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**PIONEERS PAID TRIBUTE**—These four persons received special recognition at the annual Lynn County Old Settlers Reunion last Saturday. Bess Van Dyke, left, 89, was honored as the oldest woman present who had not previously received the award, and Vernon Jones, 85, earned that honor for men. Patty Henderson of Arizona received a plaque for the person traveling the longest distance to the reunion, and Belton Howell, seated, age 102, of Odessa, who received a special plaque in his honor. Gerald Huffaker was master of ceremonies for the event, and Brad Hammonds, president of the reunion, presided. New president elected for next year is Wayne Tekell, with Cal Huffaker as vice president.

(LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

## Woodwork...

By Dalton



AS A KID growing up in Jacksboro I did a lot of playing outside, like all kids, and in the summer when school was out, we really played a lot, swimming, hunting birds, playing football and softball and all the things 12-17-year-old youngsters did in those days. Most kids had bicycles; only a few in the entire school had their own cars.

I learned to swim by walking as far out into what we called "water crossing" as I could and then swimming back. This was a creek which probably got about 10 feet deep out in the middle and there was (and still is, I think) a place where it ran across the road on a concrete spillway, usually about 6 inches deep over the road. The bottom was mostly gravel and other sharp things, and the top was mostly water moccasins and turtles, or at least it seemed that way. Sometimes we would throw rocks at the snakes to chase them back upstream so we could go in swimming there.

In those days, snakes didn't bother us; now I would only swim in those waters at gunpoint.

Among the other things peculiar to summer in that area which we considered no problem at all were heat and high humidity, chiggers, blister bugs, centipedes, stinging scorpions, yellow jackets and hand-pushed lawnmowers.

People who still live around there and in places such as Dallas, Sherman and Texarkana still aren't bothered by any of those things, possibly excepting the hand mowers. They are used to the summers with their high humidity and all the other things.

However, when one has lived in a drier climate for many years, such as we have from the Caprock westward, a visit to south or east Texas in the summer is a real challenge.

The other day we took the family to Six Flags and some other places in the Dallas area. According to those who know, it was not especially hot, only about 88 or so, with the humidity probably about the same as the temperature. When one is not acclimated to that sort of combination, he perspires profusely (sweats a lot).

At one point after walking around awhile in the amusement park, I found a bench in the shade and sat down on it. I was drenched with sweat when I first sat down, but I sat there for half an hour, in the shade, and continued to perspire. Finally a park worker made me move, as I was creating little rivers of water in the path and people passing by were slipping down and threatening to sue the park.

We have a getaway place at Lake Brownwood, and the other day a family member who had been by there said the grass in the front yard was higher than a car. We knew it had grown up, but we can't cut it during the summer. It's not the wild pigs and snakes and lions and tigers in the grass that scare us—it's the chiggers. They are camped in the grass by the zillions, ready to swarm all over anyone who approaches. When they eventually die out we plan to offer organized wild game hunts in the front yard for a few weeks; and then we may mow it down.

Of course, another summer hazard which we never had even heard of as youngsters is skin cancer. Our theory was

## Little League Awards Program Set This Friday

Lynn County Little League will hold their awards program Friday, June 30, at 7 p.m. at the Little League ballpark. All ball players from T-Ball thru Senior League and their parents are urged to attend. Players must bring their ball suits and turn in to their coaches or they will not receive their awards or pictures which will be ready that night. Also prizes will be awarded from the money-making projects at this time.

The Lynn County Little League will hold their business meeting at this time and election of officers for the coming year will be held.

## Gramm To Discuss War On Drugs In Tahoka Today

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm will be in Tahoka today at 4:15.

Sen. Gramm, who will joined by Lynn County Sheriff Deputy Elton Childress, DPS Trooper Larry Duncan, and Tahoka Chief of Police Jerry Webster, as well as other law enforcement and civic officials, will discuss the "war on drugs" in the Lynn county area.

