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Looking back on the good and bad of '95

By Alice Gilroy

Throughout the year the national media reports history making activities of leaders around the world. Those events sometimes seem larger than life. Sometimes they seem much more important than time and history prove them to be.

Here in Floyd County some may think nothing ever happens to compare with those events making news on CNN. But that is largely a matter of interpretation. All over the county, heroic citizens worked quietly together to improve their family and community life. Families dealt with deaths and rejoiced in births. Merchants and farmers worked to make a living. Youths worked hard to excel in academics, band, sports, 4-H and FFA.

Neighbors joined together to deal with emergencies and tragedies.

The bumper cotton crop of 1994 ushered in the new year and great cotton prices, sometimes hitting \$1.00 and over, added to producers' good outlook for the year.

However, those high hopes were quickly dashed with a year of drought, high winds and hail. The 1994 year ended with a bale count of approximately 102,043.

The lack of moisture through the winter produced a dismal wheat harvest and warmer than average winter temperatures encouraged the spread of the destructive boll weevil.

Because of the boll weevil threat producers voted to participate in a boll weevil eradication program, which will also cut into any profits made off of the cotton crops.

The drought brought grass fires, including a very large fire March 19th, which destroyed approximately 2,000 acres north of Floydada.

Because of the water shortage, Lake Mackenzie Water Authority rationed water to South Plains cities. City wells were put into use in both Lockney and Floydada to compensate, and the city of Silverton rushed to find new wells.

The clouds did darken the first week in June, but only to bring large hail and a tornado to the Dougherty community. The tornado left a path of destruction 3.4 of a mile wide, destroying barns, farm machinery, miles of power lines, and one home.

A drought in the mid west ruined the pumpkin crop there, bringing a record number of pumpkin buyers to Floyd County. Because of untimely (but much needed) rain, pumpkin producers battled muddy fields trying to fill orders.

The City of Floydada made the news in March, because of numerous dog poisonings from TIMIK. A \$2,500 reward was posted by Rhone-Poulenc for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever was responsible.

There were no arrests but the poisonings did stop.

Also in Floydada, a former city councilman and newly elected school board trustee, Amado Morales, was indicted June 21 in District Court for Class B and Class C misdemeanor violations of the Election Code. The case was presented to the grand jurors

by the Attorney General's Office. In July, Morales' attorney filed a notice to have the case transferred to federal courts, on the grounds that Morales could not receive a fair trial in the county, or state, because of racial discrimination.

Tragic accidents were reported in the county. The year began with the death of Dr. Randell L. Hunter, 32, of Quitaque, when his car traveled over the embankment at the edge of the Caprock, on January 5.

Hunter was a chiropractor in Floydada and a partner with Dr. David Martin.

Another accident on Hwy. 62, February 16th, resulted in the death of Roxann Cavazos, 21, of Floydada. She was killed in a head on collision with another vehicle, driven by A.C. Hope, 53, of Sweetwater. Hope was also killed and a blood test revealed he was driving while intoxicated.

Jodee Homestead, of Knox City, lost her left leg in an accident on FM 784, June 10. Homestead was standing beside a pickup on the side of the road, when a vehicle, driven by Rudy Valadez, crossed the road and struck her, pinning Homestead against the pickup.

Valadez was later sentenced to 18 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for Aggravated Assault (driving while intoxicated and using his vehicle as a weapon).

The county made a little history in the area of politics, with the election of Lemmie Gilroy, as the first Republican County Commissioner, and Jon Jones winning a Commissioner seat as a write-in candidate.

In August, Sheriff Charlie Overstreet resigned his position citing low pay and lack of support from the commissioner's court. The commissioners appointed Royce Gilmore to fill out the remaining term.

Floyd County made the news around the country after an archeology shovel survey of Blanco Canyon produced evidence that Francisco V. de Coronado came through Blanco Canyon on 1541 expedition.

Ray Macha, of Providence, and Jimmy Owens, of Floydada, both found crossbow points dating to the 1500's and used by Coronado. The evidence found by these amateur archeologists convinced the archeologists to come back for a more extensive dig.

Floyd County citizens continued to strive for community recognition through endeavors such as Punkin Days and the annual County Fair.

Citizens also continued to fight for excellence and growth through the newly organized Friends of Floyd County. This group is comprised of citizens throughout the county seeking to raise money, though grants, which will support a County Foundation. The Foundation will use the funds to support projects throughout the county, and has as one of its goals to build a Multi-Purpose Center.

The Floyd County Library Board and the Pioneer Association joined together to raise money for a Pioneer Memorial Library, to be located on Wall Street.

A breakdown of news highlights, as



SEVEN MONTH OLD RYAN KENNEDY is ready to ring in the New Year. Ryan joins his parents, David and Rita, four year old brother, Randy, and the staff of The Hesperian-Beacon in wishing everyone a very

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

covered by this paper, through the 1995 year follows:

JANUARY
The January 5th edition of The Hesperian-Beacon reported the death of Dr. Randell L. Hunter, D.C., 32, of Quitaque, who was killed after his Toyota pickup traveled off an embankment at the edge of the Caprock and rolled down the canyon wall.
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The Hesperian-Beacon offices in Floydada and Lockney will be closed Monday, January 1st.
The Lockney office will be open for a short time the morning of January 2nd.

Gins report low bale count

Although the quality of cotton was better than expected, the majority of Floyd County cotton farmers were very disappointed in the low bale count.

Drought and hail were the biggest destroyers of this year's crop.

The year ended with gins reporting approximately 102,043 bales, which is down over 96,000 bales from the 1994 bumper crop.

Most of the gins were through with the crop by the second week in December. Lockney Gin finished its 6,445 bales on December 2nd, and McCoy Gin finished 3,049 bales on Dec. 1st.

Lockney Coop had not finished their work by December 22nd. Coop Manager Charlie McQuhae said the Co-op was looking at finishing with 18,300 bales. "The quality of the cotton is very good," said McQuhae. "We are still selling the cotton so we don't know yet what the high and low price will be."

As of the 22nd, a Blanco Gin spokesman said they had approximately one more week of ginning and at this point had ginned 6,704.

Darty Gin had also not finished and was expecting their last order in approximately 2 weeks. As of Dec. 22nd, Darty Gin had ginned 7,249.

Floydada Co-op finished their 22,700 bales on December 16th. According to gin manager Rick Meyers, "We have sold some cotton as high as \$1.50¢ and as low as 69.75¢. Most of the cotton is being sold at 70¢. The quality is pretty good—a whole lot better than what we expected."

For the gin's bale count and a comparison through the years, see the chart below:

GIN	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Blanco Gin	6,704 (est.)	10,423	11,192	Not Open	Not Open
Brown Gin	4,989	8,500 (est.)	7,523	Not Open	6,750
Darty Gin	7,249 (est.)	11,235	11,255	3,621	11,179
D&J Gin	17,268	26,955	24,597	4,842	17,176
Floydada Coop	22,700	50,350	49,400	3,746	35,682
Hendricks Barwise	8,000	17,003	17,074	1,002	13,809
Lockney Coop	18,300	27,954	25,557	3,970	25,200
Lockney Gin	6,445	10,096	11,854	Not open	8,500
Marble Bros.	3,150	4,000	3,788	316	3,243
McCoy Gin	3,049	7,882	6,700	Not Open	3,443
Scott Gin	4,296	11,773	10,668	Not Open	9,335
Sterley Gin	Not Open	Not Open	Not Open	Not Open	7,400
South Plains	6,092	11,964	12,494	Not Open	Not Open
Crume Gin	Not Open	Not Open	3,487	350	6,000
	102,043	198,153	195,589	17,847	147,717

Yuletide volunteers serve 400

While many were sleeping late or gathered around the Christmas tree on Christmas morning, others were gathered at the First United Methodist Church preparing a turkey dinner to be delivered to hundreds of shut-ins and elderly.

According to one of the meal's organizer's, Sudie Cochran, "approximately 400 people were fed". "This is the largest delivery we've ever done," said Cochran. "We were very busy and fed a lot of people."

Besides shut-ins in Lockney and Floydada, meals were also delivered to Petersburg, Matador and Ralls. Those living at the Ronald McDonald houses in Lubbock and Amarillo also benefited from the Floyd County charity.

"Our Sheriff's office delivered meals to the town of Happy where they were met by the Sheriff's office from Amarillo," said Cochran. "The Amarillo deputies then delivered the food to the Ronald McDonald house."

According to Cochran, by 6:00 a.m. Christmas morning, Dean Braly, Fred Thayer, Judy Thayer and herself, were at the church beginning the first part of the preparations. A lot of the work had been done the previous day.

By 7:30 p.m. other volunteers began to arrive. Before 10:30 a.m., a crew of 25-30 workers had arrived on the scene.

"We had to have the food ready to go by 10:30 a.m.," said Cochran, "but

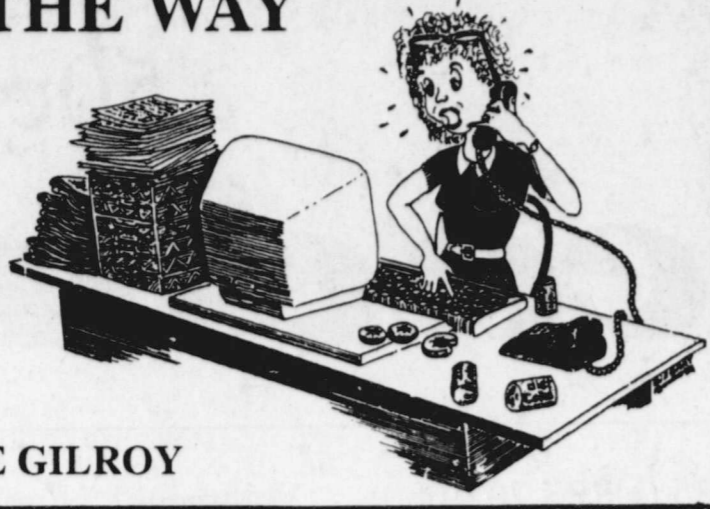
it went real fast because we had a lot of workers. We also had a lot of help from people who baked at home and sent food. People from all over town brought us pies."

