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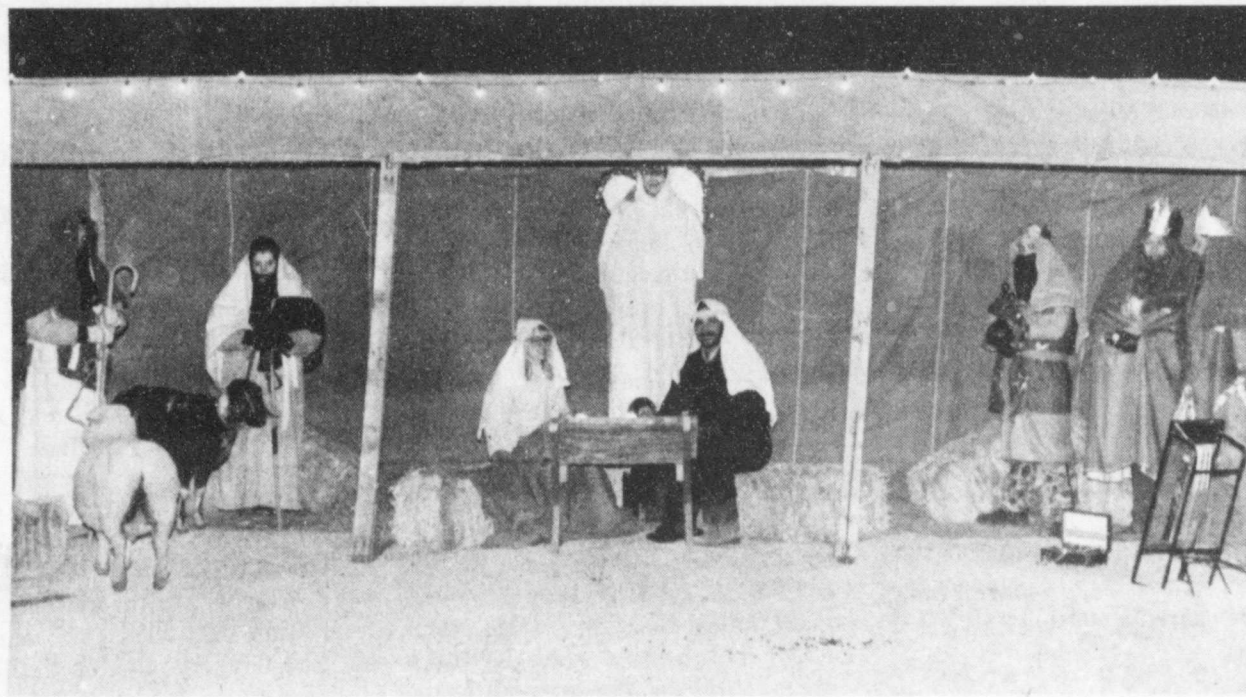
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REASON FOR THE SEASON--Rebekah Circle sponsored a "Live Nativity", Dec. 19 & 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brock in Lockney. Participants

braved bitter cold as a steady stream of cars drove past the manger scene.

Staff Photo

1996 highlighted

By Alice Gilroy

Another year has flown by and The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will soon enter 101 years of publication.

1996 was a very big year for the newspaper as it celebrated its 100th birthday and published a "keeper" centennial issue, May 23, highlighting 100 years of covering the news in Floyd County and surrounding areas.

The paper continued this year with the job of reporting the news--good and bad, of highlighting accomplishments, of congratulating those who deserved praise, of spreading the news of upcoming celebrations and by touching your heart with news of deaths or births.

The newspaper is the official recorder of life in this county. Sometimes mistakes are made. But they are not made intentionally. The effort is always made to keep you informed.

This newspaper is always joined in this effort by loyal readers and the hard working people in this county. It is usually these people who make the news and make our job a whole lot easier.

The Floyd County Friends dominated a lot of the news throughout the year. Although a newly formed organization they have lost no time covering a lot of ground in their efforts to raise money for a new multi-purpose center.

The organization stayed busy through the year with wonderful fund raisers including their first and very successful benefit gala and later on with a old fashioned vaudeville show.

The Floyd County Friends also signed an option agreement to purchase

10-15 acres in Muncy to serve as the site for the multi-purpose center.

Both towns celebrated their homecomings this year. Floydada boasted of a brand new High School Gymnasium and Lockney was very proud of their winning football team.

The Longhorns were undefeated until their loss at the regional championship game.

As usual, weather played a major role in shaping the news in Floyd County.

A story in the Jan. 25th edition told of hundreds of cranes who died in a fast moving cold front. The cranes froze in a playa lake. The day began with afternoon temperatures of 71 degrees and dropped to 9 degrees in the evening.

Another dry year had most farmers believing a cotton crop was out of the question--only to be surprised when the season was over.

As this paper goes to press the gins are still running and the outlook is better than expected.

The May 30th edition told of rain to the area and stated that Floyd County had had no measurable rainfall since October of 1995.

Over 3 inches fell in some areas but 20,000 acres were wiped out from hail and sand storms.

The dry weather played havoc with volunteer fire departments who chased fires everytime a cloud built up. The May 16th edition said the Floydada, Lockney and Dougherty Fire Departments set a new record, May 14, by answering 22 fire calls

during the hours of 6:30 p.m. and midnight.

The fires were caused by lightning strikes.

A major blackout in the Panhandle, April 26, left citizens without power for 4 hours in the Texas Panhandle, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The Feb. 8th edition told of residents without water for 5 hours after a major water line break in Floydada. Workers braved bitter cold and wet conditions to repair the water main.

In Lockney, W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, began construction on more additions and improvements. They added 3,385 feet and remodeled 9,402 feet.

Blanco Canyon continued to make the news in this newspaper and around the world, with more discoveries proving that the 1541 expedition of Francisco V. Coronado passed through this area.

Lockney and Floydada students continued to strive for excellence in all areas of academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities and this newspaper recorded the events. Johnnie Mosley, of Lockney, was named the National FFA President. He is the first Texas to be elected to this national office.

Although tragic events are the hardest events for a newspaper to cover, very often the news that follows these events are a pleasure to record.

The death of Keith Jackson, in November, was just one of many heart-breaking times faced by a Floyd County family. A story later in the

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Million dollar grant turned back

by Cindy Perez

FLOYDADA--A \$1 million grant given to the City of Floydada was returned to the state recently because of the city's inability to match the required 10 percent of the grant.

Total funding for the grant was 90 percent from the state and 10 percent local funding.

The money was to be used to destroy and rebuild the runway, purchase the land to extend the runway,

repair the taxi-way and hanger area, repair work on the lighting, and work on the drainage system.

Local airport users were unable to match the required \$100,000.

The city received the grant in August of 1995, and since then the Floydada City Council agreed to put up one-fourth of the money (\$25,000), and the airport users were supposed to raise the rest but didn't.

According to City Manager Gary Brown, fundraising began immedi-

ately for the \$100,000.

"They (airport users) had limited success in the fundraising. Aside from the city's donation, they had trouble raising any more money," said Brown.

"The airport has their own fund. The money is raised from airport users and fees they have to pay," Brown said.

Without the grant money, the plans to renovate the airport comes to a halt.

"We (the city) have gone in and done some repair on the runway and gotten it back in good shape," Brown said.

"We'll probably just concentrate on general maintenance that needs to be done," Brown said.

Sharon Quisenberry dies

Floydada City Secretary Sharon Lee Quisenberry, 46, died Wednesday, December 18, 1996, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

The First Baptist Church of Floydada was filled with friends and family during the funeral services, at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 21. Rev. D. Young, minister of Bethany Baptist Church in Floydada, officiated and Rev. Howell Farnsworth, pastor of First Baptist Church, assisted.

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

Sharon had worked for the City of Floydada since April 1988 when she assumed the duties of Deputy City Secretary. Feb. 1, 1992 she took over the reins of city secretary when Jimmie Lou Stewart retired.

She was born December 12, 1950 in Lockney. She attended and graduated from Floydada High School and then attended South Plains for one year. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Floydada.

She married George Quisenberry on July 18, 1970 in Floydada.

She was a member of the South Plains Chapter of Texas, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and the Municipal Clerks Association, Inc. serving as vice president in 1993/94, secretary/treasurer in 1995/96, and various other committees in the Chapter. She was also a member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc. since 1989. She became a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk in January of 1992. She was scheduled to be the Election Law Seminar Coordinator for 1997 and was to be the Resolution Committee Chair for



SHARON QUISENBERRY

TMCA, Inc. for 1997. She also was a past board member on the Housing Authority Board.

"Sharon was one who cared about others before herself," said Floydada City Manager Gary Brown. "She wanted to be everyone's friend and always worried that she would hurt someone's feelings. She sacrificed and gave what was necessary to make me look good. Sharon also shared her knowledge so others could learn. She had a lot of pride in her work and in her city."

She is survived by her husband, George, of Floydada; two sons, Chad of Devine and Monte of Floydada; her mother, Betty Fuller of Floydada; and three brothers, Gary Fuller and Rick Fuller of Floydada and Ray Fuller of Zavalla.

Memorials may be made to the Bethany Baptist Church, 601 W. Lee, Floydada, Texas 79235; or to the Sharon Quisenberry Scholarship Fund, c/o West Texas National Bank, P.O. Box 239, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Barwise Gin sells to Hilburns

The Barwise Gin is now under the care of new owners, Scott Hilburn and his father Bill Hilburn. The Gin was purchased, October 8th, 1996, from longtime owners Buddy and Barbara Hendricks.

The Hilburns also own gins in Mathis, Palacios, and Denver City.

Scott moved to Barwise from Beeville, Texas where he had managed the family gin in Mathis. His father, Bill, lives in Palacios and man-

ages the gin there. Bill brother, Verlon Hilburn, manages the family's Denver City gin.

Ginning is second nature to the Hilburns.

"My grandfather built the first cotton gin on the Mexico and New Mexico border," said Scott. My father and uncle grew up ginning and so have I."

Scott says he plans to expand the gin as his customer base expands. "I'm

going to run it like Buddy ran it."

"I was raised around gins too," said Buddy. "My father built a gin in Aguadulce where I grew up."

It was in Aguadulce that Buddy met his wife, Barbara. They were married in 1962 and she has been his help mate and part of the gins since that time. They have two sons, Aaron and Aric, and one daughter Abby. Buddy and Barbara had another daughter, Anne, who died when she was 7 years

old.

"I've always fought for higher seed prices," said Buddy, "and the Hilburns have exceeded what I did."

"They are good marketers. They have a lot of places to sell seeds to get the higher seed prices."

"I will compete by being a good manager of our resources," said Scott.

Barwise Gin was built in 1948 or 1949 by Orb Coffman. It was sold to Red and Meda Ruth Watts June 1, 1956. The Watts owned the gin for 20 years before selling the gin to Buddy's father, J.B. "Bud" Hendricks, in 1975.