The senator will receive an update on the extent of the drug problem in Lynn county and the surrounding areas. In addition, the senator will brief those gathered on the recently passed Anti-Drug Act of 1988 which Sen. Gramm co-sponsored.

In describing how the legislation will better equip our nation to wage and win the "Drug War" the senator said, "For too long law enforcement officials have had to fight a big battle

## Suspect In Three City Burglaries Is Charged

A 25-year-old Tahoka man was arrested during the week and charged in recent burglaries of three businesses in Tahoka. David Tillman was in Lynn County jail Wednesday in lieu of \$75,000 bond, with bond set at \$25,000 on each charge.

The burglaries involved reportedly were at Jennings of Tahoka, where a plate glass window was broken and merchandise and cash valued at more than \$1,000 were taken, including several pairs of Wrangler jeans; at Dr. David Midkiff's dental office and Aunt Becky's place, with few items stolen in each instance. All of the burglaries took place in late May.

A 30-year-old Tahoka man was charged with public intoxication and robbery after he allegedly threatened a highway department flagman with a bottle opener and demanded money. The victim, who was accosted on the highway, had no money, so the suspect took his flagman's vest and a tube of lip balm. Kenneth Lynn Smith was jailed and held on \$100,000 bond.

Tahoka Police officers arrested two Tahoka men during the past week for assaulting a third local man at a S. 8th St. residence. It was reported that two men became angry with the other because he wouldn't go out and drink beer with them.

Tahoka Dairy Queen reported that the back door had been pried open and about \$10 cash taken in a burglary Monday. No other items were listed as missing. Damage to the door was estimated at \$200.

Pebsworth Insurance, 2208 Main, reported a burglary attempt Monday. About \$100 damage was reported to a door which showed pry marks.

Police investigated an accident Saturday at 1500 Ave. L and S. 2nd.

involving a 1983 Nissan driven by Barbara Ruth Manuel of Lubbock and a 1980 Chevrolet driven by Helen Ann Payne of Tahoka. No injuries were reported.

In jail during the week other than the burglary and robbery suspects were two persons for theft by checks, two for simple assault and one for disorderly conduct.

## Lots Of Activities Slated At July 4th Celebration

A full evening of activities is slated at Tahoka's "Fantastic Fourth" Celebration on Tuesday, July 4, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Mini Park. The event is sponsored by Tahoka Chamberettes, who hope to see a large crowd attend the festivities. Games for all ages will be provided, and entertainment on a stage in front of the tennis courts will offer local musical talent. Cal Huffaker will be emcee for the evening. All residents are urged to bring lawn chairs and stay until the celebration closes with the serving of a July 4th cake and patriotic music.

Anyone wanting to enter the Ice-Cream Freeze-Off should have ice cream to the park by 5:00 p.m.

A schedule of activities follows.

