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Floydada High School Homecoming 1992

Memories of yesteryear recalled by FHS ex-student and teacher

By Alice Gilroy

Floydada's October Homecoming celebration will be a special time for many ex-Floydada students, but none of them will have as many memorable experiences of Floydada High School to relate as Polly Cardinal, "Class of '35".

Not only did Polly attend Floydada schools all her life, she returned to Floydada High School after college and taught for 30 years.

Homecoming will be a time for her to celebrate her student years in Floydada, and to celebrate along with the many exes she saw graduate through her 30 years.

"I will be the oldest student/teacher at the Homecoming," said Polly. "Lon Davis and I are the only two left living in Floydada from the class of '35."

Polly Smith was born in Floyd County in 1917 on the family farm in Lakeview. After graduating she attended Texas Tech her freshman year. She then moved on to Texas Women's University in Denton where she received her degree in Speech and a minor in English and History.

She returned to Floydada to put her talents to use and began teaching in 1939.

"I was a young hometown girl coming back to teach," said Polly. "I was watched real close by the school board and superintendent when I first started teaching. They told me they hadn't had very good luck with home girls coming back to teach. I knew a lot of the kids because I had only been gone for four years. They weren't allowed to call me Polly. It wasn't long though before I was trusted to chaperon skating parties and I organized the first Girls Social Club.

In her teaching career, Polly has led students through government, Texas History and Speech. English was her primary field and she taught this subject for 30 years.

"When I first started teaching I had 180 students and no conference period. I drew \$75.00 a month in pay.

"I have always taught High School because I would rather teach where they doubt everything I say."

Polly left teaching for a short time when she married Fred Cardinal, October 12, 1941.

"I had to quit teaching because married women weren't allowed to be teachers in Floyd County back then."

Her husband, Fred Cardinal, attended Lakeview Schools, and if Polly had acted on her first impression of him they never would have been married.

"The first time I saw him, was at a Floydada-Lockney basketball game. He was the referee. He called it so close and I was so mad I could have killed him. I even started to reach out and trip him once," laughed Polly.

Fortunately the two still managed to get to know each other. Soon after the marriage, Fred Cardinal joined the Marines in September 1942, and spent 27 months in the South Pacific. Polly stayed in San Diego and waited for him. She did not teach in California but worked for Consolidated Company, which was responsible for building the B-24's.

The couple returned to Floydada in 1945 after the surrender of Germany and Japan. Fred worked as a brakeman for Santa Fe in Slaton and then began farming for Frank Dougherty at Dougherty.

Polly returned to teaching in 1946. She quit in 1950 and gave birth to one son, Louis Reid in November 1951.

She returned to teaching again in 1962 and stayed until 1985 when she retired after a fall broke her hip.

"I wasn't ready to retire, and I didn't have to, but I was afraid I might fall again and break the other hip. I also didn't want to have to start asking students to do things for me.

"The most interesting part of my life has been my association with teachers and students," said Polly.

"I went to school with A.E. Baker and then taught with him when he was assistant football coach and teacher. I also taught with him when he was high school principal and every year that he served as FISED superintendent. He was a fine man and the best educator this part of the country has ever known."

Listening to Polly relate humorous stories from her years as a student and as a teacher it is obvious that many of her fondest memories come from her 18 years of Cheerleader sponsorship.

"Those were my girls," said Polly. "I was head senior sponsor for six years. The athletic director, Preston Watson, and I started the first junior varsity cheerleaders in 1971. Up until that time there had only been varsity cheerleaders."

"We had lots of fun going to football games. Buses were chartered to places like Friona, Denver City, Alpine and Midland. People would take food to eat and pass everything up and down the aisles to share. I always made divinity for my cheerleaders, and I told them if we lost a game they weren't supposed to shed one tear. But they would cry anyway."

"As a sponsor, and with the help of the cheerleaders, I've given about 20 sports banquets. If I couldn't decorated in green and white then I couldn't decorate!"

Polly had a lot of experience to rely on when relating to her cheerleaders. She was fortunate enough to have been a cheerleader in her own senior year.

"There were only three senior girls that could be cheerleaders and I was one of them."

"I was also on the Pep Squad. We didn't have a band when I was in school, so the Pep Squad and cheerleaders gave the half time show. We were really loud in the pep squad. I remember my brother going home one time and telling my mother that I was too loud. He said that he could hear me above everyone else and he wanted Mother to make me stop. She just laughed and told him to leave me alone."

"We didn't have buses taking us to football games but we did have special trains that would take us."

"I remember a special train from QA&P that took the townspeople, teachers and students, from here to Paducah. Everybody went, but afterwards QA&P said we could never have another special train because there had been too many drunks on the train!"

"However Santa Fe gave us a special train to Canyon one year. The Canyon people met us at the depot and took us to the game in their cars."

Football games during Polly's school years were always played on Friday afternoons. Downtown stores were closed to attend the football games.

"There wasn't enough people left downtown to put out a fire," said Polly.

My graduating class was the first to put up poles at the Wester Field so they could play at night."

Polly remembers lots and lots of school spirit during her years of growing up.

"Every Thursday night we had a bonfire downtown. It wasn't as built up then and it was safer. The merchants would save their boxes throughout the week and the pep squad and boys from school would go around and gather up the boxes to burn at the bonfire."

"We would have a snake dance every Thursday, down California Street, and to the bonfire. The fire engine was always behind the pep squad and everybody in town would drive behind in their cars. It was good clean fun."

"We would also burn an effigy of the Lockney Longhorns on a regular basis, whether we were playing them or not," laughed Polly.

"After the bonfire Mr. Arwine would give the football players and pep squad a free drink from his soda fountain (now

Sue's Gifts)." After that, Jack Deacons would open up the theater just for the football players and pep squad, so we could see the movie. Lots of times the football players wouldn't get to stay until the end because they always had to be in bed by a certain time before the game. We had a lot of fun."

"There were 48 kids in my class. We were known for being the loudest class in school! My history teacher, Studie Miller Thomas said, 'They may be loud but they make such good grades I let them get away with it.'

"I remember when I was in school (the High School was located where Floydada Junior High is now) the boys and girls were segregated during the lunch hour. Boys were on one side of the lawn and girls were on the other side. We were kept that way. The kids would just die today at the thought of that."

Because the country was pulling itself out of the depression years and the lean times that the students were used to, there were no annuals made during Polly's high school years. "I do have some annuals from my Uncle John's class in the 1920's. I really looked up to them."

"They had a fun tradition that I watched when I was younger. The Seniors and Juniors would have flag fights. Each class had a flag and the seniors (or juniors) would take down the other's flag, put their own up, and then grease the flag pole with Crisco so the other class couldn't get up there to get it down."

"A tradition we had when I was in High School was the one act plays, or the 'Follies'. Every class competed against each other in One Act Plays, but the Freshman and Juniors would stick together and the Seniors and Sophomores would stick together."

"For instance, if the seniors would lose the competition they would root for the sophomores. It was great. Kids just don't know how to have fun these days."

"I was crushed in my senior year when I didn't get to participate in the play. Our teacher chose the play, 'Thirst', and there were only roles for three men. It was a marvelous drama, but I still regret not being a part of the play in my senior year."

Spending lots of money on a high school prom was also foreign to the early years in Floydada.

"We did not have a prom, but we did have a Junior/Senior banquet. In my senior year we had to have the banquet in the hallway of the high school. It usually was held in the Andrews Ward Gymnasium."

"We had a lot of good clean fun when I was in school. If I was a kid now, I would be envious of the time we had."