Buddy took over the gin from his father in 1989.

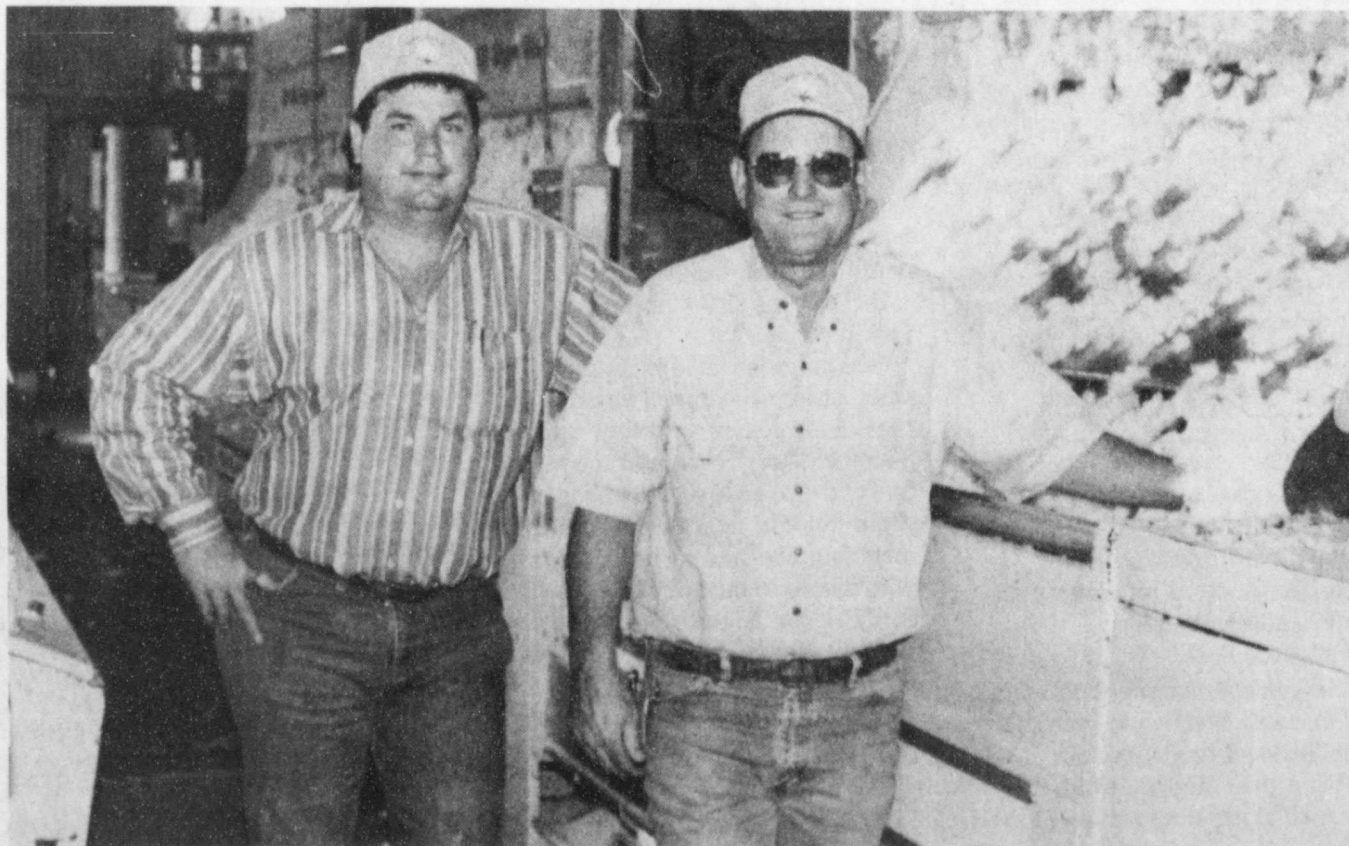
"The first year we ginned 2,700 bales," said Buddy. "Since that time we have increased our business and one year we ginned 17,500 bales."

"I appreciate the community's acceptance of us," said Buddy. "Coming from South Texas we could have been kicked in the shins--but people were very kind to us."

"I feel the same way," said Scott. "I was accepted right away."

The Hendricks plan on staying and helping out at the gin. Buddy is driving module trucks and Barbara is still working on books and helping with modules.

"I don't believe I could have done what I've done without God's help," said Buddy. "He had a part in our business and He has always been there to help us through the tight parts and the good parts."



BARWISE GIN CHANGES HANDS--New owner Scott Hilburn (l) admires this year's cotton with

former owner Buddy Hendricks. Hilburn took charge of the gin on Oct. 8, 1996. --Staff Photo

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

What a year!
It has been such a hectic year and I can't help but be glad it's over.
It started off hectic here at work because of all the research we were doing on the centennial edition. The newspaper turned 100 years old (thanks to ya'll) and maybe we'll make it to 101.

Right before the centennial edition was published (at the craziest time) my husband and I bought an old house.

As soon as the centennial edition was done we started remodeling.

We've moved into our house now (right before Thanksgiving) and we are still speaking to each other--so I guess that makes this a very success-

ful year!
The loss of friends during the year served to remind me, once again, just how fragile and precious life is.

For that reason I look back on the year with regret that I spent too much time at work and not enough time with family and friends.

However, it is still a "Wonderful Life" and I appreciate our readers making us a part of their lives. I hope next year we can make a difference.

I'm not making any New Year's resolutions because I've gotten to the point that I can't remember any plans I've made the day before, much less a resolution I expect to last me all year long!

Happy New Year and "God Bless Everyone!"



CHRISTMAS DONATION--Carroll Sims, of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department receives a \$500 donation from Beth Eckert, representative for the First National Bank of Floydada. --Staff Photo

Lockney City Council handles varied agenda

LOCKNEY--The Lockney City Council met Thursday, December 12 and heard the 1995-96 audit report, discussed Incode software and considered several other items.

Darla Chappel, of Edd V. Henderson and Company, presented a report on the 1995-95 audit for the City of Lockney. She stated that the city ended the year in the black.

The ending fund balance on September 30, 1996 was \$127,541. The balance at the end of October 1, 1995 was \$195,937. Chappel explained that Lockney did not take in as much revenue this year through taxes as usual because less taxes were collected this year.

Brian Cook, representing Incode Software of Lubbock, explained to the council the system they would be installing on the city's computer to handle the new accrual method of accounting. He stated they would work closely with City Secretary Charlotte Hooten and help make the transition as smooth as possible.

Council Member Bil Anderson asked for a simple balance sheet showing all transactions and Council Member Rodger Stapp asked for a sheet that detailed each department.

Cook stated that the program could be adapted to fit everyone's need. "We want you to get your money's worth and get as much out of our program as you can by using all our facilities through forums, newsletters and classes," he concluded.

The council is considering updating ordinance #259 as to the collection of garbage. A proposed revision was passed out for the council mem-

bers to study and the item was tabled until the next meeting.

The Jackson Tire building has been offered to the city by the owners and it has been cleared by the Texas Natural Resources Commission as an environmental hazard. Rodger Stapp made the motion to accept the offer. Bil Anderson made the second and the council voted for.

Buddie Robnett made a \$300 bid for lots 11-13, Block K, of the Guest Addition. Stapp made the motion to accept the bid and the second was made by Tina Graves. All voted for.

A request was made to have the West 1/2 of N.E. 2nd Street deeded as a street. Attorney Paul Lyle stated that this portion of the street had been used by the public for many years and it is now considered a 'street by use'. No action was taken.

The council went into executive session to discuss litigation with the City Attorney. When they reopened the meeting they reported that no action had been taken.

No discussion was held under department reports.
In regular business before the council the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the financial statement was reviewed. The bills were discussed and Bil Anderson made a motion to pay them.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Gary Marr, Council Members Rodger Stapp, Tina Graves and Bil Anderson; City Secretary Charlotte Hooten; Utilities Supervisor Dickie McCarty; City Attorney Paul Lyle, Darla Chappel, Brian Cook and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Courtroom Activities

In county court, December 20, the following cases were filed:

Pete Billegas Jr., was charged with Possession of Marijuana;

Robert Scott White was charged with Evading Arrest;

Feliciano Soto Mondragon, DWI; of Lockney, was charged with DWI;

Lourie D. Buchanan was charged with Transporting Alcohol;

Reynaldo Rene Gomez was charged with Possession of Marijuana.

There were no dispositions on these cases.



FOOD DRIVE--Cable T.V. in Floydada collected 861 pounds of canned goods from cable subscribers during the month of December. The food will be given to the local S.O.S. Chapter. (L-R, back) Kay Wilson and Ken Young, of TCA, showed off a pickup bed full of canned goods to S.O.S. volunteer, Anne Wilson (front).

Plans change for recreation hall

By Juanita Stepp
FLOYDADA -- Following a public hearing on Thursday, December 19, the Floydada City Council returned a request by Albert Juarez for a zoning variance to the Planning and Zoning Committee. During the hearing, Juarez amended his original request to operate a recreation hall for hosting wedding dinners, birthday parties and other social functions at 503 S. Wall Street.

The original request had asked for a variance to operate the public use hall in an R-2 zoned area of the city with no specific restrictions on operation. The P&Z Committee voted to recommend the City Council deny the request. When the council denied the variance last month, attorney Ruben Reyes appealed the decision and asked for a public hearing.

Thursday evening, he notified the council and those present for the hearing that the variance request was being amended to prohibit dances, alcoholic beverages and loud music on the premises. He presented signatures of "65 to 75" people who were in favor of the variance and felt that the AJ Rec Hall would be a benefit to the community of Floydada.

Reyes also told the council it might be prudent to check into the legalities of the situation in the event they decided to deny the request. He cited similarities between the type of recreation the AJ Rec Hall would be used for and the type of activities now allowed at Massie Activity Center and indicated the city would invite problems if the variance was denied because it could be construed that the action was "arbitrary and capricious" and the denial would "adversely affect the city's minority population."

Reyes said Albert Juarez, owner of the property, wanted to be "a part of the solution, not a part of the problem" in Floydada. He indicated that long term plans for the AJ Rec Hall included providing a place for positive activities involving latch key kids in the afternoons and on weekends. Among the activities he said might eventually become a reality

were supervised sports and tutoring for children who might otherwise be walking the streets until their parents come home from work.

Reyes pointed out that the MAC is located in an R-1 area which is even more restrictive than an R-2 area, yet it operates. Similarly, said Reyes, the MAC is located near a church and has private residences and a park adjacent to it.

City Attorney Karen Houchin told the gathering she thought the MAC was grandfathered because it was in existence before the area was designated R-1. Mayor Hulon Carthel added that the church was built after the MAC was in existence.

Houchin also advised the council the amended request would have to be considered by the P&Z Committee and a recommendation made to the council for either approving or denying the altered request.