By 1:30 p.m., Christmas Day, approximately 400 people had been fed, the exhausted workers had eaten, and the kitchen and dishes were clean.

Cochran began this holiday meal five years ago in an effort to teach her children to help those less fortunate than themselves. She felt it would teach them more of the true meaning of Christmas.

The idea has caught on and the workers have grown. It appears there are a lot of people who have enjoyed sharing in the spirit of giving.

BY THE WAY



BY
ALICE GILROY

Before I sat down to write the traditional end of year review I thought it might be hard to find some exciting news. But once again I found out what a terrible memory I have.

There were plenty of things going on in this county all year long. I enjoyed having my memory refreshed.

I want to apologize ahead of time for those things I know I left out. After going over every page of every newspaper in the year, your eyes start to cross.

If I left out some Lockney student awards and covered them in Floydada (or vice versa)—it wasn't because I was showing favoritism—it was because I didn't see it.

There were lots of awards handed out during the year which goes to show what a lot of hardworking youngsters we have in this county.

I know the review is long—but you will enjoy remembering.

I know everyone did not have as enjoyable a Christmas as we did at our house. I'm sorry for those who experienced tragedy over the week-end.

Just remember, when the world starts to close in on you, you do have friends, neighbors, and churches who will run to your help if you just ask.

This year (1996) is the 100th birthday of this newspaper!

Up until this point, no one has managed to run us out of town on a rail. Can you believe it?

We will be publishing a special edition this year to celebrate our anniversary and we'll probably throw a BIG PARTY!

I'm not going to tell you yet what the date of our anniversary edition will be. If I don't make the deadline, no one, but us, will know we missed it.

In our special edition we would like to include stories from former employees to this newspaper (and we have run off a lot of them!)

If you have worked here at any time in your life we would like for you to submit a story. Let us know the years you worked, who you worked with, and some event that stands out in your mind while at the newspaper.

We are not talking about the editor having a bad day and screaming at everyone. I won't print those.

We want events that the newspaper may have covered.

I would probably print a story about how sweet the editor was.

Get us the stories as quick as you can—and remember—I'm not going to tell you the deadline.

Looking back on 1995

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Pct. #2 and #3, Dottie Stansell, and J.P. Pct. #1 and #4 Tim Burge, and County Clerk Margaret Collier.

Lockney appointed Jerry Edwards as interim Police Chief.

January 12th paper reported stock show winners in Floydada and Lockney. The grand prize winners in the Lamb Show were: Amber Womack of Floydada and Desha Smith of Lockney.

In the Swine Show, grand prize honors went to: Ross Bennett, of Floydada, and Tyler Bybee, of Lockney.

Steer Show grand prize honors went to: Amber Womack, of Floydada, and Lacey Aston, of Lockney.

Reserve Grand honors went to: Amy Wade, of Floydada, and Tim Mitchell of Lockney, in the Lamb division; Kelli Bertrand, of Floydada, and Heath Stoerner, of Lockney, in the Swine division; and Chad Hinsley, of Floydada, and Corbin Kellison, of Lockney, in the Steer division.

The City of Lockney looked into the repair of a city well in anticipation of a future decrease in water allotments from Lake Mackenzie because of a shortage of water.

The first meeting of folks interested in forming a foundation to obtain funds for a Multi-Purpose center, was held at Lighthouse Electric January 31st.

The County Stock Show Champions were named in the January 26 paper. Lacy Aston, of Lockney, won with the Overall Grand Champion Heifer; Chad Hinsley, of Floydada, had the Grand Champion Simmental Steer; Kelli Bertrand, of Floydada, had the Grand Champion York Swine; Ryon Smith, of Lockney, won with the Grand Champion Suffolk Lamb.

Reserve Grand Championships went to: Lockney's Corbin Kellison, with a Hampshire Lamb; Lacey Aston, of Lockney, with a Cross Steer; Tyler Bybee, of Lockney, with an Angus Heifer; and Stacey Lloyd, with a Duroc Swine.

FEBRUARY

The top story in the February 2

paper was "Citizens decide to pursue county foundation project".

If the foundation gets off the ground, money raised could be used for a multi-purpose center and for other county improvement projects as well.

Dr. Hunter was a partner with Dr. David Martin at the Lifestyle Clinic in Floydada. He also maintained a clinic in Quitaque.

New County Commissioners, Lennie Gilroy, Pct. #2, and Jon Jones, Pct. #4, were sworn in January 1st. Gilroy was the first Republican Commissioner elected in Floyd County. Jones ran as a Write-In.

County Treasurer Mary Shurbet, who was also newly elected to her position, was sworn in on the same day. Returning to office were: District Clerk Barbara Edwards, J.P. of

Another building project reported on in this paper was discussed in a meeting between the Floyd County Library Board and the Pioneer Association. A new building for a Pioneer Memorial Library was proposed. The building would be located on Wall Street between the West Texas Bank in Floydada and the Old City Trim Shop.

Charla Yeary was named as the winner of the Sweepstakes Award at the Livestock Show Banquet, January 29.

Floyd County banks reported increased deposits from the outstanding cotton crop.

Floydada High School sent four DECA students to State competition in Corpus Christi. They were: Zacha Harris, Kelly Bailey, Danika Dudley and Michael Molinar. Christie Dubois earned 2nd in Regional and

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Christmas break will end for Floydada teachers on January 2, 1996, when they report back to work for a teacher workday. Floydada classes resume on January 3rd.

Lockney teachers must report for a teacher workday on January 3rd and classes resume the following day, January 4th.

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A view from *The Lamplighter*

By Ken Towery

Here we go again. A brand New Year named 1996 staring us in the face. It seems only yesterday when we welcomed in 1995.

There's a general impression afoot that as people get older, everything slows down considerably. In some respects we suppose that is true, but it surely isn't true in the time department, which is another of life's little departments we've always had trouble with.

When we were little kids, time seemed to drag. Christmas was forever in coming, as were birthdays. Even the afternoon school bell was always late, always over due. Or, so it seemed.

Now, things are different. The older we get the quicker the years roll by. And nothing seems to slow "the rate of increase," as it were. The rapidity with which each year rolls around seems conditioned on only about two things: how busy we've been, and how healthy we've been. Fortunately, this has been a fairly good year on both counts, so time has flown.

Still, this is supposed to be a time for not only looking back, but for looking forward. So what can we expect in the New Year?

Perhaps our view of the future is determined, in large measure, by our

hopes, as well as our experience. In that regard, we look for better things in the year, and the years, ahead.

On the national political level we expect some progress in slowing what has been a headlong rush to national disaster. We now have a sufficient number of new, first-term Congressmen, fresh from the grassroots, to exert a good deal of influence over the course of national affairs, particularly in the size and scope of government. At this point they still seem to remember why they were sent to Washington in the elections of '94. Too, they show little sign of weakening in their resolve. The deck may be stacked against them, but they have shown remarkable tenacity, even skill, in dealing those cards they do have.

Theirs will not be an easy road. Mr. Clinton, ever the politician, has many cards of his own to play. Not only that, he has a sympathetic national media to help cover his tracks and put the best possible spin on all his actions. They don't want to lose him. After all, it may be they will never again have a President so genuinely sympathetic to the concerns of gays, lesbians, and the usual group of suspects. Still, when all is said and done, we hope, and expect, some beneficial changes to be made, changes that may cause us some short range hardships, but which will make possible the survival of the Republic for our children and grandchildren. At least we hope.

On the state level we look for little in the way of radical change, even where change is needed. In the area of the state's antiquated tax structure, we expect the new year to end about where it began. Nor do we expect much change in any number of other

issues we think should be tackled, such as election law reform, changes in the manner we go about electing our judges, who gets what in the way of public welfare. Our new governor's approval rating seems to be holding up well, perhaps because public attention has been focused so heavily on what is going on in Washington. At any rate, Texans do not seem to feel threatened by what is going on at the state level. In politics that is a big determining factor. It's kinda like an airplane flight. Any time one can walk away unharmed, it's been a good flight. We believe people have a right to expect better things of government (other than that we merely don't get hurt as badly as we could be hurt), but here of late even that seems to be asking for a lot.

We would advise the new Governor to look closely at his hole card, however. He's been getting rave notices in the press from some unexpected quarters. Even Dave McNeeley, political reporter for the Austin Ameri-

can-Statesman and a columnist for the Lubbock A-J, (and of whom there are few, if any, more liberal) is saying kind things about the Governor. That ought to be reason for pause, from the Gov.'s standpoint. The other shoe will fall sooner or later.

And what's going to happen here? Whatever happens, it will be interesting. It always is. We expect the rains to come in due course, the Spring planting season to be good and the Autumn harvest season to be even better. On top of that, a new crop of future leaders will be born in our midst, and in 1996 The Floyd County Hesperian will mark its 100th year of publication.

Think of it. One hundred years of recording our county's births and deaths, and all that goes on between.

We will, if the Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise, mark the occasion in proper fashion. We hope to have more to say on that subject at a later date.

In the meantime, Happy New Year.

