

Completion of audit expected this week

Doyle Love, of the auditing firm of Love, Hayes & Musick, told The Hesperian this week that he expects the results of the audit ordered by Judge David Cave to be completed by the end of this week. The written report, by Love, will be turned in to Judge McCoy for his evaluation.

Judge McCoy, of the 358th Judicial District, was appointed, in September, by Judge Anderson of the 121st District Court, to preside over the audit controversy between 110th District Court Judge David Cave and the District Attorney, Becky McPherson.

Cave had ordered an audit, of McPherson's records, by Love Hayes &

Musick, June 28, 1990, because of his belief that double billing to the counties in the 110th Judicial District, by McPherson, had occurred. Cave was also questioning expenses McPherson had incurred from her caseload of prosecuting misdemeanor cases on a case by case basis for the county.

McPherson, who questioned the impartiality of the court appointed auditors and whether or not Judge Cave should be involved in the audit, asked for a recusal of Judge Cave from the hearings. The recusal was granted by Judge Anderson on July 19.

McPherson also requested that the Commissioners Court have her records audited by the firm of Davis, Kinard & Company (the firm which does the routine annual audit for the county). That audit which was completed on August 17, found that "the records were being properly maintained and an appropriate accounting system was utilized."

On Oct. 4, Judge McCoy ruled that Love Hayes & Musick could continue their audit, but the results should be turned over to him for review. It is this audit, as reported by Love, which should be completed this week.



SANTA'S HELPERS—Floydada will once again shine with an assortment of lighted Christmas decorations placed throughout the city by the combined efforts of Lighthouse Electric, SPS, and the City of Floydada. The decorations themselves were paid for, over the years, by businesses who adopted the decorations. The frames were designed by city employee, Connie Galloway, built by the FFA classes and then decorated by the city employees. Shown here is Randy Duke of SPS erecting a tree on Missouri Street, across from The Hesperian. —Staff photo

Courthouse Christmas tree annual lighting set Dec. 3

Beautiful new white lights will adorn the courthouse Christmas tree this year. The ceremony for the lighting of the tree will be Monday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Miss Floydada, Deanna Watson, will do the honors of switching on the lights. She will be assisted by the Little Miss and Tiny Miss Floydada.

Fanfare will follow the lighting with the arrival of Santa Claus and Sparky, the SPS mouse. Both Santa and Sparky will arrive via fire truck with siren's blaring! Santa will stay until 6:00 and then will go to Sears to visit with more children.

The women's chamber of commerce will be selling refreshments of cookies and brownies, coffee and hot chocolate. Everyone is encouraged to tie more bows on the tree.

Sponsors who contributed money for the purchase of the lights are: Southwestern Public Service, the City of Floydada, Lighthouse Electric, Cornelius Conoco, Davis & Son, Builders Mart, Brown's Implement Inc., and Floyd County Implement Co.

The chamber of commerce would eventually like to see each downtown business hang white lights on their roof line.

Cancer Society Christmas Brunch set December 15

Mark your calendar now for the American Cancer Society's Annual Christmas Brunch Saturday, Dec. 15, at the L.V. Assiter home in Floydada.

Hesperian Christmas Deadlines

The Christmas edition of The Hesperian and The Beacon will be published Dec. 20 this year.

All Santa letters and Christmas stories must be submitted by Dec. 5 in Floydada and Dec. 6 in Lockney.

Christmas greetings must be submitted by Dec. 4.

Any regular advertising or news stories for the 20th edition will have their normal deadline of the Tuesday before at 3:00 p.m. for the Hesperian; or 3:00 p.m. the Monday before, for The Beacon.

Swindlers working the Panhandle area

Information compiled by Det. S.M. Haines, Dallas Police Department

Submitted by: Floydada Police Chief James Hale and Lockney Police Chief Lennie Gilroy

Police officers who investigate home repair swindles typically encounter two groups of people, known as "Travelers" and "Gypsies". Men belonging to the group known as "Travelers", have already been seen in the Floydada and surrounding areas attempting to do asphalt driveway paving and roof repair. Some residents have already been victims of these crimes.

Although these two groups, Travelers and Gypsies, don't speak the same language, don't physically resemble each other, and as a rule do not intermarry, they have been labeled together as "Gypsies" primarily because they travel in groups across the nation and the crimes they commit have certain similarities.

By 1976, a group of door-to-door solicitors specializing in home repair swindles had been identified and classified as a "gang" which included some 300 to 500 members. Because the last name of Williamson was used by many of the members, they were referred to as "The Terrible Williamson Gang" or "The Williamson-McMillian Gang". Today, police officers who investigate home repair swindles call them "Travelers" and estimates are around 10,000 members. They are normally classified based upon their last names and ancestry.

For instance, Scotch Travelers last names are: Williamson, Galvin, Halliday, Keith, Parks, Holden, Croll, etc.; Irish Travelers: Sherlock, Gorman, Costello, Donahue, etc.; English Travelers: Boswell, Wells, Wright, Harrison, Cooper, Stanley, Small, Oaks, etc.

Unfortunately, there are at least 21 Travelers who use the name "John Sherlock." They may have ten different drivers licenses from the ten states they have worked in.

Many of the crimes committed by Travelers are similar to "American Gypsies". Rarely do these two groups associate. Gypsies will often tell the police where the Travelers are staying because they believe it will bring less heat on the Gypsy community. Travelers will usually tell the police nothing.

Although both are considered secret societies, law enforcement officers are much more knowledgeable regarding the Gypsy community. Police officers

are aware the Travelers are in town when offenses start being reported. The following crimes are committed by Travelers although it is not an all-inclusive list. Travelers may develop new scams as their culture develops and discard crimes which yield little profit.

ASPHALT DRIVEWAY SEALING/PAVING

Most of the victims are approached through door-to-door contacts. It is a very common scam and closely resembles the same Gypsy scam. Suspects offer to fix the driveway but the final price will not be what was agreed on. The asphalt mixture will crumble in two weeks. The sealant will often make the driveway look white but will wash off after the first hard rain. Travelers will often employ day laborers.

When the laborers are approached by the police, they will claim to be paid by the hour and can not give any information on the Travelers. They are often forced to stay at different motels than the Travelers. After intimidating the victim into paying an enormous price, the Traveler will cash the check immediately.

In some instances, the person who accepts the check from the victim is not the person who goes to the bank and obtains the money. These people are called "Checkboys" and officers will often have to show a line up not only to the complainant but the bank teller as well.

Travelers who specialize in swindling the elderly have the nickname of "Granny-men". The contracts are difficult to read, have fictitious names as businesses, and are often unsigned. Travelers have been known to use answering services and place ads in newspapers.

ROOF SEALING/ROOF LEAKS/REPAIR SHINGLES

Victims are again approached through door-to-door contacts. Travelers do have regular customers who have their roof sprayed every two years and never realize they have been swindled.

The substance sprayed on the roof may be form oil, motor oil or gasoline mixed with silver paint, or plain latex paint. The substance is not a fire retardant, will not prolong the life of the roof, and will not fix any leaks.

The Travelers are very neat as a rule and the equipment is normally well maintained. Gypsies, by contrast, will spray the roof, eaves, shrubs and themselves during this scam.

Any roof repair done by Travelers will be almost non-existent. They may hammer for a while or put some roofing asphalt around some pipes but rarely

replace any shingles. They then charge the victims an enormous price for the job.

HOME INVASION/BURGLARY

While engaged in a home repair scam, the victims attention is distracted and an accomplice will steal gold, cash, or jewelry. The victim may not miss the items for several days. It is not uncommon for the victim to lose more in the theft than in the home repair scam.

If the crime is reported to the police, and the suspect is identified, the suspect's attorney will obtain an affidavit of non prosecution and full restitution will be made to the victim.

BARN/HOUSE PAINTING

Travelers do the same non-existent or shoddy job. The paint is cheap and thinned down. Vans are often used with paint crews and, unlike the Gypsies, the equipment will be neat and well maintained.

LIGHTNING RODS

Travelers will often use real lightning rod equipment, but, as in other scams, will intimidate the victims into paying an enormous price for the work.

TOOL SALES

The Travelers have all the paper work needed to give the appearance of a legitimate business. The brochures, warranties, contracts, and descriptions of tools are from "Carolina Tool and Equipment Company."

The equipment is cheaply made, has an inflated price, and the warranties are actually non-existent. Once the victim buys the equipment, he cannot contact the salesman for any refund.

TRAVEL TRAILER SALES

Travelers move across the country in cheap substandard, travel trailers manufactured in Elkhart, Indiana. After stopping at a trailer park, the "for sale" sign goes up, an ad may be placed in the newspaper, and a phony invoice is shown to any prospective buyer which over inflates the value of the trailer.

Some common names of these trailers are "Impala", "Lariat", "LaSalle", "Maurader", "Monte Carlo", "Sunbeam", "Tropacan", "Royal Supreme", "Franklin Traveler", "Spartan" and "Carefree".

MISCELLANEOUS SCAMS

Travelers are reported to also be involved in linoleum installation scams, rug sales, the selling of "Irish lace", termite inspection scams, tree pruning, and auto repair scams. Some travelers are reported to commit "Honey Dipper"

scams where they alter meters on septic tanks.

TIPS FOR RECOGNIZING TRAVELERS

Travelers do not as a rule take women on home repair scams and they will obtain occupational licenses in areas where they are required.

They stay in mobile home parks or new, clean, cheaper motels. They will lease apartments and condos if they can stay together as a group. As soon as they locate a place to stay, "for sale" signs are put on the travel trailers. It is believed that this is one way they locate each other in the parks.

They pay in cash, are very secretive, very neat and clean, and afraid of germs. The group may have 25 or more members.

Older Travelers drive luxury vehicles. Continued On Page 3

Chamber sponsoring decorating contest for homes and businesses

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring a Christmas decorating contest for businesses and homes. All decorations must be in place for judging by Dec. 14.

Judges will be driven around the city, the evening of the 14th to view businesses and homes.

There will be three winners in the business category and three winners in the home decorating category. First place in each division will win \$25.00; second place wins \$15.00 and third will receive \$10.00.

If you put up decorations your home or business will automatically be judged. If you feel your home might be missed, give the chamber a call and make them aware of your address.

Be sure and remember Dec. 14th. If you plan on being gone that evening, be sure and leave your lights on!

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Shopping Days
Left Til Christmas!

Museum to host Doll's Tea Party and annual Christmas Open House December 1 and 2

Christmas events at the museum will begin on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a Doll's Tea Party.

Guests are asked to bring their favorite doll or a borrowed doll to the tea. All dolls and stuffed animals, old or new are welcome. Each guest and their doll will be registered and photographed for a

museum scrapbook.