Several people were on hand in support of Juarez and there were many present who opposed the original request. First Baptist Church Minister Hal Farnsworth indicated the congregation of his church opposed the original request and said he was surprised by the complete turnaround with the amended request. Farnsworth said that the amended request "as stated" would present no problem if the restrictions could be enforced and the Rec Hall could operate within the specified conditions.

Everyone was advised to attend the P&Z meeting when it is scheduled after the first of January to present their views on the amended request. The council will consider whatever recommendation the P&Z makes at the January regular council session.

Edd Henderson Jr. of the Henderson CPA Firm presented the annual audit of financial records and operations for the fiscal year from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996. He once more commended city officials and employees for their dedication and efficiency in handling city funds properly.

Caprock Hospital reviews '94-'95 financial reports

FLOYDADA -- Caprock Hospital District Board of Trustees met in regular session for the month on Tuesday, December 17, 1996. The routine session allowed the board to review current financial reports and approve payment of monthly bills prior to the holidays. Minutes from the November meeting were also approved as presented.

Dianne Washington from the accounting offices of Fred Thayer CPA gave the board copies of reconstructed financial reports from 1994 and 1995. The records had been incomplete and were reconstructed from existing bank statements and cancelled checks.

Washington stated that where possible, she had matched existing records to invoices or other specific documentation to support the record. She told the board some expenses and some income items were not documentable and had to be categorized with the assistance of clinic manager Bob Ericson. Figures presented were without depreciation or any other intangible calculations.

Discussion of previously presented proposals to purchase hospital equipment was again postponed. Board President Tom Farris stated the inventory being done under contract with Jake Galvan has not been completed. He advised board members

the inventory and appraisal should be completed before any offers are considered.

Offers to buy hospital equipment have been submitted by UMC and Coast to Coast Medical. An offer has also been submitted by Babe Jones for purchasing the kitchen equipment from the hospital according to Farris.

Board member Denice Payne stated that she felt the public should be informed before any items belonging to the district since the property of the district was purchased with taxpayer money and belongs to the taxpayers.

Further discussion was tabled on a motion by Rob Hefflin with a second by Lee Battey. All voted in favor. The matter will be taken up again when an inventory and appraisal is completed.

Al Bendeck of PNS, the firm which manages the clinic for UMC, told board members he will be presenting a full disclosure statement for the clinic at the next meeting. He said this would give the board a good picture

Bendeck also said that PNS will be operating under tax exempt status after the first of January. He and UMC officials will be meeting with Farris and Battey on Wednesday, December 18, to go over several options for continued clinic operation under PNS and UMC.

Floydada man gets maximum 20 year sentence

Floyd County jurors sentenced a Floydada man to the maximum of 20 years for selling 1.67 grams of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school.

Jurors took only 10 minutes, Dec. 18th, to find Jimmy Garcia, 19, guilty of the 2nd degree felony, and one hour to sentence him to 20 years.

The trial began in the 110th District Courtroom, Dec. 17th. Jurors heard testimony from an undercover officer from Lubbock and District Attorney Becky McPherson played a tape recording supplied by the officer.

On the tape, jurors heard Garcia agree to the price for the cocaine and arrange for the meeting place close to Floydada High School.

Garcia testified in his own behalf telling jurors that this was the first time he had ever sold cocaine and also that he had mixed baking soda with it to "keep from hurting someone."

McPherson asked Garcia how an informant would have known to come to his house for drugs if he had never sold them before. "Didn't you think it was unusual for someone to ask you to sell them drugs? Did you call the police and report it?"

The sentencing range for a 2nd degree felony is normally 2-20 years however because it was sold within 1,000 feet of a school the punishment range is increased by 5 years--making the least possible years Garcia could have been sentenced to 7 years and the maximum to 20 years.

Gregory's welcome Migaku Sato home again for the holidays

FLOYDADA--A former AFS student from Japan, Migaku Sato, will be "back home" for the holidays visiting his host family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gregory, of Floydada.

The Gregory's are encouraging former friends and classmates of Migaku's to stop in and visit him during his visit.

Mr. Sato will be in the Gregory home from Dec. 23rd until January 4th. The Gregorys live on the Ralls Highway.

Mr. Sato lived with the Gregory's during the 1966-67 school year.

CORRECTION
The following names were inadvertently omitted from the 1950 Study Club's Christmas greeting list:
Balentine Riojas and family
Sara, Anette, Adam, Crystal, J.R. and Max

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Newspaper highlights 1996

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month highlighted the love of a caring community when friends of the Jackson family joined together to harvest his cotton and milo crop.

The workers showed their love and respect for Keith and his family by honoring them with Bible scripture sprayed on the module. A front page picture recorded the words: "Love Thy Neighbor" in bold black letters across the module.

A breakdown of our weekly coverage follows:

JANUARY

January 4th edition--The front page announced the beginning of 100 years of publication for the Floyd County Hesperian.

Tony Ricketts and his wife Pamela were the new owners of the local radio station. The purchase was official January 1st.

Building permits in Floydada and Lockney, over the past three years, had increased.

With the deadline of January 2, local candidates filed their intentions to seek public office. Incumbent Sheriff Royce Gilmore filed his intention to run for Sheriff. He was challenged by Dan McAnally in the Democrat primary.

John White filed to run for Sheriff in the Republican ticket. He faced no challenger in the primary.

This election went down in Floyd County history as being the first time that the Sheriff's race was not going to be decided in the primary.

Incumbents signing up for re-election, but facing no challengers were: Connie Bearden, commissioner pct. #1; George Taylor, commissioner pct. #3; Penny Goughly, tax assessor/collector; and Ray Macha, constable pct. #2 & 3.

January 11th edition-- Archeologists returned to Blanco Canyon to look for more evidence of the 1541 expedition of Francisco V. Coronado traveling through this area. The researchers were not disappointed.

The Museum board were feeding about 35 researchers each night. The group found Coronado points (copper cross-bow points), Indian metal points, pottery shards associated with some type of bone and nails associated with Coronado.

The archeologists believe that Blanco Canyon was a summer camping spot for the Coronado expedition which led more than 1,000 people on a three year trek.

January 18th--A capital murder trial was held at the Floyd County Courthouse. The trail, of Thomas Howard, 24, of Plainview, had been moved to Floyd County from Hale County because of pre-trial publicity. Howard was accused of shooting and killing Larry Howell, during a robbery at Howell's Grocery and Market in Plainview, on March 25, 1993.

Three hundred and fifty people were called for the jury selection process.

January 25th--Hundreds of cranes died in a fast moving cold front which swept through Floyd County Wednesday night January 24. According to Game Warden Mark Collins, "the death of the cranes just goes to show you how brutal that front was. The weather fooled the cranes. It was 71 degrees Wednesday afternoon and 79 degrees Wednesday night.

The birds died after being frozen in a shallow lake in which they were nesting.

In the same edition was a report of the local VFW Post #5616 celebrating their 50th anniversary.

FEBRUARY

February 1st--Amber Womack, of Floydada, was named the Sweepstakes Winner of the 1996 Floyd County Junior Livestock Show.

Todd Hinsley showed the Grand Champion Steer; Bryan Bybee showed the Supreme Grand Heifer; Leslieanne Hickerson showed the Grand Champion Lamb and Stacey Lloyd showed the Grand Champion Swine.

February 8th--A front page photo showed men working in a deep water filled hole during freezing temperatures. They were fixing a water main break which occurred on Thursday, February 1. The break left all residents without water for 5 hours.

The temperature on the day of the break was 15 degrees with a wind chill factor of 0. The break occurred in an 8 inch water main coming in from the ground storage tanks on the Ralls Highway.

Because of the length of time taken to fix the break, the water tank at City Hall emptied completely.

February 15th-- Floyd County jurors sentenced Thomas Howard to life in prison for the capital murder of Larry Howell, of Plainview. The jurors had the choice of life in prison for Howard or the death sentence.

February 12th-- This edition carried a report of a traffic accident which caused the death of Wilfred Bellinghausen, of Munday. He was

killed after the pickup in which he was a passenger collided with a truck at the intersection of FM 788 and FM 2301. Also injured were the pickup's driver, Herbert Billinghouse and the driver of the truck, Jesse Gonzales.

February 22nd--The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District reported Floyd County producers needed two to eight inches of water from precipitation and/or irrigation to bring the five foot root zone soil profile to field capacity before Spring 1996 planting.

Also in the 22nd newspaper was a report of a fire in the South Plains community, on February 21, which destroyed the home of Juan L. Martinez, his wife Esperanza, and their six children.

Other news in the 22nd edition was that of Hubert Frizzell 82, and his son Tony, 46, of Lockney, being injured on February 14, when their pickup was hit by a truck tractor on Hwy. 70. Hubert suffered a broken arm and pelvis and Tony broke both collar bones, a wrist, and six ribs.

The Lockney Longhorn Basketball team defeated the Abernathy Antelopes, Feb. 15th, to advance to Bi-District for the first time in 20 years.

February 29th--W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital planned more additions and improvements.

According to Hospital Administrator Robin Satterwhite, "We will be adding 3,385 feet on two different locations at the hospital and also remodeling 9,402 feet of existing areas.

A clinic addition will be added on to the east side of the hospital, where the emergency room is now. A new emergency room will be added to the east end of the new hospital addition. A new waiting room for the ER and an emergency lab will also be added.

MARCH

March 7th--The first paper of March reported on the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet in which Sally Shaw accepted the Citizen Through The Years award on behalf of her husband, Kelton Shaw, and Karen Hooten was named Citizen of the Year.

The American State Bank branch opened its doors to customers in Floydada.

A feature story told of the miraculous survival of Henry Segovia, of Lockney, after he was run over by a tractor.

Extended calling was implemented in Floydada, allowing Floydada Southwestern Bell customers to call Plainview, Lubbock and Lockney toll free.

March 14th--This edition covered the primary election, held on Tuesday, March 12. Floyd County Democrats had chosen Royce Gilmore to carry their banner against Republican Challenger Jon White in the November election.

A front page photo told the story of the ground breaking ceremony at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital on March 6. The hospital had now officially begun work on their expansion and improvements.

March 21st--The front page announced the 100th birthday of the Floyd County Hesperian. On March 27, 1896 the first edition of the Hesperian was published. The newspaper announced a big centennial newspaper would be published in conjunction with Old Settlers celebration in May.

Peppre Selman was crowned Miss Floydada in the March 16th pageant. Younger queens earning crowns were: Junior Miss Heather Ware, Little Miss Maria Reeves and Tiny Miss Elizabeth Bertrand.

March 28th--The lead story was on the option agreement that was signed between the Floyd County Friends and landowner R.C. and Louise Fawer, for 10-15 acres in Muncy to serve as the site for the multi-purpose center.