### Tahoka's Fantastic Fourth Tuesday, July 4th • 5:00-10:00 p.m.

- 5:00 Concession stand opens. Ice Cream Freeze-Off entries will be judged and ice cream sales will open. Coloring Contest pictures will be on display (prizes may be picked up anytime during Celebration).
- 5:30 Children's games begin. Sand Castle Building (ages 4-7 and 8-10) on south side of park. Prizes awarded.
- 5:45 Scare Crow Contest (ages 7-12) on south side of park. Straw and stick forms provided; bring your own clothing articles to decorate. Teams of 2 may participate. Prizes awarded.
- 6-6:30 Danny DeLeon's One-Man Band on stage.
- 6:00 Tricycle Races (ages up to 4 years) at roped-off area on street just north of park. Bring your own tricycle. Prizes awarded.
- 6:15 Patriotic Pet Parade. Any age person can enter a pet dressed in patriotic theme. Prizes awarded.
- 6:30-7 Tumbling demonstration by students of Robin Walker
- 7:00 Candy drop on tennis courts from St. Mary of the Plains "Flight For Life" Helicopter
- 7:00 42 Tournament begins, under tent by Masonic Lodge building. Prizes awarded. Sponsored by Lynn County Senior Citizens
- 7-9:00 "The Swing Shift Band" will play on stage. Members include Dalton Wood and Zane Curry of Tahoka, Bob Kern and Art Ratzlaff of Slaton.
- 7:30 Tahoka High School Twirlers routine in front of stage. Members include Terri Solomon (feature twirler), Eden Williams, Allison Rhodes and Kathy Amador.
- 7:40 Tahoka High School Varsity Cheerleaders routine in front of stage. Members include Jennie Wells (head cheerleader), Connie Parker, Tabitha Miller, Chasity Hood, Arnetta Hudgens, and Jodi Williams.
- 8:00 Teenage games begin, sponsored by THS Varsity Cheerleaders. Prizes awarded.
- 9:00 July 4th Cake presentation and begin serving cake
- 9-9:30 Arron Miller sings on stage.
- 9:30 "The Sunshine Singers" Ladies Ensemble from First Baptist Church to sing "America The Beautiful" and "I Am Redeemed" on stage. Members include Beth Askew, Carolyn Botkin, Alecia Curry, Pam Miller, Vivian McAfee, Linda Mensch, Lynn Lankford, Ruthie Henry, Susie Rhodes, pianist.
- 9:40 Mark and Vivian McAfee, guitar and vocal solo.
- 9:50 Carroll Rhodes singing "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"
- 10:00 Celebration closes. All volunteers who can help Chamberettes with taking down decorations and cleaning park will be greatly appreciated.

- Horseshoe Pitching and Washer Pitching will be set up for any who wish to play, on dirt road behind police department.
- Volleyball game will be set up on south side of park. Gary Jones in charge of on-going games for anyone who wants to play.

Sponsored by Tahoka Chamberettes

## Wilson Lions Club To Host Celebration

The Wilson Lions Club will host the Annual 4th of July Celebration, on Tuesday, July 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Green Memorial Park. We will have various booth organizations, food, drinks and games for children and adults.

There will be a radio control airplane demonstration. The day will conclude with a firework display.

that redder was better, up to the point of peeling.

Ah, to be young again and undaunted by any of life's challenges. Come to think of it, even daunted would be okay if we could just be young again.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 21	97	67	
June 22	83	64	
June 23	88	59	
June 24	88	60	
June 25	87	63	
June 26	93	64	
June 27	91	65	

Precip. for year to date: 7.22"

## Holiday Brings Deadline Change

Practically all local businesses will be closed next Tuesday for the Fourth of July when most folks will take time for some outdoor fun.

The Lynn County News will be closed, so anyone wishing news or advertising in the July 6 edition should have them into the news office by 4 p.m. Monday. The paper will be published for Thursday distribution as usual, although the printing likely will be finished later Wednesday than usual.

Attend the July 4th Celebration!

## Two From Tahoka Join State Event

Two Tahoka girls participated in the Texas State Twirling Championships June 16-18 in San Antonio. They are Eden and Georgia Williams, daughters of Glenda Williams.

Eden placed fourth in TVS pageant, second in novice solo, and participated in beginner 2, baton, best costume and best appearing.

Georgia placed fifth in her age group in military strut, and also competed in novice solo, basic strut and TVS pageant.



Obituaries

Stanley Bengé

Services for Stanley Bengé, 59, of Friona were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 1989 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Broadhurst, pastor, officiating. Leon Talley, minister of Sixth Street Church of Christ, assisted. Burial was in Friona Cemetery. He died at 2:45 a.m. Monday, June 26, in Amarillo's St. Anthony's Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born in Athens and moved from Plainview to Friona in 1957. He was a shop foreman for Parmer County Pump Company. He married Nelda Miller May Dec. 26, 1986, in Friona. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict and a deacon at First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Debbie Shackelford of San Marcos, Sharla Trimm of Mount Pleasant, Christy Brinkman of Houston, and Jerri Hall of Cincinnati, Ohio; his mother, Lessie Bengé of Tahoka; a sister, Lena Williams of Tahoka; a stepdaughter, Dana May Burton of Grapevine; two stepsons, Kent Miller of Taos and Curt Miller of Andrews; and 14 grandchildren. The family suggest memorials to Parmer County Community Hospital.