Some dolls may only be able to visit one day, however, the museum would like for as many dolls as possible to remain for display until Dec. 21.

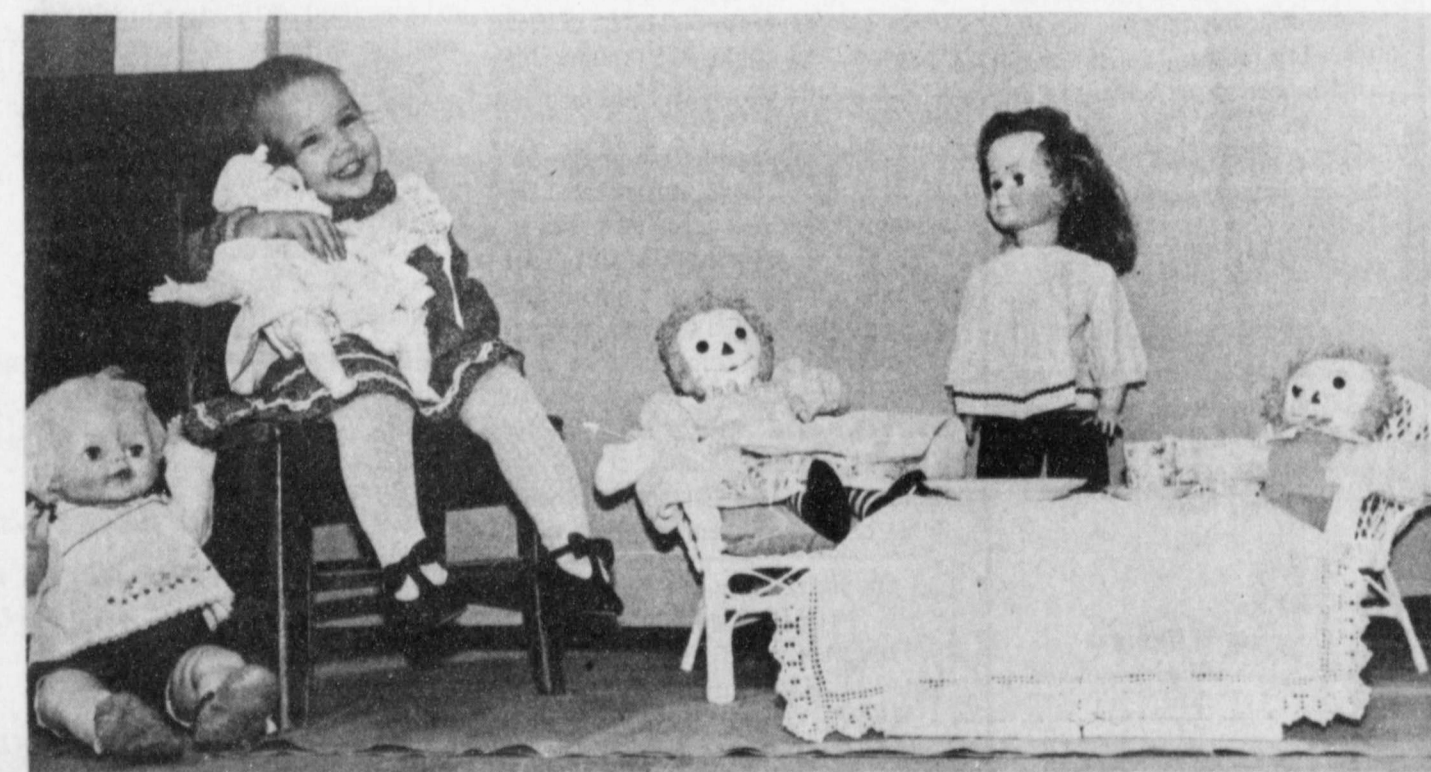
Kenneth Brose's special doll will be appearing at the tea.

The annual Christmas Open House will be held Sunday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4

p.m.

Music will be presented by Amy Thornton's piano students and the Lockney Elementary School music students. Santa Claus is expected to attend the Open House.

Refreshments will be served throughout both afternoons.



A DOLL AMONG THE TOYS -- Getting ready for the Floyd County Historical Museum Doll's Tea Party on Saturday, December 1, is little Morgan Marble. Snuggled in among a sampling of the dolls to be displayed at the event, the living doll hugs one of her favorites. Everyone is

invited to come to the party from 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon and bring their favorite doll or stuffed critter. All dolls and stuffed toys are welcome, be they old, new or borrowed. Guests and toys may register at the event.

Staff Photo

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy

There sure was a lot of happy honking outside The Hesperian office last Tuesday night, after the returns came in from the hospital's tax rollback election.

I don't think the hospital staff has come down from their cloud yet. Congratulations!

There is a story this week in The Lockney Beacon about two home burglaries that occurred in Lockney last week.

There is nothing particularly different about these burglaries compared to other Lockney or Floydada burglaries, but it made me think of something I wanted to say about our coverage of police news.

Sometimes, we get accused of just being nosy when we report on the crime in the county and the charges that are made in county court and district court.

Maybe we are being nosy, but that's our job. Besides—we are doing it to help out the community, not hurt the community.

We try and not report the victim's names in most instances, simply because they haven't done anything to deserve any attention. However we have no sympathy for the people who commit the crimes, whether it be DWI, assault, burglaries, thefts, etc. I'm not passing judgement, just hoping our coverage will help keep other names out of the paper.

Another reason, and the biggest reason by the way, is that the more informed the community is about the crime in their neighborhood the better chance we have of stopping it.

The police can't do it alone. Every

citizen can be an extra eye and ear for the police. If they know what to look for then they are always useful.

The problem comes when they aren't aware of what is going on. How can they help the police find a suspect, if they don't know his description?

How can the community find stolen items, if they don't know what the items are?

How can the community be on the lookout for a certain car used in burglaries if no one tells them what it looks like?

If there is a con artist operating in your neighborhood, they can be caught as soon as the paper is read and the homeowner recognizes the con.

Thank goodness that the police departments in both cities agree with this, and let the paper know about these crimes.

The cops know they can win the war with the help of all those eyes and ears out there.

Anyway—back to the story about the burglaries in the Lockney paper. You parents should check it out.

Has your son or daughter come home with a new Nintendo, and you didn't think they had the money to buy it. Maybe they said they borrowed it from a friend.

Or, has your kid rolled a bunch of change lately and taken it to the bank?

Maybe you ought to check out the story they come up with. If you think they were involved in the burglary, do them a favor and don't cover it up. Call the police.

By the way speaking of eyes and ears. The best eyes and ears the police could have going for them, are the kids at school.

You kids hear what is going on. Other kids brag about their escapades. Tell your parents. Or better yet, just tell the police. They will keep your name confidential. You don't have to worry about anyone finding out you told.

I never did understand this stigma that people place on children not to "tattle" on others who are doing wrong. They think kids will consider them a rat fink if they tell. Then of course, these kids that are afraid to turn in thieves, grow up to be adults who feel it's OK to look the other way.

I don't know if it will do any good, but I hope I can impress on my child, that it takes more strength and guts to stand by your principals of right and wrong when your young than when your grown. But if you don't stand by them when your young, you won't care when you're grown.

Floydada Police Report

Floydada police received a report on November 21, at 10:30 a.m., by a mother of a young boy who told police of an incident of indecency with a child, involving her son and a 35 year old man. Second degree felony charges have been filed on the man at this time. He has not been indicted by a grand jury at this time.

Also on November 21, at 12:45 a.m., Baez-Garcia Modesto, 48, of McCoy, was arrested for DWI. He was observed, by police, driving West on Lee Street. According to police Modesto turned north on 1st Street, drove up on the curb and then back into the street. He stopped, got out of his car and nearly fell to the ground. He was arrested and charged with DWI.

Also on Nov. 21, Ventura Gonzales, Jr., 33, of Floydada, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. He was stopped by police for a traffic offense, in the 600 block of East Houston, and could not produce his drivers license because it had been suspended.

On Nov. 24, Ricardo Ignacio Ortega, 36, of Corpus Christi, was arrested for assault. Police had received a call at 12:40 a.m., to go to the 600 block of East Lee on a domestic violence report. The wife of Ortega stated she had been assaulted and filed a complaint.

A criminal mischief was reported to police on Nov. 27, at 9:25 a.m. The First United Methodist Church, at 203 W. Kentucky, reported that the cross with a flame had been broken off the top of

CECIL HAGOOD

Funeral services were held for Cecil Lane Hagood, 85, in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Phil Carpenter, interim pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Hagood died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1990, in Caprock Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born March 23, 1905 in Ector, Texas. He moved to Tulia as a youngster and worked in his father's menswear store. In 1932 he moved to Lorenzo and started his own business with a small

department store. In 1936 he moved to Floydada and opened Hagood's Dept. Store which he operated until his retirement. He owned several small stores in this area.

He married Kathleen Jennings in 1927 in Amarillo. He served on the school board for eight years, was a Mason, a Shriner, Rotarian, was on the City Council and served as chairman of the Red Cross during World War II.

He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Dan of Floydada; one sister, Brady Bris-

coe of Dallas; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A son, Kelly, died in 1957.

INA M. HAMMONDS

Funeral services for Ina M. Hammonds, 81, were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the First Baptist Church of Floydada with the Rev. Howell Farnsworth, pastor, and the Rev. James Hunton, her son-in-law and Baptist pastor of California, officiating. Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hammonds died Friday, Nov. 23, 1990, in the Parkview Community Hospital in Riverside, Calif.

She was born April 4, 1909 in Vernon. She moved to Floyd County in 1917 from Vernon and was secretary to the school tax assessor in Floydada for several years. She was a member of Texas State Teachers Association and Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynda Hunton of Riverside, Calif.; one sister, Jean Newberry of Wolfe City; one brother, James Milton "Buck" Sims of Orange; and three grandchildren.



TODD BOX of Mt. Pleasant displays the antler spread on this ten-point whitetail he shot last week in Motley County. The buck dressed out at 119 pounds, which is larger than the average taken in this area of the state. --Staff photo

Trophy Whitetail deer is bagged in Motley County

By Bill Gray

A deer hunting venture was successful for a Mt. Pleasant man last week as Todd Box dropped a large whitetail while hunting on private land ten miles southeast of Roaring Springs in Motley County. The ten-point buck dressed out at 119-pounds and had an eighteen inch

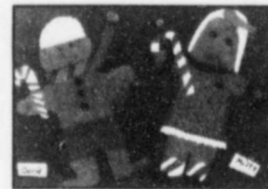
spread.

Using a Savage 270, Bushnell scope, and 130-grain "warm" hand-load ammunition, Box shot the buck in the heart from a distance of about forty yards. The deer was brought to Caprock Meat Company in Floydada for processing.