According to Nick Long, the Floyd County Friends now had \$3,000 in cash and \$23,000 in pledges.

James E. and Sue Lovell celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary March 23rd. They were married March 22, 1946 in Long Beach, Calif.

APRIL

April 4th--The lead story was of the first benefit gala for the Floyd County Friends and the Multi-Purpose Center.

The gala was held at Lockney Elementary cafeteria and raised approximately \$15,000.

Entertainment at the gala was provided by "Harmony", "Trinity Railroad", Bill and Dell Gray and Champion Hog Caller, Rosanne Wood.

A front page picture in this edition told of archeologists around the country at the Floyd County Museum who were at work recording and classifying Coronado artifacts which had been found in new digs in Blanco Canyon.

April 18th--The front page of this edition carried a story on a major blackout which affected Floyd County and residents in Southwest Kansas, south to Seminole, east to Crosbyton,

and west to Hobbs, N.M., and Clovis, N.M., and parts of the Oklahoma panhandle. People were without power for 3-4 hours on April 26 due to equipment failure at the SPS Talk Station in Muleshoe.

Michael Molinar placed 1st in State Deca Competition and was advancing to Nationals.

April 25th--Floydada FFA Entomology team was named State Champions in the State FFA Judging Contest, April 20. Team members were Dane Sanders, Amber Womack, Tiffany Hinkle and Leigh Dawdy.

MAY

The May 2nd--The Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet honored Billie Jordan, as Citizen of the Year; Johnny Summers, was given the Extra Mile Award; Volunteer of the Year went to Joyce Lipham and Employer of the Year was Gary Matsler.

Lockney High School qualified four students for the 1995-96 University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet which was held in Austin May 2-4. The students were: Brady Marr, DeWayne Jones, Kelli Clark and Lee Anne Galloway.

May 9th--The front page story was on the municipal election in Lockney. LISD incumbents Dan Smith and Mike Mathis retained their seats; Claude Brown was re-elected to the Lockney Hospital Board and Jack Covington won the at-large seat on the board.

The Floydada Whirlwinds clinched its first ever district baseball title in the 5th year of its revived program with an 11-3 victory over Shallowater.

Also in this edition a 73rd wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Webb. They were married April 30, 1923 at Roaring Springs.

May 16th--Floyd County Volunteer Fire Departments, which includes Lockney, Floydada and Dougherty set a fire fighting record Tuesday night by answering 22 fire calls between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and midnight.

The fires were caused by lightning strikes preceding a thunderstorm.

Front page pictures in this edition showed Floydada Junior High Principal Monty Hysinger dressed up as "Mrs. Doubtfire". He agreed to this charade if the students would earn a total of 10,000 points in the accelerated reading program. The students earned approximately 19,000 points.

May 23rd--This was the centennial celebration for the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. The paper began its 2nd century with a special edition and 8 sections covering 100 years worth of news which had been reported on in this newspaper. The edition also included a reprint of the very first edition of the Hesperian-Gazette.

Also in this edition was the schedule of graduation services for Floyd

County High Schools. Floydada High School would be graduating 56 and Lockney High School would graduate 50.

C.M. Miller and Dora Ethel Alkire were married May 18, 1946 and celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 18, 1996.

May 30th--"Rain brings relief to area" was the headline on the front page. Drought stricken area has had no measurable rainfall since October 1995. Over 3 inches fell in some areas but many farmers also lost their crops to hail.

Jimmy (Slick) Stennett and his wife, Theresa, celebrated their 50 anniversary. They were married May 20, 1946.

JUNE

June 6th--The front page story on damaged crops. Up to 20,000 Floyd County acres would have to be replanted because of damage from the previous weeks hail and sand storm.

June 13th--Still more discoveries at the Coronado dig site. Approximately 30 archeologists and archeology students were camping out in Blanco Canyon for a week. They have continued to find metal artifacts, Spanish nails and animals bones which are the remains of meals.

JULY

July 11th--Headlines of the July 3rd death of County Commissioner Connie Bearden. He was commissioner of Pct. #1. His wife, Ray Nell, was appointed to fill his seat.

July 18th--The top headline was of Johnnie Mosley, of Lockney, being named the National FFA President. Mosley is the first Texan to be elected to the National office.

Also on the front page was a story of Stacey Lloyd, of Floydada, being named the State FFA Fiber Crop Production-Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency winner. She will compete in Nationals.

July 25th--Society pages highlighted the 50th wedding anniversary of Marn and N.E. Tyler, married July 28, 1946; and Dorothy Wason and David Campbell who were married July 25, 1946.

On July 27 the Floydada Lions Club were going to celebrate 50 years of service.

Business Of The Week

FLOYDADA--Floydada Co-op began as Floyd County Co-op Gin Inc., at 212 N. Main in 1961 after a group of farmers bought the Bohannon Gin.

In May 1973, the Farmers Co-op and Floyd County Co-op merged and formed the present day Floydada Cooperative Gins. Ray Gene Ferguson became the first manager of the Cooperative and the offices moved to the present day location.

Ferguson served as manager for 38 ginning seasons.

Rick Meyers is now the general manager. Larry Noland is the assistant manager and bookkeeper.

Office help and bookkeepers are: Brenda Meyers, Vicki Derryberry and Debra Scott.

The gin now employs 10 full time employees and 53 seasonal workers.

The full time employees are: Plant Superintendent Joe Enriquez, Agapito Martinez, Lupe Palacios, Pete Segura, Jorge Alaniz, Joe Barrientos, Albert Marmolejo, Manuel Suarez, Juan Garcia and Frank Bueno.

AUGUST

August 1st--Five Floyd County 4-Hers who would be competing for state titles at the State Recordbook judging contest were congratulated. Those advancing to state included Sarah Martin, Dusty Duke, Leslieanne Hickerson, Kaci Mathis and Cody Stovall.

The 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Self was highlighted. They were married August 1, 1946 in Silverton.

Former County Commissioner Floyd Jackson died July 24. He had served as Commissioner of Pct. 2 from 1986-1994.

August 8th-- Mary Alice and Willie B. Eakin announced their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married August 9, 1926.

Also in this edition was an agreement between Caprock Hospital and UMC to share the annual base salary for another physician. Dr. Young, a doctor of osteopathy, was due to start work at the clinic in September. He will join Dr. Ahmad.

August 15th--Cody Hayes, Leslieanne Hickerson and Cody Stovall were named Gold Star Winners at the Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet, August 11.

August 22nd--Highlights of the Vaudeville Show to benefit the Multi-Purpose Center were in this issue. The "Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville" was held at the Lockney Cafeteria by the traveling Musical Grays Stock Company. It featured vaudeville comedy skits, dancing and musical acts.

August 29th--The City of Floydada has received a \$30,000 grant which has enabled them to purchase a dilapidated building on the corner of Missouri and 2nd street. The building will be converted into a recycling center.

SEPTEMBER

September 5th--A front page picture bordered in Whirlwind green announced the Open House for the new Floydada High School Gymnasium, on Sunday, September 8.

This issue also featured pictures of another successful Old Fashioned Saturday in Lockney, held on August 31st.

The City of Floydada announced another grant had been given to the city for \$250,000 to be used for water well development and transmission lines.

The City of Lockney was also given a \$217,750 grant for the construction of a new water tower.

September 12th--The 43rd Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair kicked off on this day.

September 19--This edition was full of Floyd County Fair pictures including the Miss Floyd County Pageant winners: Miss Floyd County Amy Anderson; Young Miss Kristan Kellison; Junior Miss Meghan Graham and Tiny Miss Hallie Bertrand.

The front page also featured a photo of the winning Lockney Longhorns after their win of the Floyd County Championship trophy. The final score was Lockney, 28, Floydada, 6.

The Lockney Homecoming committee was geared up for the Homecoming activities over the weekend and this paper highlighted the event which would be taking place.

September 26--Callie Wilson was seen on the front page with her father. Wilson was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Lockney/Post football game.

Recognized at the Homecoming business meeting were: Larry and Sunny Lawson Hammit, class of 1958, from Montreal Canada, for Traveling the Farthest; Bascom Baster, class of 1930, for being the Oldest Man in Attendance; and Mary Lou Bollman, class of 1929, for being the Oldest Woman in Attendance. Four hundred and fifty-six people reg-



(L-R) LARRY NOLAND, VICKI DERRYBERRY, DEBRA SCOTT, JOE ENRIQUEZ, BRENDA MEYERS, RICK MEYERS.

The gin is governed by a Board of Directors, which consist of: A.C. Pratt, Victor Smith, Mike Hinsley, John Dunlap, Gary Nixon, Jay Lackey and Melvin Lloyd.

"We want to thank our patrons for supporting their cooperative and for allowing us to be of service to them," said Meyers.

"We specialize in cotton ginning with some of the most modern machinery in the cotton ginning industry.

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School figures in Floydada and Lockney showed enrollment down in both towns. Floydada dropped 23 students for a total of 1,321, and Lockney lost 9 for a total of 1,344.

OCTOBER

October 3rd--The headline states "Floyd County Friends receive \$10,000 grant." The grant was given to them through Southwestern Bell's Economic Excellence program.

The Cogdell Trust donated \$10,000 to Floydada EMS.

The U.S. Navy awarded Carl Gilly with the Air Medal during a ceremony in Gilly's back yard, September 28. He was given the citation for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight while serving with patrol Bombing Squadron 146 from October 18 to November 30, 1944."

Floydada Homecoming activities for October 11th and 12th were being finalized, and Lockney was to receive extended long distance calling on October 8th.

Lockney would now be able to call Lubbock and Plainview without a long distance fee.

October 10th--Headline says, "Child attacked by rabid skunk".

An 11-month old boy, Collin Fulton, was undergoing rabies shots after he was attacked by a rabid skunk in his yard, 6 miles south of Lockney.

October 17th--Adrienna Gomez was named the Floydada Homecoming Queen. Also recognized at the Homecoming business meeting, were: Nola Bishop and Roma Swain Wilkinson, and DeLise Mitchell McGuire, Class of 1920, as the oldest ladies in attendance; and Roy E. Smith as the Oldest Man from the class of 1922. McGuire was also recognized as the person who traveled the farthest. She came from her home in Lakenheath, England.

October 24th--A front page picture showed "Frost On The Pumpkin". Snow and sleet on Monday, October 21st, left snow in the fields and don pumpkin waiting for shipping. Many people reported they had experienced the first freeze of the year, although Energas reported only a low of 37 degrees.

This issue also promoted the upcoming Punkin Days for the week-end of October 26th.

October 31st--Front page pictures showed children enjoying the carving contest at Floydada's Punkin Days. A beautiful sunshine day brought record crowds to Floydada for the festival.

Miss Texas Michelle Martinez traveled to Lockney and addressed the Junior High students on October 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duckworth were going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Nov. 3 at the Church of Christ, W. College and Third. The Duckworths were married Nov. 3, 1946 in Dallas.