Nellie M. Parr

Services for Nellie M. Parr, 66, of Blakwell, Texas were held June 12, 1989 in Odessa. Mrs. Parr died Thursday, June 8, in Humana Hospital in Abilene. She was born on April 11, 1923 in Dickens, Tx. to Edgar and Maurine McClellan. She married V.W. Parr on Jan. 25, 1948 in Big Spring, Tx. Mrs. Parr was a member of the Baptist Church and Eastern Star. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Tommy Parr of Odessa and Win Parr of Stephenville; two daughters, Rita Pannell of Lubbock and Connie Smith of Odessa; two brothers, A.W. McClellan of Lubbock and Douglas McClellan of Abilene; a sister, Mamie Beard of Tahoka; and six grandchildren.

Burgess Petty

Services for Burgess L. Petty, 77, of Brownfield were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 1989 in Brownfield Church of Christ with John McCoy of Tahoka Road Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery. Petty died at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 21 at his home after a sudden illness. Justice of Peace Carolyn Proctor ruled natural causes. He was born in Mills County,

moving to O'Donnell in 1923. He married Gwendoline Fariss Sept. 25, 1935, in Grandview. He moved to Terry County in 1952 and retired from Loffland Drilling Co. in 1979. He was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Lanier of Williston, N.D., Duane of Odessa and Jackie of Irving; a daughter, Valda Elliot of Brownfield; two sisters, Cleo Fariss of Goldthwaite and Earlene Cook of O'Donnell; a brother, J.L. Petty of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Grandchildren will be pallbearers.

Hope Hardt

Graveside services for Hope H. Hardt, 73, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 28 in Tahoka Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Lankford, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wilson, officiating. Burial was under direction of White Funeral Home. He died at 11:25 p.m. Monday, June 26, 1989 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring after an illness. Hardt was born in Caldwell and moved to Tahoka in 1920. He was a longtime employee of the City of Tahoka. He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a Purple Heart medal recipient. He was a Baptist. Survivors include three daughters; six sisters, Mildred Taylor of Snyder, Violet Stone of Wilson, Birdie Holcomb and Bernice Bullard, both of Lubbock, Maydell Cook of Leveland and Edith Caruana of Houston; a brother, Warren of Tahoka; and two grandchildren.

News From ... Home Economics Agent Annis Brown Lynn County Extension Office

Lead In Drinking Water? High contaminations of lead in water can be serious. Most lead in household water comes from plumbing, not the local water supply. Lead levels in drinking water are likely to be highest if your home has lead pipes or copper pipes with lead solder, if you have a water softener, if water sits in pipes for several hours, or if your home is less than five years old (mineral deposits in water form a protective coating in the pipe after that time.) You do have some direct control over lead in your water, even though you can't see, taste or smell it when dissolved. One simple precaution, with any faucet that has not been used in six hours or more, is to "flush" the pipe by running cold water about five

