing snow. He "almost froze" while waiting inside a patron's garage.

His feet were "so numb I couldn't tell if my feet were even hitting the sidewalk." As he dragged himself through the wintry blast to a friend's house. "It took

me at least 30 minutes to thaw out," he remembers.

The most severe winter the retired mailman remembers came in February 1940. "The snow was terrible and a high north wind was blowing" by the time "Mr. Peanut Brittle" delivered his young daughter from school and a music lesson to their home, four miles north of Floydada on the Silvertown highway. That was a Friday afternoon.

Just as father and daughter were turning from the highway, their car died. Attempts to start it failed, and snow was too high by this time to push the vehicle into the garage.

Realizing that he probably would

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By Ken Towery

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individually, with the County Commissioners before they made the deciding vote on his selection to fill the spot vacated by Choise Smith. Each Commissioner was told by Hardin that they had to understand that he was going to be his own man in deciding how to vote.

Based on our conversation we assured Judge Hardin of our best wishes and our support.

This is not the best of times to be thrust into office here, particularly the office of County Judge. There is bound to be some difficult decisions ahead.

For example, what to do about the latest court filing. (We think it is the latest filing, we haven't checked the court docket in a couple of days).

Sometime ago, back in November I believe it was, the County Court joined commissioner Jack Lackey in his suit against former District Judge George Miller on the matter of who owned law books that Miller removed from his office in the Courthouse. There was a good bit of hassling over that, during which former County Judge Choise Smith announced his resignation, or his intention to resign, then withdrew that action and came back on the Court and cast the deciding vote to join Lackey in the suit, which means, as we understand the situation, that county taxpayers may now be liable for the lawyer fees.

Then, in due course, Smith resigns again, this time finally, and the Commissioners select a new County judge. One of the new judge's first problems was to help name the "outside" attorney, since the decision to name one had already been decided on a 3-2 vote of the Court under Smith. The new Court, again on a 3-2 vote, decided to name attorney Frank Murchison, who had been handling the case for Lackey. This decision was made on Monday, December 8. But what was not discussed during the vote on designating an attorney, or at least what we did not hear discussed, was a "supplemental petition" filed December 4 (the previous Thursday) to the original petition, which Commissioners had joined in November. The "supplemental petition" broadens the scope of the case considerably. The supplemental petition goes back into the handling of the Massie estate by Miller, the involvement in that process by County Attorney Kenneth Bain, makes certain allegations concerning the use of County property in handling the estate, accuses Miller of violating certain Texas Codes, Canons, and Statutes in the process, and asks for "punitive damages" of an unspecified amount. The supplement also claims that Miller, in allegedly threatening to sue former county judge Choise Smith, used "unauthorized and excessive" official power in violation of the Texas Penal Code.

In other words, gentle reader, this is likely to be a long, drawn out trial. What started out as a trial to determine who owns the law books has now been expanded into a case that will require an awful lot of "discovery" stuff concerning the disposition of the Massie estate and other things along the way.

The question arises: Will the Commissioners, having agreed to join Lackey in seeking a determination of ownership in the lawbook matter, agree to remain in the suit now that it has been expanded to include what could well become an extensive and expensive litigation concerning the handling of the Massie estate, with all its ramifications?

It is on problems such as this that our new County Judge must cut his teeth.

Just so we don't get the idea that nothing else is going on in the world we leave you with this indication that the sun and stars are still operating normally, and so are little kids.

We got this letter in here, addressed to Dear Santa, but delivered to the Hesperian. It too was dated December 4, 1986. It is signed, with love, by Kasey and what appears to be Andrea Vickers, 2-B, which must be where Kasey goes to school, or the class he's in. Anyhow, Kasey says "I would like to have a 100,000 U.S. Savings bond, a big art set paint set. My good! sister would like a bunch of putzeles." Now there's a boy with his priorities in order. Merry Christmas.

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have no auto with which to reach town and deliver mail, Leibfried arose at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. Only "a spot about as big as my hat" was visible on his snow-covered car.

He walked on drifted snow over the top of a double garage to feed and milk his cows and care for other livestock. A "big path" was cleared to enable the two milk cows to reach water.

His home chores completed, Leibfried walked four miles into Floydada to deliver the mail "along the Silverton highway, where the snow had pretty well blown away." A friend drove him home late that day.

His auto starter was replaced Sunday and a portion of the snow was shoveled away. Things looked better by Monday morning.

WET YEAR

The first Floydada mail carrier recalls 1941, "when it was raining so much." He was "drenching wet all over" as he delivered mail on West Virginia Street, but the situation worsened. Attempting to jump a barrow ditch, he hit the board "and slid straddle the ditch...but the mail never did get wet!"

That same year, he waded waist-deep water north of the old Legion Hall (now Hammond Sheet Metal) in the 100 block of North Fifth.

Despite moments — and sometimes days — of adversity, most of the veteran mail carrier's memories are pleasant.

The jovial Leibfried began work

at the Floydada Post Office as a sub-clerk. After one year and one month in that position, before city delivery was established, he was appointed as a sub-city carrier and then city carrier on the same day: Sept. 1, 1929.

The first city mail route was six streets wide and six blocks long. He made two deliveries daily, one morning and one afternoon.

FRUSTRATING BEGINNING

"I can remember that first day or two," he says "I didn't know many people and I had no sorting case." Twenty-four years old at that time, he would separate mail by sitting on the floor and forming a circle around himself with the mail.

After carrying city mail for 23 years, Leibfried transferred back to a clerk's position because of leg problems. He served in that capacity 11 years "before I got an opportunity to work as a rural clerk on Jan. 1, 1963."

That rural delivery position continued until his retirement July 23, 1972.

ACTIVITIES CURTAILED

A "severe heart attack" in July 1976 forced the candy man to curtail most physical activities. He explains that his heart "quit beating" in the emergency room of Methodist Hospital in Lubbock before an electrical shock revived him.

His desire to "stay busy" led to needle point and hook rug hobbies, although the latter is expensive. The kit for a 36"x70" rug costs \$103.

"If I got a dollar an hour for my

work (on hook rugs), I would have to sell them for \$500. Besides, I don't know anybody working for a dollar an hour any more," he says with a grin.

He and his wife, Bennie, who is retired from the school office, have remained active, although they do enjoy retirement. "The main thing we enjoy is not being on a schedule," he explains.

Their only daughter, LaJuana Jackson, is a science teacher in Perryton and her husband is a coach. The couple have three children.

It is at the Leibfried residence, 714 South Main in Floydada, where the grandchildren have received expert instructions in the art of candy making from their grandfather, "Mr. Peanut Brittle."

RECIPE LISTED

Leibfried was kind enough to share his recipe for a "batch" of peanut brittle, which makes four nine-inch patties:

He places two cups sugar, three-fourths cup of white syrup and two tablespoons of water in a large container, which is put on his electric stove. Stirring the ingredients, he turns the heat to "high" until it starts bubbling, then turns the heat down to "medium." Two cups of raw peanuts are added and the delicacy is cooked eight minutes.

At this point, Leibfried adds one "level teaspoon" of soda and "mixes it real well." His final step is pouring the peanut brittle into four nine-inch pans.



FRESH BATCH — Lorin Leibfried stirs another batch of his famed peanut brittle. He spreads cheer by delivering peanut brittle patties to friends for the holidays, and throughout the year. — Staff photo

County commissioners court faces mixed agenda Monday

The commissioners court of Floyd County met in special session on Monday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m. to consider several items needing attention before the next regular session of the court in January.

Judge Hardin was authorized to formulate and present to the commissioners for approval a "policy for public assistance in Floyd County." This action is necessary to deal with a petition for redress filed by Stephan McIntyre of the Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc. on November 10 in the District Clerk's office.

The petition asked that the county "investigate and evaluate" the current "procedures and guidelines" for distribution of support assistance to pauper farm workers. The petition next asked that these findings be "discussed and compared" with the policies in "Lubbock, Dawson, Hockley and Lamb Counties."

Members of the court agreed that "it's something that we are going to have to do whether or not we want to" and decided to write a policy dealing

with the issue. Judge Hardin will present a specific plan to the court upon its completion for their review and action.

Two issues which could possibly be included in that future policy were before the court during the Monday afternoon session. A bill for an indigent burial was approved for payment in the amount of \$140 and the court heard the request of a Floyd County resident who has lost a portion of a lower limb and a foot.

The request was for "about \$2000" to purchase an artificial limb. Commissioners decided to table the request until such time as the resident could speak with Bobby Masters from the Texas Rehabilitation organization and ascertain what assistance he could expect from that area. Masters was scheduled to be in Floydada on December 16.

County Agent Richie Crow received approval to carry over \$13,541.00 in surplus funds from his 1986 budget to his 1987 budget as equipment reserve to be used to purchase a new pickup for

the extension service. The funds could also be used for other equipment needed by the department.

County Treasurer Glenna Orman was authorized on a split vote to hire a "full time employee at a salary of \$903 to \$985." The additional employee will assist her with the computer bookkeeping necessitated by the transfer of the auditor's duties to the treasurer's office upon termination of the auditor's office. Commissioner of Precinct 1, Sam

Spence, cast the lone dissenting vote on the motion which was made by Jack Lackey of Pct. 4 and seconded by Floyd Jackson of Pct. 2. Thomas Warren, Pct. 3, rounded out the vote by making it 3 for and 1 against.

The court approved a bond for recently appointed Judge Bill Hardin. The \$3000 bond was accepted on a motion by Sam Spence, seconded by Floyd Jackson and voted in favor of by all four officials.

Judge Hardin was authorized to "sign applications to the Republic National Bank for withdrawal and acceptance of securities for safekeeping."

Veterans Service Officer, Margaret Herrera informed the court that Commissioner Floyd Jackson had been appointed to the Veterans Land Board Texas Finance Farm and Ranch Committee prior to the adjournment of the meeting.

Dr. Linda Merry attends World Small Animal Veterinary meet

Pocatello, Idaho, veterinarian Dr. Linda M. Merry, an associate of Alpine Animal Hospital in Pocatello, is representing the United States and Canada in Paris, France, during the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Annual Congress.

Dr. Merry was chosen as the national delegate for the American Animal Hospital. She is among 2,000 delegates attending the conference.

In addition to serving as a delegate, the Pocatellan, who serves on the board of directors and is director of the Northwest Region for the American Animal Hospital Association, is to

present a seminar on the topic of computerization in veterinary medicine.

Following the international meeting, Dr. Merry plans to travel to Madrid, Spain, to visit her son, Worth Anderson, who is spending his junior year of high school there as an exchange student.

Worth Gwendolyn Shipley Merry Howard of Floydada is the mother of Dr. Merry and the grandmother of Worth Anderson. The veterinarian is a granddaughter of the late Jeffie Shipley Smith and her son is a great-grandson of Mrs. Smith.

ACS Christmas brunch success

Approximately 150 people attended the American Cancer Society annual Christmas brunch on Saturday, December 13. Over \$950.00 was donated for the special event for the benefit of the ACS.

The three lucky people who won the lovely door prizes of poinsettias were Lahoma Matsler, Jackie Gregory, and Opal Ashton.

Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the delicious food and visiting with old friends as well as making new friends. An extra bonus of being there

was seeing the Assiters' beautifully decorated home and the many interesting remembrances of their travels.



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Friday busy day for city police as five incidents investigated

Friday was one of those days for the Floydada Police Department as five incidents — ranging from theft and burglary to marijuana confiscation and DWI — were investigated.

The initial report that day was received "around noon" when the front tire and wheel reportedly were stolen from a 10-speed bicycle which had been parked on the porch of a residence at 114 W. Tennessee. The bike was found in the yard with its front wheel missing.

Owner of a vehicle parked at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church notified officers about 7 p.m. of vandalism and burglary to the auto. A 200 watt

"equalizer" was reportedly stolen, the vehicle's grill had been broken and the driver's door had been damaged. The theft and damage totaled "about \$300."

A 17-year-old was arrested some 45 minutes later at Ruben's Grocery on charges of carrying a prohibited weapon and public intoxication. A juvenile also was detained and "a quantity of marijuana" was found.

A residence in the 300 block of West Jackson was burglarized "between 6 and 10 p.m." Friday, according to Sgt. Harold Snell. The officer said a J.C. Penney VCR and a RCA 17 inch portable TV were reported taken, with

the value placed at \$700.

Shortly after midnight, Henry Garcia was arrested on East Price and charged with DWI.

