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Laney meets with Floyd County Friends

The Floyd County Friends hosted a luncheon with Texas Speaker of the House, Pete Laney, and his wife, Nelda, at

Lighthouse Electric on Monday, April 8.

Laney and his wife met with the group to offer encouragement for

their efforts in raising money for the multi-purpose center. The Speaker and his wife also offered any help they could give in the pursuit of

grants needed for the multi-purpose center.

Both Laney and Nelda urged the group to stress the future education and cultural advantages of the center when seeking grants. "The enthusiasm of these individuals involved in Floyd County Friends is going to make this project a success," said Laney. "They are striving to find ways to make people want to come to this area and giving their children a reason to come back and remain in a rural area."

Laney also praised the two towns of Floydada and Lockney for working together on the project. "Small towns can't afford to fight with each other," said Laney.

Laney also made a formal presentation of the Speaker's gavel to Warren Mathis and his wife, Barbara.

Laney had donated the gavel to the Floyd County Friends' auction and Mathis purchased the gavel with the winning bid of \$300.00.

The gavel was inscribed, "Presented to Floyd County Friends by James E. 'Pete' Laney, Speaker Texas House of Representatives, 74th Legislature".

As he made the presentation, Laney said, "Thank-you for paying \$300.00 for a \$4.00 piece of wood."



LANEY PRESENTS GAVEL—Speaker of the House Pete Laney presented Warren Mathis with the gavel he purchased at the Floyd County Friends benefit gala during the live auction. The gavel was used by Laney to preside over the Texas House. (L-R) Nelda Laney, Pete Laney, Warren Mathis and Barbara Mathis. The presentation was made during a luncheon and press conference at Lighthouse Electric, Monday, April 8. Staff Photo

Confusion created over wording on ballots

Lockney now voting on extended calling

LOCKNEY—The ballots to vote on expanded toll-free local calling from Lockney to Plainview and Lubbock, are now being received by Lockney Southwestern Bell customers.

Confusion is created over the wording of the ballot and customers should understand that a check in the Yes box for Plainview, and a check in the Yes box for Lubbock, is a vote to approve the expanded local calling to all Plainview exchanges and all Lubbock exchanges.

If the measure is approved by Lockney subscribers, the cost will be \$3.50 per line for residence phones, and \$7.00 per line for business phones.

It will not be \$3.50 or \$7.00 for each of the Lubbock exchanges and

\$3.50 or \$7.00 for each of the Plainview exchanges.

According to a letter accompanying the vote, the Public Utility Commission allows five or fewer exchanges for a cost of \$3.50 and \$7.00. Customers should understand that the city of Plainview and the City of Lubbock are each considered one exchange on the ballot. The cost will be the same to the customer if one or both of the exchanges is approved.

At least 70% of the subscribers who return their ballots must vote in favor of Expanded Local Calling for it to be provided. Only exchanges that pass the ballot will be added to your local calling area.

Your returned ballot must be post-marked no later than April 24.

Plans finalized for fishing tournament

LOCKNEY—The Charles Ball Memorial Fishing Tournament will be held at Mackenzie Lake on Saturday, April 20. The entry fee is \$20.00 and can be made at Consumers Fuel Association in Lockney. The tournament will be preceded by a hamburger supper & Calcutta at Lambert's Feed & Seed on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. This event is for Floyd County residents only.

The Charles Ball Memorial Fishing Tournament is an annual Benefit which provides scholarship money to Seniors from Lockney High School. The Benefit has provided over \$9,000 in scholarships since the establishment of the Memorial Fund. Last year the fund gave five (5) scholarships of \$500 each for a total of \$2500.00.

The Memorial is named after Charles Ball who was a former Special Education teacher at Lockney High School who helped students learn day-to-day skills and who loved to fish. Initially, after the passing of Mr. Ball, the Fund was established for students planning to attend a Technical School. But because of lack of participation, the fund was opened to any student who qualified, based on the judgement of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors chooses students based on a number of criteria, targeting those who are going into the field of education addressing the needs of people. One-half of the proceeds from the Calcutta Auction which generally raises \$1,000 to \$1,500 and all the entry fees go into the Scholarship Fund.

The Fishing Tournament has been held at White River in the past. But in view of the fact that the unloading ramps are closed, the tournament has been moved to Mackenzie Lake.

The tournament will begin at sunrise and end at 3 p.m. Weigh-in is also at 3 p.m. There will be three cash awards for the most pounds caught. First prize is \$50.00, second-\$30.00, and third-\$20.00.

Anyone who can't fish, but would enjoy eating is welcome to come to Lambert's on April 19. Anyone who wants to fish, but doesn't have a boat can come and there will be a place for you to fish.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Board Members: Eddie Teeter—652-3158, Billy Joe Turner—652-2521, Bill Race, Claude Brown, or Pat Frizzell.

Marler objects to executive session

FISD Board accepts coaches resignation

FLOYDADA — FISD trustees accepted the resignations of Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Brian Davis and Girls Basketball coach Mike McCann. The called meeting of the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees was held April 4 at 7:00 p.m. with about twenty-five people attending in addition to the board members.

Motion to accept the resignations came from board member Amado Morales and was seconded by board member Billy Joe Villarreal. Voting in favor of the motion were Morales, Villarreal, Steve Lloyd, Jack

Robertson, Trena Simpson, and Mitch Probasco.

Board President Probasco next urged board members to remember and follow the regulations governing executive session discussions. He specifically urged board members to follow the directives concerning talking about what transpires in an executive session.

"What is talked about behind closed doors is to remain behind closed doors," said Probasco. "I have been appalled at the number of people who were not part of the last executive session who have told me word

for word what was said in that session. I would remind the board that it is a misdemeanor violation to break the confidentiality of the executive session. I hope that warning will be enough to end the problem."

Discussion concerning the procedure to utilize in selecting a new Athletic Director followed. Board members voted unanimously to have Probasco appoint a committee to conduct the preliminary search and present selected finalists to the board for consideration.

Probasco indicated that FISD Superintendent Jerry Cannon and FHS

Principal Joe Christian would be members of the committee along with a teacher not involved in the athletic program. He also said he would appoint two or three others, but did not specify who they would be.

Christian suggested that advertising the opening be done as soon as possible since the new director needs to be in place by early May in order to set the basics of a good program for next fall. Cannon indicated that ads would be placed in the Lubbock and Amarillo papers immediately.

Morales requested that the ad be

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Pre-school clinic date set

LOCKNEY—A pre-school clinic has been set for Friday, April 19 at Lockney Elementary School for students and children who will be starting to school in August.

Students enrolled in school already may have their immunizations updated from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m.

Childrens who will be enrolling in school for the first time may receive their immunizations from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Parents must send a consent form properly filled out and signed, along with \$5.00 for students already in school. For new students parents must accompany the child.

Tickets now on sale for chamber banquet

FLOYDADA—Tickets are currently on sale to the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

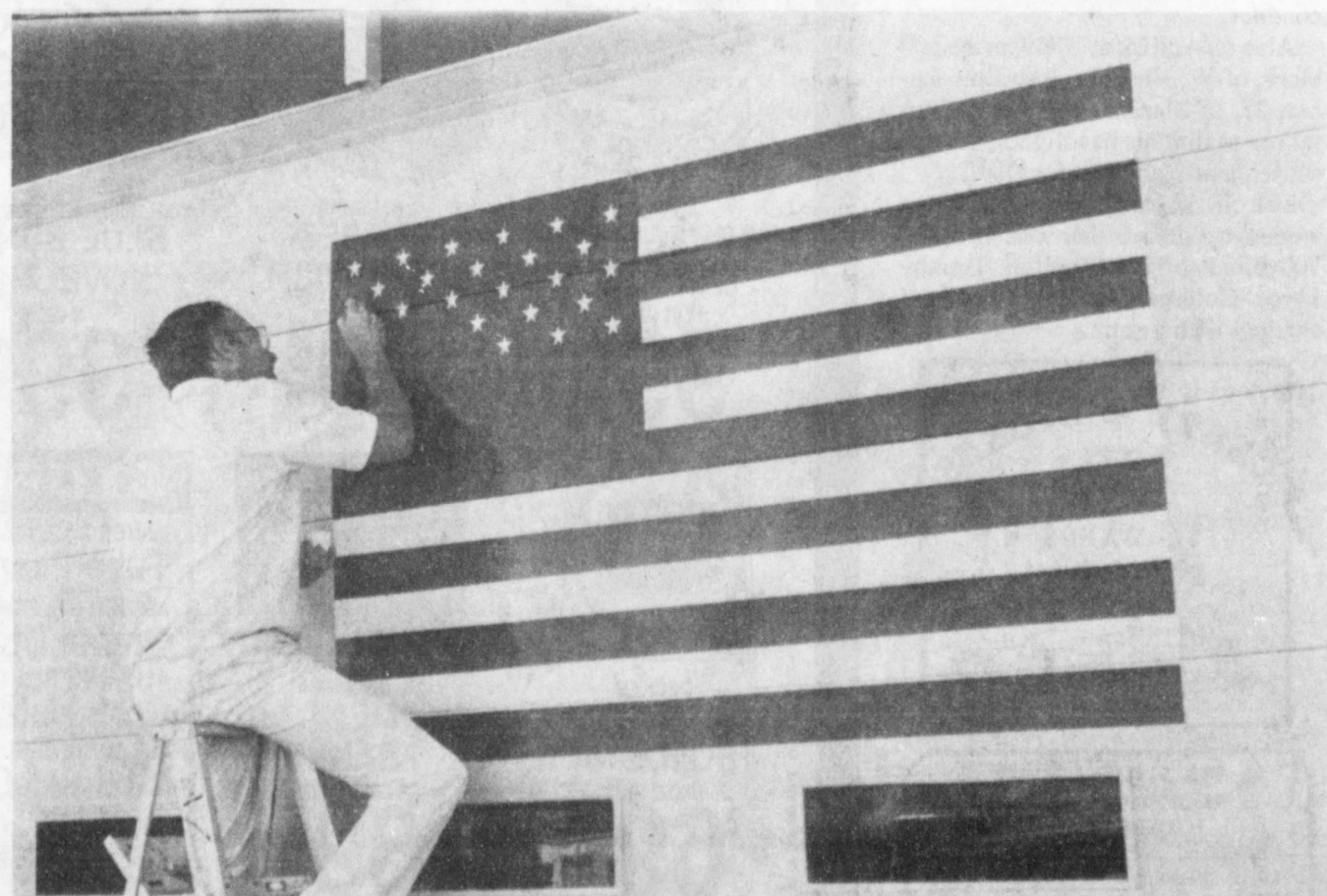
The guest speaker of the banquet will be Texas Tech head coach, Spike Dykes.

The banquet will be held at the Floydada Junior High Gym, April 30.

Tickets can be bought at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce for \$12.50. The catered meal will be your choice of chicken fried steak or chicken.

Call the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at 983-3434 for more information.

If the weather permits the City of Floydada will test the severe weather warning sirens on Thursday, April 11th, at 9:00 a.m.



ARTIST AT WORK—This prisoner, from J.B. Wheeler Unit in Plainview, was one of a group of five who were in Lockney recently painting the garage doors to the Fire Hall. This artist added a beautiful touch with a colorful U.S. and Texas flag painted free-hand. Staff Photo

County given high marks on audit

Floyd County Commissioners received the annual audit report for the fiscal year from October 1, 1994 through September 30, 1995 during regular session on Monday, April 8. The report was presented by Kate Nutter of Davis, Kinard & Company of Abilene.

According to the information provided by Nutter, the county has done an admirable job of safekeeping taxpayer funds and has kept exemplary records of all transactions involving

the receipts and disbursements during the year.

A separate audit of the funds under the jurisdiction of the District Attorney was also conducted. This report states that the financial statements of cash receipts and disbursements is presented fairly in all material respects.

The report was accepted by the court on a motion by Precinct 2 Commissioner Lennie Gilroy. It was seconded by Precinct 4 Commis-

sioner Jon Jones and approved by a unanimous vote in favor. Copies of the report will be available for public inspection at the Floyd County Courthouse.

Bids were opened for the advertised sale of surplus equipment. Four bids were received on a damaged Wisconsin implement trailer being offered by Precinct 2. Hastings Construction bid \$1,200.00. Jerry Miller bid \$530.00, David McGowen bid

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LISD votes on contract and accepts resignation

LOCKNEY—The Lockney Board of Trustees and Superintendent Raymond Lusk met in a special called meeting, Friday morning at 7:30 a.m., to discuss the contract of Art teacher, Lisa Mosley and Band Director Steve Morgan.