seconds. Use only water from the cold tap for drinking, cooking and especially making baby formula (hot water is likely to contain higher lead levels). The only way to be sure of the amount of lead in your water is to have it tested by a certified laboratory. Testing is especially important for apartment dwellers since high-rise buildings often have lead-soldered piping. Conflicts of financial interest almost always occur in a second marriage when former spouses and children are involved. The impact is usually felt when children have special needs not provided by the usual child support monies—such as braces, glasses or winter clothing. Conflict over money in stepfamilies can be expensive and threatening unless obligations are understood and accepted from the outset. Two emotional pitfalls can lead to financial tension in a second marriage: resentment of monthly obligations to make child support payments, and resentment of the high cost of rearing children from birth to 18 years. Whether the children are yours or not, providing for them is part of the responsibility and reality of a second marriage. Dealing with your spouse's or your own "past life" in a new marriage can be difficult at times. The less you dwell on and resist the expenses stemming from a previous marriage, the better off you'll be. If you find it hard to put the past in its place, consider joining a self-help group (or a support group) where members are experiencing similar feelings and situations. The Stepfamily Association of America in Baltimore is one such organization. Many communities have local affiliates or this group. Because parenting is a lifelong obligation no matter who lives under whose roof, children need money and care. You will want to provide day-to-day care, but don't forget to provide for your children and current spouse in an up-to-date will and adequate insurance. The more complicated the family situation is, the more likely money matters will be complicated too. Families may deal with a measure of pain, but they also provide a bounty of pleasure and pride.

Three Area Persons Graduate From TTU

Three area persons received their degrees at the Texas Tech University 1989 commencement exercises. Zane Curry received his Master's Degree in Consumer Economics and Environment Design, Cheryl Ann Garvin, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, both of Tahoka and Cindy Lou Davis, Bachelor of Landscape Arch in Landscape Architecture of Wilson.

New Home Exes Reunion Slated The 1948 and 1949 Class of New Home will have their 40th reunion at Lubbock Plaza, 3201 South Loop 289, July 15 from 2 to 10 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and visit with these classes. A meal will be served at 7 p.m. for \$10.50 per person. For your reservation, please contact Fern Fillingim at 924-7363 or Rt. 4, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

America's 'Other Drug Problem' Overwhelms Thousands

Tens of thousands of older people are living in an "inhuman and needless" stupor-induced by misuse or overuse of prescription drugs, medical experts told reporters last month.

"The problem of over-medication and mis-medication is so widespread that some people are calling this the nation's other drug problem," said Bryant Welch, executive director of professional practice at the American Psychological Association (APA).

Welch and others spoke at a forum convened by the APA to report new findings on this emerging drug problem affecting older people who live both alone and in nursing homes, and for those who receive adult foster care and home health care.

APA's forum came just weeks after the release of a draft government report stating that mis-medication is a "widespread problem" among America's elderly.

The report, released by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), cited a "series of systematic weaknesses" throughout the drug delivery system. Among them: misdiagnoses by doctors, faulty prescriptions and improper use of drugs by patients.

Speakers at the APA forum said that the over-drugging problem stems in part from nursing home medication practices. Nursing home staffers sometimes use drugs that calm or induce sleep as a "chemical restraint" to keep older patients quiet and manageable.

Some nursing homes administer the wrong kind of drugs. In a study



of one nursing home it was found that only 36 of the 221 residents receiving drugs to treat psychosis actually had a diagnosis of psychosis.

The episode was by no means unique, as a study of residents in 12 Massachusetts nursing homes illustrated. Almost 20 percent of the residents were using two or more mind-affecting medications simultaneously, said Dr. Jerry Gurwitz, of Harvard Medical School's Division on Aging.

New federal regulations that tighten up on the use of drugs will ease the over-drugging in nursing homes somewhat. But the over-drugging problem is getting worse in situations where an older person lives at home and gets little or no medical supervision. Still other patients go from doctor to doctor demanding medicines they mistakenly think they need.

Experts at the APA forum said doctors don't conspire to drug older people. The problem is lack of knowledge. Many doctors don't realize that as people age they become more sensitive to medicines and are more subject to over-drugging, drug interactions and adverse reactions. Doctors may also misdiagnose

drug-induced confusion or depression as a symptom of "old age," and prescribe yet another drug to treat a problem caused by drugs, Gurwitz said.

"While 75 percent of medical schools now have courses in geriatric medicine, less than 10 percent of medical students take them," Gurwitz estimated. And less than 2 percent of practicing doctors take continuing education courses in geriatric medicine.