"I had a student ask me one time, when I was teacher, if I thought kids were better prepared in the past for college. I

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FLOYDADA GRAD LANDS PART IN MOVIE--Shane Orman, an '89 Floydada graduate, just happened to be in the right place at the right time when he landed a role as the busboy in Steve Martin's new movie, "Leap of Faith," which was recently filmed in Plainview. Orman said he enjoyed working alongside Steve Martin. "He is a really

nice guy," said Shane. Shane is the son of Bill and Kay Orman, of Plainview, and the grandson of Glenna Orman, of Floydada. He is currently studying Agricultural Economics at Texas Tech. Shown here are (left-right) Lolita Davidovich, Shane Orman, Steve Martin, and rock star Meatloaf (in background at right).

Burge named Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1&4

Meeting in a special session Thursday, July 2, Floyd County Commissioners interviewed nine applicants, wishing to fill the vacant J.P. position left by the retiring Lowell Bilbrey, J.P. Pct. 1 & 4. By noon, the commissioners had hired Floyd County Deputy Tim Burge. Burge was sworn into office on Friday, July 3, and immediately gave his notice with the Sheriff's office.

Burge moved to Floydada 25 months ago when he started work as deputy sheriff. He came to Floydada from Petersburg where he had worked for the Petersburg P.D. for 18 months.

Born and raised in Plainview, Burge graduated Plainview High School and studied Criminal Justice at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Wayland Baptist.

Tim and his wife, Diane, have been married for 12 years. She is employed as

a Diagnostic Radiographer at Crosbyton Hospital, and is currently studying to be a Diagnostic Sonographer. They have two children, a 10 year old daughter, Breanna, and a 5 year old son, Travis (or "Mr. B").

Burge holds dual membership to Floydada Masonic Lodge #712 and Petersburg Lodge #1126.

Because he has only been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lowell Bilbrey, Burge will enter the political

arena in November when he runs for the position of J.P.

Burge is looking forward to his work as J.P., and views the position as a career move. "I've entered a different aspect of law enforcement," said Burge.

"I love working for the public and this is a different way to do it. I've worked for the public for 15 years in different capacities, and I've learned to deal with people. I believe that I am really going to enjoy this."

New placards not available until September

Floyd County Tax Assessor-Collector's office this week announced that the new permanently disabled placards will not be available until mid-September of this year.

Penny Golightly, Tax Assessor-Collector, stated, "I will keep the public informed about the changes in the disabled cards and plates by The Hesperian-Beacon. If we receive them any sooner than September, I will put an announcement in the paper."



NEW JP SWORN IN--County Clerk Margaret Collier swore in Tim Burge, Thursday, July 2, as the newly appointed Justice of the Peace for Pct. 1 & 4. Staff Photo

Van's Arts and Crafts Mini Mall opens in Floydada

Van's Arts and Crafts Mini Mall has opened its doors in Floydada.

A marketplace for the sale of hand-crafted items, the mall is located at 121 W. California. It is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday's, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Spaces are currently available for rent. Van's Arts and Crafts handles all the sales and collects and pays the sales tax. A complete itemized list of merchandise sold is sent to the crafters with a check each week. This leaves more time for crafters to create more merchandise.

The building housing the mini mall is carpeted, well lit, cool in summer and warm in winter.

There is currently room for about 20

spaces. Already on display are items by: Tommie Smith, George and Florence VanHoose, Shirley Stansell, Elena Hopper, Doris McLain, Georgia Tanner and Dorise House, among others.

The mini mall also offers a supply of fabric strips that may be used to grochet baskets and rugs.

If you are interested in renting a space to display your merchandise, call 983-5240.



Stay Cool!
'Cause It's HOT!



TREASURED MEMORIES--Polly Cardinal displays a Floydada High School annual, "The Hesper", saved from the 1920's. Staff Photo

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy

I heard a story the other day that made me stop and think about the down side of living in a small town. I don't want anybody to think that I don't like living in a small town. I do. If I have anything to say about it I will never live in a big city again.

I've preached on how angry it makes me when people act like the only reason you live in a small town is because you can't make it anywhere else.

I expect to hear stupid stuff like that from people who have only lived in a big city, but it comes as a shock when I hear it from someone who lives here.

It doesn't say much for an individual who lives here to say someone else is living here because they can't make it in a big city. What does that say for the individual who makes the remark? Can't he make it anywhere else? How come he is living here?

It's easy to get by in a big city. You get lost in the crowd and nobody cares whether you make it or not. When you make mistakes you just move a mile away and make new friends and get a new job. You blend with a new crowd and it's very possible to never see any former acquaintances again.

You can't do that in a small town. You better never make any mistakes when your growing up and you better treat everyone with respect and kindness **all the time**, or word about your personality travels like wildfire and your stuck with a label.

Sometimes that label is deserved and

sometimes the only way a person can break away from it is to move out of the small town. Isn't that a shame?

One of the reasons small towns appeal to people is the Christian values that seem to be so important to the people in the community. Too bad that forgiveness is so hard for some people to practice.

I can't tell you how many times I have said of someone, "He sure seems like a nice guy," and then been told — "Oh yeah, you should have known him when he was growing up! You wouldn't say that!"

Well all I've got to say is I'm glad everyone wasn't around when I was making major mistakes in my life. Thank goodness I know that I'm forgiven without having to look for approval from others.

I won't go into the story that made me get on this soapbox. I just hope that it might help someone who is trying his best to turn his life around and give back something to the community that he feels is worth giving too.

Donut Man's Corny Jokes of the Week

What goes "Zub Zub"?
A bee flying backwards.

First Fisherman: This lake any good for fish?

Second Fisherman: Must be—I can't get any of them to come out!

Burleson competes in several state pageants

Jennifer Burleson feature twirler for the Lockney Longhorn Band has competed in three twirling pageants this summer and brought home several wins.

She participated in the State of Texas Miss Majorette of Texas Championships which was held at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she placed as 2nd runner-up in the Miss Teenage Majorette of Texas Pageant. She placed 1st in Modeling; 2nd in Solo and 6th in Fancy X-strut. She received a 5th place in Miss Texas Modeling and a 4th place in Championships Best Appear- ing.

She was a State Qualifier to the University Scholastic League Twirling Contest and competed at the University of Texas. She received a rating of II in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Miss Burleson entered the Miss Ma-

Floydada Volunteer Fire Department names new officers

The Floydada Fire Department had its business meeting Monday night. The meeting basically consisted of electing new officers.

Those elected were: Bobby Welborn, Chief; Larry Guthrie, First Asst. Chief; Carroll Sims, Second Asst. Chief; Darrell Gooch, First Captain; Larry Smith, Second Captain; Gary Brown, Sec./Treas.; Tracy Webb, Asst. Sec./Treas.; Danny Nixon, Training Officer; and J.E. "Dinks" Eckert III, Safety Officer.

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Students recognized for national award

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that several Floyd County students have been named as United States National Award winners.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In

fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students.

The names of students nominated for this National Award will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nation-

ally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly United States Achievement Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to

excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teacher, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Students nominated for this honor include:

Kyle Hulme, a student at Spur Junior High, nominated in Mathematics by Charlotte Joyner, math teacher. He is the son of Mike and Sherree Marshall of Spur. His grandparents are Billy and Betty Marquis of Floydada.

Michael Mercado, a student at Floydada Junior High School, nominated in Science by Mrs. Holly Lee, science teacher. He is the son of Sammy and Olivia Mercado of Floydada. His grandparents are Mrs. Augustina Martinez and Mrs. Estefana Mercado, both of Floydada.

Michael Palacios, a student at R.C. Andrews Elementary, nominated in Mathematics by Mrs. Frances Ham- bright, math teacher. He is the son of Art and Bonnie Palacios of Floydada. His grandparents are Frances Gonzalez of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Dr. Rex A. Gish of Monterey, Calif.

Wade Wiles, a student at R.C. Andrews Elementary, nominated in Mathematics by Mrs. Frances Ham- bright, math teacher. He is the son of Gerald and Debbie Wiles of Floydada. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bowman of Estelline, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Wiles, Seymour.