NOVEMBER

November 7--The top headline was the result of the national elections. Floyd County voters favored the Republican ticket in most races. Dele-

Kemp got their nod but lost the race nationwide to Clinton-Gore.

Sheriff Royce Gilmore kept his seat winning over Republican challenger, Jon White.

Floyd County Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden beat her two write-in opponents, Bob Alldredge and L.D. Smith.

Incumbent Republican U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry soundly defeated his democratic rival Sam Silverman.

Local voters approved Democrat Pete Laney as their State Representative. He defeated Hollis Cain. Cain was the first opponent that Laney had faced since 1980.

On our society pages Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Jones celebrated their 50th wed-

ding anniversary November 17 at Kress United Methodist Church. They were married Nov. 17, 1946 in Plainview.

November 14th--A feature story on the front page told the story of neighbors and friends pitching in to harvest Keith Jackson's field. Jackson died September 16 and more than 70 men gathered early in the morning, Nov. 6, to strip 500 acres of cotton and cut 3 truck-loads of milo. The modules left in the field were sprayed with "Love Thy Neighbor".

Also on the front page was a picture of the Lockney Longhorn team and their District Champion trophy given to them by the coaches. The team finished the season with a 10-0 record and now advance to play-offs in the bi-district games.

November 21--Longhorns win Bi-District 13-7 over the Post Antelopes. In society, Mr. and Mrs. William Stanforth, of South Plains, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 16. They were married Nov. 18, 1946 in Floydada.

November 28th--The Longhorns win area and advance to regional playoffs.

FISD Superintendent Jerry Cannon submitted his formal resignation to the school board. It is effective at the end of the 1996-97 school year.

DECEMBER

Dec. 5th--The front page reminded readers of the upcoming Health Fair at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital. The 4-H asked for support at their Family Auction to be held Dec. 5th. The event is held every two years and is the major fund raiser for 4-H.

The "Horns winning streak ends at the regional championship game against the Stamford Bulldogs.

Dec. 12th--This issue featured pictures of a successful Health Fair, 4-H Auction and Lockney's Holiday Affair.

The FFA Quiz Team placed 4th in State Competition and will advance to Nationals in Missouri. Members were: Ty Hendrix, Dustin Jones, Shane Lloyd, Kylan Sanders, Erin Dawdy and Karen Wyrick.

The FFA Conducting Team placed fifth at the State Competition. Members consisted of: Nick Williams, Cory Kirk, Stacey Lloyd, Mario Nunez, Tara McCandless, Meredith Schacht, Leigh Dawdy and Will Warren.

Dec. 19th--Front page pictures highlighted the upcoming community wide Christmas meal and the food drive in Lockney.

Also on the front page was the story of District Attorney Becky McPherson being named the first woman president to the Texas District and County Attorney's Association.

Floydada held the ribbon cutting Dec. 17th for the new recycling center.

Early Deadline

The newspaper offices of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Dec. 26.

We will reopen on Friday, Dec. 27.

We will have an early deadline again next week for the New Year's holiday.

All copy should be in the Lockney office by 12 noon and in the Floydada office by 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30.

We will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 1997.



BRAD WILLIAM BENNETT and ANDREA NICOLE SELMAN

Selman and Bennett

John and Pat Mull of Plainview, and Andy Selman of Bryan, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Selman, to Brad William Bennett, son of Billy and Gwen Bennett of Kress.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Truett and LaVerne McCarty of Aiken and Bill and Mary Selman of Bryan. Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marshall and Ms. Christine Bennett.

Miss Selman is a graduate of Plainview High School and is a front end manager at United in Plainview.

Brad is a graduate of Kress High School and is engaged in farming at Edmonson.

The couple plan a February 1, 1997 wedding in College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview.



RNR GRADUATES--Rural Nurse Resource Certified Nurse Aide Training Program announces the graduation of the following students on December 7, 1996. Graduation ceremonies were held at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. The Rev. Ralph Jackson of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Floydada was the guest speaker. Students pictured are as follows: (back l-r) Imogene LaFevre, Matador; Martha Rodriguez, Lockney; Aneatria Johnson, Lockney; (middle l-r) Juan Solis, Plainview; Debbie Young, Plainview; Tanya Parsons, Lockney; Brenda Springer, Silverton-Valedictorian; Dora Alvarez, Floydada; (sitting l-r) Anita Flores, Hale Center-Salutatorian; Laura Smith, Lockney; Veronica Solis, Plainview-Clinical Excellence Award; and Patricia Garcia, Lockney.

--Courtesy Photo

Health care classes scheduled

FLOYDADA -- Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have an Emergency First Response/Certified Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) training class, and an Advanced Trauma Nursing course.

The ECA class will train individuals to care for family, neighbors, and others in an emergency situation. The course is 8 weeks long and starts on Saturday, January 11, 1997 with a Community CPR/First Aid Class. Registration deadline is Friday, January 10, 1997.

ECA classes will be held at the

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gladys Ragle
LOCKNEY--It's Christmas time. Some have already had theirs and some will have soon. Our Christmas party at the Center was real enjoyable. We had a good dinner and then we had music by Lucy Dean and Kathryn Cooper, also everyone who wanted to join in. After the meal the hostesses had some door prizes they gave away. An enjoyable time for all, I would say!

Rusty Baccus, Jimmy Stennett, and

RNR Training Center in the NE wing of the closed Caprock Hospital building located at 901 W. Crockett in Floydada, Texas.

The CAIN was developed by the Emergency Nurses Association to provide specialized training and continuing education for emergency/trauma nurses. The two-day course will be held January 16 and 17, 1997 at RNR's Training Center located in the closed Caprock Hospital Building, 901 W. Crockett Street, Floydada, Texas.

To receive an application packet or for more information call RNR's office at (806) 983-8096.

Lavirn Carthel are all able to be out and about and willing to join us at the Center and visit with those there.

The position of cook at the Senior Citizens center is now open. The board is taking applications. So, for more information, call either W.L. Carthel at 652-2674 or Theresa Stennett at 652-2252.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"

Bring ideas in and entertain them royally, for one of them may be the king.

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Floyd County Lifestyles

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

FLOYDADA - The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you plan to eat lunch, please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m.

I hope you all had a happy holiday visiting with family members and friends.

Congratulations to John and Geneva Cockrell on their 53rd wedding anniversary, Dec. 18.

Our senior citizens had a Christmas party at the center, Dec. 20. William Bertrand led the group in singing Christmas carols. Frieda Simpson gave a Christmas Story and Irene King and Jerry Bradford provided refreshments. Sandy Garza and Toni Garcia led the group in some games. White elephant gifts were exchanged. Everyone had a good time.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, five kindergarten classes from Duncan Elementary came to the center and sang Christmas carols to the seniors while they ate lunch. The teachers were Robbie Odom, Linda Crader, Anna Rivera, Carlyn Crawford and Becky Sharp. Everyone at the center really enjoyed the children.

Thomas and Marie Warren had their Christmas get-together last Saturday, Dec. 21, with 25 people in attendance.

During the holidays Jim and I were with 17 family members. They were from North Carolina, Kansas City, Mo., Waco, Richardson, Lubbock and Amarillo.

Hollis Payne had surgery before

Study Club meets in Ferguson home

By Margarette Word

FLOYDADA - The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the home of Bill Ferguson with Wilma Gowens and Margarette Word as co-hostess.

President, Lorene Newberry called the meeting to order and asked the recording secretary, Bill Ferguson, to call the roll call with members answering with "a unique Christmas I remember."

Mrs. Ferguson, after the roll call, read the minutes of our last meeting which were approved as read.

Mrs. Ferguson's home was beautifully decorated putting us all in the Christmas spirit.

Wanda Turner, member, introduced our program for the evening, which was Frieda Simpson, who does beautiful readings. Her story was "Merry

Christmas but is now at home.

Artie Webb had to go back to the hospital. She is at Methodist in Lubbock.

Ina Lewis' brother Merrill and Irene Cox from Lubbock spent several days with Ina due to the loss of their sister, Lois Reynolds of Floydada.

Our sympathy to Vivian Eguia, (one of our employees) on the loss of her mother a few days before Christmas.

Our sympathy to the family of Dola Lackey.

Our sympathy to the family of Sharon Quisenberry.

Our sympathy to the family of Ethel Hambricht.

Our sympathy to the family of Mini Smart.

Doyle Walls is at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Thought for the Week - "A warm smile is the universal language of kindness."

William Arthur Ward
Menu

Monday, Dec. 30 - Pork chop, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, beet onion salad, wheat roll, lemon cake

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - Enchiladas, pinto beans, okra and tomatoes, onions, peppers, saltines, fruit salad

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - CLOSED

Thursday, Jan. 2 - Beef roast, mashed potatoes, oriental or mixed vegetables, coleslaw, biscuit, brownie

Friday, Jan. 3 - Vegetable beef stew, pea salad or Waldorf salad, cornbread, peach cobbler

Christmas, Mrs. Moring" by Henry Hurt. It was a wonderful Christmas story with a happy ending.

Instead of exchanging gifts this year, our club voted to bring money and divide it between EMS and Senior Citizen Center.

Christmas goodies were served to the following members: Jean Appling, Mamie Bunch, Betsy Dempsey, Bill Ferguson, Wilma Gowens, Queen Annie Lawson, Nell McClung, Lorene Newberry, Frances Weathersbee, and Margarette Word.

Even during refreshments members kept remembering and telling about interesting things that happened to them or their families a long time ago around Christmas time. Sure brought back a lot of good memories.

Our next meeting will be January 21, 1997 in the home of Flora McNeill with Jean Appling as co-hostess.

Floydada Care Center News

By Jo Wilbanks

FLOYDADA - Tuesday the Bell Ringers (B for Him) First Baptist Church came and sang some Christmas songs. They were directed by Mike Holster.

Monday the children from A.B. Duncan Elementary and the Winds Class came and sang songs and brought cards to the residents they had made. Teachers who came were Sarah Sanders, Rosemary Finley and Virginia Smith. The children were: Katie Beth Crossland, Cynthia Martinez, Britnee Brotherton, Drew Bradley, Taylor Beedy, Taryn Rainwater, Dustin Ochoa, Jacob Reddy, Jarrett Kirk and Casey Campbell. The residents enjoyed them and their cards.

Wednesday the children from Trinity Church directed by Shirley Varner came and sang some carols for the residents at 6 p.m.

The residents Christmas party was held Friday at 7 p.m. Maybelle and John Frances of Silverton, came to sing and play. The residents received gifts and had refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus of course. He passed out gifts and candy canes. Thanks Santa, you are great. We had a good crowd. Thanks WMU of Calvary Baptist Church for the bananas. Have a happy, blessed holiday and Happy New Year!