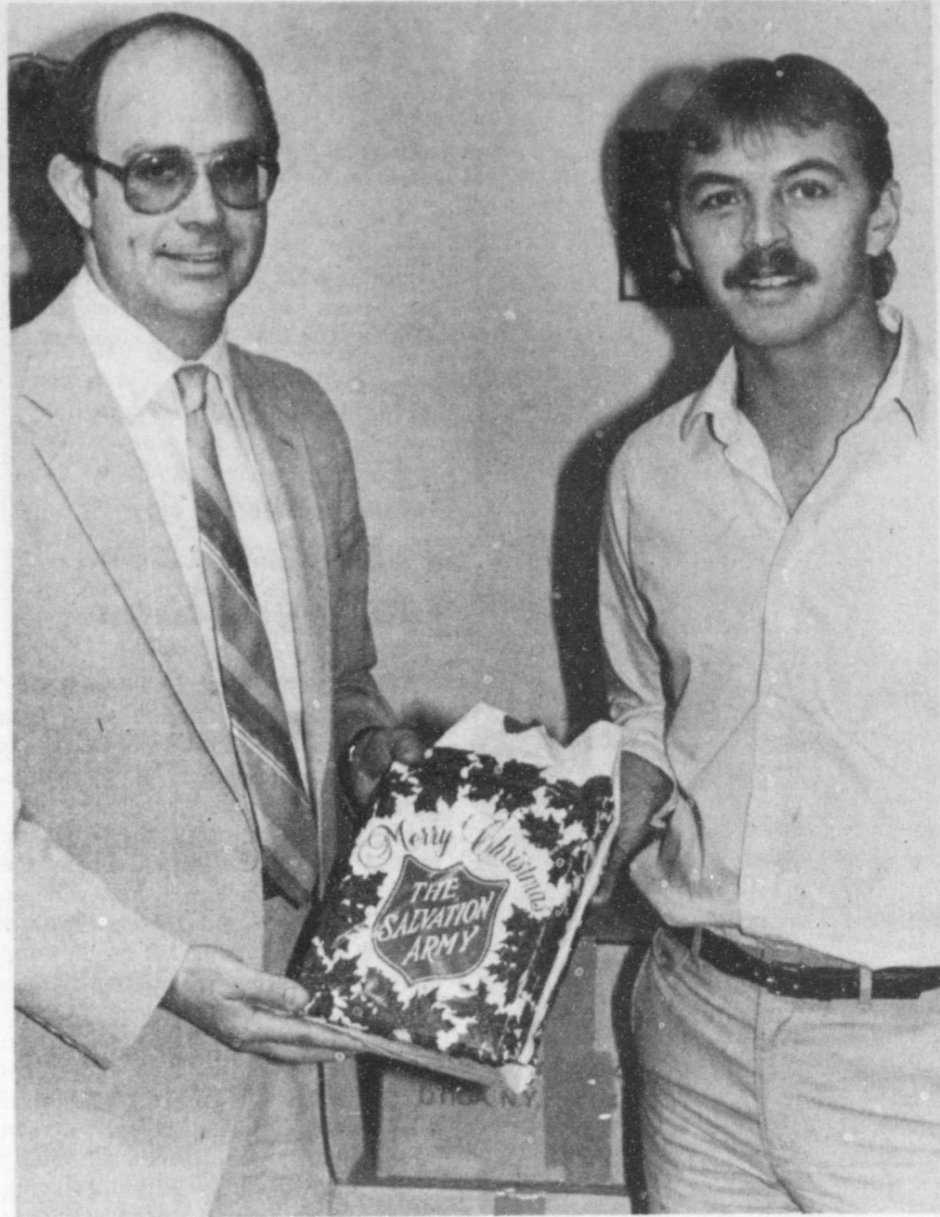
A Canyon trucker, Mike Rice, reported to officers about 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, that a Cobra radar detector, a stick-on digital clock and pictures — valued at \$200 — were stolen from his Mac gravel truck, which was parked at Leonard's Restaurant. Rice was staying at the Floydada Inn.

A.C. Carthel informed city police that a battery had been taken from his pickup "some time over the week-end." The vehicle was parked at a barn at 2nd and Grover.

According to the management of Fast Freddie's, an employee had left town and had taken merchandise totaling \$118, according to Sgt. Snell. Last Wednesday, Hale's Department Store reported a "hot check" on the same individual.

Fast Freddie's officials note that the former employee has promised to make restitution for the convenience store items in order to claim a work check. However, there have been "no developments" on the hot check to Hale's.

A resident of the 400 block of West Virginia missed a 1983 Floydada High School class ring and believed the ring had been stolen from the house. The individual later saw a person, not a FHS graduate, wearing the ring. After reporting the incident, the owner recovered the ring personally.



KITS RECEIVED—Several Floydada Nursing Home residents receive League of Mercy kits from the Salvation Army. Monte Williams (left), chairman of the county Salvation Army unit, is shown with (left to right) Myra Hall, Una Clark, Maude Galloway, Della Halenack and D'Anna Westbrook, a nursing home staff member. —Staff photo

Yule issue due Monday, early deadline noted

In an attempt to have copies of The Hesperian's annual Christmas issue in the hands of readers as early as possible, this newspaper will be printed next Monday. It is expected to be ready for distribution late that day and should reach local mail subscribers the following day.

In order to follow this schedule, it is necessary that the deadline for news, photos, greetings and advertising be 3 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 19. Only major news events — including serious accidents, obituaries, etc. — can be accepted after that time.

"We hope the early deadline will not prove to be an inconvenience for anyone, but we want to have this special issue in the hands of readers early. We hope and believe this issue will help make the holidays even brighter for our readers."



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Nov. 27	61	27
Nov. 28	68	34
Nov. 29	70	36
Nov. 30	63	42
Dec. 1	45	33
Dec. 2	62	32

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Dougherty School annual Christmas program will be Friday, December 19 at 12:30 p.m. All pre-school children are welcome to come and see Santa Claus.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY
The Speech and Drama Club at Floydada High School will be presenting a play, "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" on Friday, Dec. 19 at the high school auditorium. There will be two performances, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

GRAIN
Courtesy of Producers

Wheat	\$2.17 per bushel
Corn	\$2.90 per 100 weight
Milo	\$2.65 per 100 weight
Soybean	\$4.15 per bushel

FORMER AFS STUDENT DUE HOLIDAY VISIT
Lynley Hudson Leech and her husband, Simon Leech, are planning to spend Christmas in Floydada, where the former Miss Hudson was an AFS student during the 1980-81 school year. A community reception is planned from 7 until 9 p.m. Dec. 26 at Lighthouse Electric to give friends and former classmates an opportunity to visit with the couple. The New Zealanders will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyer, with whom Mrs. Leech resided while a Floydada High student.

FORMER LYNLEY HUDSON DUE HERE CHRISTMAS
The former Lynley Hudson, AFS student at Floydada High during the 1980-81 school year, and her husband, Simon Leech, will be spending Christmas in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyer, with whom she resided while studying in Floydada. Friends and former classmates are invited to attend a Dec. 26 reception at Lighthouse Electric from 7-9 p.m. Lynley and Simon Leech are residents of ew Zealand.

CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT
In an effort to assist "poor, needy and elderly" citizens of the Floydada community, who might not otherwise be remembered, St. Mary Magdalen Church continues to lay plans for a Christmas-Wedding Banquet from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Christmas Day. The event is to be held in Massie Activity Center.

"A warm meal and gifts" will be provided for guests. Merchants and individuals wishing to assist with donations of money, gifts or food are asked to phone 983-5878 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or 983-2820 after 4 p.m. daily.

MOM'S DAY OUT CANCELLED
Due to lack of interest the Mother's Day Out program at the Methodist Church is being cancelled. If enough interest is shown in the spring the program will possibly be resumed. They would like to thank those of who have supported the program this year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
The residents of Floydada Nursing Home will be having their Christmas party Monday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby. Families of residents are invited to join them.

TAX BREAK
Taxpayers who have enrolled their agricultural acreage in the soil bank program will be eligible for an additional tax break beginning January 1, 1987, if they sign up at the Floyd County Central Appraisal District office by January 1, 1987.

Acreage where improvements are located or other non-agricultural acreage will not be eligible.

Landowners who possess an undivided interest in otherwise eligible acreage will be responsible for contacting the Central Appraisal District individually. Therefore, each individual landowner is encouraged to contact the Appraisal District to assure him/her of using the tax break to its fullest advantage.

SOCIAL SECURITY
A representative of the Social Security Administration will be working at the Floyd County Court-house Annex on Wednesday, December 24 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.

'UNSAVORY TYPES' SEEKING EMPLOYMENT
Local residents have reported "unsavory types" individuals seeking "roofing work and roof painting" recently in Floydada.

Sgt. Snell says, "We would caution the citizens of Floydada that anyone selling (goods or services) door-to-door is required to have and show a city permit." He asks residents to "please call city hall if such a person comes to your door" or if a door-to-door salesperson is "pushy or persistent," even if he or she has a permit.

The individuals seeking roof work recently were from out-of-state and had no city permit.

With a rash of thefts and burglars always prevalent during the Christmas season, citizens are reminded that engravers are available for their use at the city police station.

Persons are advised to have guns and other property engraved, as well as gifts.

Letter to the Editor

Editor:
We have had many compliments on the Christmas Decorations on the streets downtown and on the highways, saying "this is the best ever."

We would like to say a big thanks to the employees of Floydada Power & Light and also to four employees of Lighthouse Electric who worked with our employees to install the decorations. Working together many things can be accomplished in our community.

Again fellows, Thank You for a job well done.

Mayor & City Council
City of Floydada

Editor:
We failed to receive our Hesperian for the week of 11-21-86. Our subscription was renewed by check #1761 dated 9-9-86, which cleared our bank 9-11-86.

May we have a copy of this issue? We enjoy this paper very much especially The Lamplighter and "Bobbin Around." The Farm News is much more informative than the A.J. We do wish there was more interesting Floydada Care Center News.

Billy J. Walker
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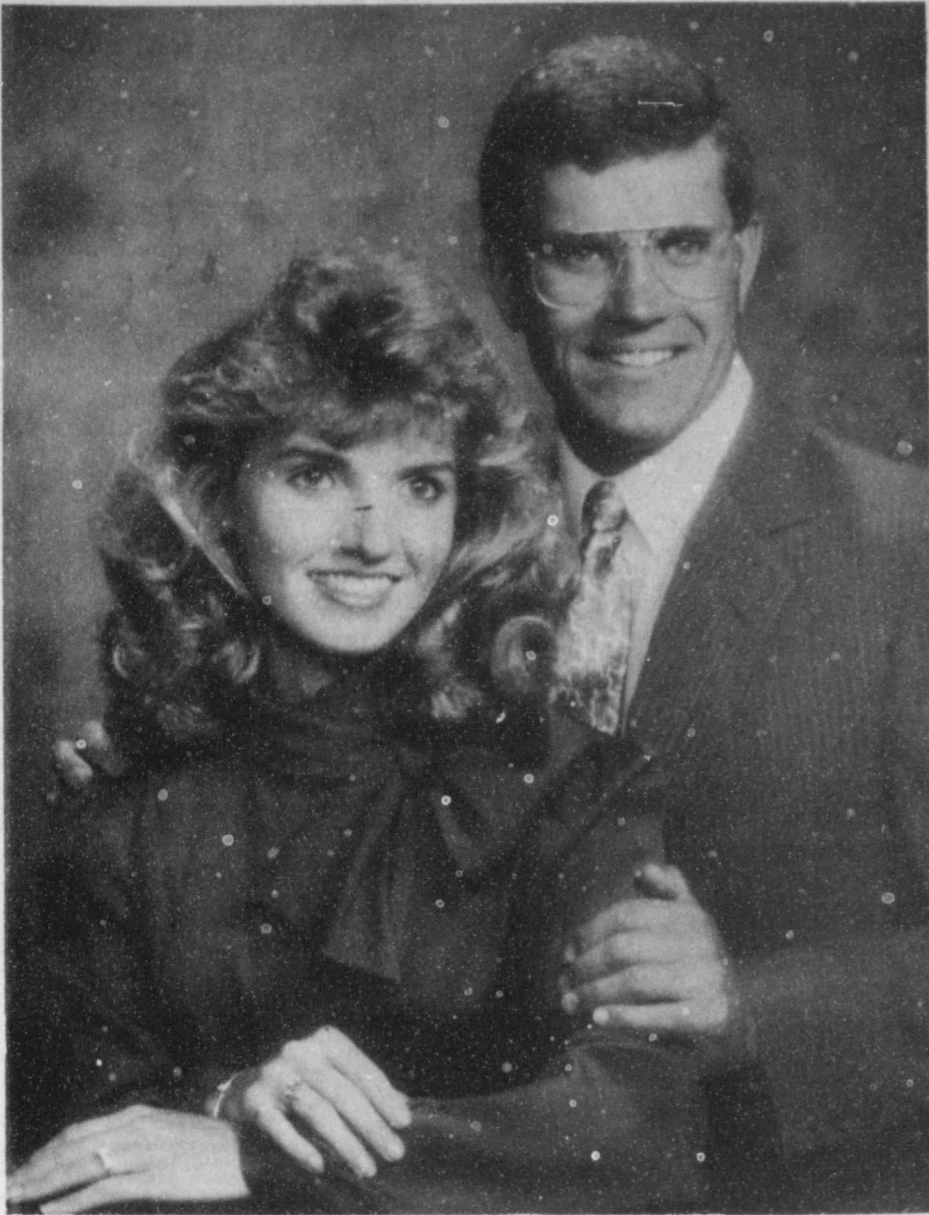
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lloyd announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Sue, to Mr. Jon Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jones. The couple plan a February 14th wedding at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Photo by R Photography

Bridal courtesy honors Probasco and Graham

The home of Mrs. Norman Muncy was the site for a bridal shower honoring Miss Jill Probasco on December 5 from 7 to 8 p.m. The honoree and Ronnie Graham plan a January 17

August Birthday

Club meets for

Christmas event

The August Birthday Club met Dec. 13 in the home of Valree Turner. Eula Parrack was co-hostess for a Christmas brunch and exchange of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Turner welcomed the group and invited them to be seated around the dining table, which was laid with an ecru linen cloth and centered with a Christmas arrangement of candles and holly. The blessing was offered by Eula Parrack, club president.