According to Caprock's owner Bill Hicks, "It was one of the larger whitetails I've seen taken from this area." As deer season continues, there are reports of a number of large trophy class mule deer in the Quitaque-Turkey vicinity. The season ends on January 8.

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WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Nov. 21	71	57
Nov. 22	67	47
Nov. 23	72	40
Nov. 24	78	40
Nov. 25	78	40
Nov. 26	78	57
Nov. 27	60	44

Obituaries

VIVIAN MORRIS

Graveside services for Vivian Morris, 70, of Dallas were at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in Silverton Cemetery with Ted Kingery, minister of Silverton Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home of Silverton.

Mrs. Morris died Thursday, Nov. 22, 1990, at 7:10 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

She was born Vivian Ingram on July 9, 1920 in Floydada. She married Roy Morris on April 14, 1939 in Silverton. He died on March 24, 1984.

A former Silverton resident, she was a homemaker and member of the Silverton Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Arnold Morris of Dallas; a daughter, Gretchen Whitfield of Dothan, Ga.; a sister, Ellen Bradley of Plainview; a brother, Jack Ingram of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

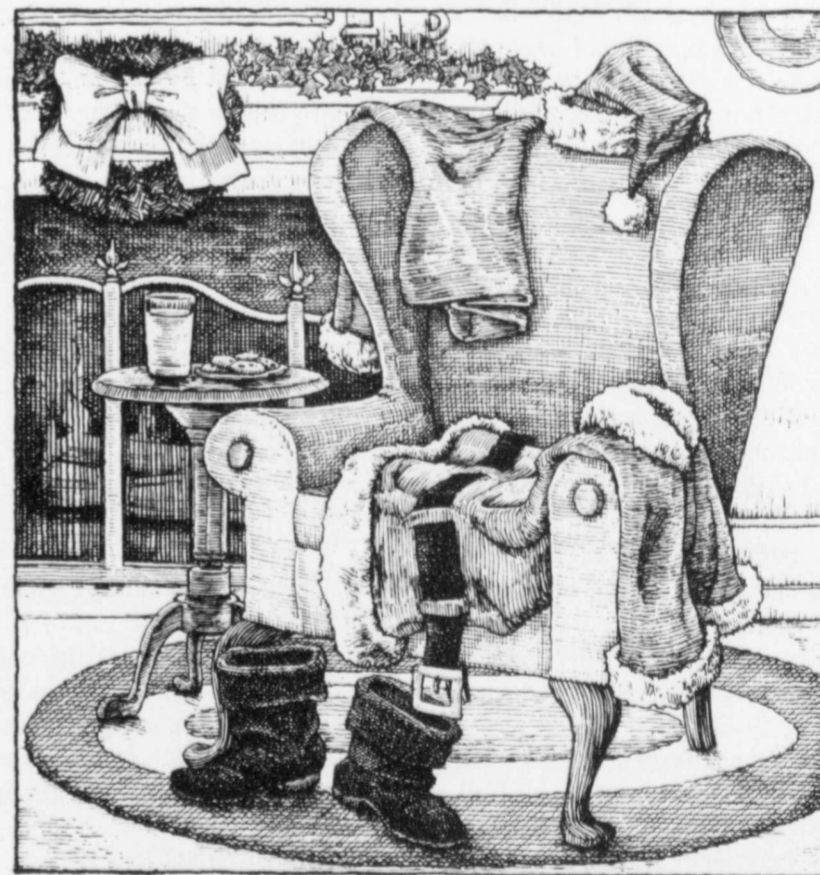
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R.C. Andrews students featured artists at FNB during December

Every month of the year, the First National Bank of Floydada features a bank artist whose work can be found on display in the lobby for the entire month.

This month, the featured artist will be the 300 art students of R.C. Andrews art teacher, Gail Hale.

"I teach the whole school," said Hale. "Every student's work will be displayed at the bank. With the help of the PTA, we will put up some pictures beginning this Friday after school. In two weeks those will be taken down and replaced by other student's art."

The artwork on display will be a collection of: print making pattern pictures, craypas drawings, abstract drawings, three dimensional artwork, cut-out pictures of seascapes, drawings and Dioramas.

"We have been studying the artists Edward Hicks and John James Audobon. The students have duplicated the techniques of these artists. They have drawn and used the same colors as the pictures of the American birds done by Audobon.

"The Dioramas are book boxes. The

children take out their favorite library book and make a replica of the book. Inside the book box they build a three dimensional scene depicting a favorite story in the book.

"The art show was such a success several years ago, when we presented our work at the bank, that we have been asked to come back. I urge everyone to come to the bank and see their children's work. It is a great time to come out, since lots of parents can't make it to the school during their business hours to see the work done by the students."



ARTISTS OF THE MONTH—A few of Gail Hale's 300 R.C. Andrews art students show some of the art they will be displaying at the First National Bank in Floydada during the month of December. Pictured are (back row, l-r) Rachel Hinojosa, 6C; Christy Hale, 6B; Nicole Coronado, 6A; Adam Soto, 6D; Gail Hale, art teacher; (center

row, l-r) Kyle Pierce, 5D; George Guzman, 5B; Maria Coss, 5C; Angie Medrano, 5A; Luis Torres, Functional Living; (front row, l-r) Carissa Coursey, 4C; Gilbert Garza, 4A; Chris Sanchez, 4B; Johnny Steely, 4E; and Jose Ramirez, 4D.

—Staff photo

Swindlers working the Panhandle

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hicles. They younger members may drive sporty type vehicles. The Scotch/Irish Travelers prefer full size pick up trucks with toppers. Many of these vehicle have twist lock devices on the side of the topper for easy loading of spray equipment. It is also believed that these twist locks are one way Travelers can locate each other driving down the highway or in camp grounds.

The "Murphy Village" Travelers prefer short bed pick up trucks with metal racks as opposed to toppers.

It has been recently noted that on several Travelers vehicles the Code of Arms of Scotland was on the back window.

Travelers are large property owners although they may not live on the property. In Florida, Travelers have bought and sold mobile home parks.

They have opened a company called "Ryanco Partners Ltd" with offices in Phoenix and Glendale, California. They have also opened a company called "J & R Enterprises" in Pomona, California. These companies purport to be a manufacturer of women's handbags and leather goods. They will verify employment of almost any Traveler.

Many Travelers belong to the Masonic Lodge and, as a group, are very religious. Most have only a few years of formal education. Travelers usually are not violent with victims although they have been known to exhibit violence toward each other. They are heavy gamblers but have not, as of yet, been known to traffic in narcotics.

AVOID BEING THE VICTIM

The best way to avoid being the victim of a Traveler is to use only local

established businesses or those recommended to you by friends.

Legitimate businesses will not mind being checked out through the Better Business Bureau, the Consumers Fraud Division of the Attorney General's Office, or your police department.

If you are considering using the services of a door-to-door home repair salesman, call your police department first for advice and information. Make it clear beforehand that you will not pay for any services until you are sure it is satisfactory.

Firearms are third-ranked cause of children's accidental deaths

The fall and winter months are the main hunting seasons in Texas. Consequently, advertising for hunting equipment, ammunition and firearms, plus a few news stories about hunting accidents tend to heighten public awareness about firearm dangers.

However, while some firearm-related deaths occur among hunters (12 in 1989), even more people—including children—are accidentally killed in homes where guns are kept for self-defense. These domestic tragedies occur throughout the year.

According to officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH), mishaps with firearms of all types are the third leading cause of accidental death among children ages 5-14 (after motor vehicle accidents and drowning). Most of these shootings can be attributed to adult irresponsibility in allowing children access to loaded guns.

In a recent report in "Texas Medicine," the journal of the Texas Medical Association, TDH's Dr. Patti Patterson said that firearm accidents comprise less than 5 percent of shooting deaths among adults, "but they are a major part of

(firearm-related) mortality in children." Dr. Patterson is pediatric consultant to the TDH Associate Commissioner for Family Health Services.

Dr. Patterson and her co-author, Dr. Alfonso Holguin, a professor of epidemiology at San Antonio's UT School of Public Health, found that from 1984 through 1989, some 337 Texas children younger than 15 died from firearm injuries. About 43 percent of those deaths were accidental, while 41 percent were intentional homicides, 15 percent were suicides and the cause of the remaining 1 percent was unknown.

The authors said that their own research and other studies confirm that most fatal shooting accidents among children occur in homes, when unsupervised children play with loaded, improperly stored guns. "Many tragic incidents have occurred when children have mistaken real guns for toys," Dr. Patterson said.

Dr. Patterson recommends that physicians counsel parents about potential dangers posed by firearms in the home. In addition, she advises parents who

decide they need to keep a gun at home to follow basic firearm safety rules:

- * Never keep a gun loaded, either in the house or in a car;
- * Keep guns and ammunition locked in separate places;
- * Always treat a gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire;
- * Never allow children access to a gun;
- * Have a gunsmith check antique or souvenir guns to be sure they are disarmed, preferably modifying them so they can not fire; and
- * Be sure that gun owners in homes where children may visit also follow the same safety rules.

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By... EDD V. HENDERSON, JR. CPA

SHOULD YOU ITEMIZE?

It's always been a given fact that itemizing will save on taxes and, indeed, if your deductions are considerable, it's still a good idea. But the increase in the standard deduction may make those on the borderline think twice.

Standard deduction for 1990 is \$5,450 on a joint return, \$3,250 for singles, and \$4,750 for heads of household. (For next year, we can expect the figures will be indexed upwards again.) Those who are 65 before the end of the year may deduct another \$800 if single or \$1,300 for married couples who are both over that age or blind.

It's a good idea to do the necessary arithmetic (or get professional help) to figure out the better course. It's not too late to take the standard deduction, postpone deductible payments like taxes and dues, and plan to itemize next year. Conversely, if earnings are expected to decline next year, it might be more advantageous to itemize now and take the standard deduction in 1991.

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Insurance fraud takes a variety of forms, including some that present an immediate and direct threat to individual consumers.

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One of the most common insurance crimes occurs when an agent pockets a premium payment instead of forwarding it to an insurance company to secure coverage for a client.

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Of the 161 agents whose licenses were revoked by the Commissioner of Insurance in the fiscal year that ended August 31, 1990, most had pocketed premiums.

How can a consumer defend against this type of fraud?

First, try to do business only with agents who have a good reputation in your community. Talk to your friends, relatives and acquaintances and learn from their experiences.

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Make sure you get your policy within a reasonable time. It must be an original; do not accept a copy.

Another form of fraud is "unauthorized insurance"—the sale of policies by companies and agent that are not licensed or otherwise entitled to do business in Texas.

Policies issued by unauthorized insurance companies have no backing by Texas guaranty funds, which pay valid claims against companies that have gone broke.