MICHAEL MERCADO



MICHAEL PALACIOS



WADE WILES

Breed to attend Camp RYLA

Jodee Breed from Floydada will be attending Camp RYLA, July 12-17 at Camp Summer-Life in Vadito, New Mexico, along with 81 other young women from West Texas and the Panhandle.

Participants in Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). Camp participants are chosen for their leadership qualities shown in school, church and community activities, their scholarship and their excellent moral standards.

Camp RYLA is a youth program of Rotary International, sponsored by the 57 Rotary Clubs in District 5730. The camp provides an opportunity to make youth in the community aware of the great opportunities for service and accomplishment which they can achieve.

The objectives of Camp RYLA are to provide an atmosphere where future leaders will experience democratic living that will aid them in developing sound values, to promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis of insight and understanding for intelligent leadership, to expose the youth leaders to some opportunities and challenges of life in a free democratic society, and to promote involvement that encourages the participants to think through and arbitrate conflicts of values.

Guest speakers and their topics for the camp include Margaret Keys, "Thinking On Your Feet" and "Getting It All Together"; Cindy Reece, "The Value of Teamwork"; Phillip Walsh, "Individual Differences"; Ed Cooper, "Theory of Teen Court"; and Liz Lowery, "Controlling Your Life: Making the Choices Right".

Other guest speakers and their topics include Ralph McLaughlin, Rotary International Director, "Happiness" and Billye McLaughlin, "Home Is Where

The Heart Is".

Special seminars for the campers will be conducted by Kay Baker, a specialist in adult learning theory from Austin. Baker's seminars will include "Becoming a Pro: The Key to Professionalism," "The Art of Influencing People," and "Who am I? A Style Inventory."

Susan Lewis, camp workshop coordinator, will conduct a workshop on problem solving. Lewis will also conduct a special workshop called "Let There Be Peace on Earth." A special "Mock Teen Court" will be the focus of another workshop following the presentation by Ed Cooper.

Gary W. Prisk completes Mediterranean deployment

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Gary W. Prisk, a 1986 graduate of Floydada High School of Floydada, TX, recently returned with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron-137, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA following a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean, Red Sea and Persian Gulf deployment.

Prisk's squadron participated in various operations and training exercises as part of the USS America aircraft carrier battle group. The carrier and its escorts conducted numerous exercises with NATO allies in the Mediterranean and with the Egyptian Air Force in the Red Sea. Once in the Gulf, more training was held with the armed forces from Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

The return of Carrier Air Wing ONE to the Persian Gulf earned it the distinction of becoming the Navy's first Gulf War veteran air wing to redeploy to the region in the post-war period.

He also visited several foreign ports including Palma De Majorca, Spain; Naples, Italy; Souda Bay, Crete; Athens, Greece; Antalya, Turkey; Haifa, Israel and Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Prisk's squadron flies the EA-6B Prowler aircraft which is used to provide an umbrella of protection for the battle group by denying any enemy the use of radar, data links and communications.

He joined the Navy in February 1988.

Carthel graduates from Eastern New Mexico

Jack L. Carthel, son of Ray Gene and Winnie Carthel formerly of Floydada, was among the 390 spring graduate candidates who participated in the May 8, 1992, commencement exercises at Eastern New Mexico University, with 12 students receiving associate degrees, 328 receiving bachelor's degrees and 50 students receiving master's degrees.

Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 graduated summa cum laude. Cum laude graduates must have a 3.6 to 3.69 GPA. Students with a 3.25 to 3.59 GPA graduated with "honors".

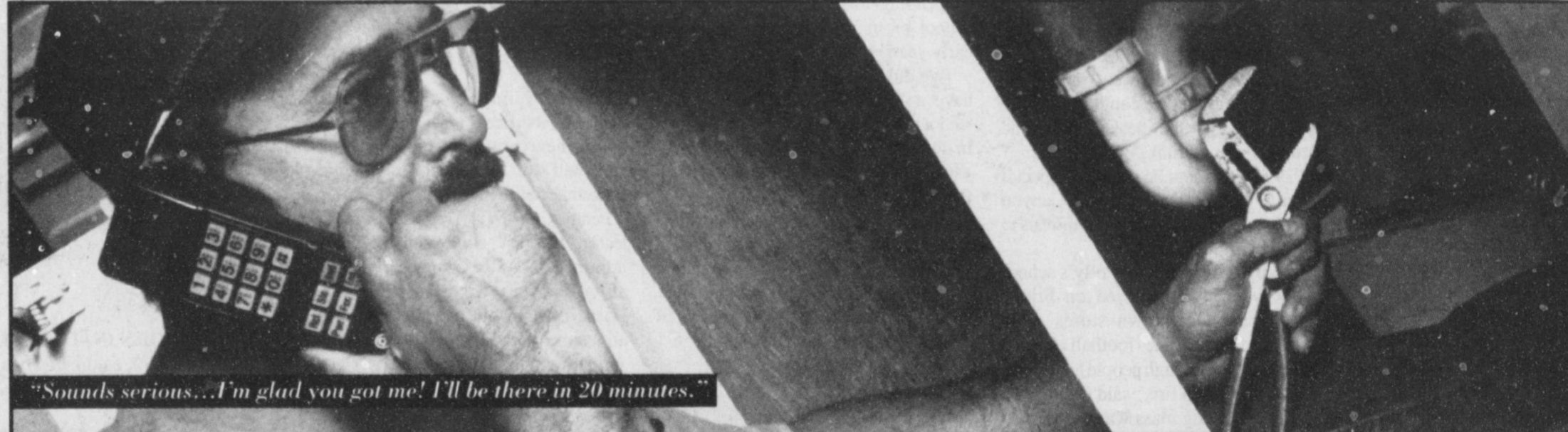
Carthel, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology degree, summa cum laude.

He is married to Darla Assiter, daughter of Tommy and Joy Assiter of Floydada. They live in Amarillo where he is employed by Pantex.

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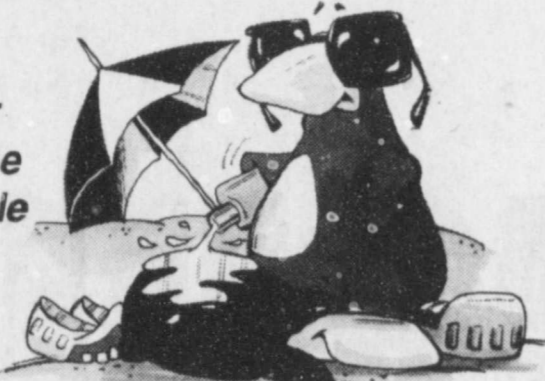
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RIBBON CUTTING--Lockney Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business member, Friday, July 3, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Yolanda Luna's craft store, located at 121 S. Main. Shown holding the ribbon for Yolanda to cut are Richard Larsen and Karen Hooten. Well wishers look on from the background. Staff Photo

IT'S HOT - SO REMEMBER TO:

- *Drink Lots of Water
- *Keep Your Pets In the Shade - With An Ample Supply of Water
- *Don't Overexert In The Heat



This Week

CLASS OF '82
Floydada High School Class of 1982 would like to invite classmates and faculty members to their 10-year reunion on Friday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in Light-house Electric.

is looking to borrow old band, cheer-leading, and football uniforms to decorate downtown windows during Homecoming. Please contact Shawnda Foster.

VICKERS REUNION
The Vickers family reunion will gather at the Floydada Senior Citizens building this weekend. They will get together beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday and then again on Sunday all day. Friends are invited to stop by and visit.

SARPALIUS MOBILE
U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be in Lockney July 13 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the bank, and at the courthouse in Floydada from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. A representative from the Congressman's office will be available to assist with constituent questions.