A menu of ham, bacon, eggs, jellies, sour dough biscuits, juice and coffee was served to the group. Highlight of the festive occasion was each person relating plans for Christmas, taking snapshots, exchanging gifts and singing Christmas carols, with Amanda Hart at the piano.

Present were Mmes. Emma Lou Whitaker, Helen Soloman, Marie Tardy, Evelene Boyd, Mable Price, Amanda Hart, Ila Bell McPeak and hostesses Valree Turner and Eula Parrack.

wedding at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Receiving guests were Mrs. Muncy, Miss Probasco, Mrs. Peggy Probasco and Mrs. Bonnie Graham.

Special guests attending the event included Kathie Ross, Laura Probasco of Shallowater; Carol Calahan of Canyon, all sisters-in-law of the honoree, and Mrs. Eva Graham, Plainview.

A festive Christmas decor and candlelight was used to decorate the home, registration table and serving table. The serving table was laid with an ecru embroidered tablecloth and featured a large arrangement of Christmas greenery, brass candelabrum and red candles. Christmas punch, assorted cookies, cheese balls, crackers and coffee from a brass samovar were served.

The hostesses presented the honor with a card table and chairs set. Hostesses were Belle Vinson, Trena Simpson, Betty Simpson, Sue Crow, Jo Wester, Nell Ferguson, Carolyn Cheek, Ann Helms, Barbara Jackson, Roberta Hardin, Carolyn Marble, Joy Assiter, Jane Bean, Margie Sue, Janice Lloyd, Shirley Morton, Jackie Gregory, Pat Rucker, Carol Reese, Margaret Saul, Vel Simpson, Euna Bradford, Margaret Kitchens, Ronnette DePriest, and Edith Muncy.

FLOYD DATA

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Tino Chairez of South Plains hosted a farewell barbeque dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Luna of South Plains. The Luna's will be moving from the community in January.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED — Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Karr of Lockney will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Saturday, Dec. 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Garden Room of the First Baptist Church of Lockney. Hosts for the party are the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Karr of Irving, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Deavenport of Boulder, Colorado and five grandchildren. The former Helen Calahan and Bryan Karr were married Dec. 19, 1936, in South Plains, Texas. Friends and relatives are invited. No gifts please.

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ADOLPHUS AND MARY GRUBBS

Grubbs' to celebrate 50th anniversary Dec. 28th

Adolphus and Mary Grubbs of Friona will be honored at a reception on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 28, from 2-4 p.m. The fete is planned in the Community Room of Friona State Bank, West Highway 60 in Friona.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

"Please, no gifts," members of the family state.

The former Mary Gaynell Thomas

and Adolphus Grubbs both attended Lockney schools.

Following their marriage, the family resided in Lockney and he farmed in this community before they moved to Friona, where he farmed until their retirement.

The reception is to be hosted by the honorees' five daughters: Bennie Mae, Elizabeth Ann, Ruby Lee, Mary Jane and Willie Grace.

Sales tax returns received by area towns

On Friday, December 12, state comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks totaling \$54.3 million in local sales tax to the 1033 cities which levy the one percent city tax. Bullock said that 1986 payments were down almost 2 percent statewide as compared to payments to date in 1985.

The payment received by Lockney totaled \$3,134.38, bringing the 1986 total to \$44,646.66. This represents an increase for the year of 0.07% over 1985.

Floydada posted a loss of 5.47% for the year with total payments received in 1986 at \$96,075.80. The December payment was in the amount of

\$5,987.14.

Other area cities and their payments for December include:

- Lubbock, \$882,393.88, -2.44%
- Silverton, \$875.65, -17.19%
- Quitaque, \$694.93, -9.30%
- Rails, \$2,815.26, -10.86%
- Crosbyton, \$2,542.55, +3.97%
- Lorenzo, \$886.22, -17.61%
- Plainview, \$74,146.19, +6.71%
- Matador, \$1,235.63, -3.58%
- Roaring Springs, \$647.54, -0.52%
- Tulia, \$7,079.49, -6.24%

December checks represent taxes collected on sales made in October and reported to the comptroller by November 20.

Howard returns home

Worth Gwendolyn Shipley Merry Howard has returned to her Floydada home after receiving medical attention for two weeks at St. Mary's of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. As an inspiration to others, she has asked that the following poem, handed to her at the hospital by a man whose wife is "dying of cancer" and who himself is recovering from cancer, be printed in The Hesperian:

"Be at peace. Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life. Rather look to them with full hope as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. He has kept you heitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things, and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of

you then and everyday. He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." (St. Francis de Sales)

Mrs. Howard, who expresses her deepest appreciation to friends who remembered her during her hospitalization and following her return home, sends another poem:

"Thou has given so much to me,
"Give one thing more, a grateful heart.

"Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
"As if Thy blessings had spare days
"But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise."

—George Herbert

Mrs. Howard will re-enter St. Mary's of the Plains Hospital in January for about five days.



50TH ANNIVERSARY—Harry and Dorothy Reeves will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the First National Bank's community room, Sunday, Dec. 21st, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Friends are invited, and the family requests that no gifts be brought.

Club has progressive dinner

The 1956 Study Club enjoyed a progressive dinner on Tuesday, December 9. Club members met at 7:00 in the home of Rozanne Bishop for the first course, appetizers. Mrs. Bishop was assisted by Penny Giesecke and Suzanne Wyrick. A variety of appetizers was served, along with white grape juice punch. Members answered roll call with "What I want for Christmas."

For the dinner's main course, members journeyed to the home of Judy Dunlap. Beth Pratt entertained the group by reading from a collection of Christmas stories. Mrs. Dunlap, Rosemary Paty, JenniSu Smith and Trena Simpson served chicken crepes, marin-

ated vegetable salad, congealed salad, coffee and tea. Place favors were provided for each member.

Dessert was held in the home of Edith Muncy. Leora Younger, Kathy Becker and Gay Hale served cherry cream cheese heart, cranberry cake, coffee and iced tea.

Following an exchange of secret pal gifts, Janet Lloyd held a brief business meeting. Club members voted to adopt two Christmas decorations for the downtown area and send the FHS Student Council a donation for their Christmas project. Stocking treats for the club's Girlstown girl were collected and the group adjourned.

Homemakers install officers

Floyd County Extension Homemakers Council met in the council room on December 11 for the annual Christmas party.

A story "Christmas-As Mysterious As Ever" was given by Ruth Trapp. The Harmony Club was in charge of installing officers and Homebuilders games and decorations. Each club brought Christmas food.

Almeda Mae Williams installed coun-

Look Who's New!

LANGLEY

Cathy Langley is proud to announce the arrival of her brand new nephew, Dusty, son of Andy and Brenda Langley.

Dustin Neil was born Dec. 7 at 4 a.m. in Edvenston, Wyoming. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

The excited new grandparents are Neil and Charline Langley of Floydada, Sandra Ribble of Seagraves and Doug Ribble of Lubbock.

Proud great-grandparents are Esther Langley of Floydada, Nazel and Cecil Ribble of Seagraves and Catherine Colum of Brownfield.

Bake sale will benefit children

The Lockney Dairy Queen is going to have a bake sale Friday morning at 10 a.m. to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. All funds raised will go to Lubbock General Hospital. Donations will be welcome and appreciated.

We Salute

Senior Citizens Menu

December 22-26

Monday — Hamburger steak, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, cornbread and butter, ambrosia, milk

Tuesday — Chicken pot pie with vegetables, buttered green beans, pineapple, cabbage slaw, Texas toast, banana nut cake, milk

Wednesday — Smothered liver with onions, potato tots, apple, banana and pineapple salad with dressing, roll and butter, oatmeal cookie, milk

Thursday — Closed for Christmas.

Friday — Closed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Dec. 18: Bridget, Sally McMullin, Maria Briones

Friday, Dec. 19: Ismael Arebalo Jr., Cody Price, Paul Atteberry

Saturday, Dec. 20: Bobby J. Smith, Yolanda Medrano

Sunday, Dec. 21: Bill Lamb, Rhonda Rowley, Shirley Stansell

Monday, Dec. 22: Toby Williams, Penny Willson, Nohemi DeOchoa, Cory Pesina

Tuesday, Dec. 23: Irvin Seymour, Bonifacio Cuevas Jr., Misti Orman

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Marcello Zuniga, Delfino Pesina, Roy Turnbow, Ely Rodriguez Jr., Louise Turner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, Dec. 18: Pat and Jeanie Ford

Saturday, Dec. 20: Donnell and Wilma Gowens

Sunday, Dec. 21: Fred and Jan Thayer

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Mr. and Mrs. John McKinney

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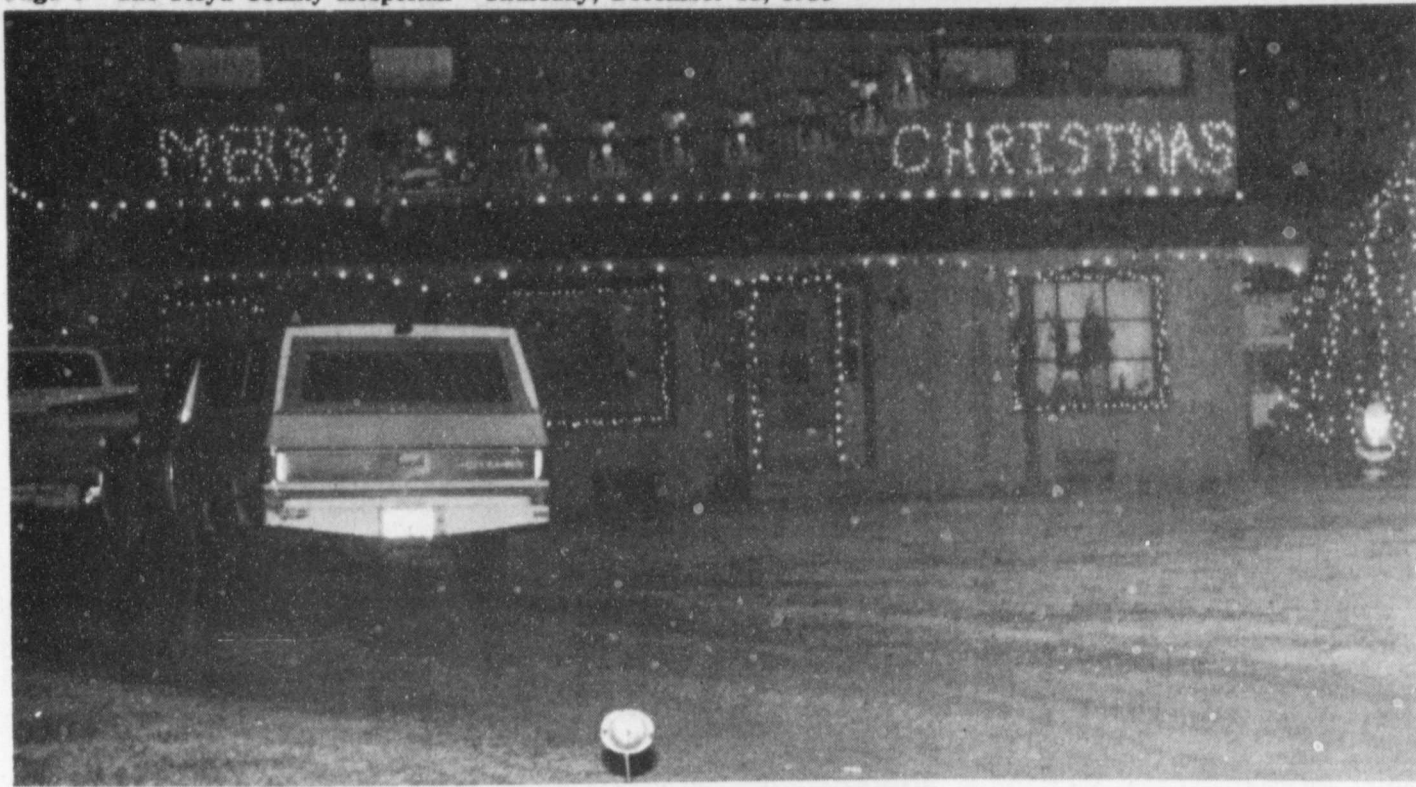


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ATTENTION-GETTER — Janice and Darrell McCandless and their family are adding to the Christmas spirit with splendid decor at their residence, just east of Floydada. A lighted "Merry Christmas" and a Santa Claus and sleigh are the focal points, but there are additional displays. — Staff photo



TROOP #348 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS—Duncan Elementary was the sight of Brownie Troop #348 Christmas party held Dec. 8. Brownies gathered together to exchange gifts and repeat Brownie rituals. Gathered together in the photo on the left are first graders: [back row, l-r] Shonda Turnbow, Neisha Simpson, Crystal Driver and Robin Padgett; [front



row, l-r] Tara McCandless, Leigh Dawdy, Crystal Meyers, and in the very back is the leader Cheryl Dawdy. In the photo on the right are: [back row, l-r] Candi Guffie, Dana McCandless, Krissy Patterson; [front row, l-r] Laura Hale, Lisa Crader and Mindy Evans. The leader, Nova Evans, is in the very back. Lacy Gollightly is not shown.