In the previous board meeting, on March 14, the trustees had voted 4-3 to table discussion on the contract of Mosley and had voted unanimously to table discussion of Morgan's contract.

Approximately 10 people were also in attendance, Friday, to listen to the proceedings.

Linden Morris was on the agenda to address the board and was allowed five minutes to speak immediately after the meeting was called to order.

Speaking on behalf of Mosley, Morris told the board he felt they had not gone through the proper channels if they had a problem that needed to be resolved with Mosley.

Morris said, "I believe it is the duty of the board to use the chain of command if a message has to be sent."

"In my opinion the board needs to address this situation between it's members in closed session."

Morris distributed a copy of the LISD Policy Manual calling the members attention to the chain of command for complaints and concerns, showing that complaints should be handled administratively before being brought to the board.

"When I and other parents have talked to principals in the past we were directed to talk to the teacher and follow the chain of command. The message I get from all of this is when I have a problem at school I should go

to the board instead of the teacher, principal or superintendent."

Morris also voiced his concern that the previous vote to table the renewal of Mosley's contract was made against the recommendation of Superintendent Raymond Lusk and Mosley's principals.

The superintendent and principals had voiced their support for Mosley's work as an art teacher.

Morris addressed what he called, "alleged unprofessional conduct."

"I was informed by board members an employees resignation from an assigned duty is the reason given for unprofessional conduct in this situation."

At this time the five minutes Morris was allotted expired. Morris stated that although he had a few more points he would like to cover he would sit down if the board so desired. He was told that was all the time he would be allowed and Morris sat down.

Trustee Mike Mathis then immediately made a motion to renew Mosley's contract and Board Member Bernie Ford seconded the motion. All board members voted unanimously to renew the contract.

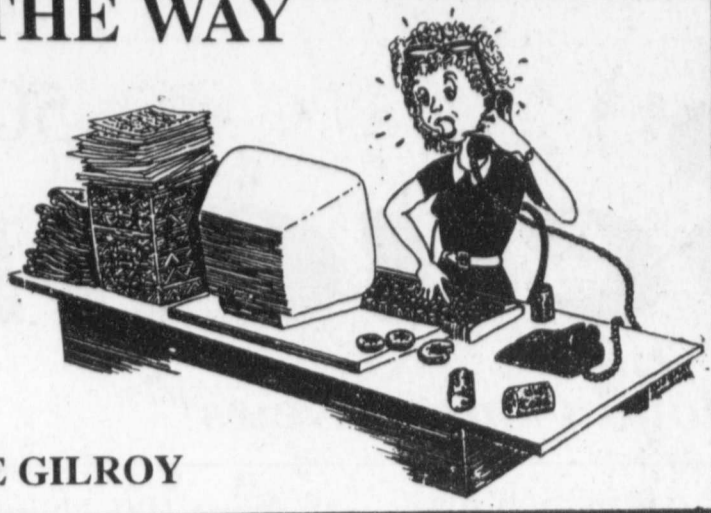
The board then called an executive session.

When the board opened the meeting again, Board President Jim Bob Martin read a letter of resignation from Morgan and the board voted unanimously to accept it.

Martin also read a letter to the board, from Lisa Mosley, requesting that any further discussion concerning her or any member of her family

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BY THE WAY



BY
ALICE GILROY

I am going to turn my column over this week to a Dr. Dobson's *Focus on the Family* newsletter, honoring couples who have been married 50 years.

It touched my heart and even though it is long I wanted to share it with everyone. It has been edited slightly for space.

This is Dr. Dobson's tribute to the 2.3 million couples who were married in 1946, after the men returned from the war. Surviving couples are now celebrating their 50th and have earned our admiration.

"What is so impressive about this generation is that a high percentage of their marriages remain intact despite the dramatic social changes occurring since 1946. They weathered the sexual revolution during the '60s, the epidemic of easy divorce, and a culture that is increasingly hostile to the family. When they stood at the altar and agreed to love one another 'til death do us part,' that is precisely what they meant. Compared to today's newlyweds who are likely to stay married 7.2 years, those postwar couples have been models of stability and loyalty to those they loved.

"That is why *USA Today* referred to them as the 'stick-to-it' generation with a survivor mentality.

"One of the characteristics of these older Americans is that they learned self-control from the 'school of hard knocks.' They grew up in the Great Depression, when it was a struggle just to keep body and soul together. Then they went through the most terrible war in world history, which killed or maimed many of their friends and loved ones. Large numbers of them experienced deprivation, inconvenience and danger throughout their formative years. Thus, they learned to deal with those occasions when life turned out to be more difficult than advertised. Perhaps that is why they didn't cut and run when the going got rough.

"There is another reason to honor our fathers and mothers, grandparents and great grandparents. The freedoms we enjoy today were secured with their sacrifice and blood. It is easy to forget the price they paid to defeat Nazi Germany, the Imperial Japanese and Mussolini's Italy. I was only 5 years old when World War II started, but I still remember the anxiety it caused my parents and other adults. The day Pearl Harbor was bombed, I asked my mother if we could lose the war. She admitted solemnly that we could. The future of our beloved country depended on the young men and women who rushed down to register for the armed services and then marched off to war. Before the fighting ended in 1945, nearly 671,000 Americans had been wounded and 405,000 had given their lives for the cause.

"I have always felt indebted to those men who fought to defend our freedom in those years. That's why Shirley and I visited Normandy beaches in France during the summer of 1994. We wanted to see where thousands of brave young Americans, British and Canadians waded ashore on D-Day, June 6, 1944. It is hallowed ground today. We stood on the cliffs above the beach known as 'Omaha' and tried to imagine what occurred there 50 years earlier. Then we walked silently and reverently through the American cemetery just a short distance away. Nearly 10,000 manicured graves lay in symmetrical rows, marked by small white crosses or Stars of David. Behind every name is an untold story—of battlefield valor, of a violent death, and of a grieving family thousands of miles away.

"Before leaving the cemetery, we went into the little chapel and knelt in memory of the fallen men. With

Prize money incentive for Old Settlers parade participation

In an effort to get more participation in the Old Settlers' Parade, the Floyd County Pioneer Association has announced an increase in prize money for parade winners.

According to Wes Campbell, president of the Pioneer Association, "We have doubled the amount of prize money we will be giving in the parade categories. We hope all the clubs and civic organizations will be encour-

moist eyes, I thanked the Lord for their sacrifice and the freedom they died to defend. Then on the way to the car, something struck me. Isn't it unfortunate, I thought, that the generation called upon to pay this enormous price eventually became parents who were hated by many of their sons and daughters? They raised their kids in the comfort and privilege of postwar prosperity, but then saw them grow resentful and angry. These baby boomers became known in the late 60's as "flower children" and "hippies" and "street people." Among their revolutionary notions was a complete rejection of everything their parents stood for and fought to preserve.

"They despised their country, its government, its Christian heritage, its culture, its history, its capitalist economy, its work ethic and its concept of traditional marriage and the family. They experimented blatantly with casual sex, communal marriage, cohabitation, homosexuality and lesbianism. For recreation, they turned to marijuana, LSD and a pharmacopoeia of hard drugs. Their slogan was, 'Don't trust anyone over 30.' That disrespect was aimed at their fathers, many of whom had risked their lives in Normandy, in North Africa and on the sands of Iwo Jima...

"As we left the cemetery, I was again confronted by the irony of that place. The generation called up to face death on those beaches and so many other battlefields would be despised 20 years later by those who benefitted most from their sacrifice—their own children.

"Well, five decades have quickly come and gone, and the youthful warriors of World War II have grown old and gray. Some are in bad health, especially those who suffer from wounds sustained in combat. Their numbers are dwindling as the curtain is drawn on their earthly existence. That's why I thought it fitting and proper to pay tribute to those elders this month, and to reexamine the beliefs and the principles that served them so well...

"Unfortunately, the ideals and virtues motivating that wartime generation have eroded in the past 50 years. Commitment, dedication and patriotism have given place to sensuality, hedonism and selfishness. If the decade of the '40s was characterized by commitment and sacrifice, the '70s were driven by the "me" generation. And so it has continued to the present day. Who would have believed that by 1996, for example, lawmakers in 22 states would be trying to decide whether or not to legalize marriages between two or more men, or two or more women? Who would have expected 49 state governments to be promoting neighborhood casinos and lotteries to encourage gambling? Who would have thought the federal government would have spent nearly \$3 billion promoting safe-sex nonsense among teenagers? Yes, we've drifted far afield from the world our forebears knew in 1946.

"Now we're paying dearly for that shift away from traditional values. Sexually transmitted diseases are rampant, 30 million babies have been aborted, marriages are in shambles, unsupervised children roam our city streets, gambling is a national epidemic, and violent gangs are spreading into rural communities. All of us can see that something has gone terribly wrong. What is desperately needed, I am convinced, is a rediscovery of the Judeo-Christian value system that was deeply ingrained in that remarkable generation that preceded us...

"To all those men and women among my readers who were married in 1946, we salute you this month. Happy 50th Anniversary! You are heroes and heroines to me."

aged to participate and we want them to start planning now what kind of float they will have."

The Old Settlers' Reunion will kick off Friday, May 24, with an Open House at the Floyd County Museum and The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

The parade and a day full of other activities will be held on Saturday, May 25.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am deeply appreciative and honored that the Coaches and Administrators would name the Lockney track meet in my name. The new track is a great asset to the total school program, and you are to be commended in getting the track built.

I must repeat again that I am one of the luckiest people in the world. Never could my family and I have found a community who has accepted and treated us as great as Lockney. This honor is one more example of my good fortune. Thank you for remembering me.

The track meet was well organized and progressed without a hitch. It was a job well done by all. The weather was a challenge to the athletes, staff, and workers. I congratulate those athletes who continue to strive for excellence through dirt, wind, and cold.

Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Honored and humbled,

W.H. (Dub) Hallmark

Dear Editor,

What a Country - I mean - what a Country. I have worked with many professional fund raisers and fund raising organizations, but I have never worked with a more hard working, dedicated, organized, and focused group than Floyd County Friends.

The organizers provided the opportunity to have a successful gala, providing good food, great service, and entertainment. The direct success of the event can be attributed to two sources. One, the people of Floyd County and the surrounding area who attended and participated in creating the atmosphere and gave their time and money. Second, the donors, whether donating items, donating to purchase items, or simply buying a ticket.

Thank you Floyd County, it's great to know and feel small town country America is alive and well.

Sincerely,
Tim Assiter
President

Lockney Police Report

LOCKNEY—Lockney Police were called to Allsups, April 2, at 8:00 p.m., in reference to an assault. According to Chief Jerry Edwards a woman was assaulted and the incident is being investigated.

Also on April 2, shortly after this incident, police arrested Bernardo Castorena, 27, of Lockney, on Main Street for Public Intoxication.

April 3, police were called to W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in reference to a disturbance between two groups of people. Police arrived and talked to the groups and no arrests were made.

April 7, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Sharkey Len LeCroy, 42, of Floydada, was stopped for speeding on Hwy. 70 and was subsequently arrested for DWI.

April 8, at approximately 2:00 a.m., David Jerome Sykes, 31, of Abilene, was stopped on Hwy. 70 for failure to drive in a single lane. He was subsequently arrested for DWI.

According to Chief Edwards, the po-

lice department is receiving complaints from people of stop signs and yield signs being covered up by tree limbs. "It is the homeowners responsibility to keep trees trimmed back away from warning signs," said Edwards. "We would appreciate everyone checking to make sure their trees or shrubbery is not creating a problem around the signs."

Floydada Police Report

FLOYDADA—Police are seeking information from anyone who may have knowledge of the person or persons responsible for slashing at least 14 tires in the past week.

"All the tires have been destroyed," said Police Chief James Hale. "Anyone with information should call 983-4901 or 983-2322. You may remain anonymous.

April 6, at 1:32 a.m., police arrested Ricardo Camacho, 31, of Floydada, for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Also on April 6, at 10:49, in the 500 block of W. Virginia, Jose Luis Rubio, 27, of Mexico, was stopped for failure to dim his headlights. He was subsequently arrested for DWI.

March 31, police witnessed a woman assault another woman in the 700 block of E. Thornton. Brandy Joyce Coleman was arrested and charged with assault.

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Health Fair being planned for Floydada

FLOYDADA—Local health care professionals are planning a city-wide community health fair for the Floydada community. They are being sponsored by Highland Regional Diabetes Center in offering a wide variety of free health tests and informational demonstrations at Massie Activity Center on Sunday, May 5.