MURAL PROJECT
Three workdays have been set for the Mural Project in Lockney. Anyone wishing to help complete the project can come to the art department at high school on Monday, July 13, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Monday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. or Tuesday night, July 14, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-2569. This will be fairly strenuous work.

PERRY FUND PLEDGES
Ronnie Hardin of the First National Bank in Lockney reported that the amount of money pledged to the Shawnlee Perry fund is now at a total of \$6170. This has been pledged between both Floyd County and Earth.

LOCKNEY EXES
All ex Lockney class representatives need to mail their class address list to Dewanda Blendon, Box 966, Lockney 79241. The Homecoming Committee is creating a master file of addresses.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

LOCKNEY UNIFORMS NEEDED
Lockney's Homecoming Committee

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope are welcome. Meetings are held in the County Extension Building, at the north end of the building. Anyone interested may call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

Courtroom Activities

In county court, July 2, Marjorie Spencer Williams was charged with driving while her license was suspended. There was no disposition.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Energas

DATE	HIGH	LOW
July 1	103	74
July 2	99	81
July 3	86	77
July 4	92	71
July 5	101	74
July 6	101	74
July 7	96	74

Also on July 2, Edward Eugene Sullivan was charged with theft under \$20.00. There was no disposition on this case.

July 6, Gabino DelaCerde was charged with possession of marijuana. There was no disposition.

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DeLeon and Ramos exchange vows



MR. AND MRS. RENE RAMOS

A double ring ceremony uniting Gracie DeLeon and Rene Ramos was held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Plainview. The couple recited their nuptial promises in the presence of close friends and family with Father Ben Kasteel officiating the holy ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Juan and Francis DeLeon of Lockney and Doroteo and Antonia Ramos of Plainview.

The church altar was decorated with two large baskets holding white mums, carnations and baby's breath and completed with large white bows.

Music during the ceremony was presented by the groom's family. "The Wedding March", which had been pre-recorded by Mrs. Lucille Record, was played for the bride's entrance.

Escorted and given in marriage by her parents, the bride chose a romantic bridal gown of ivory taffeta with schiffli lace. The bodice was heavily embroidered with sequins, lace and pearls. The gown was designed with long tapered sleeves, the full ball gown skirt fell into a cathedral train of soft taffeta. The waistline was heavily trimmed with pearls and lace which tapered in front. Her attire was completed with a triple pearl choker of diamonds and gold with matching earrings, a gift from her parents.

The bride wore a headpiece accented with a pouf of tulle illusion. The headpiece was adorned with pearls and sequined silk ivory leaves. The pouf embellished with scattered pearls, fell to a fingertip illusion veil. She carried a traditional cascade of ivory roses and lillies, highlighted with shades of gold. Pearls, lace and satin ribbons completed the bouquet.

Attending her sister as maid of honor was Isabel Christina DeLeon. Bridesmaids were Linda DeLeon of Lockney, sister of the bride; Connie Martinez of Floydada, cousin of the bride; Sandy DeLeon of Pasadena, Texas, cousin of the bride; Almadena Basaldua of Lockney, and Ida Nuncio of Lubbock.

Dresses for bridal attendants were made by the bride's aunt, Maria Elia Barrera of Plainview. These were chosen by the bride in a royal blue satin fabric. They were tea-length in the back with a knee length in front. A large bow accentuated the lower back. The sleeves fell off the shoulder with a V-neckline in front. Each carried a single royal blue

rose tied with satin royal blue ribbon.

Flower girl was Celia Barrera of Plainview, cousin of the bride. Train carriers were Kelli Denise Barrera of Plainview and Marco Luis Barrera of Amarillo, cousins of the bride.

Acting as best man was the groom's brother, Rudy Ramos of Early, Texas. Escorting bridesmaids at the dance were Frank Jimenez, Chris Villa, Carlos Rendon and Robert Delgado Jr.

Witnesses to the couple's exchange of vows were Robert and Libby Delgado.

Padrinos of special gifts offered to the couple during the ceremony included Jesse and Linda Barrera of Houston, uncle and aunt of the bride, cojines; Robert and Libby Delgado, lasso and Bible and rosary; Enrique and Maria Segovia Sr., uncle and aunt of the bride, arras; and Jose and Florentina Lara of Plainview, bouquet.

Dance sponsors were Ofelia Basaldua and John Guzman, Alfonso and Nieves Raissez, Pete and Nena Gonzales, Robert and Dina Molina, Nato and Delia Salas of Plainview, Jessie and Irma Ibarra Sr. of Floydada, Juan and Maria Perales Sr., Arnold and Josie Perales, Tony and Mary Maldonado of Petersburg, Raul and Maria Cordero of Plainview, Johnny and Emma Rodriguez of Plainview, Juan and Juanita Reynaga, Perfecto and Joann DeLeon Jr. of Pasadena, Severo and Esperanza Perez, Salvador and Maria Chacon of Dodge City, Kansas, Ramon and Bobbie Olvera of Plainview, Placido Gonzales, Steve Torres and Gelacio Jimenez of Plainview.

Sponsors of champagne glasses and cake knife were cousins of the bride, Oscar Barrera III and Carol Chavarria of Plainview.

Cake sponsors were Robert and Libby Delgado, Felipe and Estefana Gatica, Margarito and Maria Ellena Arellano, Peter and Rosa Pena of Plainview and Saul and Sylvia Rodriguez.

Champagne sponsor was Ruben (Toby) Ramos of Plainview, brother of the groom.

Assisting with decorations and serving cake and champagne were Francis DeLeon, Christy DeLeon, Linda DeLeon, Sonia Garcia, Frank Jimenez, Estefana Gatica, Maria Ellena Arellano, Libby Delgado, Carol Chavarria, Enrique Segovia Sr., Maria Segovia and

Danny Barrera.