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CHRISTMAS LOVE -- These girl scouts spent their first day of holiday vacation making cookies and holiday goodies for the elderly and shut-ins in Floydada. Here Jessica Rodriguez, Kristen Rubio (seated) and Jackie Wickware work together preparing a batch of brownies. --Staff Photo



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED - Lillie Jester celebrated her 93rd birthday at the Floydada Nursing Home on December 22, 1996. Courtesy Photo

Chit Chat This & That

By Wanda J. McLendon

LOCKNEY - Hello, we hope this finds everybody in the Christmas spirit. We all are. We've been talking about the past Christmases and what happened if you were naughty or nice. We also talked about how you or your mom could even make the whole house smell like Christmas and how the aroma still lingers in the air to this day.

If you haven't been to see us lately, you have missed out. Our residents and staff have gotten the Macarena bug. Several residents enjoy this new way of exercise, they even ask when the next time we'll be able to do this dance.

We want to say a big thank you to all who have always been there to help us in any way. We appreciate all the churches who have been so faithful about coming. Also thanks to the school for helping out with the door decorations for the residents room and the brisket dinner. You have always been there for us.

We have several new faces among the residents and staff.

We'll close with wishing you a Merry Christmas and come on in for a visit.

Until next time, take care.

Birthday time at the nursing home

By Lorilla Bradley

December...what a lovely month, 'Tis often white with snow. With birthdays, Santa Clause and such

It keep us on the go!

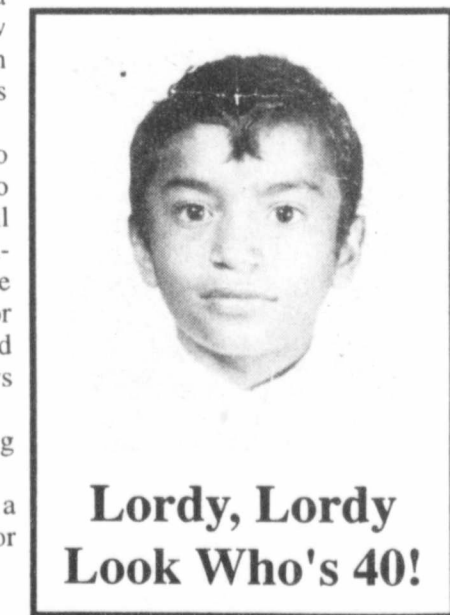
We're greeting Mrs. Jester ...Her years are 94... She has done a lot of living In happy days of yore!

Lets serenade this lady With the good old Birthday Song So send it "through the rafters" With voices good and strong!

FLOYDADA - Thursday, December 19, was party time at the rest home with members of the City Park Church of Christ hosting. Everyone was ushered into the dining room. The honoree was seated at the "honor" table, her place being marked with a special card. She wore a lovely corsage given by Williams Florist and Card Shop.

Jo Wilbanks read a brief history of the life and times of Mrs. Jester. The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song. Family members seated with the honoree were Marjorie Womack, Erlene Fenton, Lois Hodges and great-granddaughter, Desteny Winn. Her son, A.J. had visited her earlier.

The next party will be January 16, 1997. You are invited to be with us.



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VOLUNTEERS FILL SACKS--Filling sacks to be delivered in Lockney were Salvation Army Volunteers Nene Gonzales, Alicia Luna, manager; Alicia Fierros. Also assisting were Teresa Gonzales, Dina Molina, John Gutierrez, Jr., Abel Luna, Santos Sepulveda, Pete Gonzales, Ramon Arevalo, Gabriel Fierros, Richard Guerrero, Tyson McDonald, Tessa Stapp and Kenzie Stapp. Staff Photo



BANK GIVES STOCKING--Kelly Prayor (r) presents Veronica Villarreal of Lockney with a gigantic Christmas stocking. The stocking, filled with an assortment of gifts, was given away by the First National Bank in Lockney. Staff Photo

"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" with Dr. James Dobson

QUESTION: Is there a comprehensive formula for solving family problems?

DR. DOBSON: Albert Einstein spent the last 30 years of his life in a gallant attempt to formulate a unifying theory that would explain all dimensions of physics--but he never succeeded. Likewise, I doubt if the human personality will ever be reduced to a single understanding. We are far too complex to be simplified in that way.

From another perspective, however, there is one "formula" that applies to all human relationships, and of course, I'm referring to the four-letter word called love. Conflicts seem to dissolve themselves when people avoid boastfulness, irritability, envy, jealousy, selfishness, impatience, rudeness, etc.

QUESTION: Practically speaking, what does that mean? For example, how does that formula apply to kids who constantly fight and argue?

DR. DOBSON: I'm convinced that many of the emotional problems suffered by some adults can be traced to the viciousness and brutality of siblings and peers during their early home experiences. Self-esteem is a fragile flower that can easily be crushed by ridicule and mockery occurring routinely between children. But it need not be so.

One of the primary responsibilities of parents and teachers is to teach children to love one another. It can be done! Most boys and girls have a tender spirit beneath the unsympathetic exterior. Adults who take the time to cultivate that sensitivity can create a genuine empathy for the physically or mentally handicapped child, the overweight child, the unattractive child or the younger child. But in the absence of that early instruction, a hostile competitiveness



DR. DOBSON

often emerges.

QUESTION: How can I tell whether my child is just normally active or genuinely hyperactive? And how can I decipher whether his problem is the result of emotional or a physical impairment?

DR. DOBSON: These questions are difficult to answer, and few parents have the training to resolve them. Your best resource in evaluating your child's problem is your pediatrician or family physician. Even he may have to guess at a diagnosis and its cause.

He can however, make a complete medical evaluation and then refer you, if necessary, to other professionals for specific assistance.

Your child may require the services of remedial reading teacher or a speech and hearing therapist or a psychologist who can assess intellectual and perceptual abilities and offer management advice.

You should not try alone to cope with an excessively active child if this additional support and consultation is available.

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

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

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

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

CARR'S CHAPEL
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

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Gene McCarty, Minister
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening
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Wednesday:
Night Service 7:00 p.m.

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

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Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Discipleship
Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir &
Youth 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
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Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
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Floydada
Clark Williams, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Lockney
Tommie Beck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
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Lockney
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Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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

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Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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

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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
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Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Interdenominational Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Lockney Basketball Report

LOCKNEY—Both the Longhorns and Lady Horns fought hard during the first annual Lockney Classic held in the Longhorn Gym on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 12, 13, and 14.

Even though both varsity teams were unable to capture the title the tournament atmosphere will pay off in district play and hopefully the playoffs.

The girls tournament found a strong Clarendon team facing a tall and scrappy Silverton team for the championship. Clarendon ended up with the first place trophy by winning 48 to 33 and Silverton took home the second place trophy.

In the girls third place game the Hart Lady Horns matched up with the Ralls Lady Rabbits and Hart captured the third place trophy by a score of 43 to 33 and sent Ralls home with fourth place.

Lockney's varsity girls opened the tournament with Ralls and won big. The host team then took on the Hornets from Lorenzo and came up with another big victory, placing them in the semi-finals and a chance to compete for the title.

As chance would have it the Lady Horns fell fault to injuries as point guard Dana Martinez and wing Callie Wilson both went down within the 24 hours of the title game.

Short on numbers but big on heart the Lady Horns battled to the end with the Lady Broncos from Clarendon only to fall short at the final buzzer in the semi-final round.

The boys followed a very similar path as the Clarendon Broncos also knocked off the home team to capture the title game. The Broncos took on the Lorenzo Hornets in their championship game. A game that was supposed to be all Lorenzo (but someone forgot to tell Jimmy Avery and the Broncos) Clarendon won the trophy by a score of 68 to 66. In an uptempo track meet.

The third place trophy was accepted by the Silverton Owls as they knocked off the Hart Longhorns.

The Lockney Longhorns took on the Ralls Rabbits Thursday night. They jumped on them early and refused to let up ending the game by a score of 61 to 37. The next victim in the Longhorns drive to the championship was the Silverton Owls. They also fell to the Horns 60-52. As the 'Horns approached the championship game they took on a gutsy Clarendon team who slipped up on the host squad by a score of 68 to 66. Clarendon's only lead came in the final second of the game as the 'Horns had dominated the entire game.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS
Stacy Bigham was named to the Girl's All-Tournament Team and Adam Cummings and Devon Phillips to the Boy's All Tournament Team.

COACH'S COMMENTS
By Coach Rodney Dowell
LOCKNEY—Even though our boys didn't make it into the champi-

onship I think we had an extremely successful tournament and I want to thank our administration for allowing us to do this. Plus I want to say thanks to Coach Moerbe and all the other coaches who worked the tournament. Thanks to all the clock keepers and scorebook keepers who helped along the way. A special thanks to the booster club and Mac Sherman of the Longhorn Inn for funding the world's best Hospitality Room - **Mac You Are The Best!!** Lastly I want to congratulate our kids. They did an awesome job, both boys and girls and we should all be proud of them. **Go Get em Horns!!**

LONGHORNS WIN SEASON OPENER 62-48

LOCKNEY—The Lockney boys took on the Happy Cowboys this past week as they opened the season in front of a home crowd. The 'Horns were led by two familiar faces, Devon Phillips who scored 15 points and his counterpart Adam Cummings who

threw in 11 points for the night. The 'Horns started off with a bang as they led early in the first half. The half-time score stood 38-11 and the Lockney squad was planning to build on its lead.

The second half allowed the Cow-boys to close the gap a bit but not enough to make a dent in the outcome. The Lockney squad held on to a big win by a score of 62 to 48.

COACH'S COMMENTS

By Coach Rodney Dowell

This was more like it - man it felt good to win like this. Our kids needed two things coming off the Pioneer Classic. One was to win and the other was a home game. They got both of them and I am very satisfied with how hard they played.

We have a lot of youth and inexperience right now and we rely too much on athletic ability alone to win but once we work these kinks out we'll be a great ball team.

Thanks for coming to watch us!

SPORTS

Lady Winds fall to Denver City

By Coach Martinez
FLOYDADA - The Lady Winds played the best half of basketball this season against the Fillies of Denver City and held a 26-22 advantage going into the locker room at halftime. Amanda Green and Jamie McGuire combined defensively to hold their scorer, Trout to 4 points. We did a great job of handling their press and had good ball movement on offense.

However, there are 32 minutes in a basketball game. You can't rest on what you accomplished the first quarter or first half. Denver City raised their level of play and intensity the second half and we didn't meet that challenge. Friday night you could see the potential we have to both extremes, how good we can be and how bad we can make ourselves. Trout scored 27 points in the second half as the Fillies took off and never looked back, scoring a total of 47 points in the second half.

The Lady Winds shot 29% from the floor cooling off after shooting 42% the first half. Marty Herrera led the Lady Winds with 10 points, Neisha Simpson had 8, and Tara McCandless and Amanda Green had 7 points each. Neisha also had 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 blocked shots for the night.