Council revises housing board

A special session of the Floydada City Council was called at noon on December 16 to remedy a previous action concerning the Floydada Housing Authority which was apparently in error.

The council established a seven member board at a regular meeting on December 9. A representative of Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc. contacted the city following that action to inform them that state statutes only allow a five member board.

Council members Wayne Russell, Leroy Burns and Don Green, forming a quorum in the absence of Ginger Warren and Frank Breed, voted to rescind Ordinance #692 establishing that board and negating the appointments made to fill the four vacancies created by the ordinance.

A motion by Leroy Burns, seconded by Don Green, appointed Lee King and Earnestine Pleasant to the two vacancies on a five member board. Remaining on the board will be current members Gary Brown, Chuck Holmes and Sharon Quisenberry.

Also attending the special meeting were Mayor Powell, city manager Bill Feuerbacher, secretary Jimmie Lou Stewart and attorney Steven Hale.

Floydada Nursing Home Happenings

By D'Anna Westbrook

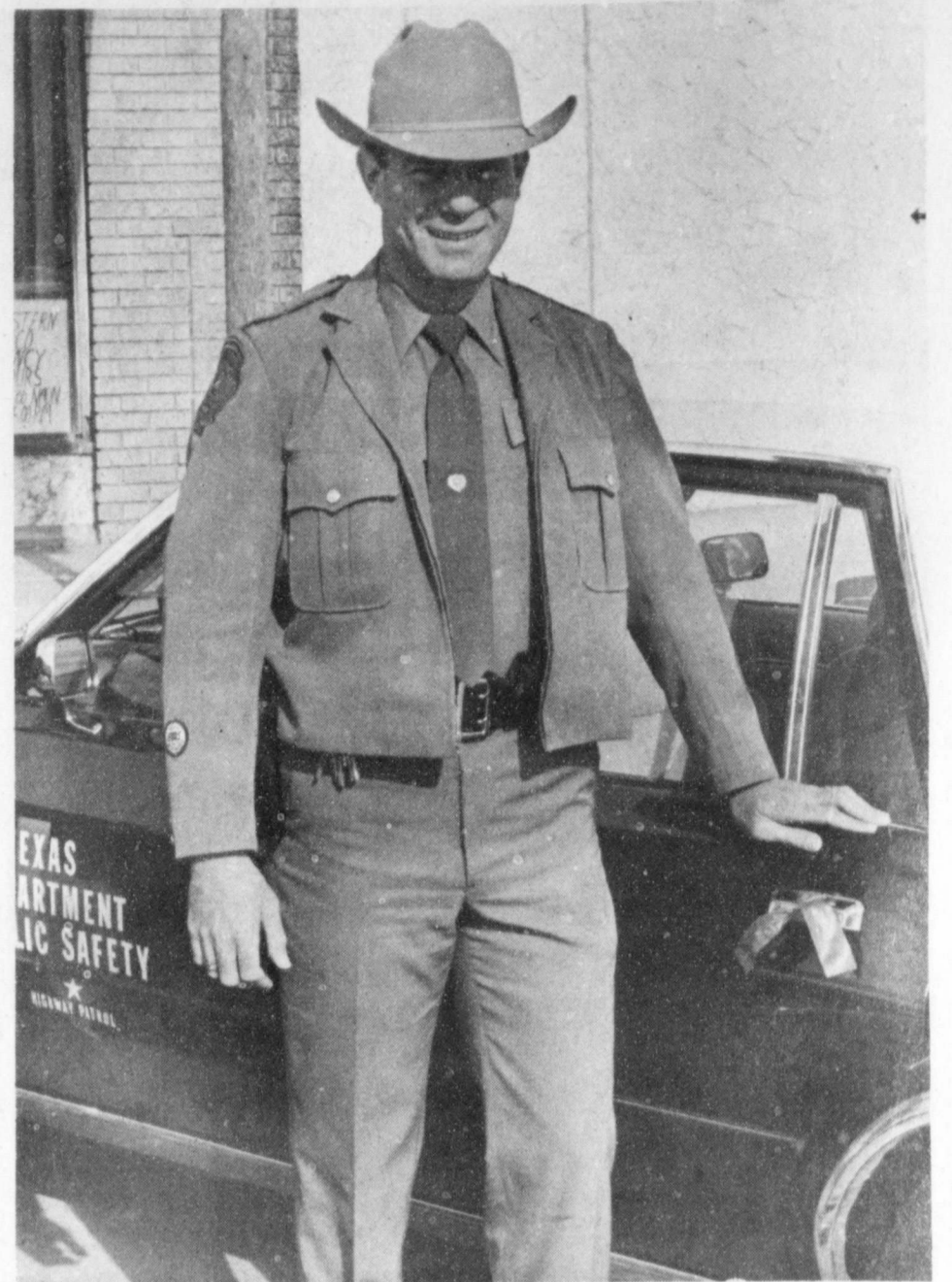
Sunday afternoon First Christian Church brought sacks of goodies to all the residents and sang Christmas carols. We so appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Monday morning Trinity Church brought the devotion. Coming to sing were Dartha Westbrook, Shirley Varner, Florence Van Hoose and Joe Zorger. Rev. G.A. Van Hoose spoke on giving of ourselves to God. In the afternoon we painted ceramic Christmas trees. Those painting were Iva Wells, Lucille Duncan, Mamie Bradshaw, Gertrude Feuerbacher, Myra Hall, Della Halencak, Mavis Willson, Faye McMahan, Opal Morrison, Estelle Eubanks, Maude Galloway, Addie Lindley, Iva Simpson and Ruth Benson. We want to thank Vera Bennett for the chocolate cake she sent the residents for morning break. Also, we say "thank you" for the beautiful flowers brought in memory of Weldon Becker and extend our sympathies to the family. The Salvation Army came and delivered Christmas sacks to the residents. We so appreciate their help in making sure each resident is provided for at this time.

Tuesday morning Bro. Neeley Richardson brought us bananas and the devotion. In the afternoon we painted coasters and had a short Bible study. Afterwards the monthly resident council meeting was held.

Wednesday morning Mrs. Dorothy Drysdale from First Methodist brought our devotion. We played Bingo in the afternoon with the help of Jo Bryant. Those winning bananas were Myra Hall, Della Halencak, Una Clark, Gertrude Feuerbacher, Faye McMahan, Iva Wells, Charley Spence, James Taylor, Thelma Hoffman, Oda Birchfield and Estelle Eubanks.

To celebrate the first snowfall, we had hot chocolate with marshmallows for morning break. Bro. Travis Curry brought the devotion Thursday morning. In the afternoon 13 residents watched movies and ate popcorn.



RED RIBBON FOR SAFE DRIVING — DPS Trooper David Rowell shows a red ribbon attached to the left rear door handle of the patrol car assigned to this county. The Texas DPS is "participating in a nationwide safe driving campaign sponsored by MADD," according to officials. "Our participation requires that a red ribbon be attached to the left rear door handle of all black and white department vehicles for the period Dec. 7, 1986 through Jan. 1, 1987." The red ribbon "signifies safe driving through the holidays and avoidance of drinking and driving." — Staff photo



UMPAH, UMPAH — Four brass players, Freeman Jones, Heather Henderson, Jett Cheek and Adam Cates, provided a humorous interlude during the Sunday band concert. Their rendition of "The Twelve Days of Housetops", drew grins and giggles from the audience. — Staff Photo

Friday morning Bro. Pat Ford with First Baptist brought the devotion. Virginia Cage led the singing and Evelyn Latta accompanied. In the afternoon we went on our bus ride to Plainview. Those getting ice cream at Sonic were Faye McMahan, Florence Curry, Mamie Bradshaw, Charley Spence, Maude Galloway, Della Halencak, Gertrude Feuerbacher, Una Clark and Ruth Benson. Leon Marble was in

the hospital this past week, but we're glad to have him back.

This week's visitors included: Winnie Neil, Gladys Lawson, Gale Ramsey, Hazel Bradley, H.C. and Marjorie McElyea, Bobbie Rogers, Melissa Faulkenberry, Loyse and Augusta Bradshaw and Ruby Davis.

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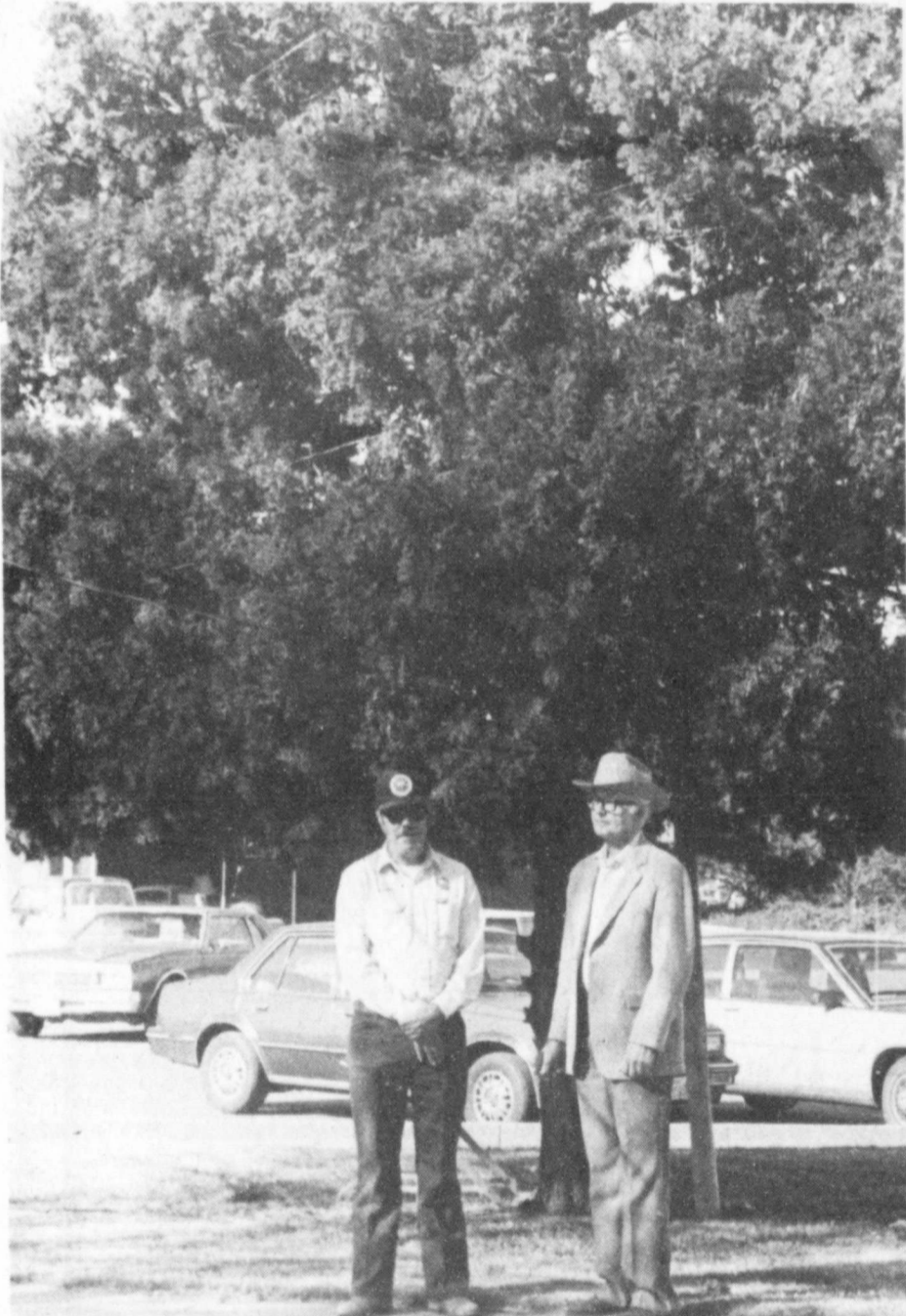


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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING—Mayor Parnell Powell, right, and city employee Connie Galloway, left, supervised the lighting of the traditional Christmas tree on the courthouse square on December 2. The tree is decorated with red lights and should add a touch of festivity to the downtown scene as Floydada prepares for the Yule season. —Staff photo

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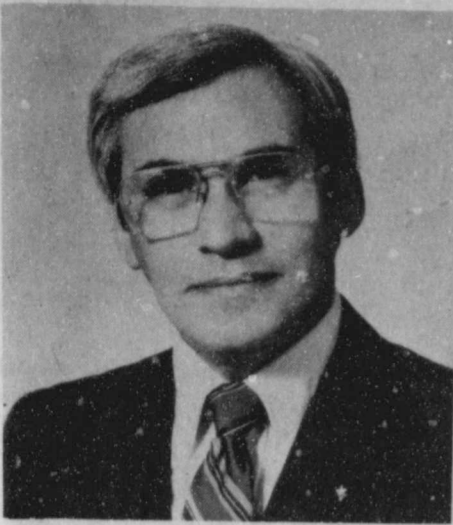
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Rev. Lupe Rando new pastor of local First Baptist Mission



REV. LUPE RANDO

The First Baptist Mission of Floydada welcomes Rev. Lupe Rando as its new pastor, according to members. Rev. Rando, his wife Janie and their two sons, Tim and Charles, have moved to Floydada from Albuquerque, N.M.