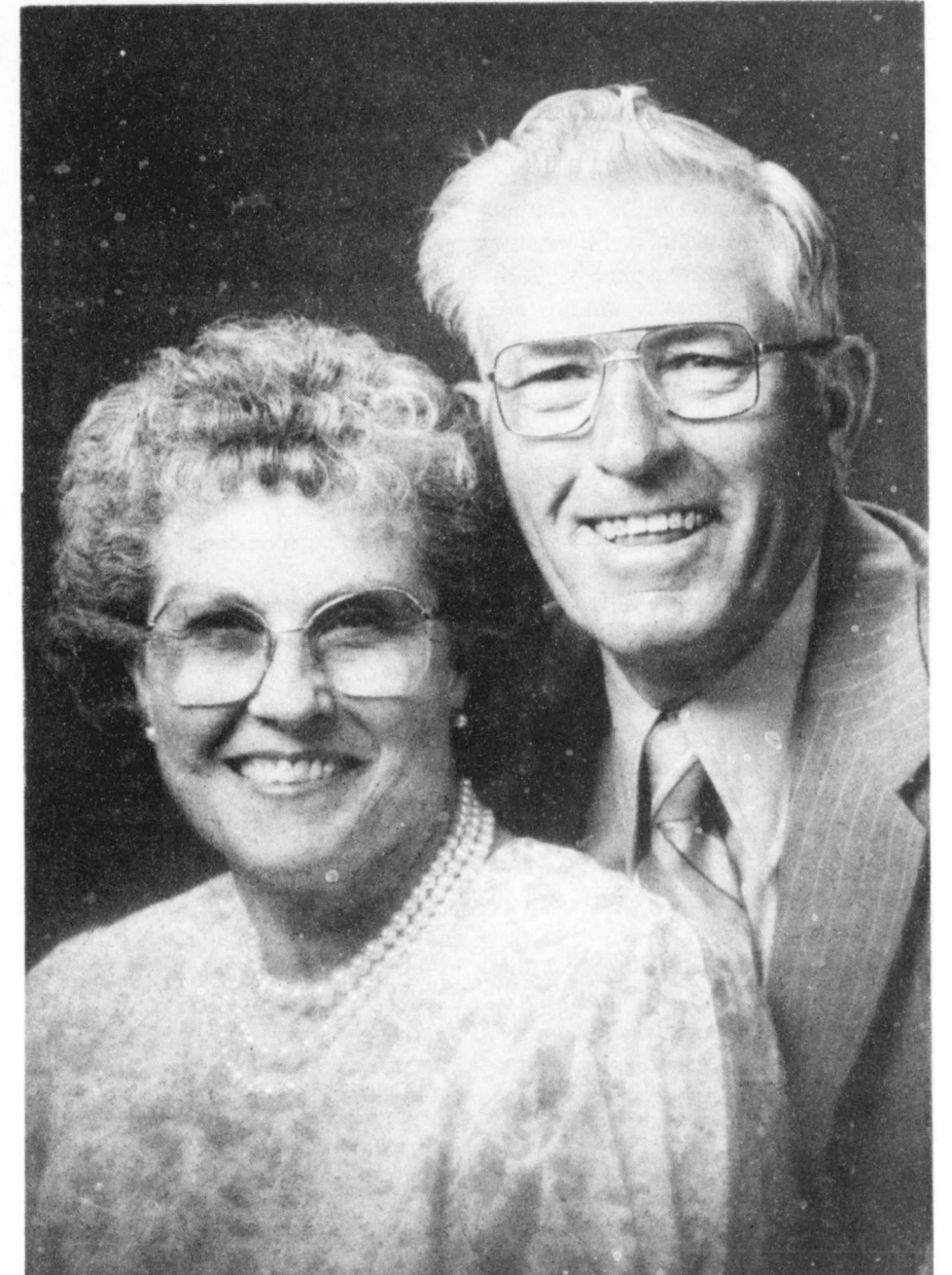
A dance followed the ceremony at Crystal Palace Club in Lubbock. The club was decorated with royal blue and white balloons and crepe paper. Guests danced to the music of the Sunshiner Band.

The wedding cake was topped with a porcelain bride and groom and stood over a lighted fountain.

A rehearsal dinner was held the previ-

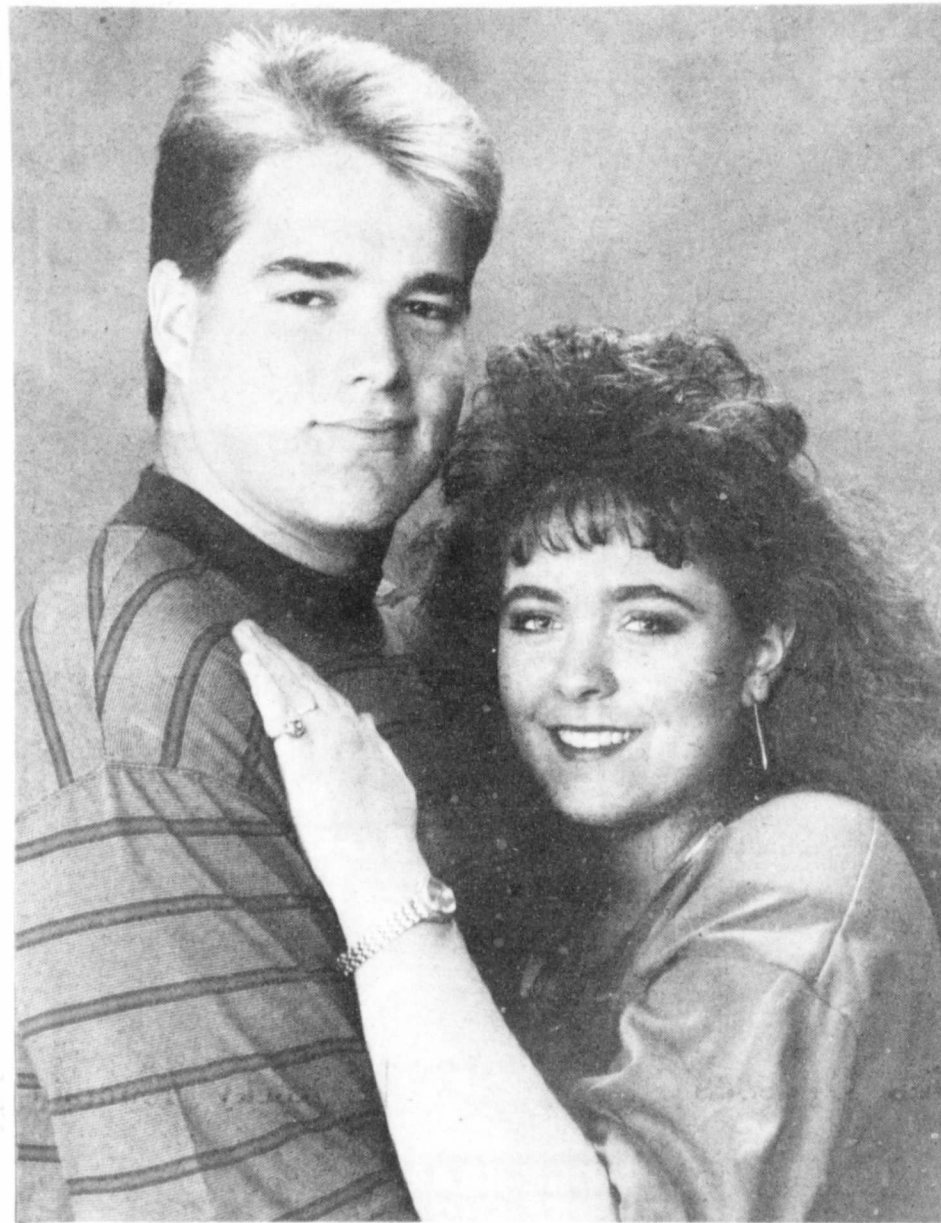
ous night at the Grainery Restaurant and Bar in Plainview for the family and sponsors. Decorations at the dinner were done by Francis DeLeon, Linda DeLeon and Christina DeLeon.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Lockney High School. The groom attended Plainview schools and is currently employed by Haste Construction Company. The couple is making their home in Lockney.

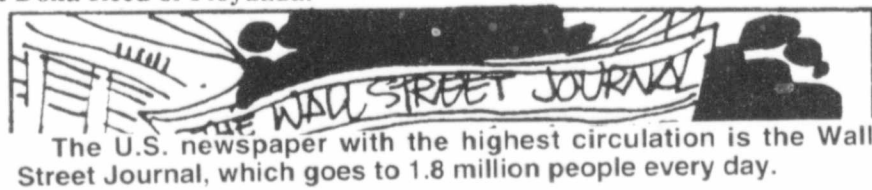


GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY -- Lavirn and Clementine Carthel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, July 11, 1992, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, West College & Third Street in Lockney. Lavirn and Elizabeth Clementine Clark married July 11, 1942 in New Mexico. They have four children, Pricilla Yarbrough of Lubbock, Wayland Carthel of Kadena, Okinawa, Sue Swaffar of Floydada and Debra McCarty of Lockney; six granddaughters, three grandsons, three great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

Portrait by Wilson Photography



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED-David and Karen Varner of Levelland are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Ann, to Kenny Reed son of Kendall Reed of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sheryle Blancett of Lubbock. The bride-elect is a graduate of Levelland High School and is attending South Plains College. The prospective groom is a graduate of Floydada High School and is also attending South Plains College. The couple will wed on July 18, 1992, at 1:00 p.m., in the home of the bride-elect's parents. They will reside in Levelland. Kenny is the grandson of Gene and Dona Reed of Floydada.