The Lady Winds were without senior Christy Hale, who was out with a severely sprained ankle.

In the second half, we really reverted back to some bad habits that we have had all year. The most glaring

fundamental mistake the girls have always made is bouncing the ball one time before they shoot or pass. That is a habit we are working on to try and break, but it is going to take a lot of time and work.

Score by Quarters

Floydada 14 12 4 10 - 40
Denver City 11 22 17 30 - 69

Schedule Change

Dec. 30 at Lubbock Cooper 9th Grade and JV girls start at 5 p.m.

Varsity girls start at 6:30.

Mustangs gallop by 'Winds

By Bill Gray

FLOYDADA - Denver City's Brad Woosley scored a game-high 19 points to pace the Mustangs to a 64-37 victory over Floydada in the District 2-3A opener on December 20. Denver City improved to 11-4 for the year (1-0 in District 2-3A) while the Whirlwinds fell to 10-5 and 0-1.

Woosley, a 6'7", 275-pound senior, also pulled down 12 rebounds as Denver City overpowered the Whirlwinds in all categories. The Mustangs controlled the boards 40-24 and hit almost 52% of their field goal attempts. Floydada was held to a sub-par 34.6% in field goal attempts by the taller, more physical Mustangs. The Whirlwinds failed to convert any of their free throw attempts as they were 0-of-10 from the charity stripe.

No Whirlwind managed to score in double figures. Michael Palacios led Floydada's offense with 9 points, followed by Vernon Cooper and Michael Black with 8 points each. Ticen Harper hit three field goals for 6 points to go along with 8 rebounds (five on the defensive boards). Angel Aleman scored 4 points and Tomas Barrientos and Daryl Henderson scored 2 points each.

The Whirlwinds were at a distinct disadvantage with two starters miss-

ing from the lineup. Omar Eguia was absent due to a death in the family, and Mario Nunez was ill. Mario's doctor said he would be unable to play for a couple of days. According to Coach Jim Knight, "We played this game with three guards and four posts. We don't realize how much pressure Omar puts on the opponent's point guard until he's not out there in the lineup."

Coach Knight added, "This game is not an indicator of our position in the district. The home teams will win in this district, and road wins will be hard to come by. I believe a 9-5 record will get a team a playoff berth in this tough district. Seminole is the only team head-and-shoulders above everyone."

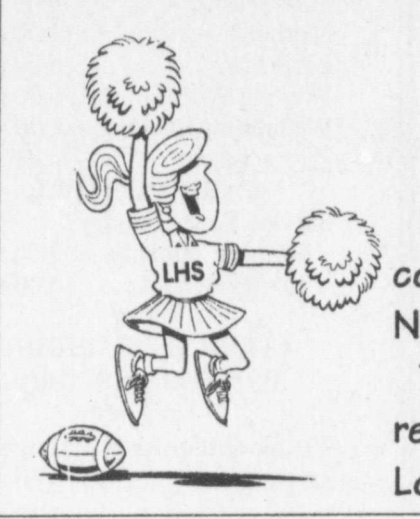
Denver City jumped out to a 15-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 28-28 advantage at intermission. The Mustangs increased the lead by outscoring the 'Winds by six points in the third period. However, Denver City turned a tight game into a runaway by outscoring Floydada 20-9 in the final period. "I was very disappointed with our defensive intensity and effort on the court - especially in the second half. I will assure you we will pick up the pace and play Floydada basketball. We shot the ball very

poorly from the field and the free throw line. We allowed the 'big boy' Woosley too many second shots...he scored 19 points."

Through 15 games, Vernon Cooper leads the Whirlwinds with 250 points (16.7 points-per-game average) followed by Omar Eguia with 161 total points (11.5 points per game). Cooper has also pulled down 121 rebounds per game and has scored 92 points in ten games. Sophomore Michael Black is averaging 8.8 rebounds per game and has scored 92 points in ten games. Sophomore Daryl Henderson has scored 113 points in 15 games, and has been credited with 93 rebounds (6.2 per game).

Floydada is hitting 44.3% of its field goals for the season to date, while limiting its 15 opponents to 42.3% from the field. The Whirlwinds came up short in free throw percentages - 48.2% to its opponents' 53.7%. Cooper leads in the team in 3-point shooting with 14-of-56. Michael Palacios has hit 13 of 38 three-pointers for 34.2%.

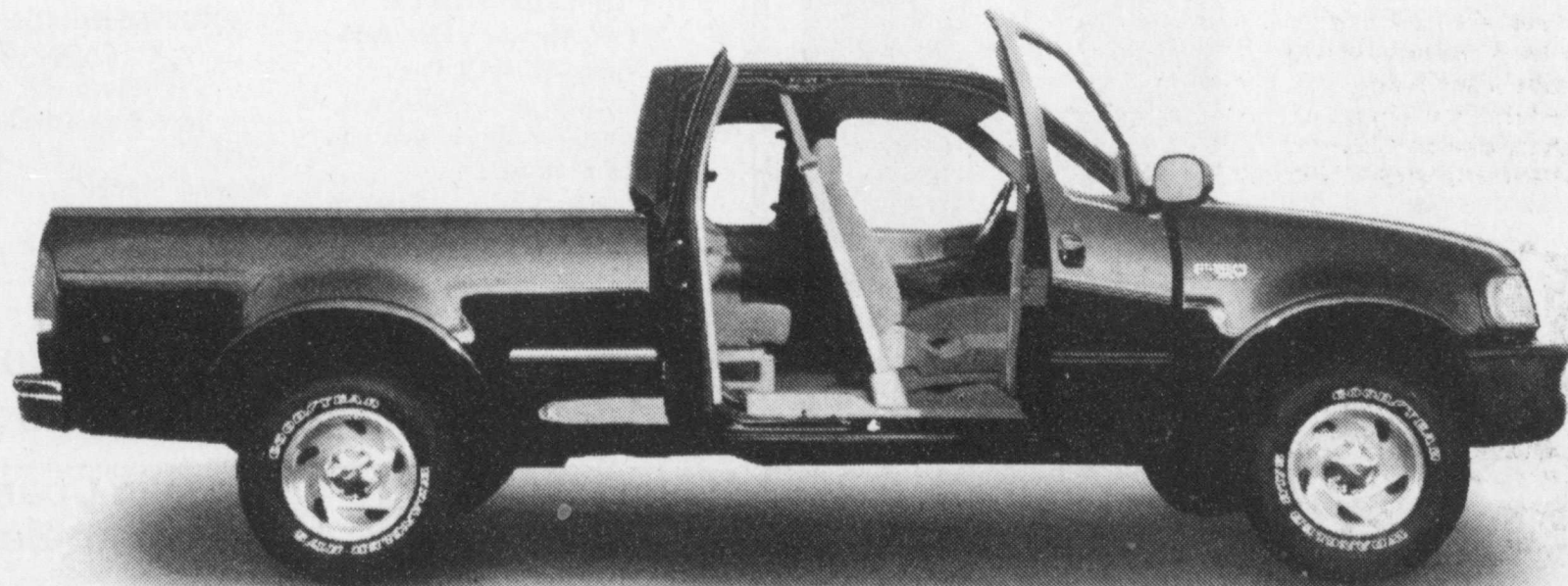
The Whirlwinds open first-round play in Lubbock's Caprock Classic basketball tournament on December 26. Floydada will face the Lubbock Westerners in a 9:00 a.m. contest at Monterey High School Gymnasium.



Good Luck to the LHS Cheerleaders!

Lockney High School's Cheerleading Squad will be competing at the National Cheerleader Association's National Competition on Sunday, Dec. 29th in Dallas. The cheerleaders welcome the public to their dress rehearsal on Friday, Dec. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Longhorn Gym.

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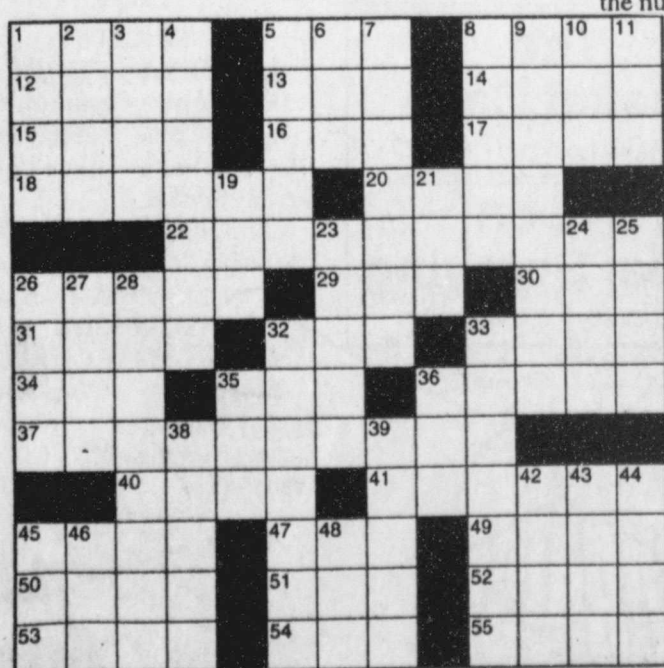
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| 5 Tough wood | 32 Victory | 2 - Alto, Calif. | 26 Hawk | | |
| 8 Detroit output | 33 Bill of fare | 3 Moreover | 27 Love | | |
| 12 Yarn | 34 Phone bk. data | 4 Stephen King's " - Things" | 28 Lack of accord | | |
| 13 Bill's partner | 35 Pendulum locale | 5 Tops | 32 Stupid | | |
| 14 Elevator man | 36 Begin's co-Nobelist | 6 Turn on the waterworks | 33 Knead | | |
| 15 Otherwise | 37 Props for Ringo | 7 Become raspy | 35 Omega | | |
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| 17 "Look - I'm as helpless..." | 41 Pearl's house | 9 Set at | 36 It's the limit | | |
| 18 Dowager's pet, typically | 45 SW U.S. map abbr | 10 Just miss the putt | 38 Puzzles for mice | | |
| 20 Ms. Moreno | 47 "I" strain | 11 Compass hdg. | 39 Confines, with "up" | | |
| 22 Seafood entree, sort of | 49 Emanation | 19 Columnist Smith | 42 Agriculturist Jethro | | |
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Obituaries

GEORGE ALLEN

Funeral services for George Edward Allen, 72, of Lubbock, were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Jim Gerlt, pastor officiated.

Burial was in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. Allen died Tuesday afternoon at his residence following a sudden illness.

He was born Nov. 26, 1924 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was the zone service manager for Chevrolet Motor Division for 13 years, then service manager for Modern Chevrolet for 7 years, and then service manager for Ray Jones Chevrolet in Amarillo for 15 years. He was a member of the Top Ten Service Manager Club in General Motors. He was a member of the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

He moved to Lubbock in May of 1993 from Canyon. He was also a former resident of Floydada.