The couple have another son, Tony, who is serving in the Navy as a petty officer 3rd class on the ship Canesto, stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Rev. Rando was a missionary associate of the Language Missions Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Albuquerque before he accepted the pastoral position at the Floydada mission.

Senior Citizens News

By Thelma Jones

We are having our Christmas supper at 5:00 Dec. 18 at the center. Bring a covered dish and a white elephant gift. We are having this and a Christmas program instead of the regular monthly meeting. Hope to see all of you there.

Mrs. Worth Howard returned home from Lubbock Monday. She has been under the care of her doctor over there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tardy visited his cousin, Carl Tardy in Roaring Springs last week.

Mrs. Floyd Webb is a patient in Methodist Hospital. Hope for a speedy recovery.

Ken Jones and son of Dallas visited Evalene Boyd over the week-end.

Remember the Christmas supper at 5:00 Thursday, Dec. 18. White elephant gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berry of Amarillo visited his father Charlie Berry Monday afternoon.

Still lots of sickness. Hope everyone will be ok by Christmas and enjoy it and also the new year.

OBITUARIES

OLETA L. CLABORN

Services for Oleta L. Claborn, a former Lockney and Plainview resident, were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Beaugard Funeral Home in DeQuincy, La. Burial was in Lewis Cemetery.

Mrs. Claborn, who was 88, died at 3 a.m. Friday in Greenhill Nursing Home in DeQuincy.

The Joplin, Mo., native resided in the Lockney and Plainview areas before moving in 1955 with her husband to DeRidder, La. She had made her home in recent years with a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shearer of DeQuincy.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth D. Claborn of Parkton, Md.; two daughters, Mary V. Vowell of Jasper and Oleta L. Claborn of DeQuincy; a brother; a sister; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

REBECCA DIAZ

A three-year-old girl who experienced a lengthy illness was buried in Floydada Cemetery following 2 p.m. Saturday memorial services in Iglesias Fiel Pentecostes. The Rev. J.R. Cuellar, pastor, officiated.

Moore-Rose Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Rebecca Diaz of Dallas was claimed by death at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Children's Medical Hospital in Dallas.

Born May 2, 1983 in Lubbock, she had spent much of her life in Dallas.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Diaz of Dallas; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Berendo Diaz, Jose Perez and Mrs. Virginia Gonzales; one brother, Daniel Tony Diaz, and one sister, Mary Diaz, both of the home in Dallas.

LULA BELLE MOREMAN

Lula Belle Rushing Moreman of Henrietta, member of a longtime Floyd County family, was claimed by death Monday morning in Henrietta Hospital following a prolonged illness. She was 91.

Memorial rites were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Floydada. The Rev. Hal Farnsworth, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated.

Interment was made in Rushing Chapel Cemetery, northeast of Floydada, under direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

A retired public school teacher, the former Lula Belle Rushing was born Dec. 31, 1894, in Floyd County. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Canyon.

Mrs. Moreman was graduated from West Texas State Normal (now West Texas State University) in 1919, from Texas Tech University in 1928 and received a master's degree from Texas Tech in 1955.

Survivors include one son, Andrew Lee Moreman of Bentonville, Ark.; one daughter, Mary E. Mayfield of Henrietta; two sisters, Tommie Pierce and Pauline Myers, both of Canyon; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

LORAN LEE RHODES

Loran Lee Rhodes, a well-known

Remember your loved ones with a living memorial to the Caprock Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Fund. Mrs. Jane Pruitt, Treasurer, 911 West Virginia, 983-2040.

Lockney farmer and a resident of this county for 62 years, was claimed by death at 7:05 p.m. Monday in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Mr. Rhodes, 79, had entered the Lubbock hospital on Thanksgiving Day.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Lockney with the Rev. Robert Kirk, pastor, officiating. Assisting was the Rev. Russell McAnally, a retired Methodist minister.

Interment was made in Plainview Memorial Park. Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney directed arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were Elvin Lyon, Charles Huffman, Joe Cunyus, Ray Sissney, Rusty Baccus, Floyd Jackson, Clar Schacht and Jerry Ford.

Mr. Rhodes was born Sept. 3, 1907 in Denton County. He moved to Floyd County in 1924 from Denton County.

The former Helen Inez Newman and Mr. Rhodes were married Feb. 22, 1935 in Clovis, N.M.

A member of First United Methodist Church in Lockney, he was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Janie McAnally of Monahans; two brothers, Raymond Rhodes of Boulder, Colo., and Jim Rhodes of Cisco; one sister, Ima Jean Ramsey of Plainview; three grandchildren, Lori Bayley of Plainview, Jeff Bayley, a West Texas State University student in Canyon, and Jennifer Bayley of Monahans; and one great-grandson, Cody Bayley.

SHARON STRANGE

Funeral rites for Sharon Rhea Strange of Silvertown were at 3 p.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church of Silvertown with the Rev. Duane Knowlton, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Lannie Wheeler of Hereford assisted.

Burial was made in Silvertown Cemetery.

Mrs. Strange died at 11 a.m. Sunday in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo following a lengthy illness. She was 30.

The Lockney native was a lifelong Silvertown resident. A school teacher and a homemaker, she married Bill Strange.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Matt; a daughter, Kassie; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Storie of Lubbock; a brother, Gary Storie of Corinth; a sister, Debbie Davis of Bakersfield, Calif.; and her maternal grandmother, Dora Eiland of Fayetteville, Ark.

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 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

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Providence Community
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
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Lockney
 Rev. Robert Kirk
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Rev. Cecil Osborne
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 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Rev. Herman Martinez
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Floydada
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Rev. Bennie Anderson
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Lockney
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 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.

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 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Church Training 5:00 p.m.
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 Wednesday Night Prayer 7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
 Otis Cook, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Bible Study 4:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ray Starnes, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 Brotherhood, W.M.U. and Auxiliary Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada
 Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
 Church Training 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m.

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 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 5:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Service, Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.
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 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
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JUNIOR HIGH FHA-HERO STYLE SHOW — The Junior High FHA-HERO students in Joyce Williams' class presented a style show displaying the fruits of their labors this fall in class. Wearing fashions they created in class are (back row, left to right), Gracie Gonzalez, Olga Gonzalez, Noelia Huerta, Mary Guerra, Alice Machado, Gloria Rosales, Samantha Salazar, Janie Sanchez, Rosie Soltz and Jennifer Shaut. Seated in front are Lupe Gonzales, Mary Garza, Maria De la Fuente and Gracie Cervera. Staff photo



JUNIOR HIGH BAND — Assistant Band Director Jett Cheek conducted the seventh and eighth grade band students as they performed for family and friends during the annual Christmas concert last Saturday. Staff Photo

Bands stage yule concert

Three school bands performed before a full house on Sunday, December 14 at the high school auditorium. Conducted by Paul Stapp and Jett Cheek, students from the sixth grade, junior high and the Floydada High School Bands presented their annual Christmas musical offerings.

A trio featuring the three first clarinet players of the high school band performed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear". Andrea Bonner (assistant drum major), Ludustria Leatherman (twirler) and Sabrina Stepp (flag corp) provided a delightful interlude in the concert with their airy and cheerful rendition of the traditional Christmas favorite.

A brass quartet featuring Freeman Jones, Heather Henderson, Adam Cates, and Jett Cheek added a humorous note to the occasion as they unpamph their version of "Twelve Days of Housetops," a combination of two Christmas carols.

The sixth grade band students played their first tune, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and followed with "Jolly Ole St. Nick" and "Jingle Bells." The larger than usual group has "learned a great

deal in a short time," according to Stapp. They are all first year students and will make a welcome addition to the junior high band program next year.

The junior high band this season acquitted themselves admirably with their performance of "Coventry Carol" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

They were well received and will be a great asset to the high school band as they progress through school.

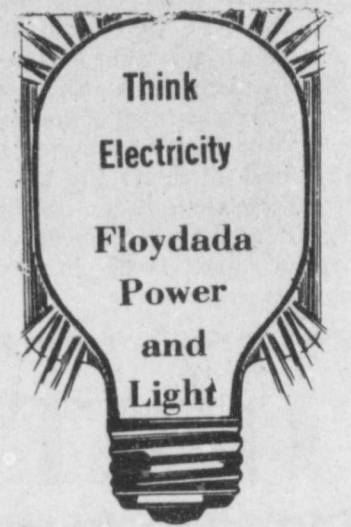
A highlight of the high school band performance was the showing of slides chronicling the band's activities since summer rehearsals began in August. The slide show accompanied by seasonal music including "Carillons at Christmas," "Deck the Halls," and "Merry Christmas Darling."

The group also performed "Joyful All Ye Nations," "Sleigh Ride," and "Let It Snow."

Jack Gregory joined the band on stage for the traditional singing of Christmas carols. The medley played by the band included portions of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Deck the Halls," "Silent Night," "The First Noel," "Joy to the

World" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

A massive lighted wreath added just the right touch of yuletide spirit to the occasion which followed a fund raising ham and bean dinner sponsored by the band students and the band boosters club.



Students spread holiday cheer

By Andrea Reed

'Tis indeed the season to be jolly. Happiness and excitement can be felt everywhere you go. Because of this, nearly everywhere you look, you will see someone celebrating this joyous time of the year.

One group of folks who can be seen doing just that is the Drama Club. On Friday, Dec. 19, drama members will be presenting two showings of their play, "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch." This

play is a melodrama set in the old west during the 1800's.

The first showing of the play will be at 9:45 a.m. at the high school auditorium. The second showing of the play will be at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

Another group of students who can be seen spreading good cheer is the Student Council. During Thanksgiving, the Student Council sponsored a canned food drive for the needy. Now they are sponsoring a Christmas for the needy.

The Student Council members are urging students to contribute old toys to the needy families of our community.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, the FHS band put on a Christmas concert. It was successful, for the members had spent many long hours practicing til they got it right.

Everywhere you look, you can see someone spreading cheer, especially FHS students. No matter where you go, you hear the ever-popular phrase "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Local residents receive degrees

South Texas College of Law

Three individuals from Floydada are scheduled to be graduated Thursday, Dec. 18, from West Texas State University. Ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m. in the WT Fieldhouse on the west side of the campus in Canyon.

The 373 candidates for graduation hail from 50 towns in Texas, six other states and Canada.

The local graduates, their degree and major include:

- Leann Evans, BS, elementary education.
- Lanny C. Fulton, BS, animal science
- Gary D. Lyles, BBA, accounting.

Texas Tech University

Monty Williams of Floydada was among more than 350 scholarship recipients recognized during the recent Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences' 59th Annual Pig Roast. Williams received the \$400 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Fund Scholarship.

A mechanized agriculture major, he

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Williams.

Texas A&M University

Charlotte Decker Sutton, daughter of Lovene Moore and Lane Decker of Floydada, was among those granted doctor of philosophy degrees during graduation ceremonies at Texas A&M University on Friday, Dec. 12.

After completing requirements for the degree this fall, Dr. Sutton joined the faculty of Auburn University in Alabama, where she is an assistant professor of business management.

A 1971 graduate of Floydada High School, Dr. Sutton previously earned bachelor of arts and master of business administration degrees at Baylor University, where she taught in the school of business administration from 1981 to 1984.

Dr. Sutton has conducted research on women in business which has been cited in the Harvard Business Review and Business Week and on Good Morning America and Cable News Network (CNN).

She is married to David Sutton, who is in the Public Relations Dept. at Auburn University. They have a son, Scott, who is five years old.