Unauthorized insurers operate in the shadows, outside the law. Typically, they offer cheap coverage but cannot keep their promise to pay your claims. They seldom come to the attention of the State Board of Insurance until people file complaints after they are hurt. It is easy to find out if a company or agent is licensed.

The State Board of Insurance has a toll-free consumer "hotline" where you can get answers to these questions. The number is 1-800-252-3439.

Remember, the questions you need to

ask are:

* Is this agent licensed? (It helps to have his or her full name and address if the name is a common one.)

* Is this company licensed to do business in Texas? (Be sure you have the company's exact name because some names sound alike.)

You are encouraged to report unlicensed companies and agents to the State Board of Insurance and to file complaints with the Board if you feel you have been victimized. All complaints are investigated.

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Jimmy Parker elected TASFAA president

Jimmy Parker son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker of Floydada, has been elected President of the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA).

TASFAA is an organization of financial aid professionals with membership of approximately 260 institutions of higher education across the state of Texas.

During his term of office he will be responsible for coordinating training and responding to legislative issues, both state and federal, for the association.

Parker is currently Director of Financial Aid at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

He is a 1974 graduate of Floydada High School.

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Saint Ralph?

By Edwin Feulner

Baseball great Pete Rose; Washington D.C., Mayor Marion Barry; televangelist Jim Bakker; actor Rock Hudson—all popular public figures, now known to be somewhat less than they pretended. But the greatest pretender of all still bathes in the glow of an adoring media: "consumer advocate" Ralph Nader.

For years, Nader has passed himself off as the nation's leading consumer advocate, protecting Americans from the "evils" of big business. A man who cannot be bought.

But information appearing recently in Forbes magazine makes a strong case that Nader's constant crusading may be driven by more than just noble intentions. In fact, it appears that he has a cozy relationship with the nation's plaintiff lawyers—the ambulance chasers who have helped drive up insurance rates, and boost consumer prices with their personal injury lawsuits.

It's more than just coincidence that these same lawyers are a major source of money for Nader's tax-exempt empire. "We are what supports Nader," Florida lawyer Frederic Levin—who earned \$7.5 million in 1988—told Forbes. "We con-

tribute to him, and he fundraises through us." And Texas' Pat Maloney, who earns more than \$6 million a year in litigation fees, confessed: "We support him [Nader] overtly, covertly, in every way possible. I should think we give him a huge percentage of what he raises."

What these, and other lawyers get for their money is Nader's unchallenged ability to generate unfavorable hype about allegedly faulty products—the kind of scare stories that make it easier for lawyers to win huge settlements from publicity-shy corporations. Nader also helps them defeat legislation that would limit the amount of money juries can award in liability cases—and the amount that lawyers can collect in fees.

"Whenever a state Trial Lawyer's Association (TLA) has a bill that they are really concerned about," a former TLA official told Forbes, "they bring in Ralph."

So what does all of this cost the consumer? Plenty. Bloated liability settlements force companies to spend millions on insurance, hire expensive lawyers of their own, and make all sorts of unnecessary and expensive product modifications to fend off the sharks. All of these costs are passed on to the consumer—mainly in the form of higher prices on goods—costing our economy more than \$117 billion, according to one estimate.

If Nader truly was concerned about guarding consumer interests, he would work to put a reasonable cap on outrageous liability awards. But it's not likely to happen. Nader's lawyer-contributors collect more than 40 cents out of every dollar awarded to their clients for damages—a total of more than \$10 billion a year.

Not surprisingly, with all of this money floating around, Nader has done quite well for himself. Although he claims that he lives on less than \$15,000 a year, and does not ever own a car, Forbes reported that he actually lives in a \$1.5 million townhouse in Washington, D.C., and routinely rides around in limousines. (So who needs a car?) He apparently makes more than \$1 million a year in speaking fees along, the poor fellow.

It's time to shelve the image of Nader as a rumpel, fist-in-the-air defender of six-pack America. If Forbes is correct, the man New Republic magazine once called "Saint Ralph" looks a lot more like a fallen angel.

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Floydada Nursing Home Happenings

By Jo Bryant

Hi, guess everyone survived the Thanksgiving Day with turkey and all the trimmings. Haven't the days been just beautiful? I spent a most enjoyable day in the country Saturday, enjoyed the warm sunshine, walk and picked up some pecans.

Monday started the week out as usual, with morning coffee and juice. Irene Wexler came and played the piano for us, we sang some songs about counting our blessings and gave thanks for what we were thankful for. Bro. Bill Wright couldn't be with us, so I shared Ps. 105-3, "Giving thanks to the Lord, for He is good." At 2 p.m. the residents had current events and popcorn. We discussed the holiday and how they used to spend it and what they were thankful for.

Tuesday was the Thanksgiving party for the residents. The ladies from the Companions 'n' Caring came and gave a program. Ruth McIntosh played the piano for us and we sang several songs. Shirley Varner read an article on the first Thanksgiving and how it would be like if you had been there; it was very interesting. Dolores Cannon read about what Thanksgiving means to others. Then the residents were served delicious pies of all sorts. Those serving the residents were: Ola Smith, Leona Neff, Shirley Varner, Dolores Cannon and Ruth McIntosh.

Thanks a lot volunteers, we couldn't do it without you.

Wednesday, Bro. Sammy and Irene Rodriguez came and shared with us. Irene brought two children, girls with her who did special songs and acted them out. Irene played several songs on her flute. "Amazing Grace" and "Because He Lives". At 2 p.m. the residents played Bingo. Ruth Smitherman had the first Bingo. Mary Alice Davis came and assisted the residents. We had a full house.

Thursday was Thanksgiving Day, some of the residents went visiting with their loved ones, others had visitors. I must say thanks are in order for the delicious meal here at the Nursing

Home, as I came and ate, thanks Dorothy Kerr, you did it again.

Friday, Faye Benson came and gave the devotion on Lazarus. She brought us some guests, Jan Smith and her two lovely daughters, Shannan and Lisa. They sang and acted out some beautiful songs. They really did enjoy it. There wasn't a bus ride Friday as Wilma Payne had the day off. We had a sing-a-long in the evening and some had visitors.

We want to welcome a new resident, Mrs. Sophia Lackey, she is the mother of Betty Holmes. Also we want to wish, Ruth Smitherman and Walter Hanna a quick recovery from their illness.

Measure Your Lifetime in Blessings

Measure your lifetime in blessings, Not in the years you have known. Count up the number of people you've touched. Add up the Love you have shown.

Yes, measure your lifetime in blessings, and you'll remain in your prime, For youth is a feeling you keep in your heart, Whether seven or seventy-nine. —Larry Sandman

Visitors this week were: Wayland Faulkenberry, Freida Brooks of Paducah, Linda Crader, Ola Smith, Pauline Robertson, Sue Gentry of Brownfield, Lynda Cash of Crosbyton, Angeline Reynolds, Tina Wolford, Mrs. Henry Hawkins, Willie Mae Smith, May Sue, Betty Holmes, Wendell Lackey of Arlington, Linda and Lisa Crader, Irene Wexler, Bro. Sammy and Irene Rodriguez, Mac and Teresa Poage of Midland, Jaye, Dea, Misty and April Miller, Virginia Pyle, Ruth Hammonds, Ann Glasscock, Edith Muncy, Frances Hambright, Roberta Hardin, Faye Benson, Jan Smith and Shannan and Lisa Smith, Al Benson and James Edd Russell.

Alpha Sigma Upsilon deliver Thanksgiving baskets to families

Alpha Sigma Upsilon, Chapter Beta Sigma Phi met at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Darolyn Snell on November 20, 1990.

Members gathered supplies and delivered three Thanksgiving baskets to two individuals and one couple, helping them have a happy Thanksgiving.

Darolyn Snell served a very nice dinner of chicken spaghetti, rolls, salad, iced tea, and for dessert, apple cider and pie. The meeting was called to order with all members standing for opening rituals. Roll was called with seven present and two excused absences. Beta Sigma Phi received a letter asking to help the Central Plains MHMR Center of Plainview's Christmas programs. After discussion, Hope Warren made the motion that the club should help people in our local community for Christmas. The motion was seconded and passed. Ellen Enriquez made the motion that once again this year, to donate money to the Floyd County Child Welfare Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Robbie Odom appointed Beth Riddle as assistant treasurer until Anna Rivera can resume the office.

The Christmas party was moved from Tuesday, December 18, to Wednesday, December 19, due to conflicts with parent/student participation in a play scheduled at Duncan Elementary School.

Beta Sigma Phi hostesses were set up for January and February 1991, and committees were finalized.

A raffle was brought by Donna Webb, and won by Darolyn Snell.

Members all stood for closing rituals and mizpah. Everyone thanked Darolyn and said goodnight.

Ellen Enriquez is hostess for the next meeting, it will be at 6:30 p.m.



FHA-HERO STUDENTS HELP WITH COMMODITIES--The FHA-HERO class assisted in distributing commodities at the Massie Activity Center this past week. The class is taught by Mrs. Joyce Williams. --Staff Photo

Senior Citizens News

By Thelma Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Glover and son of Dallas spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. Hatley, the Jessie Glover's and the Pat Bullock's.

Sympathy to Mrs. Emily Johnston on the loss of her daughter; Mrs. Alma Rape on the loss of her nephew; also to the family of Mrs. Ina S. Hammonds.

Mary Wilson accompanied her son, Dwayne and Glenda Wilson to Plainview and had dinner with Glenda Mather on Thanksgiving Day.

Beulah Baker spent the holidays in Lubbock visiting relatives.

There was a large crowd who attended the birthday party Saturday afternoon for Lula Teague.

Buddy and Barbara Hatley had as their guest over the holidays, their sons and families and her mother, Mrs. Ruth Dutton.

Mrs. Peggy Medley spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Debora Guffee and Kandi.

Guests of Mrs. Valree Turner one day last week were her nephew and wife of Colorado, nieces, Pearl Croft, Wanda Heathington of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Pierce of Lubbock, the Leroy Burns', Travis Youngs', Robert Turner's and Doyle Turner's of Floydada, her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Freeman spent a night in Lubbock with their daughter, Mrs. Wanda Armstrong and had an appointment with her doctor.

Jewel Martin and Norma spent the holidays in Mareta, Oklahoma, with relatives.

Mrs. Orval Newberry and Mrs. William Bertrand visited Mrs. Eula Battey Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ollie DeFreese and Mrs. Jayma Lewallen had their grandchildren with them for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Turner have had company the last few days from Mesquite, Texas.

Pat and Lindsay Shelby of Lubbock came Thursday and picked up Myria Dade for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hunter spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Barbara McCormick and family in Lubbock.

Mrs. Crawford Sandefur and her brother, Robert Crawford of Childress have been visiting this week with their sister in Tennessee.