Among the services to be offered will be blood pressure checks, cholesterol and triglyceride testing, glucometer tests, diabetes screening and information. Representatives from the dental and chiropractic health fields

will be present to dispense information.

Home Health Care information will be available and representatives of the WIC Program, CapTrans, local police, fire department, and EMT-Paramedics will also be present to help those who attend understand what services each offers in the community.

The Health Fair is slated to begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m. May 5. Anyone interested in setting up a booth for participation should contact Linda Beatty at 983-6336.

The City of Floydada will have a work crew cleaning alleys during the month of April.

"If you have any waste you need to get rid of please put it in your alley next to your fence," said City Manager Gary Brown. "Do not block the alley with wastes."

The City also has a work crew available to remove old structures. Contact City Hall for information.

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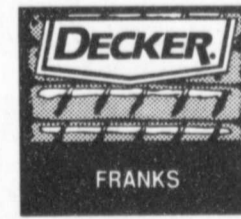
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Promise Keepers explained

By Sherman Aten

So, you have never heard of Promise Keepers before. What a name is this & what does it mean? Surely, there is something going on here that has to do with...politics...or racism or...anything, but, making men to become promise keepers to their wives, children and most of all their God. I mean why else would hundreds of thousands of men meet together in stadiums all across our country and why would certain "groups" picket & fly planes over these stadiums with negative messages to these groups of men from every denomination and race in the world? Well, because they do not understand what a Promise Keeper is and they have never met the original great Promise Keeper.

Promise Keepers is a Christian men's movement founded by Coach Bill McCartney, the former head football coach at the University of Colorado in Boulder. God has given him a vision for men like He has no other, and what is happening all across our nation is incredible. This is a new thing that is happening, really since 1990. The first meeting held registered under 100 men. And this year there are 22 conferences scheduled all over America with 50 to 70 thousand men attending each. It is spreading like fire...because the God who gave the vision is changing men's lives forever when they attend these 2-day meetings. Our world is searching, searching, searching for something to fill the big emptiness we have in our

lives. Finally, because of prayer, God has been meeting men personally in these stadiums and filling up this hole in our hearts with nothing but LOVE. So, we can't help but go home and love our wives and love our children and love our neighbors like God intended. We automatically become a keeper of our promises.

Why is this a movement of men? Because for so long the men in our churches have been so out of touch with God that there had to be something to wake up us. We needed revival to take place. The family was set up at the beginning of time for the husband and father to take the initiative in loving and nurturing relationships...and for so long, we have not. The women have held things together. That is not only true in our families but also in our churches. The world thinks that this is an anti-feminist movement; little do they know that this is probably the strongest organization in the world that lifts up women to the high place where they deserve to be.

Probably the most historical event in this century took place in Atlanta, Georgia on February 13-16, 1996. Over 42,000 clergy from every Christian denomination, from every state in our nation and from 25 other countries met together for the first time in history in one place to renew ourselves and become the ministers, fathers and husbands we were intended to be. My human words can't even

begin to describe in this article what happened between us, but I am evidence that God met with each one of us during those 3 days. The theme for the conference was "Fan into Flame". That is exactly what happened in the hearts of the men present. We left there with such a passion and burning in our hearts to be all God wants. Walls between our different denominations were broken and healing between races took place. From the Native American to the Hispanic, from the Asian and Black to the White, we all acted in love and unity in that place. The ministers of this country were truly broken toward God and toward each other. Reconciliation consisted of man to man asking forgiveness for bitterness, for hatred, for critical words toward each other and then in return being forgiven with hugs, tears and prayers of encouragement. Never have I witnessed anything like it. We were changed.

Well, I know that what happened here will change our country and our world for the better. The athletes will surely still sense the awesome air that lingers in that stadium when the whole world comes together for the first time for the Olympics in May...or, has it already come together?

If you would like to know more about Promise Keepers, you may contact Mike Reeves at 983-5436 or Jim Knight at 983-6152.

Business Of The Week

FLOYDADA—Kirk & Sons, of Floydada, is considered a Floyd County landmark.

The business began in 1910, as a second hand furniture store, owned by partners A.T. Hendon, Monroe Windsor and James T. Kirk. It was located on the present site of Kirk and Sons on the north side of the square.

Hendon sold out to Kirk in 1911 and the business became known as Kirk and Windsor. The second-hand merchandise handled by the store came from local homes. When families purchased new furniture, the old was sold independently.

In 1914, J.T. Kirk bought out the Big Four Hardware in Lockney and brought all the furniture, fixtures and merchandise to Kirk and Windsor. In 1917, J.T. bought out Windsor and after J.T.'s son, O.W. Kirk, returned from World War I, father and son, and son-in-law W.S. Goen, formed the partnership of Kirk and Sons.

O.W.'s son, David, started working at Kirk and Sons in 1936 and took over the business in 1976 when O.W. died.

David and Jill Kirk were joined at the store in 1984 by their son Layne. When David died in 1986 another Kirk continued the tradition.

Now a fourth generation, Layne



JOHN CAMPBELL AND LAYNE KIRK

Kirk, is running the business. He is now a partner with his mother, Jill. "She is the 'Kirk' and I am the 'Sons'", says Layne.

Layne is also assisted at the store by John Campbell. Campbell has been a part of Kirk & Sons since 1954. His specialty includes custom framing, which is done in the upstairs portion of Kirk & Sons.

Kirk & Sons now occupies 12,000 square feet under one roof. Shoppers can browse through a showroom floor of

beds, sofas, chairs, tables, lamps, washers & dryers, stoves, refrigerators, TV's, microwaves and VCR's, carpet and linoleum.

Another side of Kirk & Sons carries hardware, paint, sporting goods, housewares, fishing and hunting supplies and the White Buffalo Bookstore.

The business is open six days a week, Monday-Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Floyd County Commissioners Court reviews bids

\$111.00, and Keith Reeves offered \$100.00. Motion to award the trailer to the high bidder, Hastings, was made by Gilroy and seconded by Jones. All voted in favor.

All bids on a shredder and a tractor belonging to Precinct 1 were unanimously rejected on a motion by Precinct 1 Commissioner Connie

Bearden with a second by Gilroy. Miller bid \$65 on the shredder and \$830 on the tractor. Reeves offered \$100.00 on the shredder and \$800.00 on the tractor and McGowen bid \$53.00 on the shredder and \$753.00 on the tractor.

Bart Greer, Rick Heflin, and Joe Jones met with the court to encourage

the court to do whatever they could to keep Jim Bob Reynolds, Ag Extension Agent, here in Floyd County. Each indicated that they were very pleased with the current agent and his performance on the job.

They said it was their understanding that the A&M System was reducing the funding for salaries for agents and asked the court to consider increasing local portions of the salary to encourage Reynolds to remain here rather than actively seeking a higher paying position in another location.

Judge Bill Hardin told the group that the county was also pleased with the job performance of the agent and wanted to see him stay. He explained that he was of the understanding that the county would be expected to pay the difference in maintaining the salary since the A&M System had granted raises, but did not have state funding to implement the increases. He also said that additional increases in county funding would probably result in an equal decrease in state funding for the local agent's salary.

Further discussion centered on the transportation provided for the agent by the county. A pickup is provided and needs to be equipped to allow the agent to perform his duties efficiently said Commissioner Jones. He indicated that he did not consider part of those duties to be making sure 4-Hers and their animals attend out of county stock shows.

Others members of the court agreed and told Jones that previous instructions to the extension agent had said as much. "With the previous agent, we told him that he was not to be taking the county vehicle to Houston or San Antonio," said Commissioner Bearden. "The pickup the

county bought was not for towing a loaded stock trailer that far."

No action was taken by the court in either matter.

County Treasurer Mary Shurbet presented both quarterly and monthly financial reports. Her report indicated that the county began the month of March with \$493,407.89 in county funds. Receipts totaled \$141,304.07 and transfers in were \$44,540.36. Disbursements were \$161,897.15 and transfers out were \$44,540.36, leaving a balance of \$472,814.81 on March 31.

Shurbet also reported certificates of deposit in the amounts of \$350,000.00 in undivided taxes, \$25,000.00 for Precinct 1, \$55,000.00 for Precinct 2, \$76,000.00 for Precinct 3, and \$65,000.00 for Precinct 4. Interest earned to date this fiscal year from CD's and interest-bearing checking accounts totals \$18,395.00 said Shurbet.

Budget amendments were approved allowing the transfer of funds between accounts to facilitate the payment of monthly bills. \$9,500.00 was taken from general surplus and put in building repair/maintenance. \$200.00 was moved to Road and bridge miscellaneous from road and bridge maintenance. \$600.00 was taken from general surplus to law library books, and \$44.94 was taken from sheriff's office supply to be used for sheriff's clothing allowance.

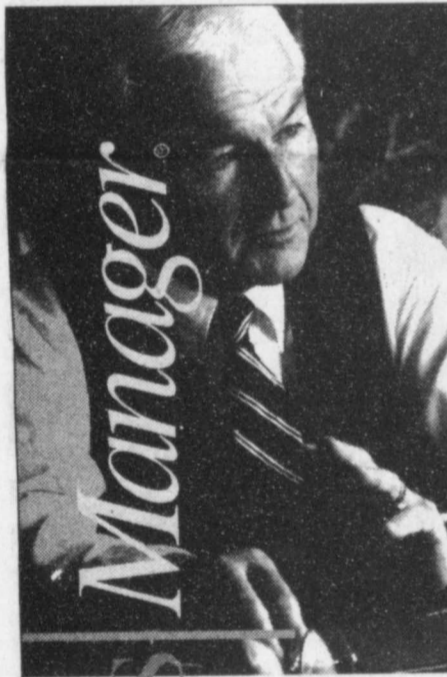
Precinct 4 supplies transferred \$200.00 to Precinct 1. A \$1,000.00 transfer was also made for the law library. \$80,000.00 was transferred from road and bridge into the four precincts with each receiving \$20,000.00.

Payment of monthly bills was authorized by the court and nine farm work contracts were approved on a motion by Gilroy with a second by Precinct 3 Commissioner George Taylor. Six of the contracts were for work in Precinct 3.

These included: #1619 for Burl Huckabee to clean up old improvements 8.5 miles north and 1.5 miles east of Floydada; #1621 for Jay Lackey to repair stock tank 3 miles north and 2.5 miles east of Cedar Hill; #1641 for Martha Taylor 1/2 mile west of Cedar Hill to bury old improvements; #1643 for Eugene Beedy to repair water tanks 3 miles east and 3 miles north of Cedar Hill; #1647 for Emogene Stansell by Jay Lackey to have old improvements removed 1 mile north and 1/2 mile west of Cedar Hill; and #1642 for James P. Glasson, DVM, to have old improvements cleaned up north of the Lockney Veterinary Clinic.

There were two contracts for work in Precinct 2. #1648 is for burying old improvements for John A. Belt 6 miles south of Lockney and #1623 is for removing grub and pine trees in lake area and smoothing ridges along a road and lake for the Frank Brown Trust by Dorsey L. Baker.

Precinct 4 had one contract, #1645 for Wesley Campbell to have waterways cleaned out for soil conservation purposes at two locations, the first two miles west of Dougherty and the second seven miles north of Dougherty.