West Texas State

Brenda Vickers Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vickers of Floydada will be graduated from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas, December 20th, 1986. She is a graduate of Floydada High School and of Texas Tech University. The bar examination will be taken in February, 1987.

While attending school at South Texas College of Law, she worked as an assistant in the District Attorney's office in Houston.

Her husband is Sam Smith. Attending the ceremony will be her parents and sister, Beverly of Lubbock.

Willis promoted to Corporal

Marine Cpl. Ken E. Willis, son of Kenneth L. and Barbara J. Willis of Floydada, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

His wife, Susan, is the daughter of C. Wayne and Janice Poteet, also of Floydada.



CLARINET TRIO — A clarinet trio made up of Sabrina Stepp, Andrea Bonner and Ludustria Leatherman performed a traditional Christmas favorite, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", for the enjoyment of the attending audience at the 1986 Christmas concert on December 14. — Staff photo

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Wind basketballers topple Spade

Whirlwind boys extended their record to 8-2 Tuesday night in Spade, but the task required double overtime. Tied at the end of regulation play and the first overtime period, Coach Mike Cocanougher's crew owned the scoreboard, 69-68, at the conclusion of the second overtime period.

Chad Pernell with 17, Roel Cisneros with 14 and F. L. Williams with 12 all singled the nets for double figures. Randy Enriquez and Heath Robertson each added 8, Ty Stovall put in 6 and Cornelius Campbell tallied 4.

Cisneros also had a good night on the boards as he grabbed 20 rebounds. Williams pulled in 15, Campbell captured 12 and Enriquez had 7 against a strong Spade quintet.

GIRLS ROLL ALONG

Continuing to improve with virtually every outing, Coach Tommy Baxter's Whirlwind girls had less trouble earning their eighth victory, winning 76-46.

Tana Perry led the scoring parade with 20 and Paige Cannon was also in

double digits with 17. Other Floydada scorers were: Pam Woody and Joey Thayer, 8 each; Angie Bertrand 5; Amanda McDaniel, Trish Hanna and Jaime Morrison, 4 each; Norma Cisneros, Tana Turner and Lori Christian,

2 each.

JV BOYS ROLL

In the opener, Floydada's JV boys rolled to a 73-22 victory. Individual scores were not available.

Wind boys stop Abernathy

While their female counterparts were winning their seventh triumph in Idalou, Whirlwind boys were achieving the same goal in Abernathy. Coach Mike Cocanougher's quintet trailed 18-20 at intermission before outgunning the Antelopes, 16-10, in the third period. Final score was 45-40 in a close match.

The low-scoring contest had each club netting only four first quarter points.

Ty Stovall was the leading Floydada scorer with 12. Others producing points were: Chad Pernell and Cornelius Campbell, 9 each; Roel Cisneros 6; F.L. Williams 5; Randy Enriquez and Heath Robertson, 2 each.

REESE TOURNAMENT

Whirlwind boys are in with fast company this week-end in the Reese Air Force Base Tournament, which begins today (Thursday) and continues through Saturday. Paducah, possibly the state's strongest Class A club, is the small school division favorite.

Floydada has drawn highly-regarded Nazareth in its tourney opener at 3 p.m. today (Thursday). A victory today would send the Winds into a 5:30 p.m. Friday game and a first round loss would leave them playing at 2:30 Friday.

Saturday's schedule for this division includes: seventh place game, 2:30 p.m.; consolation match, 4:00; third place, 5:30; and championship, 7 p.m.



GUNNING FOR TWO — Amanda McDaniel puts up a shot despite the defensive efforts of Cooper players. — Staff photo

JV girls second in tourney

Only Nazareth stood between the Whirlwind JV girls and the championship of the Tulia JV Tournament last week-end. The Green and White bounced Olton 36-15 and Tulia 28-23 before dropping a 37-30 decision to Nazareth in the Saturday finals.

Thursday
Floydada 8 14 28 36
Olton 1 11 13 15

Trisha Hanna 8, Sylvia McComas 8, Jaime Morrison 7, Amy Burns 4, Joey Thayer 4, Tiffany Gentry 2, Shelby Ogden 2, Blanca Medrano 1, Nehomi DeOchoa

Friday
Floydada 4 16 20 28
Tulia 2 7 11 23
Hanna 8, McComas, J. Morrison 6, Thayer 4, Burns 2, Gentry 2, DeOchoa, Ogden

Saturday (championship)
Floydada 8 15 23 30
Nazareth 12 22 33 37
McComas 15, Hanna 8, Burns 2, Thayer 2, Morrison 2, Ogden 2, Gentry, Medrano, DeOchoa

Season record: 2-4

JV boys fourth

Owning a 4-0 record entering the Tulia JV Tournament over the week-end, the Whirlwind boys dropped a couple of one-point decisions to settle for fourth place in the meet and a 5-2 season mark.

Thursday
Floydada 19 30 44 60
Olton 9 22 30 37
Chad Quisenberry 16, Jason Brown 9, Leonard King 8, Dana Cooper 22, Armando Morales 4, Mark Thompson 1

Friday
Floydada 2 8 17 31
Tulia 16 20 26 32
Quisenberry 18, King 2, Cooper 8, Morales 2, Rolando Cisneros 1

Saturday
Floydada 10 21 31 41
Nazareth 8 15 30 42
Quisenberry 11, Brown 8, King 4, Morales 8, Cisneros 9, Cory Jones 1

BOYS

Floydada 18 28 42 55
Kress 1 5 13 19
Billy Jo Villarreal 10, Jamie Suarez 8, Steve Morales 8, Kenneth Davis 4, Refugio Barrientos 4, Rance Pernell 4, Scott Redden 3, Dirk Rainer 2, Brad Wilson 2, Quincy Johnson 2, Keith Teeple 2, Chad Green 2, Johnny Morales 2

Championship

Floydada 8 24 30 36
Crosbyton 11 13 31 37
Villarreal 10, Suarez 8, David Johnston 6, Rainer 4, Barrientos 4, Redden, 2, S. Morales 2

Fems control momentum, Idalou

Following a slow first quarter, after which they trailed 7-11, Whirlwind girls came on strong Friday to bump Idalou 45-33 in a road victory which ran their season record to 7-2.

"In this game we learned how to stop momentum going in the other direction and take control," says Coach Tommy Baxter. "Playing in their gym, Idalou had a lot of momentum going for them in the early going. We were able to stop it by the second quarter and in the third period we took control and wore them down. We are beginning to get our sick people back but some are still weak."

Trailing 7-11 after eight minutes, the Whirlwind girls forged into a 22-18 halftime edge and led 32-26 after three enroute to their 45-33 win.

For the second consecutive game, Amanda McDaniel paced scoring with 20 points and also hauled in 6 rebounds. Other Winds' scoring (and rebounding in parenthesis) were: Norma Cisneros 6 (1), Tana Perry 5 (0), Paige Cannon 4 (5), Tana Turner 4 (1), Angie Bertrand 2 (2), Pam Woody 2 (2), Ester Medrano 2 (0) and Lori Christian 0 (1).

With the Whirlwind JV squads involved in the Tulia tournament, ninth grade girls took on the Idalou JV girls Friday. Idalou posted quarter advantages of 6-2, 16-10 and 32-11 while winning 39-22.

"They played well for most of the game," coaches say. "But the extra year's experience by the JV players

from Idalou caught up with them in the third period."

Scoring for Floydada frosh were (rebounds in parenthesis): Amy McCormick 12 (5), Heather Henderson 5 (8), Libby Anderson 3 (4), Anita McCormick 2 (0), Kim Perry 0 (10), Shayla Barbee 0 (1), Shannon Paty 0 (1) and Staci Hadderton 0 (1).



MY BALL — Tana Perry and two Cooper players battle over a loose ball as fellow Whirlwinds Angie Bertrand (in front of Cooper's 10) and Paige Cannon (right) move in to help. — Staff photo

Go Winds

WEEK'S GAMES
Thursday-Saturday: Whirlwind boys varsity in Reese AFB Tournament
Friday: Varsity and junior varsity Whirlwind girls host Nazareth; JV game at 6 p.m.

MONDAY GAMES

Ninth Grade Girls
Floydada 10 22 39 51
Tulia 7 14 22 22
Shayla Barbee 14, Amy McCormick 9, Libby Anderson 8, Kim Perry 6, Heath Henderson 5, Staci Hadderton 5, Shannon Paty 5, Anita McCormick 2

Eighth Grade Girls
Floydada 6 12 17 26
Tulia 10 20 32 44
Angie Glasscock 13, Nora Cisneros 5, Tricia Pernell 2, Tonya Powell 2, Kerrie Pitts 2, Amy Hinsley 2, Becky Porter, Stacy Hinsley, Pat Vallejo, Melissa Strickland, DeAnna Watson, Mary Garza, Michelle Torrez
Season record: 2-4
District record: 1-3
Next game: Jan. 5, Muleshoe here, 5 p.m.

Seventh Grade Girls
Floydada 0 6 19 23
Tulia 6 12 18 21
Lesha Black 8, Linda Suarez 5, Sylvia Caballero 4, Jennifer Crow 2, Rhoda Hernandez 2, Christi Rowan 1, Melanie Covington 1
Season record: 4-2
District record: 3-1
Next game: Jan. 5, Muleshoe here, 5 p.m.

Seventh Grade Boys
Floydada 6 10 14 17
Tulia 11 15 27 30
Steve Morales 8, Scott Redden 3, Billy Jo Villarreal 2, David Johnston 2, Rufugio Barrientos 2
Season record: 2-4
District record: 1-3
Next game: Jan. 5 at Muleshoe

Eighth Grade Boys
Floydada 10 18 29 34
Tulia 0 9 15 18
Chad Williams, Kenneth Collins 10, Mike Aleman 5, Ryan Burns, Freddie Martinez 4, Aric Hendricks 2, Nufu Morales 1
Season record: 6-0
District record: 4-0
Next game: Jan. 5 in Muleshoe

EIGHTH GRADE TOURNAMENT
Eighth grade girls stopped Lockney 35-14 in a first round game and lost to Floydada 38-28 in finals of the recent Floydada eighth grade tourney.
Scoring for Floydada in the two games were: Tricia Pernell 17-9, Angie Glasscock 8-8, Amy Hinsley 4-2, Nora Cisneros 2-1, Kerrie Pitts 2-4, Becky Porter 1-0, Pat Vallejo 1-0, Tonya Powell 0-2, Stacy Hinsley 0-2, Melissa Strickland 0-0, Deanna Watson 0-0, Mary De la Fuente 0-0, Mary Garza 0-0

Floydada seventh graders runners-up in own tourney

Both Floydada boys and girls squads captured second place in their own seventh grade tournament on Saturday. Both notched first-round victories over Kress but were tripped by Crosbyton in the finals.

GIRLS
Floydada 8 18 28 40
Kress 1 6 9 12
Jennifer Paty 10, Linda Suarez 8, Melanie Covington 8, Sylvia Caballero 4, Lesha Black 5, Christi Rowan 4

Championship
Floydada 7 17 23 31
Crosbyton 10 22 30 40
Black 16, Jennifer Crow 4, Caballero 4, Suarez 3, Rowan 2, Branda Breed 2



NON-CONTACT SPORT? — Whirlwind Tana Perry (15) and a Cooper player are on the floor following a collision as Amanda McDaniel grabs a rebound and prepares to shoot. — Staff photo

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Water management and fertility program linked to improved Plains cotton yields

FROM THE CROSS SECTION

Knowing just a few facts about how the cotton plant grows and the roles that water, nitrogen and phosphorus play in that growth can make you a better manager and perhaps return profitability to your cotton farming operation. "We've always addressed agriculture (farming) as a tradition and not as a business," comments Ronnie Aston, a Floyd County cotton farmer. "We can't continue to farm from a traditional standpoint." Aston and several other Floyd County cotton farmers have decided to get into the "cotton farming business." And with a little advice from Dr. Dan Krieg, crop physiologist with the Plant and Soil Science Department at Texas Tech University, and some help from Ricky Kellison and a new company called

Comprehensive Agri Services in Lockney, and a fertility and water management computer program that helps the producers make management decisions, they seem to be doing just that.

THE BASIC IDEA

"What we are trying to do is develop a management system that will maintain the development of the cotton plant in balance with the thermal environment," comments Krieg. "If you know what controls yield and you know when the plant is developing its yield potential, then you can do something about making sure that it is not suffering any kind of stress at that point."

"What we have seen in recent years is the people are not cutting back on their irrigation water as much as they are cutting back on other things, such as

their fertility program. When the plant's demand is not met by the environmental supply, development is delayed; and in our short growing season the plant does not have adequate time to catch up."