Mrs. Harvey Tardy and Lanell had company Thanksgiving. Visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dale Tardy, Mrs. Dot Golightly and Mr. Joel Tardy and boys of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tardy and family of Arlington, Mrs. Virgil Martin of Hale Center, Alma Smith, Mary Louise McPherson, Thelma Jones, Viola Golightly of Floydada and Carl Tardy of Roaring Springs.

Beatrice Fields and two daughters of Dallas and Mrs. Pearl Gamble of Dallas visited Myria Dade Friday.

Mrs. W.L. (Cora) Hartline spent the

holidays with her son, James Hartline and family in Levelland. James brought her home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Valree Turner had several of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren over for Thanksgiving. Also guests were L.D. Britton and Rebecca Smith.

Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong had as her guest Thanksgiving, her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Snell and Margaret Rodgers of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McKinney of Floydada, their son, James McKinney and family of Dallas, Mrs. Benja McKinney of Clovis, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snell and family, Floydada.

Ethel Warren spent from Tuesday until Friday with her son, Bill and Johnnie B. in Amarillo. She also got to see all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who live up there. Saturday morning, Kelly, Sheri and Brandon visited. Sunday, Melinda and Kelly and two children visited her.

There was a large crowd attending the golden anniversary for Son and Fay Jackson Thursday afternoon at their home. Hostesses were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Button Beedy of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dunn of Houston. They also visited his mother, Mrs. Alma Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilks of Tulia visited his mother, Mrs. W.J. Wilks Saturday night. Also visiting Mrs. Wilks Sunday afternoon was Mrs. Monola Ray Day from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Webb spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert in Lubbock and

their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrod of Lubbock.

Mrs. Rubye Davis spent several days in Amarillo with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Holladay and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis and family of Blossom, Texas, and were there also. All of the Ruby Davis family was there; 27 in all, grandchildren and great.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Aien and family spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Wester.

Mrs. C.H. Wise and Denton visited her brother, L.L. Denton and wife in Lubbock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Webb Monday afternoon.

Bob and Evalene Goodnight are visiting in California this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gee and family of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent Wednesday night and Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gee.

Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Holland spent the holidays with their sons, Rick and David in Arlington, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holland of Ft. Worth and family spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Huckabee have had as their guests for several days their daughters.

Mr. Julian Edmonston of Borger visited Mrs. Eula Battey Monday afternoon.

There were several I couldn't reach by telephone. If you have any news call me at 983-3296 by 11:00 on Tuesday morning. I would appreciate it.



Look Who's New

BROOKS

Walker and Christi Brooks are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Destiny Rae Brooks. She was born in College Station Nov. 24 at 12:35 a.m., weighing 5 lbs. 14 ozs.

Grandparents are Harold and Charlene Norrell and Ray and Carol Brooks, all of Floydada.

Great-grandparent is Willie McCormick of Floydada.

ELLISON

Craig and Julie Ellison are proud to announce the birth of a son, Tyler Craig, on Thursday, November 15, at 7:37 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Kyler weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are Barbara Ellison of Lockney and Shirley Morton of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Ellison of Aiken, Sunshine Hanks of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhea of Graham and Velma Morton of Bridgeport.

We Salute...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Nov. 29: Mary Garza, Jerry Smith

Friday, Nov. 30: Karen Turner
Saturday, Dec. 1: Q.D. Williams, Wilma Gowens

Sunday, Dec. 2: Analisa Marie Enriquez, Abel Aleman, Zach Nutt
Monday, Dec. 3: Elaine LaBaume, Jennifer Martinez, Lamont Black

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Stacey Kinast, W. Dale Goen, Todd Washington
Wednesday, Dec. 5: Bill Wright, Christina Aleman, Percy Edwards

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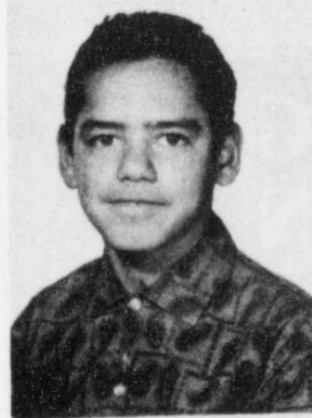
Tuesday, Dec. 4: Raymond and Mary Poole

Floyd Data

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norris hosted a family gathering in their home on Nov. 18. Those in attendance included Billy and Karen Norris, Matthew and Melissa of Buffalo Valley, Tenn., Shannon and Julie Norris and Madison of Lubbock, Tom and Kathy Taylor, Mike and Barbara of Crosbyton and Joe Taylor, Crosbyton.

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R.C. Andrews PTA recognizes parents and teachers this month

At the school board meeting held on Nov. 13, R.C. Andrews PTA President Debra Jo Fawver, recognized the Educator of the Month and the Parent Volunteer of the Month.

The recipient of the "Helping Hands" Award as Parent Volunteer of the Month was Mary Molinar.

Mrs. Molinar has three children, Michael, age 12; Erbey, 9, and April 7. She is currently attending Wayland Baptist University, majoring in Elementary Education and lacks one year in receiving her teaching certificate.

She has worked with the headstart program for 10 years. She is married to Erbey Molinar who works for Wal-Mart Distributors.

Mrs. Fawver said that Mrs. Molinar is

always willing to help in any way she can. She never says no. Mrs. Fawver also told those in attendance that it is great to have parents who are so willing to give of their time to help in the schools. Mrs. Molinar was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Doris McLain was presented the "Educator of the Month" Award by Mrs. Fawver.

Mrs. McLain has been teaching for 25 years, this being her 26th year. She teaches Remedial Reading at R.C. Andrews presently. She has taught 5th grade self-contained classes, 5th grade Math and Remedial Reading for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades for the past 15 years. She also taught Gifted and Talented classes for those three grades for eight years.

She was selected as "Teacher of the Year" at one time. She has belonged to

and held offices in many organizations including Study Club, Women's Chamber of Commerce, the Art Association, and has been on the board of the American Cancer Society for over 20 years. She has three children and three grandchildren.

She was selected as Miss Floydada in 1946 as was her daughter, Marilyn in 1966. She received her degree in Home Economics in Costume Design and Interior Decoration from Texas Tech.

She would like to travel following retirement. Her philosophy is "This is the beginning of a new day to use as I will. I can waste it, or use it for some good purpose. But, what I do with this day is important, because I have exchanged a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. I hope that I will not regret the price I have paid for it."



FEATURE TEACHER -- Linda Crader is the Duncan Feature Teacher for the week. Married to Jimmy Crader and the mother of two, a 15 year old son, Scott and a 12 year old daughter, Lisa, Crader is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M.S. Robertson. She graduated from FHS and attended Wayland Baptist University and Texas Tech. She taught 3 years in Lockney and has been teaching for 17 years in Floydada. She enjoys photography, reading and shopping.

Staff Photo

Police chief to address R.C. Andrews PTA

R.C. Andrews PTA will be having its second meeting of the school year on Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:00 in the school cafeteria. There will be a short business meeting at the beginning and Mr. Bobby Rainer's choir will be singing following the business.

Floydada's Chief of Police James Hale and Lt. Ralph Bowen, Head of Special Investigations Narcotics Task Force from Lubbock, will then present a program on drugs. The entire community is invited to this program. It should be a very informative program and of great benefit to the community. Parents, students and school personnel are encouraged to attend.

The PTA would like anyone who has suggestions of programs that would benefit the community to let them know. You may do so by contacting R.C. Andrews PTA President Debra Jo Fawver or R.C. Andrews principal Ellen Enriquez.

A. B. Duncan Honor Roll

Greetings!

We have had an exciting two six weeks. We viewed our third grade TAAS results. From all indications, we did great.

We have slowed down and are going to enjoy the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are such magical time at A.B. Duncan. Please come and join us as we truly celebrate the holidays.

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Mrs. Weir, Principal

3RD SIX WEEKS

Early Education

1. IDENTIFY AND NAME PIECES OF FURNITURE

a. television b. chair c. table d. bed e. couch, f. bathtub g. toilet/potty h. telephone i. lamp/light

2. THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE
a. stove b. refrigerator c. clock/watch d. washer/dryer e. iron/ironing board f. broom g. vacuum cleaner h. mop i. dustpan

3. IDENTIFY AND NAME KITCHEN UTENSILS

a. cup b. plate c. bowl d. spoon e. fork f. knife g. napkin h. glass/cup

4. SEASON/HOLIDAY: WINTER - a. snow THANKSGIVING - a. sharing b. giving c. loving d. friend

5. COLORS: Purple and Orange

6. SHAPE: Triangle

7. NURSERY RHYMES: Little Jack

8. SELF-HELP: Develop simple classroom chores

9. HEALTH: Safety around the school grounds

10. GROSS MOTOR: Able to move in relation to objects - a. throwing b. catching

11. FINE MOTOR: Painting and Clay Molding

12. COGNITION: A. Quantitative - a. empty/full b. less/more B. Directional - a. beginning/end b. on/off c. open/closed d. above/below

13. SOCIAL: Eats appropriately and independently

Kindergarten

November - December

LANGUAGE ARTS - 1. Rhythm 2. Repetition 3. Alliteration 4. Rhyme 5. Alphabet recognition

MATH - 1. Numbers 0 - 8

SCIENCE - 1. Wheels/transportation

2. Land and water forms 3. Living and

non-living

SOCIAL STUDIES - a. Symbols and models 2. Christmas 3. Basic needs

HEALTH - 1. Maintenance of life 2. Nutrition

First Grade

December

LANGUAGE ARTS: 1. Vowel-Consonant - E 2. Medial Consonants 3. Nouns-Verbs 4. Alphabetizing

MATH: 1. Addition - Subtraction to 10 2. Fractions 3. Time 4. Counting sequence to 100

SCIENCE: 1. Magnets 2. Winter Seasons 3. Senses and body parts

SOCIAL STUDIES: 1. Christmas Around the World 2. Dental Health

Second Grade

December

LANGUAGE ARTS: 1. Adjectives and pronouns 2. Details 3. Main ideas 4. Prefix/suffix 5. Describing paragraphs

6. Poetry

MATH: 1. Clocks 2. Addition with regrouping 3. Place value to 100 4. Problem solving

SCIENCE: 1. Things in Our World (Matter) 2. Our Earths Air and Water

SOCIAL STUDIES: 1. Getting Along With Our Neighbors 2. Working Unit 3. Christmas Around the World

Third Grade

December

LANGUAGE ARTS: 1. Details - Reading 2. Usage - Adjectives, verbs 3. Christmas Writing

MATH: 1. Subtraction - regrouping 2. Measurement

SCIENCE: 1. Matter 2. Simple Machines

SOCIAL STUDIES: 1. People and Communities

Music

3rd Six Weeks

SKILLS:

K - Discriminate High/Low Sounds; Imitate Melodic Patterns; Move with a Steady Beat; Imitate and Perform Word Rhythms; Discriminate Loud/Soft Sounds; Listen and Identify Music Forms; Recognize the Difference between Melody and Accompaniment.