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Courtroom Activities

In J.P. court, December 11, the following Tax Suits were filed against:

Jose Luna, of Lockney; Oscar and Yvonne Martinez Jr., of Lockney; Paula Martinez, of Lockney; Selma Martinez, of Lockney; Francisco Medrano, dba Medrano Bros., of Sandia; Pedro Moreno, of South Plains; Edward Navarette, of Floydada;

Oayki S. Nebdiza, of Floydada; Martha's House of Styles, of Floydada; Gregory Raissez, of Lockney;

Inocente and Odilia Rodriguez, of Lockney; Saul Rodriguez, of Lockney; George Rosa, of Memphis; Elijo Rubio, of Floydada;

David Sanchez, of Floydada; Minnie Soliz, of Plainview; Jaime and Sylvia Suarez, of Floydada; Paul Tenorio Jr., of Hart; Jose A. Torres, of Floydada; Juan M. Torres, of Floydada;

Martin G. Torres, of Floydada; Earnest Torres Jr., dba E & J Body Works, of Floydada; Albert Vasquez, of Lockney; Jesse and Irene Morales, of Floydada; and Romeo Salas, of Lockney.

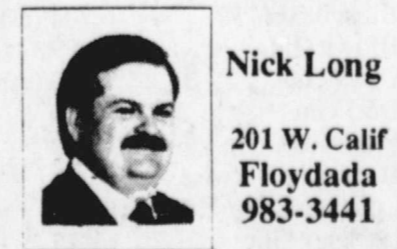
In District Court, December 11, tax suits were filed against:

Robert V. Martinez and wife, of Lockney; Jose S. Medrano, of Sandia; Railroad Properties L.P. of Chicago IL., and Gloria Villarreal, of Lockney.

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Amanda Ogden earned 3rd in Regional.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis LeRoy Chowning celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Feb. 3.

February 16th paper reported the death of Roxann Cavazos, 21, of Floydada. She was killed in a head on collision with a drunk driver, A.C. Hope, 53, of Sweetwater. Hope was also killed in the accident.

The accident occurred February 11, eight miles south of Floydada, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

icy conditions, February 12th, also caused several accidents around the county.

Lacy Golightly was named Miss Floydada, February 9.

Other Queens were: Junior Miss Trisha Coursey, Tiny Miss Randa Shurbet and Little Miss Kia Baker.

In a public forum at Duncan Elementary several citizens addressed the school board and voiced their support for the building of a new gymnasium. The FSD board approved the project.

The Debate Team at LHS advanced to State Competition for March 12-14. They placed 2nd at District UIL competition. The team members were: Janet Jones and Jennifer Lynn. Alternate member was Erin Schaefer.

The February 23rd paper reported Jared Mosley and Mandy Hunter as the new Mr. and Miss LHS.

MARCH

The March 2nd paper reported on two Lady Longhorns, Dede McCarty and Debra Ballejo, being named to the 3-2AA All District Team.

Seven Floydada High School band members earned a place at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, to be held in Austin, May 27. Qualifying were: Jennifer Hernandez, Monica Galvan, Crystal Driver, Erin Abshier, Anna Whitfill, Linda Vargas and Amanda Parks.

FHS twirlers, Joni Smith, Ashleigh Williams and Adrianna Hill were also chosen to compete at the State Contest.

Johnnie Mosley and Kaci Mathis were recognized for their election to state FHA offices for the Region I Leadership Conference on March 3. Rita Mann and her FHA project, "It's OK to be different", will compete at state.

Former Floyd County Commissioner Howard Gene Bishop died Wednesday, March 1st, after a battle with cancer. He was 61.

Earnest Harper, 87, of Floydada, was killed in a car accident, March 3, 2.3 miles N.E. of Plainview, on Hwy. 70.

Zach Abshier, of Floydada, was named to the 2-3A All-District Basketball team.

Lennie Gilroy was named Citizen of the Year, at Lockney's annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, March 11.

Jim Doucette received the Business of the Year Award and Aaron Wilson was recognized as Fireman of the Year.

Leigha Wood, of Lockney, qualified with her saxophone, to compete at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin on May 29.

J.W. Potet III, a 1994 Floydada High School graduate, was named the winner of the National Merit Scholarship Award. He was selected from 15,000 semi-finalists.

March 19th, approximately 2,000 acres, north of Floydada, were de-

stroyed by a grass fire. The fire crossed Hwy. 70 and was fought by firemen for seven hours.

A \$2,500 reward was posted by the Rhone-Poulenc company (the makers of Timik) for information on who was poisoning dogs in Floydada. At least 15 dogs had already died from poisoning by the end of March.

Longhorn's named to the 3-2A All District Basketball team were: Jared Mosley and Devon Phillips. Charles Van Zandt and Carlos Peralez received an Honorable Mention.

March 26, an early morning fire destroyed a home at 318 E. College in Lockney. An investigator with the State Fire Marshall's office ruled the cause of the fire as arson.

Michael Molinar, of Floydada, earned the right to compete at the National DECA Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, April 29.

APRIL

At LHS UIL Regional Qualifiers were: Dewayne Jones, Jared Mosley, Coby Marr, Cynthia Martin, Kaci Mathis, Cody Hayes, Kay Lynn Lusk, Mandy Gallaway, Lee Anne Gallaway, Tiffany Ellison, Kelli Clark, Leigha Wood and Johnnie Mosley. The Lockney High School One Act Play, "Dancing At Lughrasa", earned a place in Regional Competition on April 21st.

Jim Bob Reynolds, of Swisher County, was named the new Floyd County Extension Agent.

Hale's Department Store marked their 50th anniversary in Floydada. AGCO Corporation bought out AgEquipment in Lockney.

The Lady Winds Golf Team won district championship.

Lockney's Tennis Team members Coby Marr and Eric Martinez advanced to the Regional Track Meet in Abilene, April 26.

Regional track qualifiers from Floydada were: Zach Abshier, Dana McCandless and Omar Eguia. Abshier then went on to State competition.

Lockney's track team members who qualified for Regionals were: Romauldo Chavira, Chelsea Patridge and Kimberly Martinez.

The Floyd County 4-H Rifle Team advanced to State. The members qualifying were: Tim Mitchell, Kaci Mathis, Tyson Whittle and Josh Robnett.

Lee Anne Gallaway, of Lockney, placed 1st in Literary Criticism at the Regional Literary Meet and advanced to the State Competition. She placed 3rd at State.

Cotton producers in the High Plains said "Yes" to the Boll Weevil Eradication Referendum. Floyd County was one of 30 counties in West Texas which was included in the vote and will be part of the "High Plains Zone."

A fire destroyed the home of Jerry Workman, on SW 2nd Street, in Lockney, April 17.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Turner, of Floydada, celebrated their 50th anniversary, April 30.

MAY

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce named Dolores Cannon as the Citizen of the Year. Gary Brown earned the Extra Mile Award. Olin Watson was named Citizen Through The Years and Irene King was named Employer of the Year.

The City of Floydada and EMS showed off their new buildings in an Open House May 16.

After the May 6 election, several municipal offices were filled.

In Floydada, Mayor Hulon Carthel was re-elected, Incumbent City Councilmen Leroy Burns and Dale Lawson also returned to their seats.

The Floydada School Board election results returned incumbent Charlene Brown. Also winning were Amado Morales, Pct. #4 and Jack Robertson, Pct. #5.

At Caprock Hospital, incumbents Tom Farris and Carmel Eastham were returned to office. Denice Payne joined them in office.

In Lockney, the City elected Gary Marr as Mayor and Bil Anderson and Rodger Stapp as councilmen. Tina Graves was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Gary Marr, as a city council member.

In the Lockney School Board was filled by Bernie Ford, Pct. #4, Carlton Johnson for the at-large position, and Louie Bybee in Pct. #3.

The Lockney Hospital District Ronnie Hardin, Jerry Johnson and Terry Jones, all unopposed, were elected to the board.

The Floydada FFA Entomology Team place first at State. Members were: Stacey Lloyd, Mario Nunez, Kelli Bertrand and Misty Bertrand.

Floydada GT students winning 5th at State Competition in the area of Problem Solving were: James Owens, Fabian Falcon, Jordan Chaparro, Shane Lloyd, Erick Arellano, Jessica Coronado, Maria Rangel and Kember Everett.

Floydada High School named Amanda Parks the Valedictorian and Lezlie Warren the Salutatorian.

Lockney High School named Jared Mosley as Valedictorian and Deidra McCarty as Salutatorian.

The undefeated Longhorn Baseball Team won their first ever district championship.

The Whirlwind Baseball Team was named the District 2-3A Runners-Up. Mr. and Mrs. J.M. McNeill celebrated their 60th anniversary, May 26th.

The Old Settler's Reunion was held May 26th, and the Floyd County Museum used the day to honor veterans.

At the Reunion J.R. and Maye Belt, of Lockney, were chosen as the Pioneer Couple. Olga Applewhite was named Pioneer Woman and Aaron Carthel was named the Pioneer Man.

JUNE

High winds and hail wrecked havoc in the county, June 2nd. A tornado near the community of Dougherty, June 5, left a path of destruction 3/4 of a mile wide in some areas. The home of George and Norma Orozco, 9 1/2 miles east of Floydada, was completely destroyed by the twisters. Barns and farm machinery were also destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Appling celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 3rd.

Members of the Lockney Longhorn Baseball Team named to 3-AA All District were: Jared Mosley, Carlos Perales (Honorable Mention), Lalo Chavira, Tanner Johnson, Josh Lambert (Honorable Mention), Nino Garcia and Alfred Martinez.

Whirlwinds named to the All District Team were: Neal Nelson, Sammy Rodriguez and Monty Anderson.

A Knox City girl, Jodee Homestead was seriously injured in a traffic accident, 2.3 miles west of Floydada, on FM 784, June 10. She suffered face

and chest injuries and the loss of her left leg after being pinned against a vehicle by the vehicle driven by a drunk driver.