The consequences can be deadly. According to the HHS report, 51 percent of deaths from drug reactions in the U.S. involve people 60 or older, even though they account for only 17 percent of the population.

To remedy the national crisis of over-drugged elderly, the American Psychological Association recommended:

- Better education of doctors in geriatric medicine and the proper use of drugs for the elderly;
• Improved regulation and supervision of drug use in nursing homes;
• A change in the Medicare system to reimburse older patients for nondrug psychological treatment such as counseling, thereby encouraging alternatives to drugs;
• Strategies to foster better understanding of drugs, health and the elderly among general practitioners, since most older patients see doctors in general practice—not psychiatrists—for mental health complaints.

By Peggy Eastman Edited version of the AARP News Bulletin reprint.

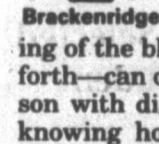
HEALTH Q&A

By Betty P. Brackneridge, MS, RD, CDE President American Association of Diabetes Educators

Q. Why do persons with diabetes need diabetes education?

A. There are many diseases that must be managed using medications, surgeries, or other treatments which can only be performed by a health-care professional. Diabetes is a very different sort of disease. The main treatment tools for diabetes—eating appropriately, taking medication according to a specific schedule

at home, self-monitoring of the blood sugar level, and so forth—can only be done by the person with diabetes. No one is born knowing how to do those things. Those skills must be learned. And that requires a purposeful educational effort—the person with diabetes working with a nurse, a dietitian, or other diabetes educator to learn what he or she must know to manage diabetes on a daily basis. A diabetes educator who can help you plan and implement a comfortable and realistic program for managing your diabetes can be located through the outpatient department of your local hospital, through the American Association of Diabetes Educators, or through your local chapter of the association.



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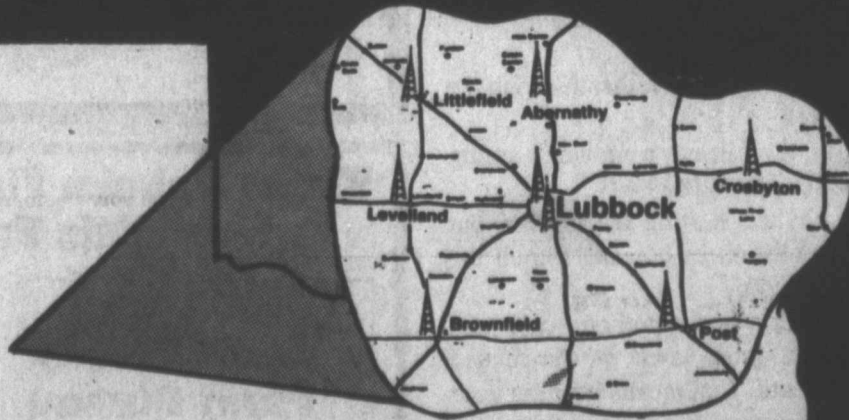
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The conservation compliance provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, discourages the production of crops on highly erodible cropland, which is not carefully protected from erosion. Farmers who continue to produce crops on such fields without an approval conservation plan, may lose eligibility for certain USDA program benefits.

To remain eligible for USDA program, benefits, farmers must develop and be actively applying a locally approved conservation plan for those highly erodible fields by Jan. 1, 1990. These plans must be fully implemented by Jan. 1, 1995.

The local SCS office can develop a plan using either the basic conservation systems or the less restrictive alternative conservation systems. The alternative conservation systems which had been available in Dawson and Terry Counties for sometime, were recently made available to Lynn County farmers.

The goal of the local SCS office is

to have contacted every producer in the county by Sept. 30, 1989, to give them an opportunity to develop a plan or decline the opportunity. The time frame between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 1989 will be used to rewrite plans on farms which have been reconstituted. This time will also be used to rewrite plans for producers desiring to change from the basic conservation systems to the alternative conservation systems.