1st - Demonstrate Knowledge of Rhythmic Concepts; Compare and Contrast Up/Down Directionality; Discriminate Up/Down Sounds; Apply Correct Breathing Techniques; Discriminate Long/Short Sounds; Discriminate Loud/Soft Sounds; Move with a Steady Beat; Discriminate Even/

Uneven Sounds; Recognize Mood (of a song); Differentiate between Melody and Accompaniment; Compare and Contrast Loud/Soft Sounds.

2nd - Demonstrate Knowledge of Rhythmic Concepts; Identify Melodic Notation; Discriminate High/Low Sounds; Compare and Contrast Up/Down Directionality; Move with a Steady Beat; Imitate and Perform Rhythmic Patterns; Compare and Contrast Dynamics; Differentiate between Melody and Accompaniment; Recognize Mood; Listen and Identify Music Forms; Discriminate Long/Short Sounds; Apply Correct Breathing Techniques; Recognizing Instruments by Sounds (with Game).

3rd - Discriminate Fast/Slow and Loud/Soft Sounds; Recognize Mood; Demonstrate Knowledge of Rhythmic Concepts and Harmonic Concepts; Identify Melodic Notation; Compare and Contrast Same/Different Rhythms; Recognize Tone Color Characteristics; Move with a Steady Beat; Recognize Instruments by Sound; Recognize Contrasting Sections; Accompany with Body Percussion (Game/Songs); Recognize Repeated Sections.

ACTIVITIES

K - Sing Seasonal (Christmas) and Folksongs; Hear Music That Tells a Story; Perform Axial and Movements; Identify and perform rhythmic patterns; Accompany/Rhythm and Melody Instruments; (Jan) Sing Patriotic Songs; Sing Action Songs; Move and Use Body Percussion; Listen for Expressive Movement.

1st - Sing Seasonal (Christmas), Popular and Folksongs; Accompany with Rhythm and Melody Instruments;



DUNCAN STARS -- This week's Duncan Stars include (front row, left to right) Amado Morales, Christopher Hartline, Brad Yeary, Daniel Jacob, Joshua Galvan, Madison Becker, Justin Covington, Abby Sanders; (middle row) Jennifer Ashly, Tiffany Trujillo, Analisa Enriquez, Adrian Hernandez, Felicia Garcia, Andrea

Rodriguez, Candy Bitelo, Noe Romero; (back row) Daniel Cervera, Laura Mendez, Erin Ralston, Josh Caballero, Jonathan Smith, Consuelo Medina, Clinton Fyffe, Gracie DeLa Fuente, Yolanda Avila, Jessie Delgado, Jacob Morales was also selected, but unable to be present for the picture. Staff Photo

2nd Six Weeks

1-A

"A" - Lee Roy Garza, Tina Martinez, Stephen Mendoza, Nicholas Hadderton

"A" Average - Marisa Barrientos, Jessie Lee Guzman, Crystal Ledbetter, Zane Logan, Betsy Smith, Brad Yeary

1-E

"A" - Derek Baer, Jessica Castaneda, Corey Hurt, Juharee Jones, Jonathan Martinez, Abby Sanders, Heather Ware

"A" Average - Laura Miller, Amanda Rendon

2-A

"A" - Varlorie Hartline, Jackie Lucio

"A" Average - Rick Garcia, Matthew Rainwater, Nancy VanHoose, Joe Delgado, Venessa Medina, Sam Holmes, April Fortenberry

2-B

"A" - Erin Ralston, Austin Campbell, Rocky Mendoza, April Molinar, Sylvia

"A" Average - Bambi Cochran, T.J. Fuller, Lindsey Whitten

Duncan Kids Can!

1-D

"A" - Van Jones, Scott Nixon, Tara Williams

"A" Average - Christy Acy, Allen Arvizu, Jennifer Ashley, Christy Castillo, Abelina Vasquez

2-C

"A" - Cienna Carthel, Brad Cruz, Charla Davis, Alicia Hinojosa, Mandy Holbert, Lana McCandless, Ray Perez

"A" Average - Ismael Arebalo, Josh Caballero, Ashley Enriquez, Tracy Pena

2-D

"A" - Tamara Black, Tasha Clemmons, Bonnie Dunlap, Vanessa Garcia, Jonathan Smith, Tyler Young

"A" Average - Frank Hernandez, Roger Mendoza, Irma Ortega, Christy Ortiz, Andi Probasco

2-E

"A" - Amanda Barnett, Cindy DuBois, Clinton Fyffe, Shanta Ledbetter, Joe Medrano, Nicole Odom, Lisa Smith

"A" Average - Rowdy Derryberry, Erika Equia, Valerie Garcia, Erick Gomez, Cecilia Peralez

3-A

"A" - Dusty Anderson, Erin Dawdy, Kember Everett, April Lopez, Rene Mendoza, David Rainwater, Maria Rangel, Lindsey Reddy

3-B

"A" - Gracie DeLa Fuente, Kalli Hopper, Jeffrey Lyles, Erika Miller, J.J.

Nunez, Shawnda Owens, Kelsy Pierce, Logan Schaffner

"A" Average - Cynthia Hernandez, Pablo Reyes

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Morales, Na'Lyn Simpson

"A" Average - Angie Arellano, Joe Arrendondo, Nancy Chavez, Jessie Delgado, Kathie Graves, Jessica Johnston, Nora Lira, Ruth Martinez, Lonny Nelson, Sergio Vela

3-C

"A" - Jessica Coronado, Tara Gilly, Breonna Owens

"A" Average - Kocrist Burks, Daniel Cervera, Robert Galvan, Nancy Marmolejo, Laci Martinez, Resa Mercado, Amanda Williams

3-D

"A" - Mandy Emert, Veronica Galvan, Justin McGuire, Tiffany Trujillo, Ruth Vasquez, Karen Wyrick

"A" Average - Shannon Bailey, Josh Barrientos, Alex Hadderton, Adrian Hernandez, Hector Palacios, Deborah Ysasaga

3-E

"A" - Shelly Baer, Breanna Burge, Heather Carr, Analisa Enriquez, Tiffany Henderson, Dustin Jones, Jimmy Parks

"A" Average - Cynthia Chavez, Leslie Perez, Christine Pesina, Mark Romero

3-F

"A" - Jody Bueno, Jessica Cisneros, Felicia Garcia, Nichole Hartline, Ronni Morales, Kylan Sanders, Shannan Smith

"A" Average - Yesenia Irlas, Shane Lloyd, Renan Mata, Josh Tipton

Derryberry competes for championship

Shane Derryberry will be competing on December 1 for the Junior Texas State Championship. Competition will be held at the Old Coronado Gym at 12th and Houston in Plainview.

The fights are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and are sponsored by YMCA Kenpo Karate Kickboxing. There will

be 12 bouts during the evening.

Also competing will be Dustin Hamilton, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton of Floydada. He will be vying for the West Texas Championship.

The public is invited to attend and support these young athletes.

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Senior Stars of '91

By Stacy Hinsley

Trina Ogden is the first Senior Star this week. Trina is the daughter of Alice Ogden and Tommy Ogden. Trina has one sister, Tonya Gooch.

Before moving to Floydada, Trina attended school at Parsons and at a private school. She has attended school here for 10 years.

Trina has been active in many activities while she has been in high school. She has been involved in tennis, in which she went to regionals. She has participated in golf. And last year she was vice president of FHA (Future Homemakers of America).

Trina works at My-T-Burger after school and through the DECA program.

When Trina was asked "what would you do if you could do anything you wanted to," she answered, "to study in another country."

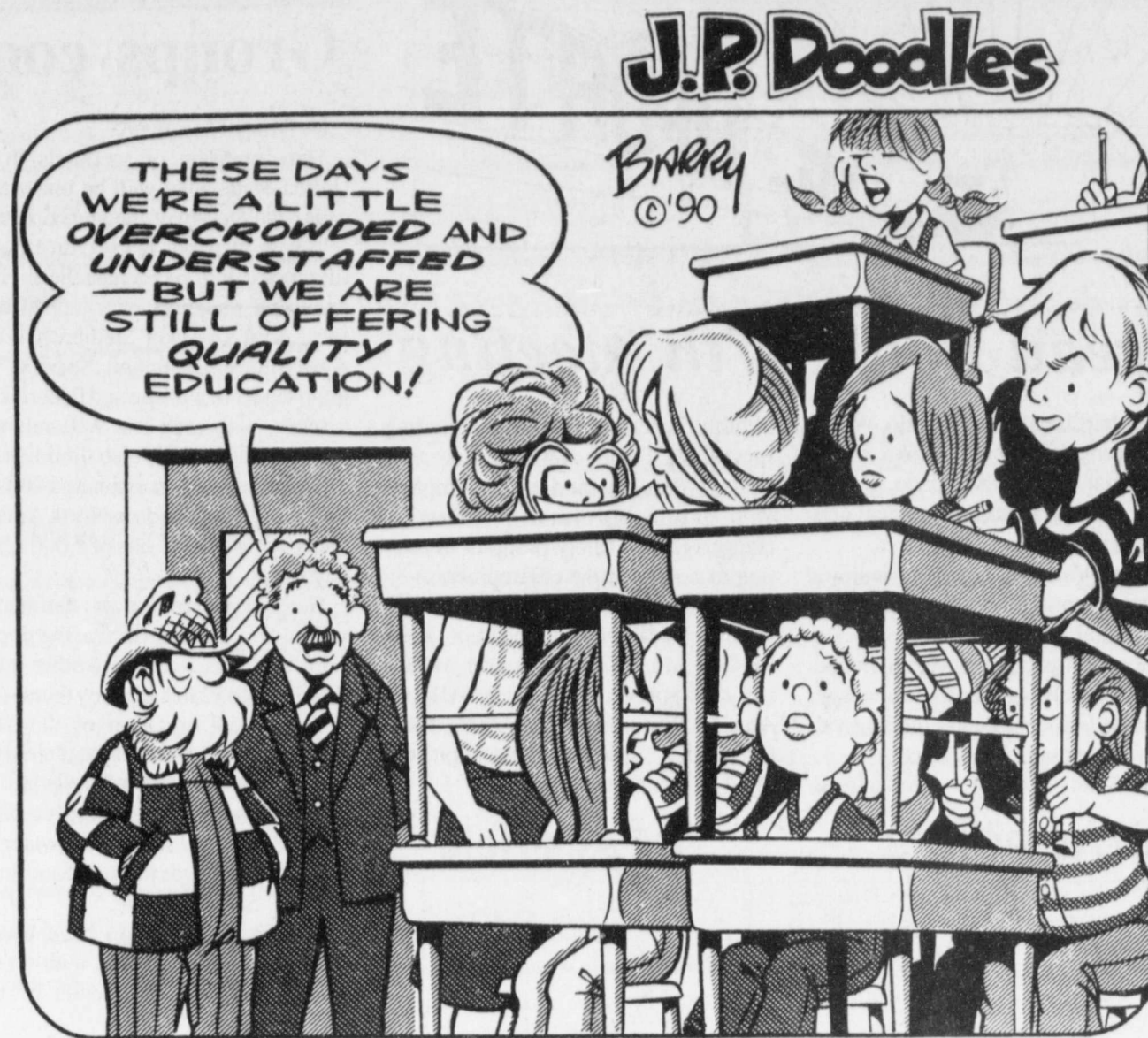
Trina's plans for the future are to attend South Plains College to be a director of a day care center.