Krieg notes that the knowledge about what it takes to grow cotton is there. "We know how much water, nitrogen and phosphorus it takes to make a certain amount of cotton," states Krieg. "To make a bale of cotton, we feel you need somewhere in the neighborhood of 80 to 100 pounds of nitrogen available in the top two feet of the soil, and you need about 30 to 35 pounds of phosphate (P2O5) available in the soil. To get the second bale, you need only an additional 50 pounds of nitrogen, because you don't have to build much more leaf area or any more stalk.

and three-quarter to two bales per acre after having been hailed on and having been flooded during most of September and October.

Aston's cotton was planted April 28 at a seeding rate of 13 pounds per acre on 40-inch beds. It was watered twice, on July 14 and August 1, and 100 to 125 pounds of nitrogen was put down with the first irrigation.

"Going in, Ronnie told me that he was only going to water one time, and that was at the first of August," remembers Krieg. "Ronnie was our biggest critic. I told him that if he was going to water by the calendar, around August 1, he might as well not water at all. I explained that if he was going to wait that long, there was no sense in wasting the water, because he was going to do more harm than good."

Following Krieg's recommendations was not necessarily an easy thing for Aston to do, he admits. "We'd had 11 inches of rain in late June. On the 14th of July, Krieg told me I needed to start irrigating. I said you're crazy, we don't need to water." But Aston did water, despite his neighbors threatening to call out the ambulance when he started to haul out his irrigation pipe two weeks after they had all that rain.

"That watering made all the difference in the world," notes Krieg. "By watering in mid-July, Aston set himself up to make a good yield. If he had waited until the first of August to irrigate, his yield potential would have been lost, especially this year."

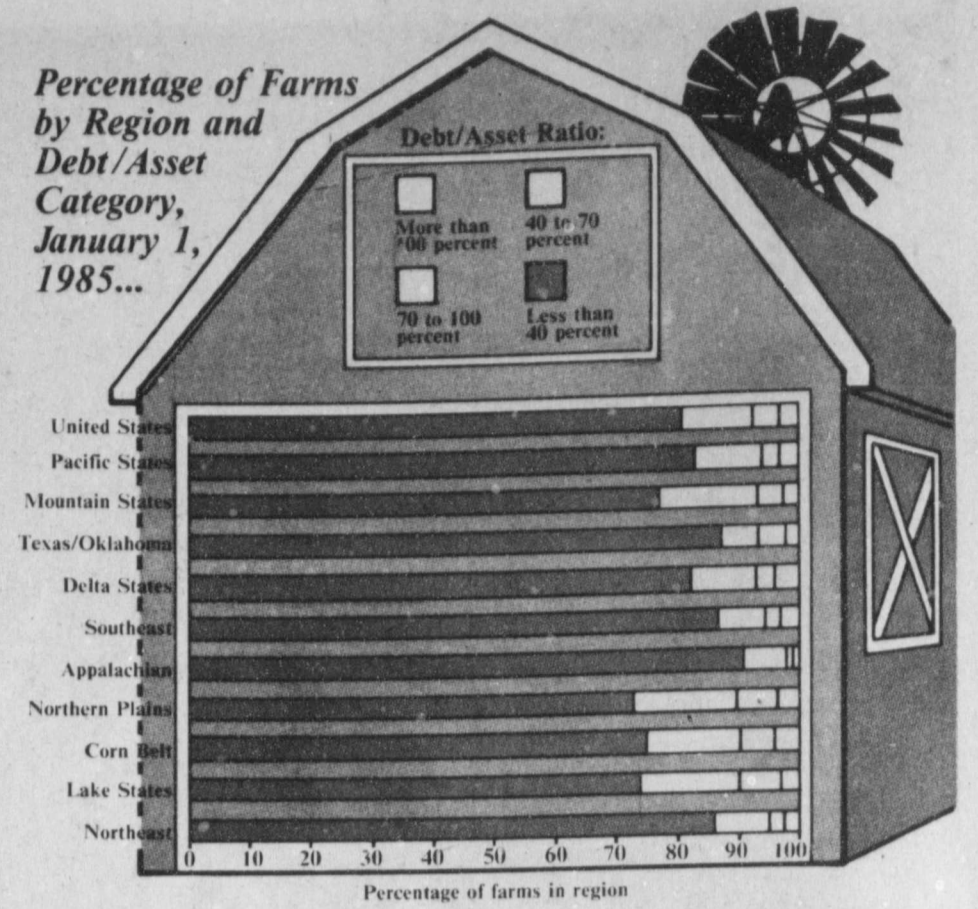
What people fail to remember is that not all of the rain soaks into the soil, that the soil will only hold a certain volume of water, that crop water-use is a quarter of an inch or more at this stage of growth, and that the soil surface evaporation rate is high during mid-summer. A lot of moisture is used or lost during this time of year. "Also," comments Krieg, "the roots only have a certain depth they can explore for water. That sets the limit as to how much water is really available to the plant. There is a given water-use rate and a given water volume that is available to the plant. Before those two equal zero, you'd better be there with water."

"Ronnie's goal going into the program was to make 600 pounds of cotton per acre," explains Krieg. "He's going to make 750 to 800, and probably close to 1,000 pounds. Not only that, it's going to be good quality. Unfortunately, our recent weather has probably reduced his yield by 100 to 150 pounds per acre due to leaching from the open cotton. So, if he gets 850 pounds per acre out of it now, he had over two bales of cotton per acre out there initially."

"The cost of putting the system in balance is minimal as compared to the benefits that you can get from it. And I think that is obvious in the work we've done around Lockney this year," comments Krieg. "It took very little extra cost."

Eddie Teeter, another Floyd County producer who cooperated in the project, explains, "All we changed was the timing and amount of water based on Krieg's recommendations. We had our fertilizer down this year before we got into the program. But next year, we'll do more post-plant fertility than every before, and we'll position our phosphorus in the root zone rather than broadcasting it as we have previously. All Dan is trying to tell us is that if we irrigate for 600 pound yields then we have to have the fertility for 600 pound yields, and he's trying to tell us that timing our irrigations is also critical."

Percentage of Farms by Region and Debt/Asset Category, January 1, 1985...



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

"What we did up there (in Floyd County) is we watered when the early fruiting sites were being initiated, which meant that we produced fruit low on the cotton plant and early in the season, giving the bolls a chance to mature. Now, instead of having to count on fruit up on the top of the plant for your yield, we actually picked up most of the yield from the fruiting sites produced early. That's where the actual yield advantages come from," comments Krieg.

Krieg explains further, "It all goes back to the fact that the most sensitive process in the cotton plant is the initiation of fruiting sites. Once the cotton plant has produced one fruit, it has served its purpose in life. And once it gets that first fruit set, it has the ability to limit the production of additional fruiting sites. The development of secondary fruiting sites on a sympodial branch is the most sensitive process in the cotton plant. If cotton has any water stress during that sensitive stage, it will limit the number of fruiting sites that produce squares."

Early fruiting sites are important to final yield potential, according to Krieg, because we run into cool temperatures in September. In the Floyd County project, the producers watered at just the right time to get that early fruit set. "If we had waited until the first of August, the plant would then have produced the second and third fruiting sites on the branches, but they would not have flowered until after August 25. That's too late. By watering in mid-July, the plant produced fruiting sites early enough so that they flowered by the first of August and were able to mature by the middle of September. Some of the other cotton in the county, which was not watered until August 1, did not get the early fruit set, and if it did, it probably didn't stay because it didn't have enough fertility due to excessive rain resulting in nitrogen leaching."

"Water results in the production of fruiting sites. Nitrogen and phosphorus result in the retention of the fruiting sites," notes Krieg. "We believe that we must have five pounds of nitrogen available for every inch of water provided during the growing season when the plant needs it."

Preparations have already begun for next year's crop. "We are going to start soil sampling as soon as we can get in the field so that the producers can make changes and put their pre-plant fertility out properly," says Krieg. "We're recommending that they put their phosphorus out in bands as deep as they

can (10 to 15 inches deep) and that they put just enough nitrogen (30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen) on to get the crop started. Most of the nitrogen application will be done during the growing season, either through the water or as side-dressing. Again, what we are trying to do is keep the nitrogen and the water pretty much at a ratio of five pounds of nitrogen to each inch of water during the growing season. If we do that, with 18 to 20 inches of total water from irrigation and rainfall and a lot of good luck, we ought to make two bales of cotton per acre."

Trio of financial danger signals

Many farmers who were forced out of business during the past few years did not have enough equity capital to finance a "capital hungry" farm operation, say two agricultural economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga and Dr. Danny Klinefelter, economists-management, say that other producers also may be approaching the same situation without realizing it.

They note that farm operations fitting these descriptions may be candidates for failure:

1. Your lender owns more than half of your business.
2. Your short-term loans and accounts payable have increased each year for the past three years.
3. Your interest bill is more than 20 percent of your sales.

"You can easily determine if your lenders own more than half of your business by looking at the net worth

statement entries of total assets and liabilities. This factor is critical because of earnings on the assets used in the business," they say.

Traditionally, the economists note, earning rates on agricultural assets are 4 to 6 percent. "A farmer earning the high rate of 6 percent on all assets, but paying 12 percent interest on half of his assets, has nothing left. If earnings fall below 6 percent or asset values decline, but interest rates stay at 12 percent, the owner's equity declines to the point he is unable to finance the business," they warn.

Hayenga and Klinefelter suggest that producers look at their last three years' net worth statements. Without a major increase in business size, if short-term loans and accounts payable consistently increase, sooner or later farmers will not be able to keep the loans and accounts current without increasing income, or refinancing land or

long-term assets. When this happens, short-term debt will not be renewed and suppliers will demand cash before delivery, the economists caution.

Research indicates that when interest charges are more than 20 percent of sales, there is less than 20 percent chance the business will survive more than five years. "When interest charges are that high, there is not enough income from the business to pay off expenses, so losses occur. To continue in business, the farmer must finance the previous year's loss and losses even more in the second year. This cycle is repeated until the business is unable to be refinanced," Hayenga and Klinefelter say.

While the three factors may not apply to all businesses, if any one exists for any business, a detailed business analysis should be started, they recommend.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's cease and desist order on issuance of all cotton first handler certificates as of December 11 is now competing for "hottest topic" status in High Plains gin offices and coffee shops with evolving information on the 1986 disaster payments program.

Farmers with little or no cotton to sell remain more interested in the disaster program while those fortunate enough to have made a crop this year focused on what the absence of first handler certificates might do to the price of loan equities and free cotton.

Over the objections of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., the National Cotton Council and others, Under Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Amstutz ruled earlier that when the U.S. adjusted world price (AWP) for the base cotton quality, no more first handler certificates would be authorized for any quality. On December 11 the AWP for Strict Low Middling 1-1/16 cotton (41-34) was announced at 45.11 cents per pound, over a cent above the 44-cent LRR. The "coarse count" adjustment was announced at 1.43 cents. Both will remain in effect through Thursday, December 18, when the figures will be recalculated.

First handler certificates are issued as a means to keep U.S. cotton competitive in world markets. Their value equals the amount by which the AWP, as announced each Thursday, falls below the LRR. The LRR remains constant at 80 percent of the loan for each individual quality. The AWP varies from week to week based on the Liverpool "A" index, and the coarse count adjustment is figured from the Liverpool "B" index.

PCG has argued so far without success, that first handler certificates should continue to be issued on cotton qualities which, unlike the base and higher qualities, still have an AWP below the redemption rate. Otherwise, the organization contends, those qualities will not be competitive.

For example, with the base quality AWP at 45.11, the AWP for Strict Low Middling Light Spot one inch cotton (42-32) miking 3.2, with the coarse count adjustment figures to 33.78 cents, while the LRR for that quality is 36.08. So, PCG says, whatever the relationship between the AWP for other qualities and their LRR, that quality should receive a first handler certificate worth

2.3 cents per pound. Lower qualities would earn certificates worth well over twice that amount, PCG points out.

"Failure to continue these certificates when justified can't be good for the marketing of our High Plains crop," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "But the adverse effect may be mitigated by the fact that the lower qualities now in the loan still can be redeemed at the world price with existing certificates."

The latest development on the disaster program has been a call for producers to file as soon as possible ASCS form 574's on low yielding and failed acres. The national announcement to that effect put a "tentative" December 15 deadline on filing, but the state ASCS office at College Station has assured PCG that producers who don't have the information needed by that date will be given additional time, at least until January 5.

Even so, ASCS is urging producers to file 574's, production records and other pertinent information as early as possible to help USDA meet time constraints imposed on the program.

The period for filing actual payment applications remains January 12 through January 30.

The major concern in the industry and in government remains the almost certain insufficiency of funding under the \$400 million cap stated in the law. Efforts to secure the commitment of additional funds are continuing. PCG says, but no new information on that issue is available.

"The soils around here don't have that much nitrogen and phosphorus in them anymore, and most people have cut costs by cutting their fertility program, which may help explain the trend toward declining cotton yields in the past several years."

To reverse the trend, Krieg is working with a fertility/water management computer program to keep water, nitrogen, phosphorus and heat units in balance to enhance cotton production. "We can't do anything about the number of heat units available, but we can control the other three. By matching the controllable inputs to the duration of the growing season and making some management decisions during the growing season based upon what we expect to happen in terms of heat units, we can increase cotton production."