Rudy Valadez, the driver of the vehicle which hit Homestead, was later charged with Aggravated Assault. On October 19, jurors found him guilty of the 2nd degree felony and Judge Randy Hollums sentenced him to 18 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. He was also found guilty of using a deadly weapon (his vehicle) in the commission of the crime.

The first load of wheat came in to Producers Cooperative Elevator. It was harvested by Curtis Sanders.

Park Florist closed after 65 years of business.

Caprock Hospital entered into a lease and interlocal agreement with University Medical Center.

Martin and Iva Brown celebrated their 70th anniversary June 25.

Amado Z. Morales, 42, a trustee with the Floydada ISD and a former City Councilman was indicted June 21, for violations of the Election Code, a Class B and Class C misdemeanor.

JULY

Lowe's Pay-N-Save celebrated the 4th with their traditional food feast and dance in their parking lot.

Lockney youngsters paraded their bicycles down Main Street in their traditional 4th parade.

The night of July 4th, Antonio Banda Sr., 53, of Lockney, was shot and killed in front of his mother's apartment in Dallas. He was apparently caught in gunfire between two other men. Police believed him to be an unintended victim.

Cynthia Martin and Charla Yeary will compete on the state level of 4-H Recordbook judging.

Paul Holloway, an attorney for Amado Morales, filed a notice July 20, to have the recent misdemeanor charges filed against Morales in Floyd County Court moved to federal courts.

Halloway contends that Morales could not receive a fair trial in Floyd County and that the County, as well as the State of Texas, has a history of racial discrimination.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Campbell celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 29.

Floyd and Euna Bradley celebrated their 50th Anniversary July 5th.

John and Margie Turner celebrated their 60th anniversary, July 25.

AUGUST

Sheriff Charlie Overstreet resigned his position effective August 11, citing low pay and the lack of support from the Commissioner's Court as reasons for leaving.

Commissioners appointed Royce Gilmore to fill out the remaining Sheriff's term until a Sheriff can be elected in the November 1996 general election.

During their annual Membership Breakfast, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce presented appreciation awards to EMS Paramedic Paul McIntosh, City employee Connie Galloway, Kyle Minnex (for Light-house Electric), Beautification awards to Bobby Gilliland, of Script, and Tom Farris, of First National Bank of Floydada; a volunteer award to William Bertrand and an appreciation award to Alice Gilroy.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Eakin celebrated their 69th anniversary, August

9. Lockney High School opened their new library.

Lockney Chamber sponsored their annual "Old Fashioned Saturday", August 29.

Floydada's Bank of America was acquired by American State Bank.

SEPTEMBER

Amateur and professional archeologists converged on Blanco Canyon, the first weekend in September, for a shovel survey of the area.

The archeologists were looking for proof that Francisco V. de Coronado came through Blanco Canyon on his expedition in 1541.

Evidence was found and the archeologists will return for a more extensive dig.

Ray Macha, of Providence, found a crossbow point dated to the 1500's, which were used during the Coronado expedition. Two similar points were found in the same general area by Jimmy Owens, of Floydada, in 1991.

Lockney Longhorns won the county football championship.

The annual Floyd County Fair was held in Lockney, September 14-17. Gretchen Quebe was chosen as the new Miss Floyd County. Younger Queens were: Young Miss Meredith Schacht, Junior Miss Trisha Coursey, Tiny Miss Heather Brock and Little Miss Jennifer Reyes.

Floydada tore down the 80 year old landmark water tower.

Hundreds of youth gathered in the county, at different schools, to observe the annual "See You At The Pole," a national day of prayer.

The first milo load was delivered to Producer's on September 28. The milo was cut by Harold Norrel, south of Floydada.

OCTOBER

Muddy fields were slowing delivery of Floyd County pumpkins. The pumpkins were in high demand because of drought in the mid-west.

Predictions for the cotton future were not good.

Harley and Edna Workman, of Lockney, celebrated their 60th anniversary, October 22.

A new doctor, Dr. Salman Ahmad, began his practice at the Cogdell Clinic in Floydada.

4-H honors were given to Stacey Lloyd and Tim Mitchell, "I Dare You Awards"; Cynthia Martin and Kaci Mathis were presented with Gold Star Awards.

Ramon and Josefina Peralez celebrated their 50th anniversary, October 26.

Floydada branch bank of the First National Bank in Lockney, changed

its name to West Texas National.

Floydada residents voted "Yes" on extended calling service.

Beautiful weather and great entertainment helped draw record crowds to the eighth Punkin Day celebration, Oct. 28th.

NOVEMBER

Mangold Memorial holds another successful Health Fair.

The county and City of Floydada plan to work together to renovate the city airport.

Longtime Lockney businessman Richard Wiley died suddenly November 15.

Eight Lockney football players earn places on the 3AA All District team. Team members are: Devon Phillips, J.R. Walker, Mike Hernandez, Shannon Veal and Joe Marks. Honorable mentions were: Carlos Perales, Rowdy Boggs and Jarrod Clark.

A lawsuit was filed by Mendy Shurbet against the City of Floydada. The city was being sued for alleged violation of Shurbet's civil rights stemming from her arrest, May 14, 1994, for public intoxication. She asked for compensation in the amount of \$250,000.

DECEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Guffee celebrated their 72 anniversary December 1st at the Floydada Nursing Home. They were married Dec. 2, 1923.

The county attorney resigned his position effective Dec. 31.

Lockney Chamber holds another successful and well attended Holiday Affair, Dec. 2.

The speed limit on Hwy. 70 from Floydada to Plainview was raised to 70 mph.

Leigh Wood and Kaci Mathis, Lockney band members, both competed at Small Schools Bands region Honor Band auditions. They both placed first for their instruments and will advance to the ATSSB Area audition.

The annual community wide Christmas meal for shut-ins and elderly was held. This year meals will be delivered to Floydada, Lockney, Ralls, Matador, and the Ronald McDonald houses in Lubbock and Amarillo.

Douglas and Mary Glenn Degge celebrated their 50th anniversary, Dec. 23. They were married January 15, 1946.

Floydada Whirlwinds named to the All-District football squad were: Zach Abshier, Vernon Cooper, Julian Hernandez, Chad Hinkle, Ramon McCann and Richard Powell. Lupe Sanchez received Honorable Mention.

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FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Margarette Word
The center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, because of Christmas and New Years, the center will be closed, Monday, January 1, 1996. If you plan to eat lunch, please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m.

Deeota Odum attended the funeral of Wade Roberts of Dickens who was a cousin to her late husband, Saturday, Dec. 16 at Dickens.

The Senior Citizen Christmas party held Friday, Dec. 22, was enjoyed by 30 people. Carols were sung, games played and a "white elephant" gift exchange were enjoyed by all. Sandwiches, punch, cookies, candy and chips were served.

R.G. Dunlap's daughter Becky, spent several days before Christmas, visiting her dad and her brother, Johnny and his family.

Ina Lewis had visitors before Christmas, her brother, Merrell Cox and his wife Irene of Lubbock.

Jim and I attended Carr's Chapel Christmas Eve get-together. There were around 121 in attendance. The local children put on a program. Santa made an unexpected visit, giving out a sack of goodies to all the children. Gifts were exchanged by all friends and family members. It was just an old fashion Christmas Eve party like I attended when I was a child in Amarillo. When we left the church, Jim and I went to his daughter's home, Ann and Charles Carr. Others attending the turkey and dressing meal with all the trimmings were Chase Carr, Mary Garrett, Gertrude Carr, David Carr and Michelle White, both of Illinois, and Sandy Carr of Garland.

This has been a wonderful Christmas season. Seems like the contatas churches have put on have been very special and so much work has gone into them. The children pro-

grams and candlelight services have been so wonderful. Families getting together, friends visiting, Christmas carols being sung and knowing that God sent His Son to be our Savior makes this time of the year a very special part of my life and I hope yours.

We still have many friends in the hospital, nursing homes, and are ill at home. We want to remember these in our prayers. Also for those who have lost loved ones recently.

Our sympathy to the family of Guadalupe Martinez.

Our sympathy to the family of Artie Gray.

"Thought for the Week" - Sometimes, Father, frigid winter blankets my spirit. Gray days become a harsh and heavy burden. And then I remember how you promised Noah winter and summer, seedtime and harvest, day and night, cold and heat, as long as the earth shall live. Help me to understand; the barren and difficult times are not a curse, but part of a blessing - your wonderful, everchanging gift: Life.

Guidepost

"Happy New Year"

Menu

Monday, Jan. 1: Closed for New Year's Day

Tuesday, Jan. 2: Meatloaf, new potatoes with sauce, broccoli, celery sticks, wheat roll, Angelfood cake

Wednesday, Jan. 3: BBQ chicken, butterbeans, spinach, tossed salad with Ranch Dressing, cornbread, rice or bread pudding with raisin sauce.

Thursday, Jan. 4: Roast, mashed potatoes, oriental vegetables, tossed salad with 1000 Island Dressing, biscuit, brownie

Friday, Jan. 5: Vegetable beef stew, pea salad, cornbread, frosted cake

Hobby Club enjoys Christmas Party

By Jonelle Fawver
The This 'n That Hobby Club met Dec. 5 for their annual Christmas party. The meeting was in the beautifully decorated home of Jonelle Fawver. Special decorations were her Christmas village and her collection of angels.

Card tables decorated with Christmas tablecloths and napkins, centered with pots of poinsettias added to the festivities. Gifts were exchanged by all the members.

A bountiful lunch of ham, salads, green bean casserole and hot bread was served. Two kinds of cake, tea, coffee and hot punch were enjoyed by all. Members present were Mildred Cates, Thelma Crawford, Betty Baker, Dorothy Holland, Faye Jackson, Queen Annie Lawson, Jo Lyles, Dorothy Reeves, Margie Sue, Ila White and hostess Jonelle Fawver.

NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company to perform

The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company a Floydada, Texas, repertoire troupe, will be the featured entertainers on December 31 at "First Night Alamogordo '96," a non-alcoholic family New Year's Eve Celebration in Alamogordo, New Mexico. The Musical Grays and their company will present "A Tribute to Tent Shows" in the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, a restored 700-seat theatre which has been designated as the center of area arts activities by the City of Alamogordo.

The street in front of the Flickinger Center will be closed, creating a block party effect, with warming fires, food booths, mimes and chalk artists. There will be ten different performance sites in a two block radius. The events at each performance site will change every 30 minutes, allowing the audience to see and hear a variety of artists. Artists will range from the Alamogordo High School Orchestra, Band and Choir, Barbershop Chorus, Belly Dancers, Senior Citizen Line Dancers, storytellers, Jazz Bands, singers, actors, and Ti Kwan Do - all showcasing the multi-ethnicity of Otero County.

The goal of "First Night Alamogordo '96" is to offer a creative, safe, fun evening geared to include all facets of the county in celebrating the New Year in an alcohol-free environment. In doing so, the organizers hope to create a safe haven for high risk youth, keep the streets safer, and revitalize the community spirit so prevalent in years gone by.

The NEW Musical Grays were organized by Bill and Dell Gray, who co-produce, direct and perform in the fast-paced production. The original Musical Grays, one of the first family bands to tour during vaudeville's heyday, was a tent and hall show that toured Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona in the 1920s and 1930s.

Alamogordo was one of the stops on their route during the time when 400 shows of this type were traveling throughout America. Bill's father, Erman, was well known in the business, having appeared with numerous "rep" shows over a span of many years.

Bill Gray was born on a tent show in 1937 and spent his first 25 years on various traveling companies. His last year to troupe was 1962 on the legendary Schaffner Players' "Toby and Susie" Company (the last of the big-time tent shows). Since 1979 he has been associated with Russell's Equipment and Supply, a farm implement dealer in Floydada.

Dell Gray, a professional musician, arranger and composer, is business manager and musical director of the group, which includes a number of veterans of Post's annual Harley Sadler Tent Show re-creations at the Garza Theatre. Jane Prince-Jones, Jeremy Danial, Todd Caldwell, Bill Lyon, Emily Hataway and Amy Jones, all noted for their involvement with the Garza Theatre, are among the cast for the Grays' Alamogordo engagement. Cliff T. Clow, noted magician and balloon artist, also joins the troupe for the New Year's show, which will feature an evening of music, comedy skits, dancing, magic and other family-orientated entertainment.

The NEW Musical Gray's Stock Company was formed not only as a tribute to the Gray family legacy, but also to revive this early form of theatre. Numerous restored theatres and opera houses are now operating in the region. The troupe recently performed at the Gem Theatre in Claude for that theatre's 80th birthday party. Presenting authentic plays and vaudeville entertainment in the area's historic theatres was one of the deciding factors in the Grays' decision to form the touring company.

Floyd County Lifestyles

Residents celebrate birthdays

By Lorilla Bradley

December is a special time... Such happy things it brings... Birthdays, also Santa Claus And lots of other things!

Mrs. Neil we honor... Someone so nice to know... Though she has slowed her step a bit Her face is still "aglow"

We welcome Mrs. Jester... She's counting 93... May every day through her life Be the best that it can be!

To cheer these lovely ladies Lets do the same old song... We call it Happy Birthday... So come out good and strong!

seated at the "honor" table, their places being marked with special cards. Each wore a lovely corsage compliments of Williams Florist and Card Shop. The table was laid with a green cloth and held a floral arrangement in shades of red and pink.

We had a special treat by Nell Ingham, of Amarillo singing "In the Garden". Thanks, Nell. The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song.

A delicious refreshment plate contained chocolate cake and angel food cake and a tasty fruit punch.


Seated with Mrs. Neil was her daughter Carolyn Jackson, Nell Ingham, Thelma Fawver, Rachel Nance Bart, Tate, and Blake Greer.

Members of Mrs. Jester's family seated with her were Margie Womack, Erlene Fenton, Lois Hodges and Opal Guffee.

We were so happy to have all the visitors and ask you to be with your loved ones at their special time.

The next party will be Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996, at 2:30 p.m.

Happy New Year!

We will be closed Monday, January 1
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Lockney Senior Citizens News

by Gladys Ragle

Well, Christmas is over and I hope everyone had a very good time. I did and, of course, I ate too much. Thursday night, December 21, there were 40 at our meeting and it seemed everyone had a good time.

A short business meeting was called and three new directors were elected to the Board of Directors to start serving in January.

Congratulations to Douglas and Mary Glenn Degge on their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish them many more.

Remember the center will reopen on January 2, 1996 and begin serving meals again.

We wish all who are sick at home or in the hospital will improve and have a better year in 1996. We wish all a Happy New Year!

Weekly words of wisdom--The world has a lot of people who are making a good living, but living poor lives.

MENU

Tuesday, Jan. 2: Pork chops, salad, vegetable and dessert

Wednesday, Jan. 3: Chicken fried steak, salad, vegetable, and dessert

Thursday, Jan. 4: Ham, salad, vegetable and dessert

Friday, Jan. 5: Meatloaf, salad, vegetable and dessert

All meals served with coffee, tea, and rolls. Menu subject to change.

We Salute in Floydada

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Dec. 28: Elisa Suarez, Ramiro Coss, Shonda Guthrie, Monty Anderson, Charlie Cabello

Friday, Dec. 29: Thelma Garza, Jesse Suarez, connie Riojas, Vincente Flores, Amanda Barnett

Saturday, Dec. 30: Bill Starkey, Jennifer Rainwater

Sunday, Dec. 31: Beverly Harrison

Monday, Jan. 1: Erick Arellano, Samuel Segura

Tuesday, Jan. 2: Shannon Phillips, Zan Daniels, Jerry Penny, Evelyn Sparks, Jack Alaniz, Robin Kirk

Wednesday, Jan. 3: Martina Luna, Ismanell Gray, Maria Cuellar, Eric Morales, Christina Chavarria

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, Dec. 28: Bill and Jo Lynn Dean, C.L. and Thretha Robinson

Friday, Dec. 29: Erbey and Mary Molinar

Sunday, Dec. 31: Derek and Vikki Lamar, Robert and Barbara Perez

Monday, Jan. 1: A.C. and Cristina Martinez, Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Cuevas

Recipe of the Week

Spicy Italian Dip

- 1 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 (7 oz.) package Italian salad dressing mix
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- Mix salad dressing, sour cream, salad dressing mix and pepper sauce until well blended. Chill.
- Serve with assorted chips and/or vegetable dippers. 1-1/2 cups.

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Evangelist to be speaker

Bob Watters, well-known international evangelist, will be guest speaker at the First Assembly of God, 701 West Missouri, Floydada, Sunday through Wednesday, December 31, 1995, through January 3, 1996. Pastor Vance Mitchell has announced that services will be held at 10:45 a.m. and at 6 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. weeknights. The general public is invited.

Evangelist Watters has recently returned to the States from outstanding crusades in Europe. In this past year, he has held successful missions in Germany, France, Switzerland, and England. Throughout Europe, many of the churches to which Watters ministered were established by converts from previous crusades.

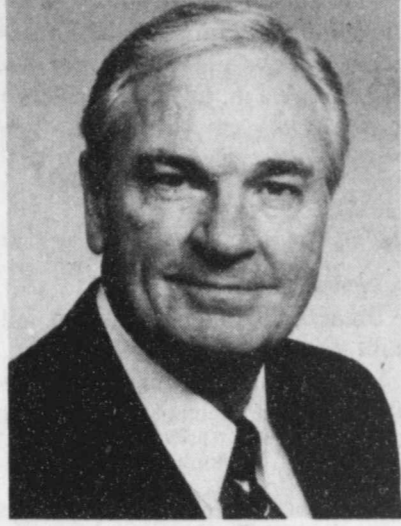
Bob Watters has a well-received ministry among some twenty-five denominations, and has conducted preaching missions and evangelism crusades that have reached more than 700 cities overseas. He is an accomplished keyboard musician and gospel singer, and has written several popular gospel songs.

Although Rev. Watters' work is centered in western Europe, including the now open area of eastern Germany, he has ministered in several Eastern European countries, such as Poland; as well as in the Middle East, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Canada. Watters' suc-

cessful European crusades have gained worldwide recognition of his ministry, with invitations to preach on every continent.

Rev. Watters was ordained with the Assemblies of God in 1954, and as a young minister, he conducted several preaching missions to Cuba just before the Castro takeover. Churches were organized in 22 cities as a result of these crusades.

Watters is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, holding Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the Humanities. Now residing in Springfield, Missouri, he is a native of Breckenridge, Texas, and a descendant of pioneer Methodist "circuit riding preachers."



BOB WATTERS

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DR. DOBSON

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"I'll tell you George. Sometimes, I think you don't care about me and the kids anymore. If once, just once, you would show a little love and understanding, I would drop dead from sheer shock."

Obviously, that is not the way to get George's attention. Instead, you should look for opportunities to teach your husband during moments of closeness and understanding. That instruction requires the proper timing, setting and manner to be effective.

1. Timing: Select a moment when your husband is typically more responsive and pleasant. Perhaps that will occur immediately after an evening meal, or when the light goes out at night, or in the freshness of the morning.

The worst time of the day is during the first 60 minutes after he has arrived home from work—yet this is the usual combat hour. Don't lumber into such a heavy debate without giving it proper planning and forethought, taking advantage of every opportunity for the success of the effort.