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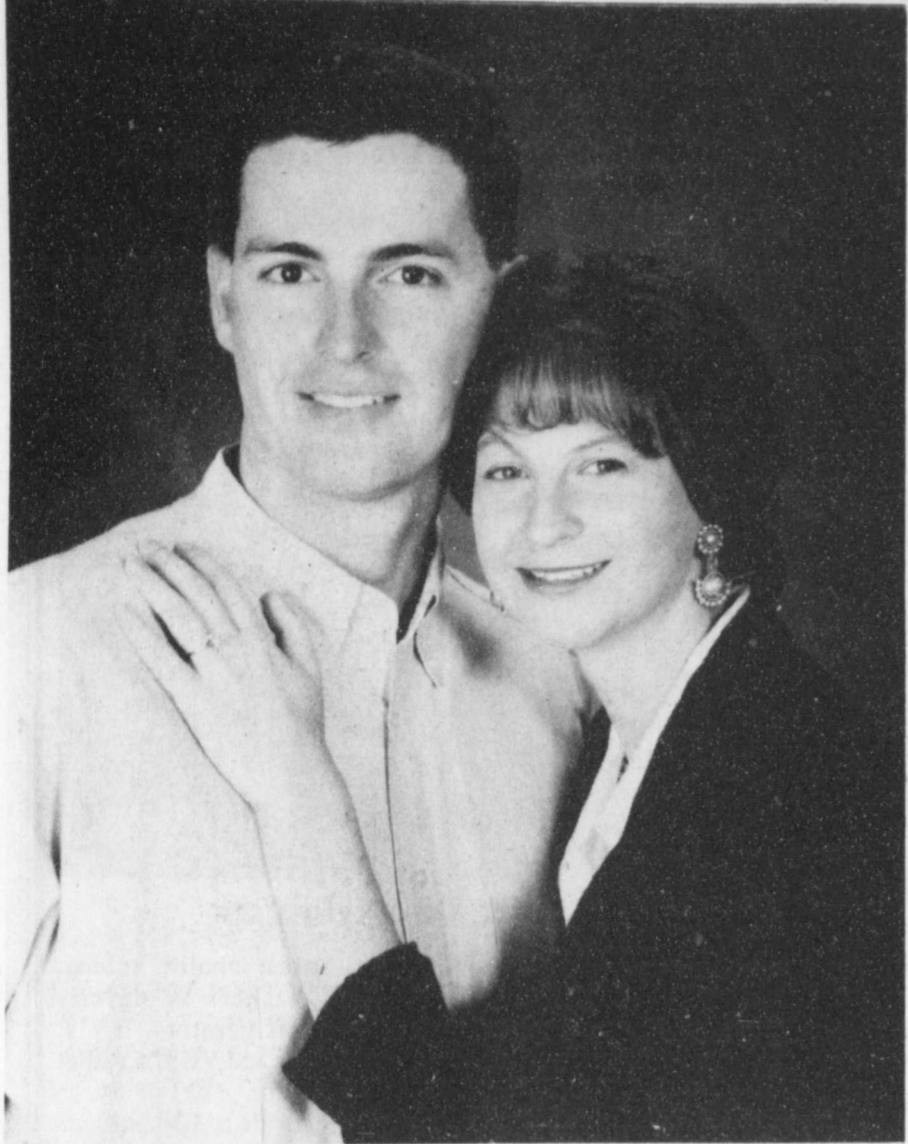
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JOEL PATRICK MITCHELL and REN'EE BARTOLI

Bartoli and Mitchell

Ms. Susan Bartoli and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bartoli of Austin wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Ren'ee of Austin, to Joel Patrick Mitchell of Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mitchell of Lockney.

Miss Bartoli is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelors in Computer Science. She is a Software Engineer at Motorola Inc. in Austin.

Mitchell is a graduate of Texas A&M University and a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. He is employed as a Process Engineer for Motorola Inc. in Austin.

The couple plan a June 15, 1996 wedding in Salt Lick Pavilion near Austin.

Alpha Sigma Upsilon has annual Easter party

Alpha Sigma Upsilon met on April 2, 1996 for their annual Easter Hunt at the Lighthouse Electric Coop. Children of the members enjoyed the hunt, then had snacks.

Finding the most eggs was Brandon Monreal. A prize was also given to those finding the least. They were Tyler Derryberry, Artie Rivera and Christopher Cervantes. Each child also received a bag filled with goodies.

A short meeting was held to discuss Founders Day and Mother's Day Branch.

Look Who's New!

WILLIAMS

Kortney Williams proudly announces the arrival of her baby brother, Kolby Sloane, born April 5, 1996, at Methodist Hospital at 9:14 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs. and 12 ozs. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Parents are Larry and Kellie Williams of Floydada. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pitts of Floydada, and the late Vickie Pitts, Albert Williams of Denver City and the late Juanece Williams. Great-grandparents are Malvin Jarboe of Floydada and Mary Pitts of Lovington, N.M.

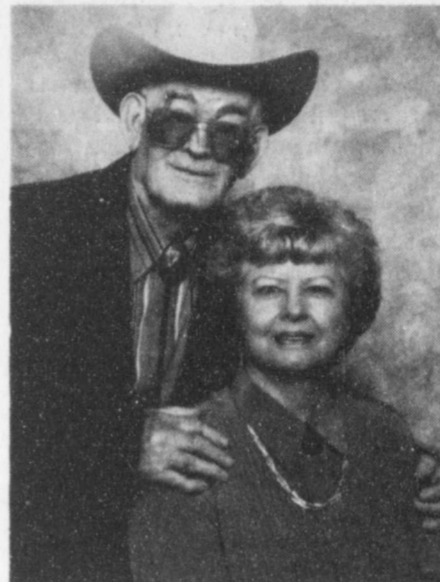
Floyd County Lifestyles

Neffs celebrate 50th Anniversary

O.A. (Shorty) and Leona Neff celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 6, 1996, with a reception at New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada. The event was hosted by Aubrey and Laura Neff of Dalhart and Andy and Belinda Coats of Lubbock.

The House Party consisted of Jerry and Winela Galloway, Joe Richard and Sandra Noland, Ronnie and Jill Fowler, Geraldine Gentry, Gay McPherson, and Dar Lee Foster. Photographs were taken by Angie Stevens.

The Neffs were married April 6, 1946, in Clovis, New Mexico. They have one son and two grandchildren. The celebration was attended by numerous friends and relatives.



O.A. (SHORTY) AND LEONA NEFF

Russell hosts 1950 Study Club

By Addie Assiter

FLOYDADA - The 1950 Study Club met April 2, at Roberta Russells. The theme for April is "One World". After Jane McCulley, president, opened the meeting, Carol Reese led all in the pledge to the American flag. Lovene Moore gave the Federation report. Our roll call is always a high point of our monthly meetings. So many subjects are covered.

Doris McLain, program hostess, introduced Nell Abram, who told about her trip to Russia with slide presentations. In June 1995, Nell joined 197 other members of Baptist churches from the top of Texas and South Plains for a two week South-

ern Baptist mission trip to Russia.

Roberta Russell and Addie Assiter served "Easter" refreshment to guests: Peggy Dyson, Virginia Pyle, and Jenny Gough; and members: Nell Abram, Ellie Anderson, Edris Edwards, Margie Fowler, Wanda Hickerson, Martha Lotspeich, Jane McCulley, Marjorie McElyea, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Sue Moore, Shirley Morton, Billie Jordan, Nettie Ruth Whittle and Carol Reese.

After all business was taken care of, we adjourned with this thought for the month - "You cannot control the length of your life, but you certainly can do something about the depth."

Dunavant presents program to Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR

By Loretta Denning

The Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met March 26 at Floyd County Historical Museum. Susan Dunavant, National Defense Chairman, gave the program. She presented a report on the early battles of World War II. Noting (the nearness to our shores) some of the activity, most of which was never known until after the first year or so following Pearl Harbor. Most of this activity was off the Eastern shore of the U.S., and off the Mainland of Florida, to the direction of Cuba and Central America.

Ruth Burleson read the President General's message. The Regent, Dorothy Hodges, and Vera Jo Bybee gave

a report on the recent State Conference meeting in Corpus Christi. Buffalo Grass Chapter was awarded several Certificates of Recognition at this meeting.

The hostesses were June Sherman and Ruth Burleson. Refreshments were served to Susan Dunavant, Ona Ruth Neff, Mary Lou Bollman, Dorothy Hodges, Vera Jo Bybee, Margaret Berry, Nancy Riviello, Sue Parson, Carolyn Cunningham, Ava Shoemaker and Loretta Denning.

The next meeting will be April 23 at Floyd County Historical Museum. June Sherman will be Program Chairman. This is our annual Genealogy Library Workshop Meeting.



QUILT-MAKING IN PROGRESS - Floyd County Pioneer Association is making a quilt to be given away on May 24th during Old Settler's weekend. Shown here working on the quilt are Jo Lyles, Queen Annie Lawson, and Lorene Newberry.

Floydada Senior Citizens

By Margarette Word

FLOYDADA - The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are 60 years or older, this center is for you. If you plan to eat lunch, please call 983-2032.

Over Easter weekend, Ruth Gilliland had her children and grandchildren in her home. They were Bill and Ann Gilliland from Abilene and their daughter Connie and Nolan Watson and their baby of Lubbock. Also, Karen Gilliland and son, Redman of Albuquerque, N.M., and Butch and family, and Bob and his family all of Floydada.

Wednesday, April 3, Beverly White, P.A. from the Cogdell Clinic was guest of Grace Jarrett for lunch. Mrs. White and her husband are newcomers to Floydada.

Saturday, April 6, Nola Bishop celebrated her 95th birthday. Her family hosted the celebration. The party was held in Nola's home. Family members were a daughter, Nancy Cross of Arlington, a grandson, Joe Cross of Amarillo, a granddaughter, Sue Garza of Arlington, a granddaughter, Sherry Smith of Floydada, and Nola's son-in-law Lyndall Roberts of Lubbock. Guests attending were Mrs. Garnet Goen, Mrs. Opal Guffee, Mrs. Jewell Martin, Mrs. Diana Glover, Mrs. Ethel Carmack, Mrs. Madge West, Sid and Lois Waller, Mrs. Kathleen Hagood and Mrs. Margarette Word.

Madge West and her grandson, Kurt West who attends Wayland Baptist College drove to Abernathy to spend Easter Sunday with Madge's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jonna and Shane Cunningham and their children.

Sunday, April 7, Jill and Martin Warren invited members of the First United Methodist Church to celebrate Easter Sunday sunrise services in the Blanco Canyon on their land. 98 people attended the beautiful service.

Our sympathy to Rebecca Smith on the loss of her son.

Sympathy to the family of Stan Killian.

Clarence Guffee is in the hospital at Hale Center.

Elizabeth Armstrong had surgery last week. She is still in the hospital.

Thelma Jones is in the hospital at University Medical Center having hip surgery.

Britt Britton was in the hospital last week but is now back at the Floydada Nursing Home. He is feeling much better.

Dub and Margaret Daniel are home after being gone since November. Dub had a stroke around Thanksgiving and they were unable to come home until now. Glad you are home and continue to improve.

Please pray for all those above who have lost loved ones, who are ill and facing surgery and for those who have already had surgery. Pray for one another and for RAIN.

Sunday evening, Jim and I, along with about 200 more people attended the "Easter, A Community of Believers Joining Together for an Evening of Worship and Praise Service" held at the Calvary Baptist Church. People from many denominations were in attendance and had a part in the program. Wonderful singing and Christian fellowship was aglow in the church. If you were not there you missed a blessing, some of us were wondering why we couldn't do this more often. Bringing the community together in such a spiritual way benefits us all.

"Thought for the Week" - "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Teresa

Menu

Monday, April 15: Hamburger Steak, brown gravy, rice, squash, wheat roll, golden congealed salad

Tuesday, April 16: Brisket, Au Gratin potatoes, fried okra, wheat roll, dill pickles, apricot cobbler

Wednesday, April 17: Fish nuggets, lima beans, carrots, cornbread, bananas and oranges, oatmeal cookies

Thursday, April 18: Baked chicken with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad/ 1000 Island Dressing, bran muffin, lemon cake

Friday, April 19: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, or zucchini, tossed salad with Ranch Dressing, Garlic bread, banana pudding.

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Bennett and Hughes recite vows



MRS. ROGER HUGHES
(nee Tiffany Bennett)

Tiffany Bennett and Roger Hughes were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Tropicana Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 16, 1996.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bennett of Floydada and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes of Flomot.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. The bride wore a tea-length, ecru lace dress with a key-hole neckline and carried a bouquet of fresh burgandy carnations accented with greenery and white baby's breath. The bride wore something blue - a garter which was a gift from the groom. Something new was her dress and something borrowed were her diamond drop necklace and earrings from her grandmother, Mary Lewis.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's mother, Pam Bennett. The bridesmaids were Kristi Peel of Amarillo, a sister and Shannon Casillas. The Matron of Honor carried the same matching color bouquet as the bride. Dresses were tea-length blue denim with a V-neck accented with daisy lace down the front of the bodice.

The best man was Dan Meyer from Turkey, Texas. The Groomsman were Keith and Allen Ellison from Canadian, Texas.

The music consisted of the traditional Wedding March. The chapel was adorned with live plants throughout and the pews were decorated with white satin bows.

Those attending were: bride's parents, Gary & Pam Bennett; groom's mother, Janice Hughes. Other friends and relatives were: Tess Meyer of Turkey; Janita Ellison of Canadian; Marsha Blake of Lubbock; Bengie Hughes of Lubbock; Rickey Hughes of Levelland; Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock; Kristi & Cory Peel of Amarillo; Ross Bennett of Floydada; Larry, Rhonda, Cody and Kayla Stovall of Floydada; Mary Lewis of Floydada and Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada.