HOW IT WORKS

Basically, with Krieg and Kellison's assistance, the growers are using data on the number of heat units that are being accumulated on a day-to-day basis. Heat unit accumulation is calculated from the daily minimum and maximum temperatures. Daily water use is calculated as a function of the evaporative demand, based on climatic data and the stage of crop development. The water-holding capacity of the soil and how much water the plant can extract out of the soil were measured. "Then, by using this data in a computer program, we are able to calculate the future water-use rate of the crop and predict when irrigation should be scheduled."

The results so far have turned out very well, even considering the poor growing conditions the producers had to work with during the 1986 growing season, explains Krieg.

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NEWLY REMODELED and carpeted. Two bedroom, one bath, carport, curtains, reasonably priced. Good location. \$17,500.00. Call 983-3678 or 983-2130. 11-6p

THREE BEDROOM, 2 story, double garage with storage, new roof and siding. \$30,000. Call 652-2344. tfn

LAND FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 384 acres irrigated farmland. Nine miles northeast of Floydada. Inquire at First National Bank of Floydada, 983-3717. tfn

OR TRADE Northeast Floyd County. Farm of 112 acres with irrigation well, 1800 plus square foot house with three bedroom, two bath. Excellent storm cellar. Would divide and sale or trade house plus eight acres separately. Call 983-5512. By owner. 12-18p

LAND FOR LEASE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Floyd will receive sealed bids in Room 105, Courthouse, Floydada, Texas 79235, on the following items until 10:00 a.m., January 12, 1987. Bids will then be opened and read in Commissioners Court.

Purchase: One New 1986 or 1987 custom built cab and chassis fire truck for the Floydada Fire Department.

Sell: One 1973 Chevrolet One ton Fire truck, Serial # CCY333J 177078. Can be seen at the Floydada Fire Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada

Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office, Room 105, Courthouse, Floydada, Texas. Payment will be made after delivery and approval by the Floyd County Commissioners.

Floyd County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities for the best interest of Floyd County.

WILLIAM D. HARDIN, Floyd County Judge
December 15, 1986
12-18, 12-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
12-4-86

Massey-Ferguson Credit Corporation will offer the following repossessed equipment for sale to the highest bidder for cash. (Financing upon approved credit.)

Equipment: MF 860 Combine SN#19267 MF 9030 Table 30' SN#463

Date of Sale: 12-18-86

TIME of Sale: 10:00 a.m.

Place of Sale: Floydada Implement Co. North Hwy. 70 Floydada, Texas

The equipment will be sold as is, without warranty. For further information, contact Lloyd E. Turner. Telephone number 806-797-3443.

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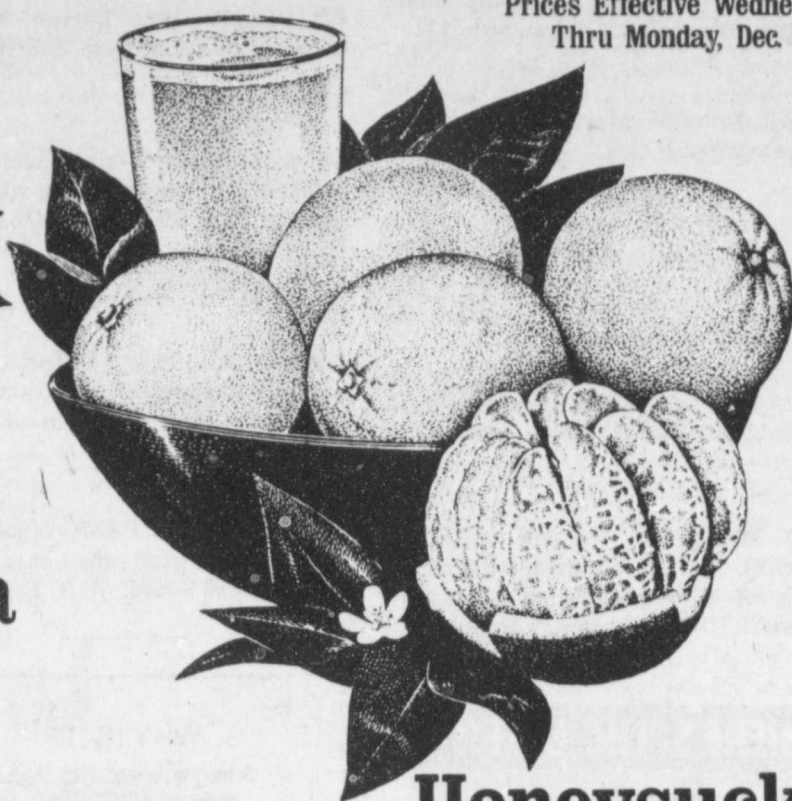
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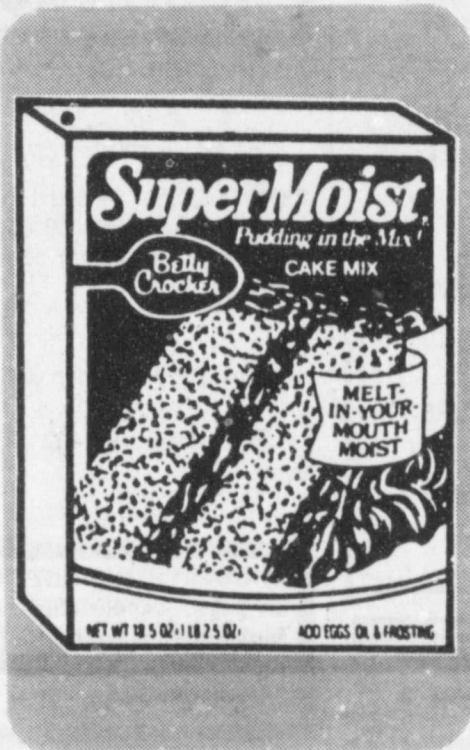


Gold Medal Flour

Self Rising, Bread,
Unbleached or All Purpose

78c

5-lb. Bag

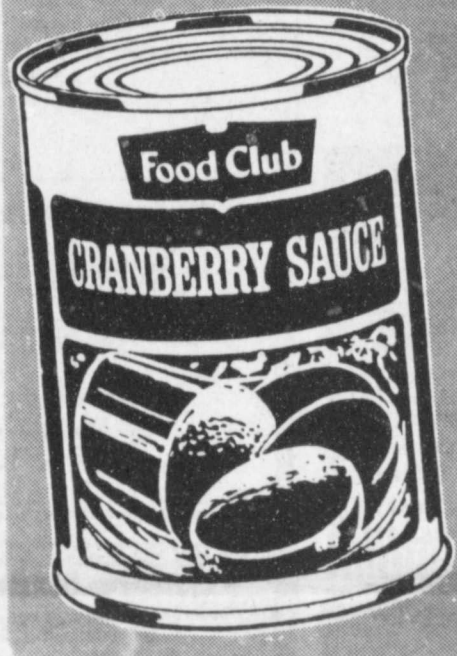


Betty Crocker Cake Mix

Assorted

68c

18 1/2-oz. Pkg.

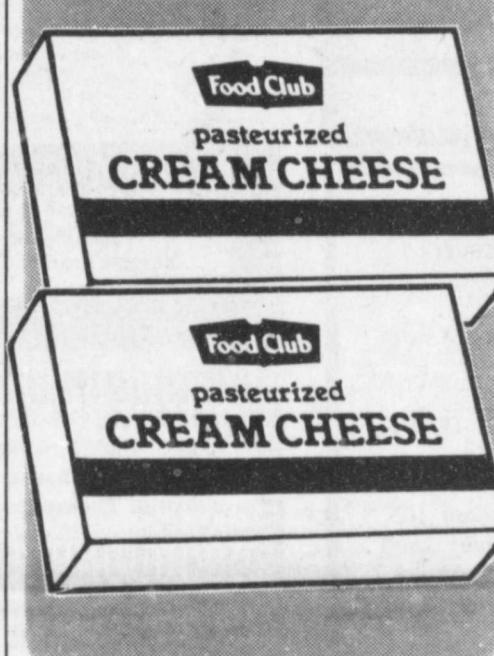


Food Club Cranberry Sauce

Jellied or Whole

38c

16-oz. Can



Food Club Cream Cheese

77c

8-oz.

Webber Farms Pork Sausage

Mild or Hot 16-oz.

\$1.79

32-oz. **\$3.55**

Wilson 93% Lean Boneless Ham

Regular or Honey Halves

\$2.99

lb.

Betty Crocker Frosting

Ready to Spread Assorted

\$1.38

14-16-oz.

Betty Crocker Stuffing

Herb, Cornbread, Chicken or Pork

78c

6-oz. Pkg.



Libby's Pumpkin

48c

16-oz. Can



Gladiola Mixes

Muffin, Biscuit or Asst. Cornbread

4 \$1

6-oz. Pkg.

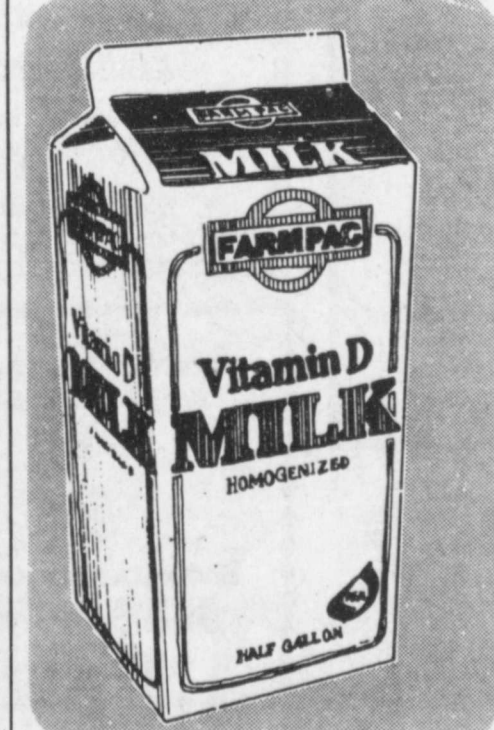


Minute Maid Orange Juice

Original, Country Style or Reduced Acid

78c

10 to 12-oz. Can



Farm Pac Homogenized Milk

98c

1/2-gal.

Poinsettias

in 6" Pots

\$3.99

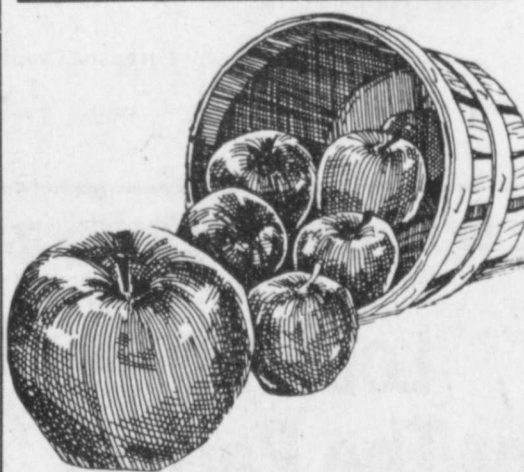
each

Mums

in 6" Pots

\$6.99

each



Red Delicious Apples

Washington State

59c

lb.

Boneless Pork Chops lb. **\$2.98**

Wilson Smoked Sausage All Varieties lb. **\$1.99**

Food Club Crescent Rolls 8-oz. **2 \$1**

Pascal Celery Large Fresh Stalks each **49c**

Fancy Carrots 1-lb. Cello Bag each **3 \$1**

Almonds, Brazils or Filberts In-Shell Nuts lb. **\$1.59**

Sweet Potatoes Medium Size lb. **29c**

Bell Sour Cream 16-oz. **98c**

Bell Dips Assorted Flavors 8-oz. **48c**

Borden Egg Nog 32-oz. **99c**

Rainbo Family Recipe Wheat Bread Sandwich Sliced 1 1/2-lb. Loaf **68c**

Earth Grains Rye Bread Dark or Light 16-oz. Loaf **88c**

Patty Cake Cinnamon Nut Roll 2-ct. Pkg. **3 \$1**

Farm Pac Sliced French Bread 16-oz. Loaf **78c**

Doritos Tortilla Chips 11-oz. Pkg. **\$1.78**

Food Club Flaked Coconut 14-oz. Pkg. **98c**

Food Club Chocolate Chips 12-oz. Bag **\$1.18**

Food Club Evaporated Milk 12-oz. Can **38c**

Betty Crocker Pie Crust Mix 11-oz. Pkg. **98c**

Betty Crocker Brownie Mix 23 1/2-oz. **\$1.58**

Ritz Crackers 16-oz. Pkg. **\$1.78**

Borden Ice Cream Sandwiches 6 Pk. **98c**

Hamilton Beach Slow Cooker 3 1/2 Qt. Special Sale Price **\$12.99**
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