2. Setting: The ideal situation is to ask your husband to take you on an overnight or weekend trip to a pleasant area. If it isn't possible to get

away, the next best alternative is to obtain a baby-sitter and go out to breakfast or dinner alone. If that is out of the question, then select a time at home when the children are occupied and the phone can be taken off the hook.

Generally speaking, however, the farther you can get him from home, with its cares and problems and stresses, the better your chance will be to achieve genuine communication.

3. Manner: It is extremely important that your husband does not view your conversation as a personal attack. We are all equipped with emotional defenses which rise to our aid when we are being vilified. Don't trigger those defense mechanisms.

Instead, your manner should be warm, loving and supportive as possible under the circumstances. Let it be known that you are attempting to interpret your needs and desires, while taking his emotional state into consideration. Postpone the conversation if he is under unusual stress from his work, or if he isn't feeling well, or if he has recently been stung by circumstances and events.

Then when the timing, setting and manner converge to produce a moment of opportunity, express your deep feelings as effectively as possible. And like every good Boy Scout, be prepared.

Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Dr. Dobson is brought to you courtesy of West College & 3rd Street Church of Christ, Lockney.

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Claude Porter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Frank Duckworth, Evangelist
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada
Gene McCarty, Minister
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G.A. Blocker
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Tommy Beck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinge
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Clark Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.
Pastor
Michael Holster
Music/Adm./Sr. Adults
Marlon Pritchard,
Students/Ed.
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Train. 5:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choirs 4:00 p.m.
Evening Meal 6:00 p.m.
R.A.'s & G.A.'s 6:45 p.m.
Preschool Choir 6:45 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 7:45 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
Les Reed, Youth Minister
Kent Lloyd, Music Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship
Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
211 N. Main, Lockney
Interdenominational Church
Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS
404 E. 6th St., Lockney
Lupe Banda, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Ed Hull, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Jim Jackson, Pastor
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Pedro Villareal, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Luncheon -
1st Sunday of Month;
Music Worship;
Last Sunday with evening service

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
1st Wed. Organization Night

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO GETSEMANI
308 Mississippi
Rev. Thomas G. Lopez
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic
Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Elbert Fadallan
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 7:30 p.m.
(Tuesday and Friday)
Phone: 983-5878

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Lockney 652-2181
Gabriel W. Ortiz, Pastor
Olga L. Martinez, Youth Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Natividad Luna, Pastor
515 E. Missouri, Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO LIBERTAD
203 SE 2nd, Lockney
652-2204
Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
652-3704
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
500 W. Houston Floydada
Interdenominational Church
Charlie Stice, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Arthur P. Bliese Pastor
Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
983-2737

Goen & Goen Insurance
102 E. California 983-3524

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada, 983-5111

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652-3339, Aiken

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Floydada- 983-2184

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106 S. Main - Lockney - 652-2133

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112 W. Poplar, Lockney, 652-2385

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103 S. Main, Lockney - 652-2757

City Auto
201 E. Missouri - Floydada
983-3767

Lockney Co-op Gin
Lockney - 652-3377

Clark Pharmacy
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Lockney Ins. Agency
105 N. Main - Lockney - 652-3347

Davis Lumber
102 E. Shurbet - Lockney
652-3385

Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home
329 W. Calif., Floydada, 983-2525
402 S. Main, Lockney, 652-2211

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Obituaries

ANNE ADKINS
Funeral services for Anne Stimaker Adkins, 65, were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23, 1995, in the First United Presbyterian Church in Clarendon with Rev. Dan Snider, Pastor officiating.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery under direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.
Ms. Adkins died on Friday, Dec. 22, 1995 in Lockney.

Mrs. Adkins was born Feb. 10, 1929 and was married to M.E. "Byrd" Adkins on Aug. 20, 1949. He preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 1967. She was a resident of Kermit before moving to Floyd County in 1993. She was a Nursing Home Administrator and a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by a son, Milton Carl "Chuck" Adkins on Nov. 18, 1995.

Survivors include one daughter, Marilyn Jean Walker of Kermit; a son, Dr. Byrd Adkins of Amarillo; five sisters, Beth Stimaker, Margaret Brackett, Agnes Leonard, Julia Ray, Rose Dreza; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

W.A. ARMSTRONG
Services for W.A. "Army" Armstrong, 81, of Friona were at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lee Roark, pastor, and Vergil Ichtetz of Friona officiating.

Burial as in Friona Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Armstrong died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, in Prairie Acres.

He was born Nov. 25, 1914, in Rising Star. He married Barbara Bache on June 27, 1952, in Lovington, N.M. He was a Methodist, and he was a member of the Friona Masonic Lodge 1332 and the Zapata Masonic Lodge 1402. He moved to Friona from Zapata in 1967, and he was a former Lubbock resident.

He worked for Bruegel Gin for 10 years, and he was an insurance adjuster for National Ag Underwriters for eight years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Gary of Charlotte, N.C., and Alan of Lockney; a daughter, Susan Patterson of Dimmitt; two brothers, J.C. of Lubbock; and W.L. of Lake Whitney; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

GLADYS CROSS
Services for Gladys Cross, 87, of Lockney were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 24, 1995, in the Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Gene McCarty of the City Park Church of Christ of Floydada officiating.

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

Mrs. Cross died Friday afternoon in Austin at the Four Seasons Nursing Home.

She was born July 7, 1908 in Farmington, Texas. She married Charlie Cross on July 3, 1937 in Lubbock. The couple moved to Lockney in 1939 from Petersburg. Mr. Cross died on August 27, 1979. Mrs. Cross was a housewife and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Loren and J. B. Reece. She is survived by one son, Gerald Cross of Alvarado, Texas and one daughter, Charline Bates of Austin, Texas; and one sister, Vernola Hanna of Floydada.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

ADA DAY
Graveside services for Ada Mae Day, 85, of Lubbock were at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Davis B. Price, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Services were under direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, in Methodist Hospital.

She was born Jan. 30, 1910, in Trenton. She attended Childress schools, and she married Floyd Day on Dec. 14, 1931, in Floydada. He died July 19, 1966. She moved to Lubbock from Bremerton, Wash., in 1947. Benny, died April 3, 1988. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

She worked for the Lubbock State School for 10 years as a nurse's aide. Survivors include a son, Jimmy of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

TIMOTHY LOTZ
Services for Timothy Jack Lotz, 37, of Floydada were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 1995, at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Clark Williams officiating.

Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Lotz died Saturday afternoon at his residence.

He was born December 29, 1957 in San Diego, California. He graduated from high school in Whiteface and then attended South Plains and Lubbock Christian University. Mr. Lotz moved to Floydada from Whiteface August of 1993. He married Debbie Miller Lotz on March 12, 1994 in Floydada.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Debbie Bennett.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Christopher "Bubba" Hartline of Floydada; three daughters, Laura Lotz, Nichole Hartline and Valorie Hartline all of Floydada; his mother, Ronnie Taylor of Whiteface; his father Jack Lotz and his wife Florence Lotz of Bridgeton, Missouri; his grandmother, Laura H. Schweizer of Bridgeton, Missouri; two brothers, Steven Orvedahl of Iola, Wisconsin and Scott Lotz of Denton and one sister DeAnn Johnson of Levelland.

Pallbearers were Tom Farris, Larry Goldston, Larry Jones, Ralph Means, Gary Platt, and Leon Seales.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

CLAY MCCOY
Graveside services for Clay McCoy, infant son of Fred and Karen McCoy of Shallowater, were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, 1995, in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Jimmy McGuire, pastor of Bacon Heights Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

The child died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995 in Methodist Hospital.

He was born Nov. 26, 1995, in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Allen of Shallowater; a sister, Emily of Shallowater; his paternal grandparents, Fred and Carolyn McCoy of Lubbock; his maternal grandparents, Ken and Deniece Anderson of Lubbock; his paternal great-grandmother, Peggy Campbell of Lubbock; his maternal great-grandmother, Pricilla Anderson of Idalou; and his maternal great-grandparents, Bill and Estelle Gilbreath of Floydada.

Pallbearers were Bill McCoy and Chad Pernel.

ERMAGENE SANDERS
Services for Ermagene Burris Sanders, 73, of Salem, N.M., will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, in First Baptist Church in Hatch, N.M. with the Rev. Wallace Blair officiating.

Burial will be in Hatch Cemetery under direction of Graham's mortuary of Las Cruces, N.M.

She died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995, at her daughter's residence in Abilene.

She was born in Hermleigh. She married Darci Albert Sanders on June 16, 1940, in Socorro, N.M. She was a charter member of Salem Baptist Church and a member of First Baptist Church of Hatch. She had taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Martha Louise Bela of Las Cruces, Myrna Saxton Engstrom of Terrebonne, Ore., and Lora Lynn Christensen and Nora Beth Sanders, both of Abilene; four sons, Roy Dean Sanders of Tempe, Ariz., Nathan Andrew Sanders of Las Cruces, and Darrell Lee Sanders and Travis Ray Sanders, both of Portland, Ore.; three brothers, Delvis Faye Burris of Morton, Johnny W. Burris of Belton, S.C., and Garvin Ray Burris of Saginaw, two sister Ethelyn Vernon of Lockney and Sue Daniels of Floydada; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Hatch.

W.E. WARD
Funeral services for W.E. "Bill" Ward, 62, were at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 1995, in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Scott Emondson of Belair Baptist Church and the Rev. Rickey Honea, of College Heights Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Ward died Tuesday, December 19, 1995, in Methodist Hospital.