He married the former Martha Barrett of Oct. 29, 1946 in Albuquerque, N.M.

He is survived by his wife; Martha, a son, Glenn of Lubbock; a daughter, Rhonda Thompson of Lubbock; two brothers, Whetsel of Cortez, CO and Shelley of Paris, TX; one sister Fern Alsbrook of Cortez, CO.; and four grandchildren.

ANTONIA FRESCAZ

Rosary and vigil services for Antonia G. Frescaz, 62, of Levelland were at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 22, at Burns-Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Ronald Krisman officiating.

Burial was in the City of Levelland Cemetery.

She died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, at Methodist Hospital in Levelland.

She was born Sept. 2, 1934, in Buena Vista. She married Pablo Frescaz on Dec. 22, 1941 in Pep. She moved to Levelland from Midland in 1947. She was a Catholic.

She was a homemaker. A daughter, Patsy Frescaz, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Paul III and John, both of Tulsa, Okla., Ray of Levelland and Frank of Mason City, Iowa; three daughters, Mary Castillo, Virginia Frescaz and Olga Bela, all of Levelland; three brothers, Felix Gomez of Levelland, Genaro Gomez of Floydada and Apolinar of Irving; two sisters, Isidra Rendon of Levelland and Leonor DeLaCruz of Grand Prairie; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

DOLA LACKEY

Graveside services for Dola Mae Lackey, 89, of Floydada were at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada. The Rev. Clark Williams, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiated.

Mrs. Lackey died Wed., Dec. 18, 1996 in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 22, 1907 in Fulbright, Texas. She attended and graduated from Floydada High School and remained a life-long resident. She married Hayes O'Neal in 1923 in Floydada. He passed away in 1962. She later married Jack Lackey in 1967 in Floydada. He died in 1987. She was a housewife. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Royace Maddox and Clarence Maddox and one sister, Evelyn Deakins.

She is survived by one son, Royace O'Neal of Lubbock; one daughter, Vickie Rainer of Fredricksburg; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Look at the construction of the furniture and check for durability. Find out how the furniture is constructed. Is the wood bonded or veneered? If the furniture has a finish, find out the kind of wood to which the finish has been applied. Understand the store's return policy.

Find out what the warranty does and does not cover. From time to time, itinerant furniture sellers will be selling furniture out of a truck in a vacant parking lot. Consumers should exercise caution when dealing with an itinerant, especially if they are unknown. Check these out by calling the BBB at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890.

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Floyd County Farm Page

Cotton update and meetings given by PCA

By Shawn Wade
Wrapping up 1996 has been a top priority for both producers and ginners across the High Plains. For the majority of producers the harvest is complete, the same can not be said for many gins.

Observations of ginning progress indicates a significant number of gins will finish ginning operations by the end of the year. Other, however, expect to run until mid to late January.

The incredible turnaround of the 1996 crop is the primary reason for the extension of the 1996 ginning season. Starting out with slim prospects and drought conditions the 1996 crop appeared to be headed for a mediocre conclusion.

Dry soil conditions through the end of June caused a large amount of cotton acreage to be diverted to alternative crops because of poor to non-existent stands. Hail, high winds and other problems also damaged stands throughout the region. Altogether it appears that as many as 800,000 acres originally planted cotton never made it to harvest.

The miracle appears to be the fact that despite the loss of so many acres

the High Plains will probably produce its third 3 million bale-plus crop in the last four years.

Current estimates indicate the crop will indeed top 3 million 480-pound bales and will probably set a new record for yield per harvested acre in the process. Based on current projections per acre yield across the area will average over 600 pound. The previous record, set in 1993, was 555 pounds per harvested acre.

"I have been around High Plains cotton for over thirty years and I'm not sure I have ever heard as many stories of 2- and 3-bale cotton yields as I have this year," reflects PCG Executive Vice-President Donald Johnson. "When you consider all of the things this crop has gone through it is even more incredible."

Johnson notes that as late as September many producers were unaware of the potential of the crop they had in their fields.

Closing out the 1996 crop year means many people will now turn their attention to the new year and the activities that will be a part of it.

In order to help plan the next few weeks PCG officials note that a number of meetings will be conducted across the Cotton Belt as well as around the High Plains region.

The following is a partial listing of some upcoming events that producers may be interested in attending:

- Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors, January 20, Time & Place TBA
- Beltwide Cotton Conferences, January 6-10, New Orleans
- South Plains Ag Nonpoint Source Conference, January 16, Lubbock
- Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, January 14, Olton
- Caprock Cotton Conference, January 14-15, Plains Baptist Assembly
- West Plains Cotton Conference, January 16, Levelland
- Southern Mesa Agriculture Conference, January 20, Lamesa
- Hub of the Plains Ag Issues & Prod. Conference, January 22, 23, Lubbock

Meeting set to form 4-H judging teams

All 4-H'ers and parents interested in participating in 4-H livestock, horse, meats, dairy, entomology, grass and consumer judging teams need to attend an orientation meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The purpose of the meeting is to sign up for contest of your interest and also set up convenient practice times.

Contests aren't until April, but we must start practicing now. If interested in participating, but cannot attend please notify the Extension Office at 983-4912.

We need parents at the meeting as well and we are asking for adult leader volunteers to assist in coaching teams. We'll provide leaders with training and all available resources to assist them in coaching. If you have any questions, please call the Floyd County Extension Office.



GREEN RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE--Trent Johnson, County Executive Director of the Floyd County Farms Service Agency presented Carolyn Green with a certificate in appreciation for her twenty five years of service.
Staff Photo

Cotton Conference

Preregistration for the Caprock Cotton Council should be done by January 6, 1997.

For more information contact: Ron Graves, Floyd/Crosby IPM Agent, (806) 675-2426; or J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, 983-4192.

A Glance at the MARKETS

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A holiday wish for Texas: A comprehensive water policy

By Barry R. McBee, Chairman, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

We in Texas have much to give thanks for in this holiday season. A special blessing came this year in the form of August rain, breaking the severe drought we experienced in the summer.

But these rains do not mean that Texas can continue to ignore what remains a long-term crisis for our state: the absence of a coherent, comprehensive water policy, on which rests our future economic development.

The need for such a policy was made clear during the summer of 1996, as water demands in several small towns exceeded supply and residents had to build emergency pipelines, dig new wells, or truck in water. Meanwhile, low reservoir lev-

els were forcing agricultural producers to cut back planting. Low stream flows meant industrial facilities could not legally discharge waste water and faced the prospect of completely shutting down operations. River authorities complained that water they were releasing for downstream industrial and agricultural users failed to reach the purchasers. Major cities imposed mandatory water use restrictions on residents and businesses alike.

The rains that have blessed Texas since August are no assurance that this drought is over, or even that we have felt the worst of it. Heavy rainfalls can- and do- occur in the midst of a prolonged drought. What matters is the long-term pattern of rainfall and water supplies.

And despite the heavy rains we've had since August, we're seeing a continuing four-year trend toward lower rainfall across Texas.

In Texas, droughts are an inevitable part of the hydrologic cycle. Our state suffers a major drought, like the record drought of the 1950s, on a fairly regular cycle of about 50 to 80 years.

We need to be better prepared to deal with our water supply issues. Our population is likely to double over the next half-century, fueling an increase in industrial activity. Those same problems we experienced in the summer of 1996- and more- will return to plague us again and again unless we act now to establish a focused water policy that will allow Texas to cope with developing water needs and the inevitable cycle of drought. At issue is our economic prosperity.

***Texas must develop a comprehensive state drought plan.**

Texas is one of only three states lacking a plan to deal with the certainty of recurring droughts. We need an established framework that spells out the specific duties and responsibilities of state agencies and clarifies where and how agencies can exercise

regulatory flexibility to manage water emergencies.

***Texas needs to foster regional water use planning.**

The best response to drought is good long-term water supply planning. Such planning is most appropriate at the regional level, shaped and guided by people in a region who are attuned to the needs of the area, with technical assistance from the state. With regional planning, local interests can anticipate both problems with and opportunities for emerging water supply strategies, like water reuse and interbasin transfers.

***Texas should implement a statewide water conservation initiative.**

The cheapest source of additional water for any user, at any time, is the existing water supply. Cutting down on water waste and taking steps to use water more efficiently yield that much more water for productive use. And if we want to pursue conservation as a favored public policy, we need to look at linking conservation to regulatory and financial incentives. Perhaps it's time to look closely at exemptions from property taxes on equipment used solely for water conservation purposes.

***Texas should consider conjunctive water resource management.**

Currently Texas suffers from a piecemeal approach to water use management that completely ignores the relationship between surface water and groundwater, despite the fact that their hydrological relationship is well established in certain areas.

Texas cannot afford to manage-by-crisis its most valuable economic resource. We cannot continue to deal with groundwater pumping only when confronted by emergencies, such as subsidence problems in southeast Texas or endangered species issues in the Edwards Aquifer. We must, instead, provide consistent water management based on scientifically sound approaches that considers the hydrological connection between surface and groundwater resources.

***Texas should consider new options for managing groundwater.**

The current "rule of capture" that governs groundwater pumping in this state needs to be enhanced to ensure that it is the best system for managing this fundamental natural resource in the future. We must also consider whether our groundwater management system can allocate groundwa-

ter in such a way as to create more of a real, permanent, vested ownership right in the water that lies beneath the land. By establishing such ownership rights, rather than the more ephemeral rights created by the rule of capture, we can bring certainty to our use of this water supply. And with ownership rights would also come the real possibility of free-market trading in groundwater that will complement surface water marketing.

***Texas should enhance its system for monitoring and enforcing compliance with water rights.**

The TNRCC oversees a system of surface water rights that is used to allocate surface waters in Texas. The problem is that rights to surface water mean little in a drought without effective means to monitor and enforce those rights.

In South Texas and along the Rio Grande, TNRCC watermasters ensure an orderly process for water allocations and diversions, even in the driest of times. Elsewhere, we rely on the honor system as a means of ensuring proper allocation of surface waters. But that system is prone to failure when the rains stop for any sustained period of time and streamflows slow, as they did all across Texas in the summer of 1996. That's when we began receiving complaints from water rights holders about unauthorized diversions.

We cannot continue to rely on the honor system as an orderly and effective way of allocating limited water supplies during a drought. The evidence points to a real need to beef up monitoring and enforcement of water rights across Texas.

The breadth and the scope of the water issues facing Texas today put us at a crucial juncture in history of this great state. We have behind us the very real lessons of the past droughts and water crises. Our future depends more than anything else on a comprehensive water policy that addresses how we consume, manage, and allocate this vital natural resource. This is the single most important factor for the economic viability of Texas.

Over the coming months and years we must work together to resolve the water crisis in Texas. Our challenge is to craft a system for managing our water that will achieve the twin goals of environmental resource protection and sustainable economic development. With this, we will bequeath a lasting legacy for future generations

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