The next senior star is Becky Porter. She is the daughter of Mary and Teddy Porter. Becky has one brother Richie, and a little sister, Alycia. Becky also has a sister, Paula, who passed away on April 1, 1988 at the age of 15 of CF (Cystic Fibrosis).

Becky has attended school here for 12 years. She has been very active in school activities. Her freshman year she was a Student Council representative and was the freshman class reporter. Her sophomore year she was a Hugh O'Brian Ambassador. This year Becky is in DECA, and she is the Student Council reporter.

Becky has an after-school job at My-T-Burger. She attends church at City Park Church of Christ.

The thing Becky likes best about Floydada High School is to be able to go to school with the friends she grew up with. If Becky could do anything she wanted, she would own a hotel and restaurant.



9th grade boys defeat Littlefield in overtime play

Playing against Littlefield, the ninth grade boys demonstrated a super effort in defeating their opponent 51 to 49 during overtime play.

High scorer was Brandon Gilliland with 16 points. Tate Glasscock had 14 points and Aaron Noland made 12. Rod Vela scored 7 points and Isreal Medrano made 2.

Score By Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Floydada	16	11	10	10	4	51
Littlefield	12	14	13	8	2	49

Floydada School Menu

December 3-7

Monday:
Breakfast — Pineapple juice, two cinnamon toast, milk

Lunch — Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple crisp, hot roll, milk

Tuesday:
Breakfast — Orange juice, sausage, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch — Frito pie, pinto beans, spinach, jello w/applesauce, cronbread, milk

Wednesday:
Breakfast — Grape juice, scrambled eggs, toast, milk

Lunch — Vegetable beef soup, crackers, pimento cheese sandwich, peaches, milk

Thursday:
Breakfast — Apple juice, two pancakes, syrup, milk

Lunch — Burritos, tossed salad, Spanish rice, 1/2 orange, milk

Friday:
Breakfast — Pineapple juice, dry cereal, toast, milk

Lunch — Chili cheese sandwich, French fries, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk

Go 'Winds!

Whirlwind Varsity Boys defeat Idalou Varsity 69-57

Playing on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the Floydada Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated Idalou 69 to 57.

Coach Mike Cocanougher stated, "The boys got off to a slow start but finally got it going in the second half. We had a lot of mistakes and turnovers which hurt us."

Kenneth Collins was the leading scorer for the evening with a total of 29 points. He made 13 field goals and 3 free throws.

Michael Aleman made 18 points, including 7 field goals and 4 free throws. Ryan Burns had 10 points with 4 field goals and 2 free throws.

Jamie Suarez made 6 points including 3 field goals. Michael Henderson

had 2 field goals and made a total of 4 points. Chad Williams made 2 free throws.

Kenneth Collins had 19 rebounds, Ryan Burns had 7 and Mike Aleman had 6.

The season record for the team now stands at 1-1.

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	24	10	20	15	69
Idalou	19	16	14	8	57

Remember to do your Christmas shopping in Floydada First!

Outreach effort seeks older women

Despite advances in the economic status of most retirees, older women, especially women over age 85, remain one of the most economically vulnerable groups in our society. Social Security hopes that its current Supplemental Security Income (SSI) outreach effort will assist some of these older women.

Because of differences in life expectancies, 70 percent of Social Security beneficiaries age 85 and older are women. Their benefits are usually lower than men in the same age group because

historically women have had lower paying jobs or have taken time out of the labor force to care for their families.

Additionally, many women at 65 have savings and other resources which are gone by 85. Their resources may be depleted by a husband's final illness or the increased living expenses of living alone as a widow.

SSI provides an income floor for many older people with low Social Security benefits and reduced financial resources. Over 75 percent of the SSI recipients over age 85 are women, and advocacy groups believe many more older women may be eligible for SSI.

Social Security Commissioner Gwendolyn S. King has committed the Agency to an outreach effort to ensure that all individuals who are potentially eligible for SSI know about the program, know what the benefits of the

program can mean to them, and have an opportunity to obtain benefits.

Information about SSI is available from Social Security. The telephone number is 1-800-234-SSA (1-800-234-5772).



Basketball Schedule

1990-1991

WHIRLWINDS -- LADY'WINDS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
NOVEMBER 30	Varsity Tournament (TBA)		TBA			X	X
DECEMBER 1	Ralls						
4	Hale Center	H	4:00	X	X	X	X
6, 7, 8	Abernathy Varsity Tournament		TBA			X	X
6, 7, 8	Tulla JV Tournament		TBA	X	X		
11	Roosevelt	T	4:00	X	X	X	X
13, 14, 15	Idalou JV Tournament		TBA	X	X		
14	Slaton	T				X	X
18	Roosevelt	H	4:00	X	X	X	X
20	Cooper	T	5:00	X	X	X	X
27, 28, 29	West Texas Girls Invit. Tourn.	SLATON	TBA			X	
27, 28, 29	Canyon Varsity Boys Tourn.	CANYON	TBA			X	
JANUARY 3	Motley County	H	4:00	X	X	X	X
5	Lorenzo	T	TBA			X	X
8	Friona*	H	5:00	X	X	X	X
11	Littlefield*	T	4:00	X	X	X	X
15	Dimmitt*	T	5:00	X	X	X	X
18	Tulla*	H	4:00	X	X	X	X
22	Muleshoe*	T	5:00	X	X	X	X
25	Friona*	H	4:00	X	X	X	X
29	Littlefield*	T	5:00	X	X	X	X
FEBRUARY 1	Dimmitt*	H	4:00	X	X	X	X
5	Tulla*	T	5:00	X	X	X	X
6	Muleshoe*	H	4:00	X	X	X	X

*Denotes 2-AAA District Games

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Texas Farm Bureau holds 57th meeting

Seven special conferences will highlight the Monday, Nov. 26, afternoon session of Texas Farm Bureau's 57th annual meeting in San Antonio at the Rivercenter Marriott Hotel.

The special conferences will begin at 1 p.m. Instead of commodity conferences as in the past years, the remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to discussions of state and national resolutions pertaining to commodities. These will be considered by voting delegates on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27-28.

Speakers and programs for the special conferences are as follows:

Insurance Crisis & Health Care in Texas — Ross Korves, economist and chief policy analyst for the American Farm Bureau Federation, Park Ridge, Ill., overview of insurance industry; Wayne Lee, executive vice president, TFB Insurance Cos., property casualty; and Dale Nuckols, state manager of the TFB Rural Health Association, health insurance.

Overview of Texas Legislature in 1991 — State Rep. Robert Early, Portland; State Sen. Cyndi Krier, San Antonio; and State Rep. Mark Stiles, Beaumont.

Farm Bill — John Campbell, deputy under secretary for USDA, Washington, D.C.; Vernie Hubert, legislative director for the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Washington, D.C.

Water and Recycling, Potential of Used Products — Patrick Haggerty, executive director of the Alliance for a Clean Rural America, Washington, D.C., ground water protection; State

Rep. Robert Junell, San Angelo, Watermaster program; Kevin Tomka, public affairs manager, Dow-Elanco, Indianapolis, Ind., agricultural chemical container problem.

Adding Value to Texas Agricultural Commodities — Sal Valdez, director of Agricultural Development, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, financing; Charles Elk, agri-business manager for Texas Utilities, Dallas, adding value to ag products from Texas.

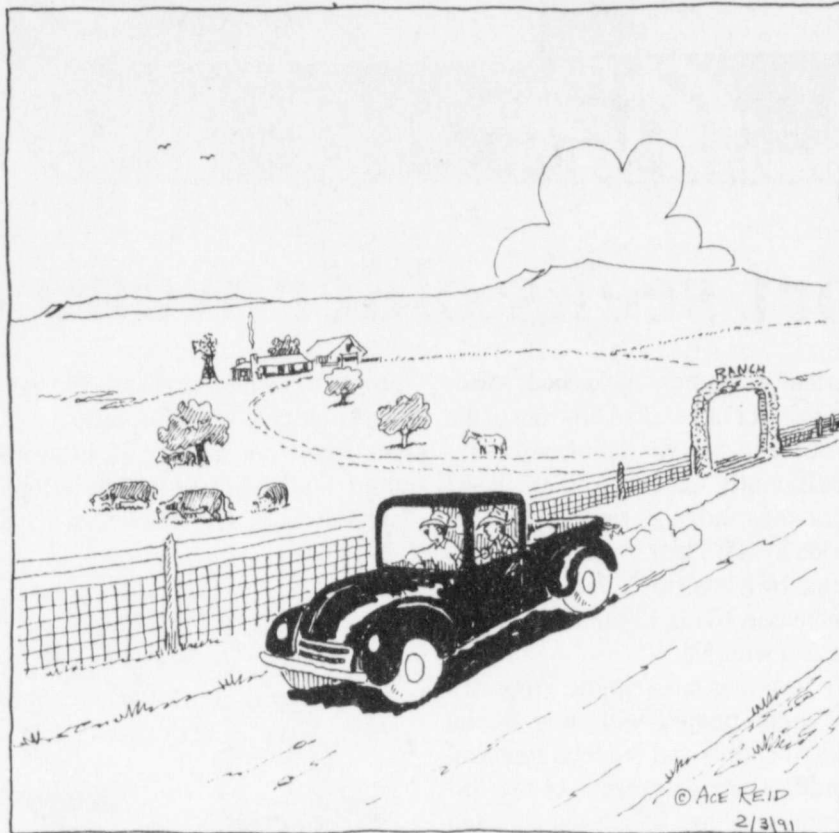
Food Safety & ACRE — Dr. James H.

Denton, Extension poultry marketing specialist, Texas A&M University, College Station, food safety program and public information; Patrick Haggerty, food safety program in relation to water and the environment.