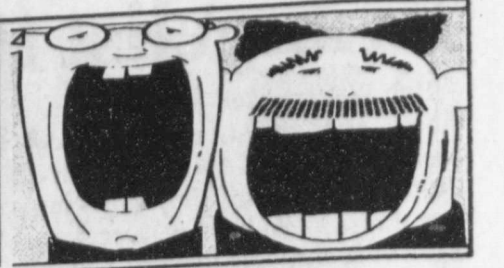
He was born on Aug. 26, 1933, in Randlett, Okla. He served with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War and owned Ward's Construction Co. for several years. He was a building manager at First National Bank and also served as facility manager of the George Mahon Federal Building in Lubbock.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Carpenters Local 1884, Yellowhouse Lodge and was a Baptist.

He married Johnnie Owens on Aug. 24, 1952, in Floydada.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Wes and Doug Ward both of Lubbock; two brothers, Denver Ward of Lubbock and Sam Ward of Gainesville; three sisters, Frances Lynch and Pauline McCormick both of Floydada and Ruth Riddle of Nocona; and four grandchildren.

This Week's Announcements



DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP CLASS
Diabetic Support Groups weekly classes will be in the Methodist Hospital Plainview Library every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. The program for the **January 8th** meeting will be "Retinopathy", presented by speaker Dr. Douglas Kopp.

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.

Floydada School Menu
Jan. 3-5

Wednesday:
Breakfast: Orange juice, toast, jelly milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk
Thursday:
Breakfast: Grape juice, pancakes, syrup, milk
Lunch: Burritos, taco sauce, Spanish rice, tossed salad, tostado rounds, milk
Friday:
Breakfast: Applesauce, dry cereal, Graham crackers, milk
Lunch: Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cobbler, milk

ENCHILADA DINNER
The San Jose Catholic Church will be hosting an enchilada dinner on Sunday, January 21, 1996. Cost per plate and serving times will be announced at a later date.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Energas

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 20	44	29
Dec. 21	41	28
Dec. 22	34	27
Dec. 23	38	29
Dec. 24	47	28
Dec. 25	56	31
Dec. 26	60	30

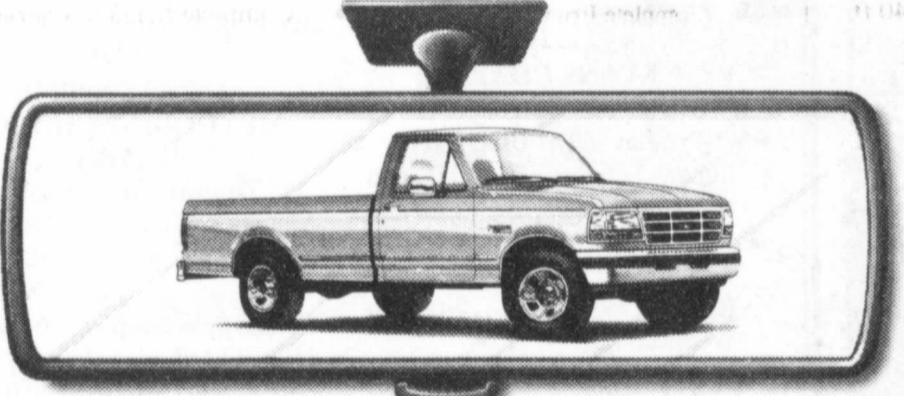
At School This Week In Lockney

December 28-January 4
Presented by Lockney PTA
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 28, 29, 30:
Christmas Holidays
Slaton Tournament - Varsity Girls
Sundown Tournament - Varsity Boys
Tuesday, Jan. 3:
Christmas Holidays
4:00 p.m. Morton, 4 games at Morton
Wednesday, Jan. 3
Teacher Inservice Day
Thursday, Jan. 4:
Classes Resume

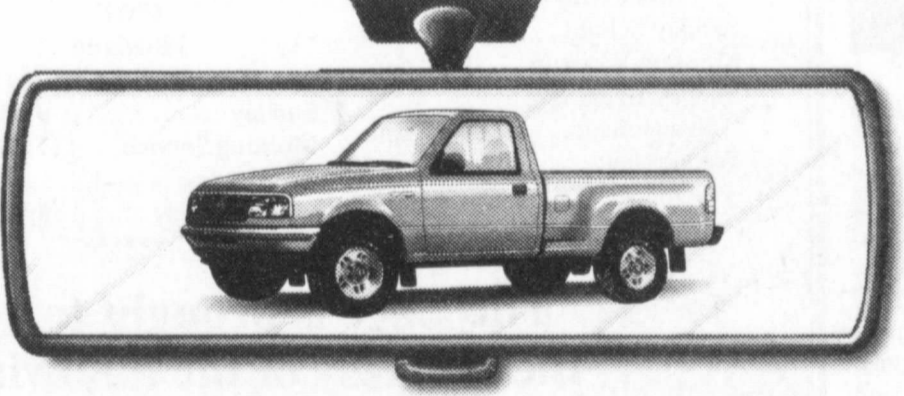


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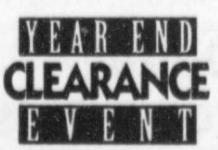
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Wanted

WANTED -- Experienced FarmHand Needed. Cone, TX. 657-4416.

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FOR SALE -- G.E. Dishwasher. Call 652-3404 or 652-3645.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Location of estray when found:
1 MILE EAST OF PROVIDENCE, FLOYD COUNTY
Location of estray while impounded:
1 MILE EAST OF PROVIDENCE, FLOYD COUNTY

Description of estray:
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Breed: MIXED
Color: 4 RED WHITE-FACED; 4 BLACK WHITE-FACED
Sex: 4 HEIFERS; 4 STEERS
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lockney will have a public hearing on January 15, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. to consider changing Wilson 3 addition, east 1/2 Block 19, from residential to commercial.

Published 12/28, 1/4, and 1/11

SECTION 00030 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

- Sealed bids for asbestos abatement at the Mangold Memorial Hospital, Lockney, Texas will be received until 2:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, CST, on Tuesday, 16 January, 1995.
- Bids shall be addressed to:
Robin Satterwhite, Administrator
Mangold Memorial Hospital
320 N. Main
Lockney, Texas 79241
- Bids will be publicly opened at the time and date above noted. No bid may be changed, amended, or modified by telegram or otherwise after the same has been submitted or filed in response to this notice. A bid may be withdrawn however, and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of bids.
- Bids shall be submitted in one copy, properly signed. The signature must be in longhand and executed by a principal duly authorized to make contracts. The contractor's legal name must be fully stated.
- The work will be awarded under one lump sum contract.
- The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with Lockney General Hospital District.
- For all bids over \$25,000 a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required.
- All bids will be held for a period of 60 days or less at Owner's option.
- All bids must be accompanied by a separate sealed envelope marked "Proposed Contractors" containing a list of subcontractors proposed for use by the Contractor on this Project.
- The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to overlook any irregularities, and to waive any and all formalities.
- Bidders may obtain bid documents by contacting the Engineer:
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LOCKNEY HOSPITAL 1995 ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS CDG 9512 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Robin Satterwhite, Administrator, Lockney General Hospital District, Lockney, Texas, hereinafter called the "Owner" for the construction of:
Lockney Hospital 1995 Additions and Renovations Lockney, Texas
will be received in the Board Room of the Hospital at 320 N. Main Street until:
3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 1996.
The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the Owner and shall be identified with the Project name, the Bidder's name & address and the designated portion of the Work for which the Bid is submitted.
Bids will be received for the General Construction including, Plumbing, Ventilating, Heating, Air Conditioning and Electrical Work.
A cashier's check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owner is an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted, must accompany each bid.
In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or to reject the proposal.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive all formalities.
A pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held at Lockney Hospital on Thursday, January 4, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the hospital (not the clinic).
Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge in the offices of the Architects, and may be obtained from Condray Design Group, Inc., 2525 74th Street, Suite 100, Lubbock, Texas 79423, upon a deposit of \$100.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the Plans and Specifications. The full amount of this deposit will be returned to each bidder immediately upon return of the Plans and Specifications in good condition. No refund on contract documents and plans returned later than ten days after the award of the contract will be obligatory.
Interpretation of the intent and meaning of the Drawings, Specifications or other pre-bid documents will not be made to any bidder orally. Every request for such interpretation must be in writing to the Architect, and, to be given consideration, must be received at least 72 hours prior to the time fixed for the opening of Bids. Any and all such interpretations, and any supplementary instructions issued, will be mailed or delivered in the form of Addenda, to all prospective prime Bidders, at the respective address furnished for such purposes. Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever Bidding Documents are on file for that purpose. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such Addendum will not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under his Bid as submitted. All Addenda issued will become part of the Contract Documents, and shall be acknowledged in the Bid.

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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will sell at a Trustee's Foreclosure Sale to the highest bidder or bidders, for cash, at the west entrance of the courthouse at 10:00 am or within three hours thereafter, in Hale County, TX, on Tuesday January 2, 1996. FSA minimum bid is \$36,922.00. For specific information contact the FSA Agriculture Credit Manager, Mark D. Latam, at 302 South Garland, Plainview, Texas, or call. 806 296-5541 or 806 792-0070.

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Floydada newspaper printing industry observes 30th anniversary

Editor's note: Blanco Offset Printing, Inc., has now completed 30 years of operation in Floydada. To mark Blanco's "corporate coming of age", Wendell Tooley, one of its founders, has contributed the following account of a business enterprise that has been part of the scene here for more than a quarter of a century. The corporation has not only contributed to the economic well-being of this community, it has served many other communities in West Texas as well. Currently, Blanco Offset Printing, Inc., prints a number of area weekly newspapers. Tooley, now

residing in Plainview, remains active in printing plants in Slaton and Canyon, as well as Blanco Offset Printing Inc.