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Senior Citizens News

By Thelma Jones

The regular monthly covered dish luncheon is Saturday, July 11, so come and be with us. Program will be about 10:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waters and children, Trucie and Wesley visited with Mrs. W.J. Wilks. Mrs. Waters (Katrina) is Mrs. Wilks' granddaughter. They are from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mrs. Wanda Russell and husband returned home Saturday from a vacation in Florida.

Mrs. Ollie DeFreese attended a funeral Sunday at Ralls for a long-time friend.

Sympathy to Grady Freeman on the loss of his brother in New Mexico.

Mrs. J.D. Glover had as her guest the 4th of July her children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Payne visited her mother, Mrs. Mattie Wester. They are remodeling their house.

Elvis Warren returned home from the hospital Monday and we hope he will be doing okay soon; also Edith Marrs.

Elizabeth Armstrong had company the 4th. Her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Snell of Lubbock and other relatives visited.

Several of Irene Sherrill's friends celebrated her birthday with her. They were Ila Hammonds, Edith Marrs, Elizabeth Armstrong, Willie McCormick and Lila Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Waits of Hale Center and daughter, Karen Rastetter and two children of San Angelo, Elaine Seiwert and Leah and Heather of San Angelo and Micheal Rushing of Plainview visited with Mrs. Deoata Odam on Monday.

Mr. L.D. (Britt) Britton is doing very

Floyd Data

Paige and Rachel Whilney of Pensacola, Florida, recently spent a week visiting with her and Mrs. Floyd Bradford, Mrs. Notie Belle Fawver, Mrs. Ruth Hammonds and Ann Evans. Paige is attending school at the University of West Florida. Rachel is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bradford and great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. Notie Belle Fawver.

well. He will enter the hospital the 20th for more tests.

Myria Dade attended a family reunion last week with her relatives and attended a reunion.

Mrs. J.B. Whitehead spent the weekend with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Brown in Lubbock.

Mrs. Bessie Wilson had as a guest last week her sister.

Mrs. Dell Yandell and her brother visited last week in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Watson visited with Mrs. Fred Battey last week.

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Obituaries

REFUGIA CASAREZ

Mass for Refugia Casarez, 54, of Paducah was celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, July 3, in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the Rev. Ricardo Salditos, pastor, as celebrant.

Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery under direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Casarez died at 4:21 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 1992, at HCA South Arlington Medical Center after a brief illness.

She was born in Beeville, and had lived in Paducah from 1955 until moving to Plainview in 1959. She returned to Paducah in 1991. She married Jose Casarez Jr. on Aug. 22, 1954, in Beeville. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Rebecca Ramirez of Paducah; six sons, Jose Thomas of Arlington, Miguel Benjamin of Gosnell, Ark., Jose Guadalupe of Plainview, David of Dallas and Andres and David Anthony, both of Paducah; three daughters, Maria Refugia Flores and Judy Ann Casarez, both of Arlington, and Micaela Juarez of Cleburne; five brothers, Pedro Ramirez of Childress, Nick Ramirez of Seattle, Joe Ramirez of Avon, Fla., Johnny Ramirez of Pasadena and Jerry Ramirez of Harlingen; nine sisters, Becky Moya of Irving, Pat Gonzales of Lockney, Sylvia Ortega of Euless, Linda Maldonado, Laura Johnson and Ann Mercado, all of Paducah, Terry Tyndall of Childress, Dora Gonzales of Quanah and Ester Escalante of Houston; and 14 grandchildren.

Her husband and sons were pallbearers.

CLEO CRAWFORD

Graveside services for Cleo Crawford, 87, of Lockney were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, in Floydada Cemetery with Frank Duckworth, pastor of West College and Third Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was directed by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Crawford died at 4:55 p.m. Monday, July 6, 1992, in Lockney Care Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Floydada. She married Zack R. Crawford. He died on March 6, 1986. She was a housewife and a member of the Church of Christ.

GLADYS COLLIS HAMMONDS

Graveside services were held July 2, in Floydada Cemetery for Gladys Collis Hammonds, long-time resident of Floyd County.

Mrs. Hammonds passed away June 29, 1992 in Port Neches, Texas, after a six-month illness.

She was a native of Hill County and moved to Floydada in 1925.

She lived in Nederland for 15 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Eddie Lyne Weise of Lubbock; a son, Jim Hammonds of Port Neches, Texas; two sisters, Eunice Robbins of Nederland and Edna Goode of Plainview; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Bollman of Lockney.

MARY MALLARD

Services for Mary Ann Wilson Mallard, 58, of Oneida, Kentucky, were at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4, in Oneida Baptist Church. Burial in Oneida Cemetery was directed by Manchester Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mallard died Wednesday, July 1, 1992, at her residence after a lengthy illness. She had been under a doctor's care.

She was born in Floydada, where she married Jim Mallard on June 3, 1956. They moved to Kentucky in 1962. She was a teacher and a member of Oneida Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jamie Stamper of Louisville, Ky.; three sons, Joe of San Antonio, Tim of New York, and Danny of Crown Point, Ind.; her father and stepmother, Walton and Veda Wilson of Floydada; a sister, Judy Thayer of Floydada; a

brother, Leonard Wilson of Canyon; and two grandchildren.

GERALD LEE SAMS

Services for Gerald Lee Sams, 78, were held at the First United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. July 4, 1992.

He passed away at his home in Haltom City July 2 after a lengthy illness under the care of Hospice.

He was born July 4, 1913 in Lockney, he graduated from Lockney High School in 1932.

He worked at Douglass Aircraft factory in Los Angeles, Calif., during WWII.

He was a tool and die maker and owner of Sams Tooling and Plastics in Haltom City.

He married Edel Weiss Dec. 12, 1935. She preceded him in death May 17, 1971.

He married Betty Chester May 14, 1976.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Eldon Treastor of Haltom City St. Luke Methodist Church where he was a member. The Rev. Tommie Beck of Lockney First United Methodist Church assisted.

Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under direction of Moore-Rose-White.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Bettie Counts of Lockney; a daughter, Sandra Noland of Floydada; grandchildren, Mark Noland of Clifton, LaDelle Gowens of Amarillo, Kevin Noland of San Angelo, Karlton Noland of Floydada; one stepson, Bill Chester of Haltom City, one step-daughter, Rebecca Wimmer of Honolulu, Hawaii; one foster son, Alan Box of New Orleans, Louisiana; one step-granddaughter, Aria Stewart of Christ Church, New Zealand; great-grandchildren, Ashlee and Reagan Noland of San Angelo and Kaci Noland of Clifton.

Pallbearers were Mark Noland, Kevin Noland, Karlton Noland, Bill Chester, David Gowens and Alan Box.

DELWIN WILLIAMS

Services for Delwin Leon Williams, 64, of Plainview were at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4, in First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel with the Rev. Travis Hart, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Williams died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 1992, in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock after a brief illness.

He was born in Floyd County and was married to Marie Stodghill on Sept. 1, 1948, in Plainview. He grew up in Floydada and Lockney and graduated from Plainview High School in 1945.

In 1951, he began work with Shepherd Sheet Metal. He purchased the business in 1958 and changed the name to Williams Sheet Metal.

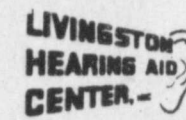
He was a member of First Baptist Church and of the Plainview Bass Club, where in 1986 he served as president. He was also a member of the ABC Booster Club. He coached Little League baseball for seven years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Dianna Johnson of Wheeler; two sons, Terry Williams of Abilene and Billy L. Williams of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Jamie Williams of Plainview; six sisters, Frances Richardson of Lubbock, Marilou Powell of Round Rock, Pauline Strain of Snyder, Gaynell Schuler of Houston, Sharon Ray of Claude and Brenda Hall of Watauga; and six grandchildren.