The couple will make their home in Floydada where Tiffany is employed by Caprock Irrigation and Roger is employed by Ray Lee Equipment.



WHOZIT — This photo of what appears to be a well traveled group was selected from the Hesperian files as the Whozit for the week. There is no identification on the photo and no indication as to when it appeared in the newspaper. Anyone know whozit? The two young ladies in last week's Whozit Photo were identified as Deneen Johnson Marricle and her twin sister Denise. Keith Marricle identified the photo of his wife and her sister after it was called to his attention by Lori Battey. Marricle says he thinks the bunny in the bush was a real live rabbit.

-- Staff Photo

Lockney Senior Citizens

LOCKNEY -- Attendance at our Thursday, April 4 meeting was down to 39. A little less than we had been having, but we hope with warmer, better weather coming it will pick up again.

Clay Keller, administrator of the Lockney Care Center came and presented a video pertaining to Health Care. It gave some very interesting facts and information on Medicare, Medicaid, and Home Health Care. It was very interesting and informative. We hope he will come again.

We were glad to see Harley Workman able to come Thursday night after being ill for sometime and not able to be out much.

Bertha Rolling was moved to the Lockney Care Center on Saturday, April 6 and will continue her therapy

there. I am sure she will be looking forward to visits from her friends.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"— Baseball is the only TV show where they cram 15 minutes of action into three hours.

- Menu**
Monday, April 15 - German sausage, vegetables, salad, dessert
Tuesday, April 16 - Lasagne, vegetables, salad, dessert
Wednesday, April 17 - Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad, dessert
Thursday, April 18 - Chicken, vegetables, salad, dessert
Friday, April 19 - Beef tips, vegetables, salad, dessert
 Meals served with coffee, tea, and rolls. Menu subject to change.

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At 2:30 p.m. we'll be breaking ground for the new fountain to commemorate the life and service of Idalou native Mary Williams, the co-founder and first director of Meals on Wheels in Lubbock.

Brick Pavers are \$25 and can be inscribed with your name or in honor or memory of someone else. Pavers will be on sale at the festival or by mailing a check with name to be inscribed to Idalou Meals on Wheels, Box 885, Idalou, Texas, 79329

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Better Business Bureau Report

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The sender claims to be an official of a company or government ministry or has an official-sounding name, and asks for assistance in transferring millions of dollars of excess money out of Nigeria. The person proposes depositing the money in a trustworthy U. S. bank account, in exchange for what the account-holder will receive 30 percent or more of the transferred funds.

To participate in the deal, the business or organization must provide its bank account number and the name, address, phone and fax numbers of the bank. Using this information, the con artists can then plunder the victim's bank account. The BBB advises that this 'money-laundering' scheme is illegal and advises anyone receiving such a letter not to respond. Instead, send the letter to the BBB at 916 Main St. Suite 800, Lubbock 79401 and we will forward it on to the U. S. Secret Service.

LUNCH IS SERVED

- Thursday, April 11th**
Chicken N Dressing
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Friday, April 12th
Ham & Yams
Blackberry Cobbler
Monday, April 15th
Beef Stroganoff
Strawberry Cake
Tuesday, April 17th
Roast & Veggies
Banana Supreme
Wednesday, April 17th
Chicken N Stir Fry
Peach Cobbler
Thursday, April 18th
Lasagna
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Recipe of the Week

The following recipe was used by Jason Nutt at the Floyd County 4-H Food Show.

Jason's Cowboy Cheese Dip

- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
- 1 can chopped tomatoes and green chiles
- 1/8 cup milk
- Chopped onions

Cut up cheese and melt in microwave for 2 minutes. Stir in milk, tomatoes and peppers, and onion. Microwave 2 more minutes. Stir and cook a little longer if the cheese is not melted. Serve with chips or cup up vegetables.

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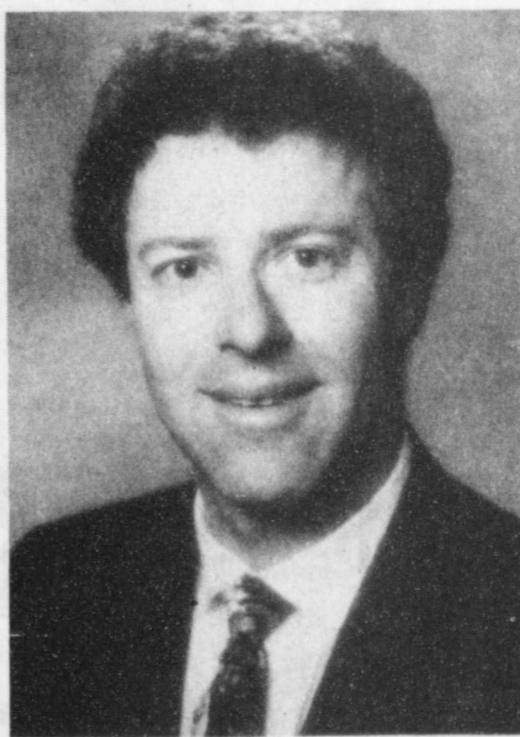
DeAnne Parker-Timberlake

April 20th
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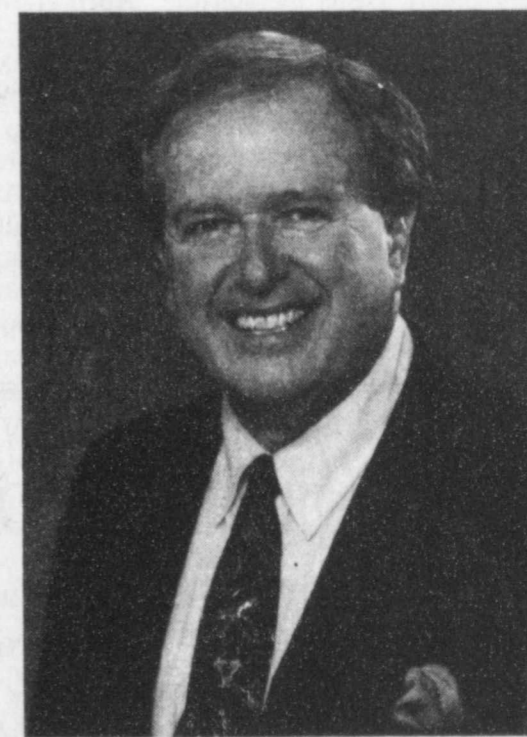
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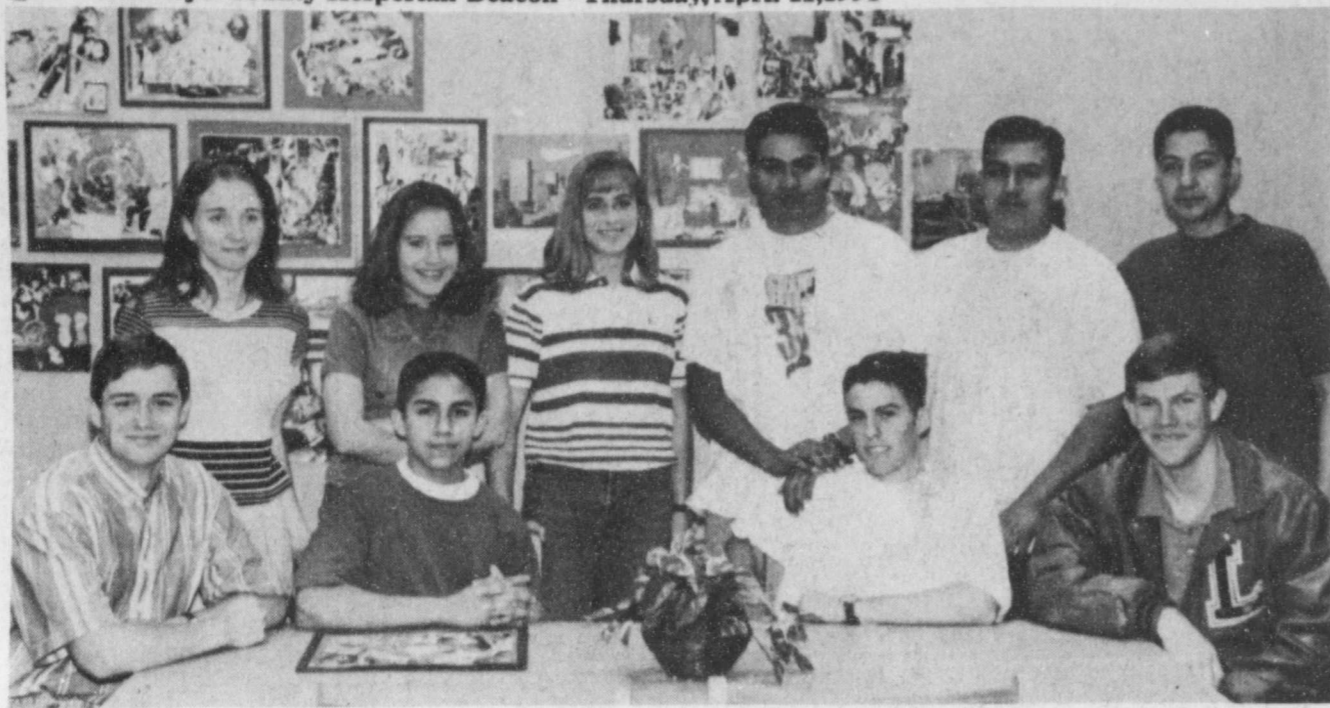
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Cervantes, Jeremy Rodriguez; (l-r, front row) Tim Mitchell, Rodolfo Cervantes, Brady Marr, and Dewayne Jones.

Staff Photo



UIL LITERARY EVENTS PARTICIPANTS--Lockney High School students who participated in the UIL Literary Events competition are (l-r, back row) Kaci Mathis, Cody Hayes, Adam Cummings, Nathan Carthel, Brett McQuhae; (l-r, middle row)

Johnnie Mosley; Lacey Aston, Allison Mangold, Leigha Wood, Michelle Smith, Lindi Miller; (l-r, front row) Gerardo Luna, Kelli Clark, Mandy Galloway, LeeAnne Galloway and Stacy Bigham.

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FHS Senior Spotlight

by Priscilla Perales



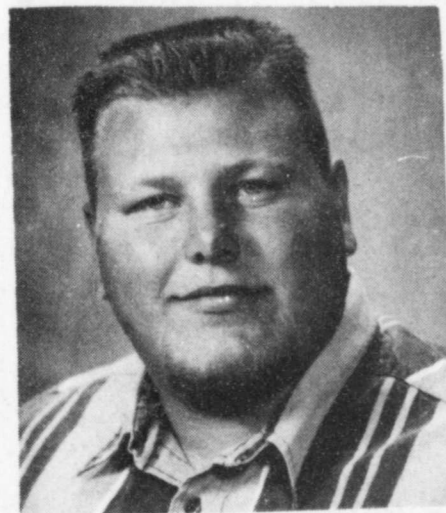
MARY SALAZAR

One of our FHS seniors is Mary Salazar, daughter of Mary and Blackie Salazar. Mary has attended Floydada schools for 12 years and is currently on the Yearbook Staff and a member of NHS.

Some of Mary's favorites are TV show "Living Single"; food, cheese pizza; and class is yearbook. Mary is involved in church. She is an assistant teacher for the younger children. One of her best memories of high school is decorating before the Lockney game. If Mary could change one thing about the past 4 years, she would have worked harder.

Mary admires her dad, because "he has raised her along the majority of her life, because her mom was ill".

After high school, Mary plans on going to south Plains College to be a nurse.



ANTHONY EMERT

One Senior Spotlight this week is Anthony Emert. He is the son of Vickie and Curtis Emert. Anthony has attended Floydada schools for 11 years. He also attended Haskell Elementary. He is active this year in DECA. He enjoys reading the comic "X-Men" and listening to Pink Floyd. His favorite subject is Psychology with Mrs. Crabtree. Anthony also has a dog named JoJo.

Anthony's best memories of high school are his friends. If he could

change one thing about the past 4 years, he would change one friend. After high school Anthony plans on going to South Plains College and pursuing a career as a probation officer.

Anthony would like to be remembered by this saying, "The road goes on forever, but the party never ends".



JODIE VILARREAL

One of our Senior Spotlights is Jodie Villarreal, daughter of Rosa Villarreal and Billy Joe Villarreal. Jodie has attended Floydada schools for 12 years. She has been very active in basketball all 4 years. J.V. cheerleader her freshman year, NHS Outstanding Student her sophomore year, a Student Council Representative for 4 years, and a member of NHS. She was also "Student of the Month" her freshmen and senior year. Jodie's favorite subject in school is Biology. She enjoys playing basketball, collecting football and basketball cards. Jodie's favorite memory of FHS is Coach Carr kissing a pig at a pep rally. If Jodie could change one thing about the past 4 years, she would have graduated a year earlier.