By Wendell Tooley

In January of 1963, I moved my family from Littlefield to Floydada and took over publishing The Floyd County Hesperian. The back shop crew included Joyce Stewart, who operated the job shop after the newspaper was printed each Wednesday night. Kenneth Rimmer worked on composition (type set in hot metal) and sold advertising. We also had a

Linotype operator whose name I can't remember. The Hesperian was then printed on an old Goss flatbed press. That involved many problems. Some nights the sun would be coming up when we finally hauled the paper to the Post Office. This went on almost two years. These were the hardest two years of my 44 years in newspapering. I knew there was a better way of printing a newspaper. At Littlefield I was in a partnership with Sam Williams and Bill Turner. We were in a corporation at Hereford that printed

our newspaper and several others with a new Goss high speed offset printing press. It was the second such plant in this area of Texas, probably the fourth in the state.

I decided to invite my newspaper neighbors in to form a corporation, and print our newspapers on a new Goss offset printing press. They were also experiencing problems with their old presses, and looking for ways to make things better.

In early 1965, Edgar Hays, Willis and Jim Reynolds of the Lockney Beacon, Hubert Curry and Wayne Dodson of the Crosbyton Review, my partner at Slaton, Speedy Nieman of the Slaton Slatonite, and John Edd Blessing, my reporter at the Hesperian, formed a new corporation, Blanco Offset Printing Inc.

We located the printing plant in the back of the Hesperian, then located across from Oden Chevrolet, next door north to Mark Martin's tractor

business. I sold my job printing shop to Joyce, and she moved to a location on the west side of the square. Later we moved the Blanco printing operation to the north side of the square, where it remains, in the back of the Hesperian-Beacon offices.

Today the Blanco corporate stockholders include myself, Willis and Jim Reynolds, Joe Harrison, Publisher of the Texas Spur in Dickens County, and Ken Towery, owner of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and the Crosby County News-Chronicle.

Blanco now prints weekly newspapers for Crosbyton, Matador, Spur, Silverton, Petersburg, Paducah, Olton, Kress, Hart, and Tulia, as well as the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

Blanco has always printed weekly newspapers, but for a time dailies were added to the mix. For two years Blanco printed the Texas Tech Uni-

versity Daily. It also printed the Plainview Daily Herald when that paper began changing to offset presses. We have never missed printing a newspaper on time.

The corporation started with two Goss units in 1966, adding a third and fourth unit later. The four units are capable of printing 16 full size pages or 32 tabloid page newspapers at a speed of 10,000 copies per hour. The press is capable of printing the full four color process.

Our first Blanco manager was Dave Hoop. He was followed by Butch Gilliland, Art Ratzlaff, Terry Reeves and Jim Huggins, who is the present manager. Reeves learned the printing business while a DECA student at Floydada High School. Huggins has been with Blanco since 1980. He succeeded Reeves as Manager in 1987, when Reeves moved to Slaton to manage Brazos Offset Printing, succeeding Art Ratzlaff.

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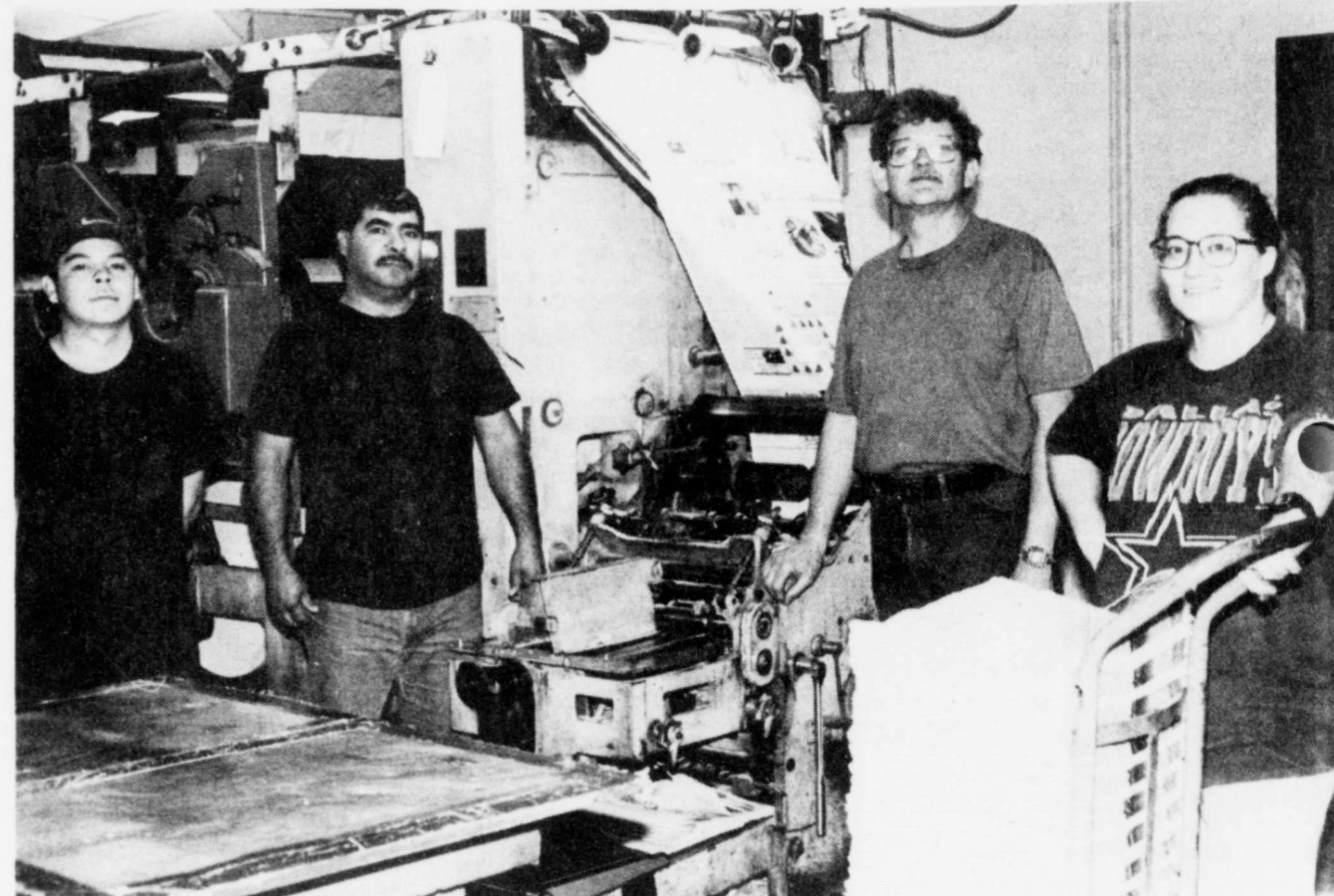
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FIVE ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURY IN ROLLOVER- Five people were in this 1995 Ford Escort, driven by 17 year old Tonya Mathis, when it rolled over into a plowed field 11.35 miles south of Floydada on FM 651, December 26. The 911 call was received at 1:18 p.m. According to a DPS report, the vehicle was southbound when the car ran off the road. The driver overcorrected, lost control and the car rolled 1 1/2 times. A witness assisted the people out of the car and a passer-by called for help. Shanna Mathis, of

Lockney, was also in the front seat. The driver and the front passenger were wearing seat belts. Three passengers in the back seat were: John, Elizabeth, and DeAnn Mathis, all of Abilene. The Mathis' were visiting relatives in Lockney for the holidays and were returning home to Abilene. The Floydada EMS transported Tonya, Shanna and DeAnn to the Lockney hospital where they were treated and released.

Staff Photo



THIRTY YEARS AND STILL PRINTING--Blanco Offset Printing, in Floydada, has completed 30 years of printing. Twelve newspapers and their communities depend on this press to spread the news every

week. Two full time and two part time workers comprise the present day staff. They are: (l-r) George Garcia, Pressman Juan P. Martinez, Manager Jim Huggins and Sabrina Stepp.

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Farm News

Irrigation conference set

Area growers will see the latest technology on drilling irrigation wells

Producers should be optimistic about growth

Although American farmers and ranchers have not seen complete free trade as a result of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) or the North American Free Trade Agreement, producers should be optimistic about the prospects for U.S. ag export growth, according to an in-depth report commissioned by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Floyd County Farm Bureau president Mark McCormick said America's international trading partners must open their markets in accord with their NAFTA- and GATT-negotiated commitments before any long-term growth in ag exports can be realized.

"In supporting the trade agreements, U.S. agriculture agreed to some sacrifices in reduced support and increased competition to gain access to bigger opportunities

abroad," said McCormick.

The report found in 1994, NAFTA's first year, U.S. ag exports to Mexico jumped 25 percent to \$4.5 billion. Corn, beef, pork, poultry, fresh and processed fruits, vegetables and products, oilseed products and nuts showed the largest increase. In contrast, U.S. ag imports from Mexico increased 5 percent to \$2.9 billion.

While the first six months of 1995 saw a sharp drop in exports to Mexico, medium- to long term prospects continue to be promising, according to the study. An economic austerity program in Mexico has increased taxes, cut government spending, decreased the value of the peso by about half and pushed inflation up by about a third in only a year.

and demonstrations on the use and impact of the new North Plains PET (potential evapotranspiration) weather station network at the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show on January 10 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Speakers are gearing up for presentations on drilling wells to achieve optimum success, using weather monitoring technology to regulate water use and manage irrigation. Other topics include potential of satellite remote sensing to detect and manage problems in crop production will highlight the program.

Registration and trade show begin at 8:30 a.m. The program will follow at 9:30 a.m. A catered lunch will be provided and is included in the \$7 registration fee. The industry trade show will bring vendors from across the nation.



NEW FSA DIRECTORS--Assuming the duties on the FSA Board of Directors are: (L-R) Paul Schacht, Adrian Helms, Manager Trent Johnson, and Director Nancy Bishop. The offices of the ASCS and FHA have combined to create the new Farm Service Agency (FSA).

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