1992-93 FLOYDADA LIONS CLUB DIRECTORS--Floydada Lions swore in their new board of directors at their annual picnic at the Floydada Country Club. Shown here are (back row, left-right) Sammy Hale, secretary; Randy Duke, president; Johnny Summers, retiring president; Eric Cornelius, Tail Twister; Alice Gilroy, Lion Tamer; (front row, left-right) Rhealene Brown, Lions Sweetheart, and Nick Long, vice president.

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Housing Authority, City of Floydada, will be accepting sealed bids for the re-roofing of 24 buildings at 7 different sites. Sites will be bid separately. Proposal forms and specs can be picked up at 210 East California, Floydada, Texas. Bidders shall provide a satisfactory performance payment bond or bond in full amount of contract. Shall also provide information that bidder can do business in Texas. Bids must be received in the office no later than 2:00 p.m., July 13, 1992. At 2:00 p.m., July 14, 1992, bids will be opened and tabulated at 210 East California, Floydada, Texas. Bids will be considered and awarded at 6:00 p.m., July 14, 1992, at Lighthouse Electric, Hwy. 70 East, Floydada, Texas.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUBY E. PORTER

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of RUBY E. PORTER, Deceased, were issued June 22, 1992, to Carolyn Porter Smith as Independent Executrix, who now resides in Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, which estate is being administered in Cause No. 5167 in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, in probate.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to Carolyn Porter Smith, whose mailing address is:

Carolyn Porter Smith
702 W. Grover Street
Floydada, Texas 79235

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Floydada Independent School District is now accepting milk bids for the cafeterias 1992-93 school year.

For specifications contact:

Jimmie Collins, Administrative Assistant
Floydada Independent School District
226 West California Street
Floydada, Texas 79235
Phone: A/C 806-983-5167

Sealed bids will be opened at the regular board meeting Monday, July 13, 1992, 7 p.m.

Floydada ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administration of the estate of ANNIE M. TAYLOR, DECEASED, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on July 2, 1992, by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5168, styled IN RE ESTATE OF ANNIE M. TAYLOR, DECEASED, in which court the matter is pending.

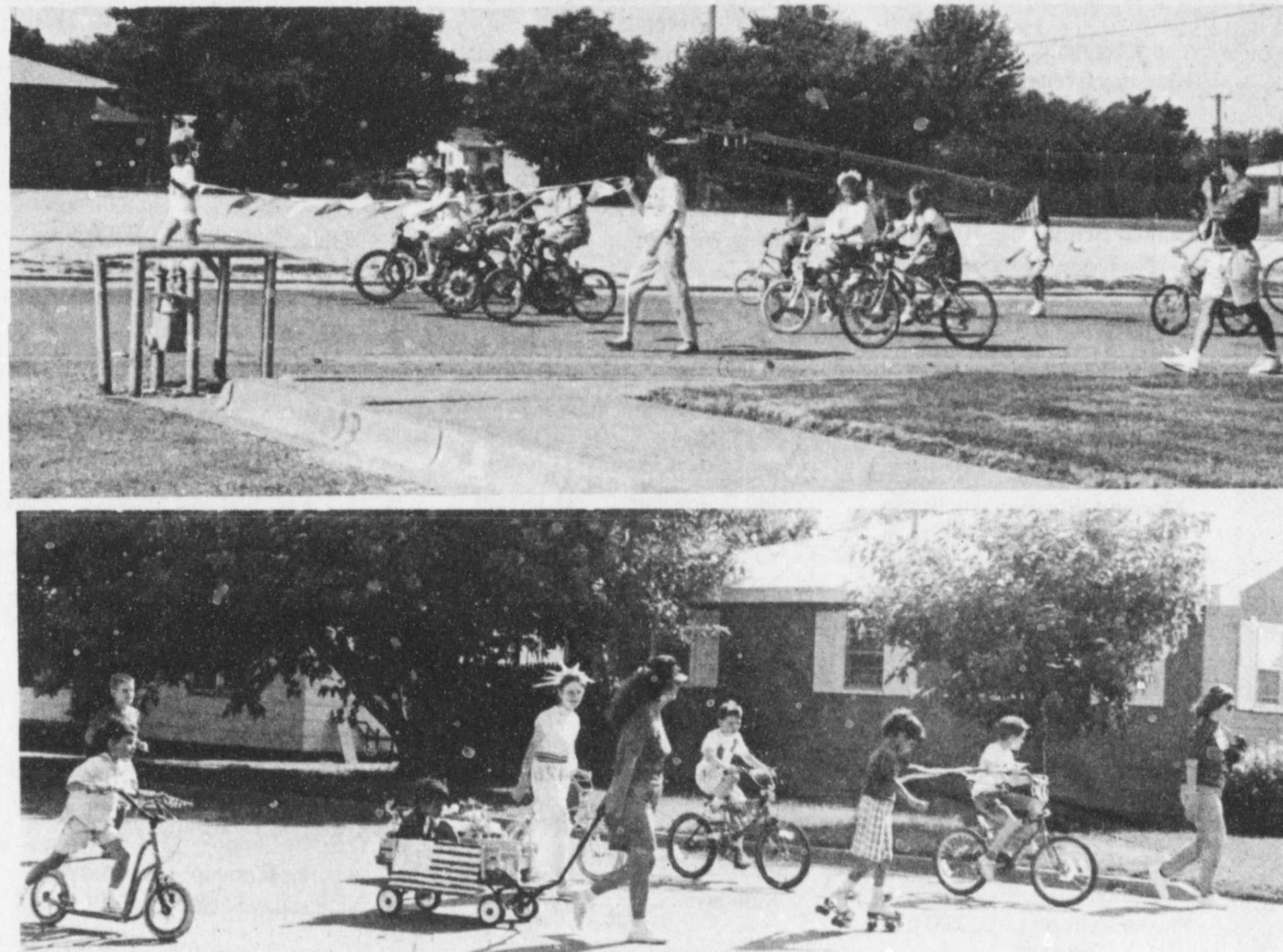
All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 1992.

I VA JEWELL BONNER, INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE M. TAYLOR, 79235, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE M. TAYLOR, DECEASED

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A REASON TO CELEBRATE--Shown in top and bottom photo are Lockney youngsters in the traditional 4th of July parade featuring any youth on bicycle, wagon, or

other transportation displaying the red, white and blue colors. They are escorted by parents and police siren.
Staff Photos



LOCKNEY ROTARY OFFICERS--The newly appointed Lockney Rotary officers are (left-right) Charlie McQuhae, director; Paul Schacht, director; John Tye, director; Jim Doucette, president; Keith Marble, vice president and Owen Thornton, director. Not pictured are Robert McDonald, secretary treasurer.

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Pheasants 'imprint' at hatching

Pheasant chicks are precocial, which means they hatch and can leave the nest immediately. This ability is very important to ground nesting birds, as the hatched eggs produce enough aroma to attract predators. So, better be able to leave the nest fast before the fox finds you.

With chicks that are able to immediately run around, "imprinting" is very important. A simple definition of imprinting is "learning to follow." The chicks imprint on their hen or learn to follow their hen within a couple hours of hatching. Imprinting is a learned behavior. The chicks must learn who their mother is and to follow her.

Some experts believe that this learning process is started before the chicks actually hatch. In fact, hens begin talking to the chicks two to three days before hatching.

"How's it going in there, kids?"
"Great Mom, but a little cramped!"
This communicating through the egg shell helps the chicks to recognize Mom at hatching, and enhances their ability to learn to follow her. This imprinting process insures that the family stays close together, so the chicks can be better protected.

"DO EMBRYOS BREATHE?"
Of course the developing embryos have to breathe. Even through the egg shell. The shell is porous enough that oxygen and carbon dioxide can pass readily through it.

During the 1960's there was much concern that agricultural chemicals

sprayed on farm fields would coat the eggs thus causing the embryos to suffocate and die.