Jodie admires her mother most, because she has put up with Jodie, works and goes to school at the same time. Jodie plans to further her education by attending Texas Tech University. After college Jodie hopes to be either a physical therapist or a physician's assistant.

This Week In Lockney Schools

April 11-18
Thursday, April 11: State FHA Meeting in Austin; District Varsity Track at Springlake-Earth.
Friday, April 12: Same as Thursday
Monday, April 15: JV Baseball, 6:30 at New Deal.
Tuesday, April 16: Varsity Baseball, 5:00 at Morton.
Wednesday, April 17: UIL Concert - Sightreading at Sudan.

By Cindy Hambricht



MARGARET MEDRANO

Margaret Medrano, daughter of Elvira and Alfredo Medrano, is one of our FHS Senior Spotlights this week. She has attended Floydada schools for 12 years and plans to participate in track her senior year.

One of Margaret's best memories of FHS is her freshman track season. The things she will miss most about high school are her "wonderful teachers and friends". If she could change one thing about the past 4 years, she would have studied harder. Some of her favorite things are "Legends of the Fall" movie, the colors red and black, and chili cheese burritos. Her favorite class was Microcomputers.

The person Margaret most admires is Mr. Robert Lockwood, because "he is so full of life and dreams and hopes for his students." Margaret plans to attend St. Edwards University. She would like to be a foreign language translator. The motto Margaret would like to be remembered by is "Live life to the fullest."

UIL students place third at district

LOCKNEY--The Lockney UIL Literary students placed third overall in the 3-2A District Meet Academic Championship held on March 26th and 28th at Springlake-Earth. Abernathy placed second and Springlake-Earth placed first in the competition.

The Literary Criticism team, Calculator team and Number Sense team each placed first overall. The Mathematics team placed second.

Individual places include:

Poetry Interpretation: Kelli Clark, 1st; Brett McQuhae, 5th.

Prose Interpretation: Cody Hayes, 4th place.

Feature Writing:

Mandy Galloway, 2nd.

Headline Writing: LeeAnne Galloway, 3rd.

Current Issues and Events: Tim Mitchell, 5th.

Computer Applications: Stacy Bigham, 5th.

Ready Writing: LeeAnne Galloway, 2nd; Leigha Wood, 6th.

Literary Criticism: LeeAnn Galloway, 1st; Johnnie Mosley, 5th.

Literary Criticism Team - 1st place

LeeAnne Galloway, Johnnie Mosley and Adam Cummings.

Calculator: Brady Marr, 2nd; LeeAnne

Galloway, 3rd; Federico Cervantes, 5th.

Calculator Team: Brady Marr, LeeAnne Galloway, Federico Cervantes, and Carlos Perales.

Mathematics: Dewayne Jones, 2nd.

Mathematic Team - 2nd place

Dewayne Jones, Brady Marr and Carlos Perales.

Number Sense: Dewayne Jones, 1st; Rodolfo Cervantes, 2nd; Cynthia Martin, 3rd.

Number Sense Team - 1st place

Dewayne Jones, Rodolfo Cervantes and Cynthia Martin.

Computer Science: Dewayne Jones, 1st; Tim Mitchell, 2nd; Brady Marr 3rd.

Computer Science Team - 1st Place

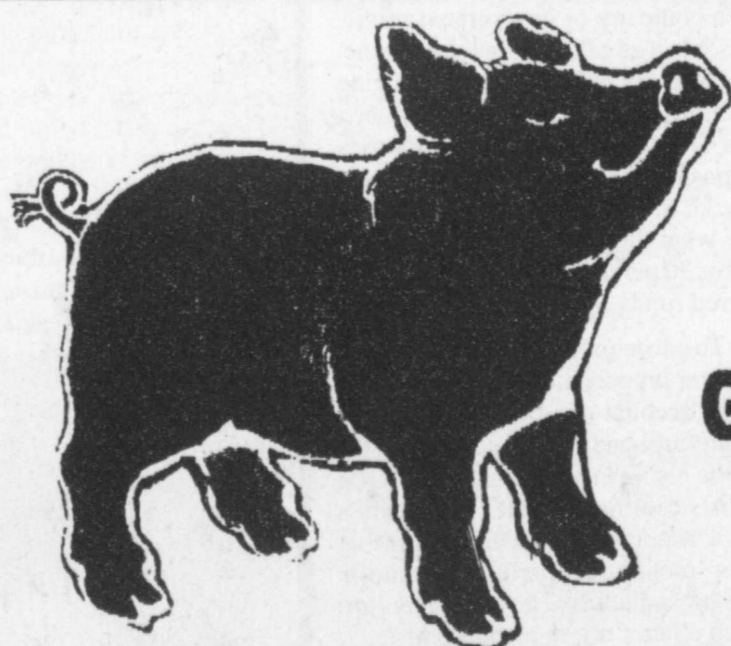
Dewayne Jones, Tim Mitchell, Brady Marr, and Carlos Perales.

Students who will be advancing to the Regional Competition at Abilene Christian University on April 20th include: Kelli Clark, Mandy Galloway, LeeAnne Galloway, Johnnie Mosley, Adam Cummings, Dewayne Jones, Rodolfo Cervantes, Cynthia Martin, Tim Mitchell, Brady Marr, Federico Cervantes, and Carlos Perales.

THROUGH THE HALLS

Floydada School Menu

April 15 - 19
Monday: Breakfast - Juice, cinnamon toast, milk
Lunch - Fish sticks, sliced potatoes, cole slaw, pears, hot roll, milk
Tuesday: Breakfast - Juice, scrambled eggs, toast, milk
Lunch - Frito pie, pinto beans, pickle spears, cornbread, peaches, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast - Juice, sausage, toast, milk
Lunch - BBQ franks, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot roll, milk
Thursday: Breakfast - juice, pancakes, syrup, milk
Lunch - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, Jello with fruit, tostado rounds, milk
Friday: Breakfast - Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk
Lunch: Ham/cheese sandwich, French fries, tossed salad, sherbet, milk



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Rural Nurse Resource now open in Floydada

By Kori Kellison
(Editor's Note: Research for the following article, by Texas Tech journalism student Kori Kellison, was made possible by a grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation.)

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR) in Floydada will host an open house and grand opening from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 14 at 902 W. Crocket, Caprock Hospital Building.

RNR is run by Sharon Hinton and Mary Ann Rainer. Hinton, a registered nurse, teaches the classes at RNR. She is also an Emergency Medical Technician and is soon to become a paramedic. Rainer, a native of Floydada, is the office manager.

Hinton said a 15-member board decides what they can teach. RNR now offers classes to become a certified nurse aid and classes for Emergency Medical Technicians. The center provides classes to the community such as CPR, first aid, FARMEDIC and First Response.

FARMEDIC is a specialty class for the Emergency Medical Service that is specifically for farm accidents. This course trains rescue workers the proper response to rural accidents. A three-day national class is to be held in Floydada, and people from several other states will attend.

Hinton said, First Response trains people residing in rural areas the basics to keeping someone alive until the paramedics can get there. It could take at least 30 to 40 minutes to get help in some areas.

The course to become a certified nurse aid lasts for six weeks and includes 34 hours of clinicals at the Floydada Nursing Home. Hinton said that the ability to speak English is the only requirement to enter the course. The first class to take this course will graduate May 3, then to receive their certification they must pass an exam. Certified nurse aids are qualified to work in home health, nursing homes and hospitals.

Hinton said, "The need for certified nurse aids is great because there are

so many elderly in the area, so the class fills up fast."

Hinton is the only registered nurse, and works on a volunteer basis. Rural Nurse Resource was operated out of her home from 1990 until moving into the new location in September.

Rural Nurse Resource is a nonprofit organization and operates on donations until they can receive grant money. The center will look for another registered nurse to teach when there are funds. Even the cleaning in the center is done on a volunteer basis.

The center accepts all types of donations from cash to dentures. Anything healthwise they can use to teach in a hands-on training is useful.

Hinton said a program she would like to see offered again through Rural Nurse Resource is the youth course, which trains children what to do when there is a fire or if they are home alone. Basic first aid training is also a part of the program. Hinton and Rainer are in the process of looking for sponsors to fund the program.

"We don't get to offer the course now," Hinton said, "but if we could get to them and educate them, it would keep them from getting hurt."

Rural Nurse Resource offers several other services including teaching classes in industry about first aid and details about blood-borne pathogens. They also go into schools and educating children as well as the teachers CPR and first aid. They provide all kinds of health and safety information and also teach people about their conditions. If a person is diagnosed with a disease, Rural Nurse Resource can help a person understand their condition and treatment process.

To receive information about these programs contact Rainer at (806)983-8096. Rural Nurse Resource urges the public to come by the open house and ribbon cutting and see where they are and what they have to offer.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the ribbon cutting, April 14, at the Caprock Hospital Building.



A FLOYDADA SPECIALTY--Anne Carthel (right) presents a gift basket from Sagebrush Mills to the area's state representative and Speaker of the House Pete Laney and his wife, Nelda after a luncheon at Light-house Electric on Monday. The Friends of Floyd County met with Laney to discuss the Multi-Purpose Center project. Staff Photo

CRP workshop to be held

There will be two opportunities for Floyd County producers to obtain CEU's and attend workshops.

A CRP workshop will be held to explore options which will be available to persons with land enrolled in the CRP program. The program will consist of "Utilizing Forages for Animal Production" - Dr. Vivien Allen; "Future of the CRP Program" - Dr. Jackie Smith; "Converting CRP to Crop Production" - Dr. Brent Bean; and "Renovation of Old World Bluestem and Native Pastures" - Dr. Jerry Cox.

The program will be held at the Lockney Community Center on April 16. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program running from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be 1.5 CEU's offered for pesticide applicators at this workshop.

Floyd County producers will have

the opportunity to participate in an Irrigation Management Workshop which will show producers more efficient ways to utilize their water resources.

The program speakers will be Dr. Bill Lyle, Leon New, Dr. Dan Krieg and Ken Carver. Program topics will range from row spacings, limited irrigation scheduling, PET, chemigation and water quality problems facing producers.

The program will be offered on Tuesday, April 23 at the Memorial Building in Crosbyton. There will be 2 CEU's offered for pesticide applicators at the workshop.

For more information or to preregister call either the Floyd County Extension office (983-4912) or the Crosby County Extension office (675-2347).

LISD renews contract...

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be held in open meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

After the meeting and talking to this newspaper, Morris stated he wanted the rest of his comments on record.

Referring to Mosley resignation as sponsor of the LISD Yearbook, Morris said that according to page 3 of the LISD Policy Manual, "Assigned supplemental duties for which supplemental pay is received may be modified or discontinued by the district at any time. An employee who wishes to relinquish a paid supplemental duty may do so only with the consent of the superintendent or des-

ignee."

Morris said he asked Mosley's supervisors if they had approved her resignation from the yearbook responsibilities and was told, "they had talked about the situation and after doing so accepted the resignation."

"In my opinion," said Morris, "if the superiors said anything less to this employee than, 'Do not resign', or 'You cannot resign', the board had no grounds for it's actions."

After the meeting Morris told this newspaper, "When mistakes are made, or improper decisions made, it is because we are all human. I am not condemning any one or any group for being human."

FISD accepts resignations

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run "in papers in the Valley so that minorities there would know the jobs were available here." Cannon said that this could be done, but that the ultimate decision should be based on qualifications, not minority status.

Probasco then called for the board to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Lynn Marler objected, stating that the agenda was not specific enough to let the general public know the subject of the discussion.

She cited a portion of the School Board Policy Manual which states, "Deliberations or actions pertaining to the Superintendent and principals are of particular public interest and notice of those subjects must be worded with such clarity that the public will understand what the board proposes to discuss or accomplish."

Probasco said that he had been visited by the local district attorney concerning this agenda item and had then spoken with the school district's lawyer, Paul Lyle. According to Probasco, Lyle told him that the board was acting within the law and could proceed with the executive session as posted.

Marler then stated, "That is your prerogative, just be aware that you have been warned that you are holding an illegal discussion."

Following an executive session lasting about an hour and a half, board members took no formal action.

A regular meeting of the board is scheduled for April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Personnel will once more be the subject of an executive session posted with the regular items on the monthly agenda.