Animal Welfare — Mike Sweet, Livestock Marketing Association, Kansas City, Mo.; Durwood Tucker, associate director of TFB State Affairs, Austin; Charles Benton, assistant director of TFB Research, Education and Policy Development, Waco.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"There's three ways to git a ranch like that, marry it, inherit it, er' sue!"

Too early to assess options under new farm act

For lack of final USDA regulations it would be premature for producers to break out the Big Chief tablets or begin feeding numbers into computers to assess their option under the new farm act of 1990.

But, according to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., it's not too early to begin grasping the fundamental differences between the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 and the law which has governed farm programs since 1985. The Act, unless changed by Congress in the meantime, will provide the base for such programs for the crop years 1991 through 1995.

Determination of the loan rate and loan period will be the same as under the old law. The marketing loan, with some modification, essentially will function in the same manner. The target price (72.9 cents per pound) and farm payment yields are frozen for the five years at the 1990 level, and the deficiency payment rate will be calculated as before. For most, a slight change in the rules will not affect crop acreage bases, and acreage reduction programs will continue to be capped at 25 percent. However the standard carryover goal will be 30 percent of projected offtake instead of the flat four million bale objective in the 1985 act.

As the major change in the law,

Johnson points to the introduction of a totally new "triple-base" plan which, while adding a measure of flexibility to cropping plans, results in a 15 percent reduction in the number of program crop acres eligible for deficiency payments. Effective base acres will be left unchanged, but the maximum acres of any crop eligible for payments will be reduced not only by the required acreage reduction program percentage as before, but by another 15 percent of the farm's effective base acres as well. Ostensibly to ease the pain of this cut, producers are given the option to shift the 15 percent mandatory non-payment acres of any crop to any other crop (excluding fruits and vegetables), including program crops. Production from the additional acreage of the preferred crop will be eligible for loan programs, but not payments.

Unfortunately this feature, Johnson points out, is no consolation to many High Plains producers who have no base for any crop but cotton. And it's only a small "sop" to multi-base farmers in irrigated areas. The only advantage to these producers, he explains, is that they will have a choice of which crop they plant on mandatory non-payment acres.

The program also offers additional flexibility. Those willing to sacrifice 10 percent of their payment-eligible acres of any crop may shift that acreage into another crop. Thus producers have

flexibility on a total of 25 percent of base acres.

Projecting the nationwide effect of these options on planted acres of the various commodities, Johnson notes, will be "nothing short of a nightmare." But it's something that will have to be done by program officials prior to announcement of acreage reduction percentages for each crop.

Excepting 1991, the law requires a preliminary announcement of the cotton reduction percentage no later than November 1 each year, with a final announcement by January 1. This year was excepted, of course, because the new law was not finalized until late October. The loan for 1991 has been set, at 50.75 cents, up half-a-cent from last year. But the newly complicated process of estimating planted acreage is expected to delay the announcement of the 1991 cotton reduction percentage at least until the end of November.

Further, the necessity of updating computer software and educating personnel, according to one USDA official, may well delay the beginning of the 1991 program sign-up until some time in March. Sign-up for the 1990 program started January 16, 1989 and continued through the following April 13.

Aside from triple-base flexibility provisions, the new law effects other changes of lesser magnitude, "some good and some not-so-good," says

Wildlife and Waterfowl

Groups cooperating to improve habitats

By Mary Mahoney

The condition of wetlands in the United States may well be one way to gauge the quality of the environment.

"These wetlands help control floods, filter pollutants, oxygenate the environment and replenish over-tapped aquifers," said Dr. Don Steinbach, Texas Agricultural Extension Service program leader in wildlife and fisheries. "In a sense, with each lost wetlands acre, man's quality of life also diminishes."

Steinbach said an estimated 200 million acres of wetlands in North America are being lost at the rate of 2,000 acres a day.

He said concern over diminishing wetlands — and the decreasing populations of ducks, geese and other migratory waterfowl sustained by them — led to the recent adoption of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan by the United States and Canada.

"This plan seeks to improve conditions of wetlands and resolve waterfowl conservation needs through coordinated efforts," Steinbach said.

Steinbach said ducks have been in trouble for several years, with drought hitting them at both ends of their flyways.

"Years of drought in the waterfowl breeding grounds in the prairie potholes of Canada and a continuing loss of nesting and wintering sites have reduced duck numbers to an all-time low."

The North American Plan, Steinbach said, seek to build waterfowl to levels that existed in the 1970s: 62 million breeding ducks and a fall flight of 100 million ducks. At present, estimates show about 53 million breeding ducks and fall migrations of nearly 65 million ducks.

"To achieve the goals, the plan identified the most important waterfowl breeding, staging and wintering areas of the United States and Canada, and called for their conservation and management," he said.

"Waterfowl of North America represent an economically significant yet diverse natural resource," Steinbach said. "More than 1.5 million duck hunters annually contribute about \$300 million to local economies, and millions of other Americans simply enjoy watching the waterfowl. Ducks and geese delight everyone who enjoys the outdoors."

In Texas, 140,000 duck and goose hunters annually spend about \$10.5 million on license fees, stamps and leases.

Spring and fall migrations of wild ducks and geese occur in four major corridors: the Atlantic, Mississippi, Central flyway — stretching from the prairies of western Canada to Montana, Texas and in some instances, Mexico — and the Pacific.

"The Central flyway is the most uni-

form of the four and contains grassland from start to finish," he said. "About 75 percent of America's redhead duck population use this route, making practically a non-stop flight from Canada to the Gulf."

Grasslands also are vital to geese, and the Central Flyway accounts for one-third of the good migrations, more than any other, said Charles Ramsey, Extension wildlife specialist.

"These range from small Canada geese to snow geese and white-fronted geese, often called 'specklebellies,'" he said.

In Texas, the Extension Service is cooperating in the Gulf Coast Joint Venture for the North American Plan with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, National Audubon Society, Ducks Unlimited and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Cost of the plan's waterfowl habitat protection and enhancement program is estimated at \$1.5 billion during the next 15 years, some of it funded privately.

The funds will improve 34 habitat areas identified by the plan. Six in the United States — including the entire Texas Gulf Coast — have been given high priority.

December 5 & 6

Water conference scheduled

The 23rd Water for Texas Conference to Focus on "Solutions to Non-Point Source Pollution" will be held Dec. 5 and 6 at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.

Texas' top water pollution problem, and perhaps its most difficult to solve, will be the thrust of the 23rd Water for Texas Conference, according to Dr. Wayne Jordan, director of the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M University.

Much attention has been given to conventional or point sources of pollution, such as industries and wastewater treatment plants. Yet, even after cleaning up the point sources, Jordan said, there is still widespread contamination of both surface and ground water supplies. Non-point source pollution could be the final piece of the puzzle to improve water quality, he said.

A plenary session will feature talks on pesticide levels in drinking water wells throughout the U.S., federal agency agendas for combating nonpoint source pollution, and new strategies to improve water quality. A session on urban non-point source pollution management will focus on ways to minimize pesticide risks in urban environments. Agricultural nutrient management will be included in a session on pesticide management.

Conference registration is \$100 and includes a banquet and proceedings. Additional banquet tickets are \$25. (Special arrangements are being made to accommodate members of the news media attending the conference. Please call the number below if you are planning to attend.)

Assisting the Water Resources Institute in sponsoring the conference are the Water Resources Center at Texas Tech University, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, cards, flowers and food sent to us at the time of our loved one's death. We all appreciate the kindness and concern. We would like to give a special thank you to Dr. Jordan and all of the Caprock Hospital employees for the loving care, kindness and concern given to our loved one. We would like to thank everyone at Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home for all of their kindness and help also. Thank you each and everyone.

The Doyle Carver Family
11-29p

We wish to thank all of you who visited, for the food, flowers, cards, calls and prayers, memorials and for your kindnesses showered upon our families during the illness and death of our mother and sister, Mabel Foster.

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The Bradford Family
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Thanks to all our friends for their calls, cards, prayers and visits during my three-week stay in Methodist Hospital. Also thanks for the food and other acts of kindness too numerous to mention, since my return home.

Dorris Jones
11-29p

Our heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Caprock Hospital for their loving care and concern for Cecil Hagood during his illness there.

Kathleen Hagood
Dan and Nancy Hagood
Mollie Hagood
Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
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I would like to thank Dr. Jordan and the hospital staff for their good care. To my good friends, thank you for your concern, cards and phone calls during my illness.

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Notice of Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Floyd County Central Appraisal District will be held on Monday, December 3, 1990 at 9:00 A.M. in the Appraisal Office Board Room, Room 107, County Courthouse.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY

Notice is hereby given that Community Action Association, Inc. is seeking financial assistance from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and the Governor's Energy Management Center (GEMC) through the local match (LMT) program for transit providers. Grant Funds will be used to continue providing rural Public Transportation on a demand response service to the residents of Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, King, and Motley counties. Funds are requested to construct an administrative and passenger terminal with dispatching offices in Floydada. The building will also be used to provide service normally provided by Caprock Community Action Association, Inc.

Copies of the grant Proposal are available for inspection by the general public at 224 S. Berkshire in Crosbyton, Texas, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Any person wishing to request a Public Hearing on the proposed project must submit a written request to Caprock Community Action Association, Inc. at 224 S. Berkshire prior to December 21, 1990.

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In this filing, GTE-SW proposes to modify its existing 9-1-1 tariff and to add more than 200 new service offerings. The new items of service and equipment in this application have been added to meet the company's increasing 9-1-1 customer demands and to allow GTE-SW to compete more effectively in the 9-1-1 equipment market.

The product line in the new offerings consists of a mini-computer and specialized console package for larger communities, as well as a personal computer with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) display for smaller communities. (ANI displays a caller's telephone number on the emergency dispatcher's computer screen.) In addition, the product line will include ANI and Automatic Location Information (ALI) display units compatible with, and similar to, those offered by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and other local exchange carriers in Texas. (The ALI feature displays a caller's address on the computer screen.) The rate charged existing 9-1-1 customers may be revised at the expiration of their contracts with GTE-SW if the proposed tariff is approved.

This filing has been assigned Docket No 9667. The hearing on the merits is scheduled for February 25, 1991, at the offices of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this docket is December 31, 1990.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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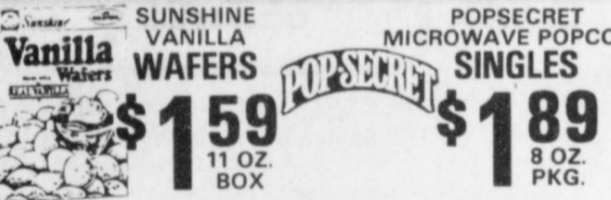
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