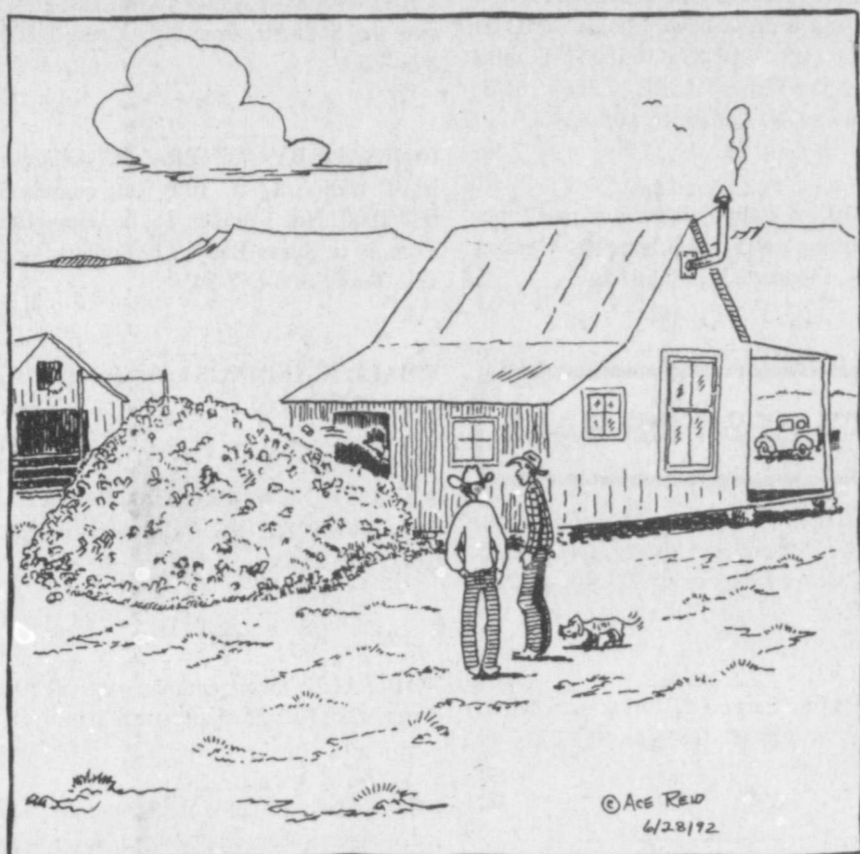
Studies with DDT, 2,4-D, dieldrin, and parathion though showed that spraying the eggs had no effect on the embryos' breathing, or hatching. Generally though, the peak spraying oc-

curred when the eggs were covered by a hen. The hen took the brunt of the chemical.

For more information on habitat, contact Mark Lewis at Soil Conservation Service office. Lewis is the Habitat Manager for the High Plains Chapter of Pheasants Forever.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Wouldn't it be cheaper to move the plant out here, then we can recycle right out the back door."

TFB lauds private property rights decision

Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True said the U.S. Supreme Court's decision reaffirming the constitutionality of private property "sends a clear signal to government regulators that private property rights must be respected".

Responding to Monday's High Court ruling in favor of a South Carolina landowner, True stated that governments at all levels henceforth will not be allowed to take away landowners' property "or the right to use property" without just compensation.

By a 6-2 vote Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court, in "Lucas vs. South Carolina Coastal Council," overturned the

state Supreme Court decision. The High Court ordered that a state regulatory agency pay just compensation to private landowner David Lucas for its "regulatory taking" of his two beachfront lots.

True called the Supreme Court's action one of the most historic decisions in years. However, he added the issue should never have reached the highest court in the land.

"It's a sad day when we have to go to court to prove or satisfy that private property is a cornerstone of our American way of life," True stated.

The president of the state's largest general farm organization commended the overwhelming decision by the Supreme Court, saying the ruling comes very close to reflecting what the framers of the Constitution intended when they drafted the document over 200 years ago.

AFBF President Dean Kleckner called the high court's ruling a "clear-

cut victory for all Americans, including farmers and ranchers."

Kleckner, noting that AFBF had filed an Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court) brief in support of Lucas, said ag producers have long since been subject to restrictive regulations impacting property rights.

"There is a lot at stake when regulators reduce or eliminate our ability to provide food and fiber for this nation," Kleckner stated.

The Lucas case stemmed from regulations imposed by South Carolina that rendered worthless two lots purchased by Lucas, who had planned to build a home for his family on one site and sell the other.

Before Lucas could do either, the state enacted the Beachfront Management Act which left Lucas' plans and a sizable investment in ruin.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court also asked the South Carolina Supreme Court to review the question of whether Lucas knew about the beachfront regulations when he purchased his lots.

John Rademacher, AFBF's general counsel, said the court's favorable ruling toward property rights returns the nuisance exception which regulators have attempted to apply broadly to its basic common-law roots.

This, in turn, Rademacher observed, should expand the range of circumstances in which state and federal governments must pay compensation when regulations intended to benefit the public destroy the value of an individual's property.

Rademacher said the ruling strengthens the language in the U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment which states that private property shall not be taken without "just compensation."

Cotton in serious financial trouble

By Mike Mallett, CEA-Ag.

Because of insurance coverage, favorable prospects for sorghum, and financial stress, farmers are not anxious to replant lost cotton. These are the same farmers that lost an estimated \$500 million dollars last season to low yields and poor quality. As a result, many cotton farmers are in serious financial trouble with little assurance of their future in farming.

For the Lubbock area, it is estimated that 70 percent of acreage on the north side was insured, and about 35 percent of the acreage south of Lubbock. A rough estimate suggests that more than half of all the acreage was insured. In the northern part, planting after June 5 is considered very late with a slim chance of making a crop. For the south side, the date was June 10. Much of the acreage insured and damaged beyond hope will be replanted to grain sorghum and soybeans.

Central and South Texas Cotton Delayed

Furthermore, about one million acres of cotton in South Texas, the Coastal Bend and Central Texas is off to a slow, wet start. Most of this crop is not fruiting, or it is shedding squares because of a poor root system. Yields on these acres will likely fall short of average.

Yield on harvested acreage in Texas has averaged 448 pounds per acre for the last five years and only 400 pounds over the last 10 years. This year's yield appears headed for the low side. Other than the Southwest, the U.S. crop is doing fairly well. The West is dry and may run

short on water. The Delta and Southwest will continue to need timely rains.

The U.S. cotton acreage harvested may be around 11.5 million, substantially below the 13.5 million planting intentions reported in March. Production at a favorable 650 pounds per acre would be less than 16.0 million bales. This would about equal offtake, and there would be no additional building of U.S. stocks at the end of the 1992/93 season. Any further bad weather could drop production to between 15 and 16 million bales.

The July 9 supply/demand report will reflect the expected acreage and the estimated yield based on the weekly crop progress report. On August 12, the first crop report will be made based on field surveys.

The market rally underway may offer some pricing opportunities. Your pricing plan needs to be in place and ready to be implemented. Put options offer price insurance, and yet you can benefit from a potential price rally later on. This crop could turn out to be rather short.

There are a number of pricing strate-

gies that can be used including forward price contracts, minimum price contracts, and combinations of futures and options. As a rule, it is easier to "set" a price while the market is rallying than after the weather excitement is over and the market declines. Remember, contracts need to be worded in line with ASCS rules for Eligibility in the CCC loan. Also, it may be desirable to hedge your deficiency payment.

A copy of Report 337 can be obtained by calling the Texas Water Development Board, Hydrologic Monitoring Section, 512-445-1484.

Report topics include references to

topography and drainage climate, economy, geologic framework, source and occurrence of ground water, water-level fluctuations, chemical quality, projected water demand, current water availability, and hydraulic characteristics of the region.

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