Wesco changes name

FLOYDADA--Wesco Medical Supply has now merged with Lynay Home Medical Equipment Inc.

According to Jake Galvan, former owner of Wesco, "I am now a partner with Lynay. This merge will enable us to become more competitive on a national level, not only in West Texas but all across Texas."

Galvan will continue to be assisted

at the office by his wife, Libby. As Wesco has in the past, Lynay will continue to sell and rent medical supplies, including oxygen equipment.

"We are also doing van conversions for handicapped needs and customizing wheelchairs," said Galvan.

Lynay's corporate offices are in San Angelo.

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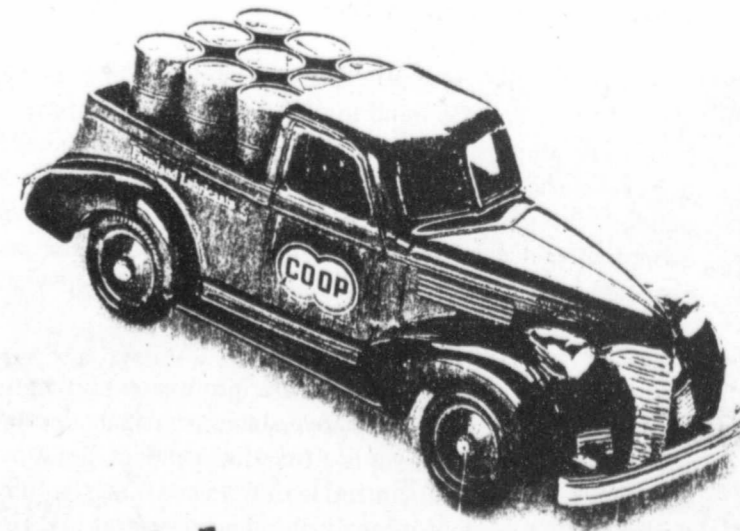
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Rep. Larry Combest answers questions on farm bill

Dear Friends,
 Passing this farm bill has been a long and difficult process. There were times when I wondered if we would be able to pass any new farm program at all due to divisions among the agricultural community across the country and opposition from Members of Congress from the urban areas who seem to have forgotten where their food and clothing comes from. While this farm bill is far from perfect, it is a compromise that I believe will serve to provide a reasonable amount of assistance to agriculture in our region.

I have compiled a list of typical questions that I have been asked and some brief answers on the following pages. Of course, there will be many more questions that arise as this program is implemented. These Q&A's are for general information and I would advise you to rely on your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for the final technical interpretations as program sign-up proceeds.

Please feel free to also call my office anytime I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Larry Combest
 U.S. Representative
 House Committee on Agriculture

Q. If I have not been in the farm program for the last few years, will I qualify for this new program?
 A. Any acres that have been enrolled or certified in the farm program or certified as planted for at least one of the past five years will be eligible for the new farm program.

Q. How many acres can I enroll in the new program?
 A. Basically, all of your base acres that you would have had as of this crop year under the old program will be allowed to be enrolled in the new program.

Q. Can I continue building base acres?
 A. No. The amount of contract acres that you enroll into the new program cannot be increased in future years.

Q. Can I reduce the amount of my acres in the farm program in future years?
 A. Yes. You can permanently reduce the amount of acres in the farm program at sign-up or any time during the next seven years. However, you should thoroughly examine the amount of planting flexibility allowed under the new farm program before you make that decision to determine if it is in your best interest to do so (flexibility is discussed further in a later question).

Q. What about a beginning farmer?
 A. As mentioned above, no more base building will be allowed under the new program. However, the total amount of all current base acres can be enrolled into the new program (under the producer's discretion). These acres (which will now be called contract acres) will be transferable just as base acres were under the old program. This means that the contract acreage moves with the farm, and that any new owner or tenant will be able to receive payments under the contract by succeeding to the contract of the prior owner or tenant, just as base acres are transferred currently.

Q. If I have been growing only one crop, can I enter all of my base acres into the new program and still plant all of my acres in that same crop?
 A. Yes. You can grow almost anything (except for some restrictions on fruits and vegetables) and get the same farm program benefits.

Q. What will my payment be based on if I have 3 different bases such as cotton, corn, and wheat?
 A. The payment will be based on pre-set rates for each crop. For a farm with multiple crop acreage bases entered into the new program (as contract acres), the applicable payment rate for each crop should be multiplied by the payment yield and 85% of the contract acres attributable to each crop. Once you have signed into the new program, your total "contract payment" benefits for the seven year period could be approximated (there could still be some small change in the exact payment rate over the years because of the effect of changes in farming operations around the coun-

try). Changes in market prices or your level of production of various crops will not affect your contract payments.

Q. If I actually have more base acreage than physical acres on my farm, can I enter all of those acres for payment under the new farm program?
 A. This will be dependent on a technical interpretation by USDA.

Q. Why were we not allowed to prove-up farm program yields, and instead were kept at our old yields?
 A. I realize that since yields were frozen in the 1990 farm bill, many farmers have increased their actual farm yields and are now being paid based on unrealistic rates. Increasing these farm yields has often brought with it increasing economic risks for producers. On the other hand, farm program yields for some farmers are actually higher than their actual yield. Since discussion on this farm bill was driven by extreme budget pressures surrounding our real effort to finally balance the federal budget, it was difficult to include items which would have resulted in increased farm program costs. Updating farm program yields would have substantially increased farm program costs. Also, producers who would have been negatively impacted by this would obviously oppose it and would have blocked support for the measure.

Q. What will the payment rates be?
 A. The following rates are APPROXIMATE figures as estimated by Agriculture Committee economists. The final rates as figured by USDA should not vary by much, but you cannot figure your exact bottom line yet—continue to rely on final information from your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

Q. Why do corn, grain sorghum and cotton all have higher payment rates in 1997, while wheat has a higher payment rate in 1996?
 A. Because these are the years in which the money is needed to absorb the cost of forgiveness of the 1995 unearned deficiency payments.

Q. What happens in seven years after this farm bill expires? Will there be another farm bill or is this bill meant to be a phase-out of farm programs?
 A. This bill is meant to be no more of a phase-out than the 1985 or 1990 bills were. It does expire in seven years, but the last two farm bills expired after five years. The Agricultural Act of 1949 is retained as permanent law authority. While the '49 law is outdated and unworkable, it should serve as a hammer to force Congress to re-examine farm programs after the seven year period.

Q. How much of my crop is eligible for the marketing loan?
 A. Every pound or bushel that is produced on a farm which has been entered into the new farm program is eligible for marketing loans (for crops which have marketing loans). It does not matter whether the crop was produced on contract acres or acres which are not in the farm program as long as the acres are part of the same farm which has been entered into the new program.

Q. Is the Export Enhancement Program still in place?
 A. Yes. The program expenditures were capped due to budget pressures. However, this farm bill instructs USDA to use EEP funds as necessary to maintain the share of the world wheat flour market achieved by the U.S. during the 1986 to 1990 period.

Q. Can I break out pasture land and plant crops on it?
 A. It depends on what kind of land it is. The sodbuster provisions of the 1990 farm bill are still in place, which restrict the breaking out of pasture land that is highly-erodible. A farmer should definitely consult with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service, SCS) concerning these restrictions. However, if it is determined that the land can be broken out and farmed, then the same planting flexibility provisions would apply to it, as the other land on your farm.

Q. If I am a tenant farmer, can my landlord refuse to renew my lease and take all of the farm program payments?
 A. This farm bill does not dictate

how landlord-tenant relationships should be handled. These relationships are contractual matters between the landlord and the tenant and governed by State Law. Quoting from the Statement of Managers which accompanies the final farm bill and serves as an explanation of the law, "(Congress intends) that USDA administer this program to generally ensure consistency with current regulations relating to the division of payments and fair treatment of tenants and landowners. Past payment history on a farm should also be considered when determining eligible producers and payment divisions. Owners who follow State tenancy laws and timely notify tenants should have the ability to change renters and rental arrangements and change Production Flexibility Contracts to reflect those changes." It is also important to note that rules requiring recipients of payments to be actively engaged in farming still apply. I would advise both tenants and landlords to thoroughly examine the economics of the situation before making any hasty decisions.

Q. Does the land have to be farmed to qualify for the farm program benefits?
 A. No. But that is not as much of a change from the old program as may have been claimed. Under the old program, a farmer could enter into the 0-85/92 program and receive up to 92% of the projected deficiency payment as a guaranteed payment. Also, the old farm program was never that attractive for farmers to be farming just as a requirement to get a payment. Farmers work their fields for profit and their land must be maintained in an agricultural or related activity. Conversion to a non-agricultural commercial or industrial use is prohibited.

Q. Will I still be required to purchase crop insurance to be eligible for farm programs?
 A. No. That requirement was removed by the passage of this farm bill. However, anyone who does not purchase crop insurance will be required to sign a statement indicating that they understand that no disaster assistance will be provided, as it was in the past.

Q. Will the sales closing dates be extended to purchase crop insurance?
 A. The sales closing date will be extended only for catastrophic coverage and only for a period of two to four weeks from the date the farm bill is signed into law. Your crop insurance agent or FSA office should have the exact dates.

Q. How were the payment limit rules changed?
 A. The rules under the old program were 3 entities eligible for payments at the limits of \$50,000 for the first entity and \$25,000 for each of the next two entities. The new rules are \$40,000 for the first entity and \$20,000 for each of the next two entities. Original farm bill proposals would not have allowed for any multiple entity arrangements. I fought hard to maintain the 3-entity arrangement. I am also pleased that the existing limit of \$75,000 per person for marketing loan gains remains unchanged.

Q. Will I have to repay my advance deficiency payment which I owe back from last year?
 A. Unearned 1995 advance deficiency payments will be owed back, but if not already repaid, will be deducted from the first-year or second-year payment, depending on when the repayment is required. However, the total amount of dollars repaid or owed back will be incorporated in the first and second-year payments, and will not count toward the \$40,000 limit. If the payment was not taken in 1995, then future payments will include the amount that the farmer would have been eligible to receive.

Q. Can I plant fruits or vegetables (such as black-eyed peas, pinto beans, or potatoes) on my farm?
 A. This is the only area of planting flexibility which includes some limited restrictions. As a general rule, you

would not be jeopardized in any way by the production of peanuts or sugar beets on your farm. However, you might want to consider the provisions of the peanut and sugar programs before making that planting decision.

Q. How was the peanut program changed?
 A. The price support level for quota peanuts was reduced from \$678 per ton to \$610 per ton. The national quota level will no longer have a minimum and will be set according to supply and demand conditions. The most significant change for producers in our area is that quota will now be allowed to be sold or leased across county lines within the same state. The final bill restricts this sale or lease authority to a total of 40% from each county with yearly restrictions building up in increments from 15% transfer by sale or lease in 1996, a total of 25% in 1997, 30% in 1998, 35% in 1999, and up to 40% in the year 2000 and beyond.

Q. How was the sugar program changed?
 A. Traditional opponents of the sugar program fought hard for total elimination of the program. In an effort to counteract their attacks, the program was significantly reformed. Reforms include the following:
 —support price - remains frozen at 18 cents per pound for raw sugar
 —elimination of marketing allotments - there will now be no limit on domestic production or marketing of sugar
 —marketing loan reforms - only recourse marketing loans will be available to sugar producers until sugar imports reach a level of 1.5 million tons; only when imports reach this level will non-recourse loans be available.
 —forfeiture penalty - a one cent penalty will be applied to forfeited sugar which represents an effective one cent reduction in the support price
 —increased marketing assessment - the assessment is increased by 25 percent to raise approximately \$268 million toward deficit reduction over the seven year period.

Conservation Reserve Program
 Q. If I have a CRP contract which is expiring, will I be able to renew it; or if I have a piece of land which is not now in CRP, will I be able to enter it into CRP?
 A. The bill gives the authority to continue the CRP up to the current level of 36.4 million acres. However, what existing CRP land or new land will be in the program in the future depends a lot on decisions which will be made by USDA. The criteria used to choose the land renewed into CRP, or the new land that will be entered, will determine this. There is no guarantee that acreage currently enrolled in the CRP will be re-enrolled.

Q. Will the same criteria used from 1985 through 1990, when most of our land went into CRP, be applied to land that is accepted into the CRP?
 A. No, and this is a critical point. Land that was entered into CRP from 1985 through 1990 was chosen based exclusively on wind and soil erosion. The 1990 farm bill added water quality as another criteria for choosing CRP land; wildlife habitat was also added later through a USDA decision.

Q. The emergency feed program was eliminated in the farm bill. Is there any type of grandfather clause for those producers who are currently receiving this assistance, or who are in the process of applying for this year?
 A. Yes. If producers in the county have already been approved by FSA, then producers will be given 30 days following enactment of the farm bill (the date signed into law) to apply for this assistance. Check with your county USDA office for further details on this assistance.

Q. Can I plant peanuts or sugar beets on my farm and remain in the farm program?
 A. Yes. There are no restrictions that apply to peanuts or sugar beet production on farm program acreage. Therefore, farm program eligibility

cannot plant these items on your contract acreage. HOWEVER, the exceptions here are pretty wide and left up to USDA's final interpretation. In any region which has a history of double-cropping involving fruits or vegetables (as determined by USDA), farmers can plant fruits and vegetables on their farm as long as it is planted in a double-cropping pattern with a contract commodity. If your region is not determined to have a history of double-cropping of fruits or vegetables, then you must have a history on your individual farm or as a producer. Again, you should check closely with USDA for final technical interpretations on these provisions.

Q. Will my farm program payments be reduced if I plant fruits or vegetables?
 A. Not if you are in a double-cropping region. But it will be reduced on an acre-by-acre basis each year if you are not in a double-cropping region but are qualifying under the individual farm history provision.

Q. Can I enter less than my whole base acreage into the new farm program in order to have more flexibility on those acres that I leave outside the program?
 A. Yes. You can reduce your acreage that is in the program on initial sign-up into the program or at any later date, but you can never increase your acreage back to the original level. However, you should again check with USDA on the final technical interpretation of this provision since you may be afforded adequate flexibility without the need to permanently reduce your payment acreage and waive part of your farm program eligibility.

Q. Will I be able to hay and graze on my farm and still remain eligible for farm program payments?
 A. Yes. There are no planting restrictions on alfalfa and other forage crops. They are treated similar to "contract commodities" such as wheat, cotton, corn, etc.

Q. How was conservation compliance changed?
 A. Significant changes in the conservation compliance rules were included in the farm bill to relieve much of the regulatory burden that producers have been forced to deal with. The new Republican Congress is delivering promised regulatory relief. Now, conservation plans must be economically and technically feasible, cost-effective, and not cause undue economic hardship. Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees may overrule a National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical decision if it causes undue economic hardship. The farmer may certify that he is complying with his conservation plan so status reviews are not automatically required. Farmers may revise their conservation plan in any manner, as long as the level of treatment is maintained. A plan may not be revised without the producer's concurrence. A farmer who is found to not be in compliance, but has acted in good faith, is given one year to correct the plan. Innovative techniques, such as soil roughing, are encouraged to be practiced as a field trial basis.


With extensions and new enrollments based on this expanded criteria, there will be more land competing for inclusion under this capped level of 36.4 million acres. This should not mean that land in our part of the country will be ignored, but it could mean that we will not have quite as many acres in the program in our area as we currently do. Again, USDA will be making these decisions as the program is implemented, so you should continue to rely on them for the final determination. I will be monitoring the implementation of this and working closely with USDA to protect our interests.


Q. What will the rental rate be if I am able to extend my contract when it expires, or if I have new land accepted into the CRP?
 A. Rental rates are not determined by the farm bill, but by USDA, with involvement of the local county committee. At my insistence, a provision was included in the Statement of Managers (which describes congressional intent) to ensure that USDA does not figure the payment inaccurately. My provision instructs USDA that the county committees should use the cash equivalent value of comparable land in the area (whether that comparable land is cash-rented or share-rented) as a standard to base the rates on. Whether land that is currently in CRP will be renewed at the same rate or how much the rate will be changed, is the county committees' decision working under these instructions. The amount of change in the rate will be dependent on the original rate that your land was entered into the CRP and how that compares to the cash equivalent value of comparable land in the area.

Q. Will the contracts be for another 10 years?
 A. Again, that is up to USDA. The bill give USDA the authority to enter into new contracts or to extend expired contracts for up to 10 years. It does not require them to make the contract 10 years. Contracts could be

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This Week's Announcements

AFTER-PROM PARTY COMMITTEE MEETING
There will be an "after-prom party" committee meeting, Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Floydada High School Cafeteria.

RIBBON CUTTING
There will be a ribbon cutting and reception to commemorate the opening of Rural Nurse Resources housed in the Caprock Hospital Building on Sunday, April 14, from 2-4 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING SET MONDAY
Floyd County Friends of the Library will be meeting Monday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse Electric Community Room. The Friends, a support group for the Library, urges all current and prospective members to attend this very important meeting.

FJHS ACADEMIC/ART/SCIENCE/DRAMA FAIR
A special evening is planned at Floydada Junior High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, in the FJHS Auditorium. There will be art and science displays as well as a short One-Act Play presentation. The public is invited to attend this evening of free entertainment.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL TRANSFERS
The deadline is May 1, 1996 for parents to fill out transfer forms for the year 1996-97. This should be done in the superintendent's office.

OLD SETTLERS PARADE
In an effort to increase participation in the Old Settlers Parade, the prize money has been doubled for all winning entries. Clubs and organizations should start thinking about getting your entry ready.

BLOOD DRIVE
A Blood Drive will be held in the lobby of the Lockney Longhorn Gym on Wednesday, May 8, from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. The Blood Drive is sponsored by the Lockney High School Student Council.

PROMISE KEEPERS
The next meeting of the Floyd County Chapter of Promise Keepers will be held April 15, at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Keith Chadwick, Regional Director for Promise Keepers.

RAFFLE POSTPONED
The drawing for the pig being raffled by St. Mary Magdalen Church has been postponed until Sunday, April 21. Please retain your tickets until then.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEETING CHANGED
The meeting date for the Floyd County Pioneer Association has been changed to Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Floyd County Courthouse in the County Courtroom.

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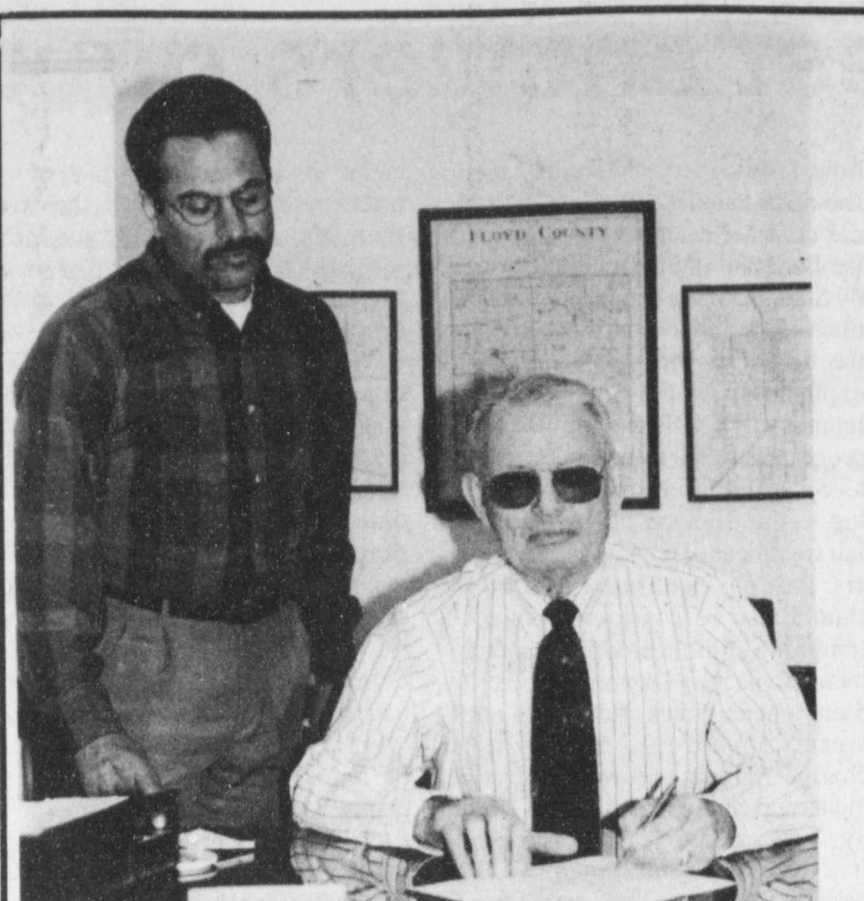
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in Floyd County, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1996.

William D. Hardin
Floyd County Judge

Combest provides answers to farm bill questions

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for fewer years, but we expect that they will probably be for 10 years.
Q. If I recently received a one-year extension on my contract, can I re-

new it for another 10 years or will the extension be reduced to 9 years?

A. USDA has indicated that the contract extension will be reduced to 9 years.

Q. If my landlord has CRP land which I have been maintaining for him, will I be able to maintain that same relationship?

A. The new farm bill does not maintain the same tenant protections that were in the 1985 law. However, USDA is still discussing the issue and may afford some protection.

Q. Can I take my land out of CRP early?

A. Yes, if it meets certain criteria. The land must have an erodibility index of less than 15 and in the program for at least 5 years. There are also other specific types of land that will not be eligible for this early-out. These include filterstrips, waterways, strips adjacent to riparian areas, windbreaks, and shelterbelts. The landowner must also give USDA 60 days notice of an intention to withdraw the land.

Q. Why were those of us with land that has an erodibility index of higher than 15 not allowed the same opportunity to take the early-out?

A. Taxpayers receive considerable benefit from the CRP through improved environmental conditions in the region. In our area, the benefit has been evident through measurable decreases in airborne dust levels reported at the Lubbock International Airport by scientists at Texas Tech University. Therefore, it is critical to ensure as much environmental benefit as possible through the CRP. However, I would have favored farmers having as much flexibility as possible, but the votes of too many other Members of Congress are swayed by the influence of environmental organizations who opposed early-out provisions without these erodibility index restrictions. The NRCS should have adequate flexibility to determine what land meets the erodibility index.

Q. If I take my land out of CRP early or just decide not to renew my contract when it expires, can I farm it and qualify for the new farm program?

A. Yes, if it had base assigned to it when the land was entered into the CRP, then it can have the same number of contract acres assigned to it under the new program. This land must also comply with conservation compliance regulations. At my insistence however, USDA is instructed to apply the same conservation compliance provisions to land being taken out of the CRP as it applies to similar cropland in the area.

Q. Will I be able to hay and graze on my CRP land?

A. Only under emergency conditions as determined by USDA. This is the same as current procedure.

Obituaries

GRADY FREEMAN
Services for Grady Lee Freeman, 93, of Floydada were at 2 p.m., Monday, April 8 at City Park Church of Christ with Gene McCarty, minister, officiating.

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

Freeman died Saturday, April 6, 1996, at Lubbock Health Care Center.

He was born March 13, 1903, in Hohenwald, Tenn. He attended De Soto High School. He married Esther Mabel Watkins on Feb. 2, 1929, in Floydada. She died Dec. 18, 1991. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He retired from Lighthouse Electric in 1968.

Survivors include a son, James L. of Lubbock; two daughters, Wanda Armstrong of Lubbock and Billy Webb of Sweetwater; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to City Park Church of Christ, 505 S. Fifth St., Floydada 79235.

EDWARD KILLIAN
Graveside services for Edward Stanley Killian, 80, of Plainview were at 2 p.m. Friday, April 5 in Pioneer Cemetery in Olney with Scotte Clark, minister of Hamilton Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Killian died Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at Care Inn of Plainview.

He was born Jan. 28, 1916, in Olney. He married Margaret Amanda Meredith on Oct. 24, 1937, in Frederick, Okla. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Floydada, and he graduated from Olney High School. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a retired school bus mechanic.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Edward Stanley Jr. of Lockhart and Daniel Charles of El Paso; a daughter, Jan Meredith Wilson of Alamo, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

HAM SMITH
Services for Ham Smith, 75, of Sulphur, Oklahoma, were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 5 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clark Williams, pastor, officiating.

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

Smith died Tuesday, April 2, 1996, in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

He was born Jan. 28, 1921, in Floydada. He graduated from Floydada High School and attended North Texas State University, earning a degree in physical education. He married Frances Keim on Feb. 9, 1947, in Floydada. They moved to Oklahoma in 1991. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He received the American Defense, Asiatic Pacific and the World War II Victory Medal.

He was a car salesman. Survivors include his wife; a son, Warren Keim Smith of Sulphur, Okla.; a daughter, Vickie Huckabee of Midwest City, Okla.; his mother, Rebecca Smith of Floydada; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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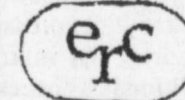
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