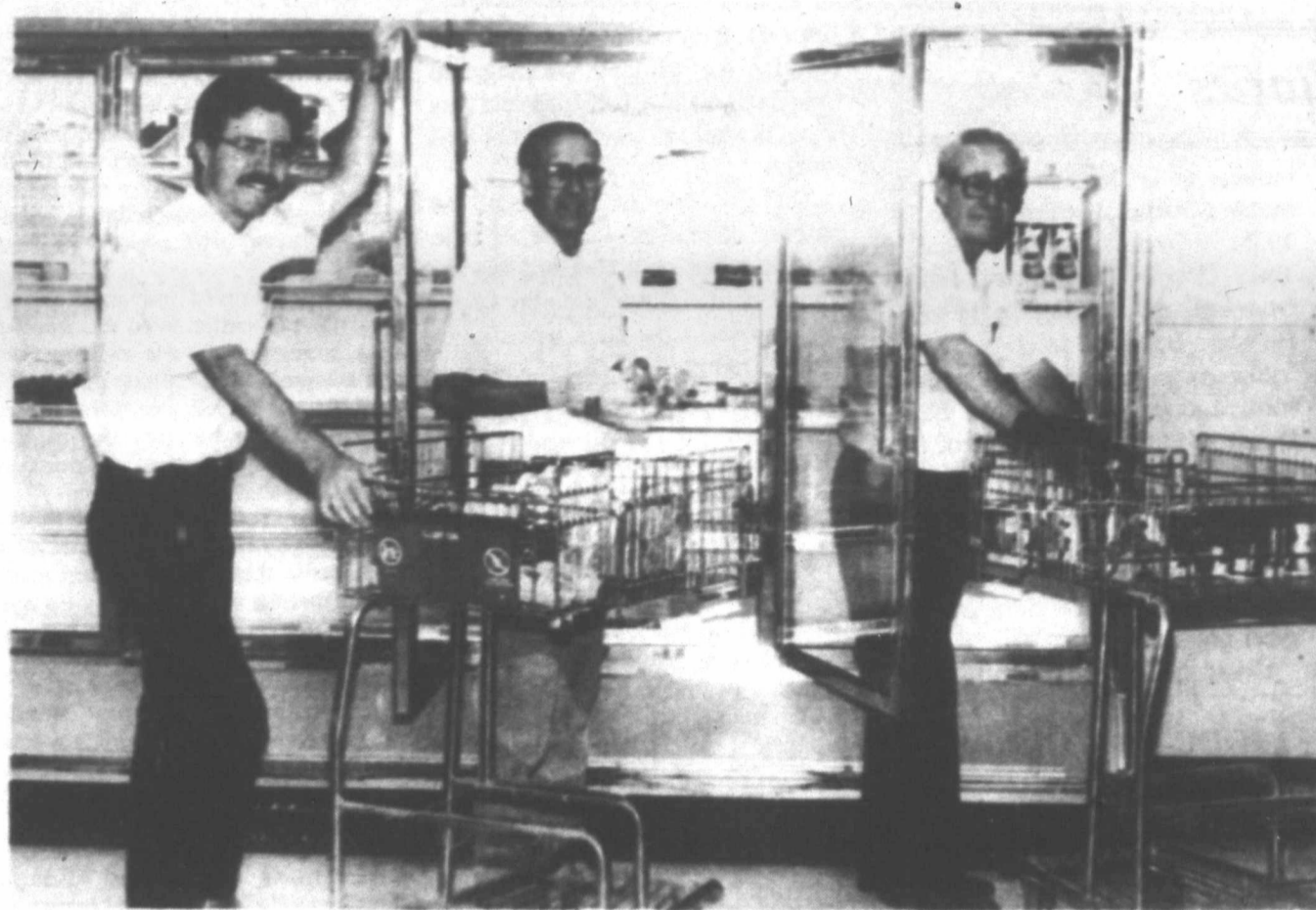
With approximately 6 months left before Jan. 1, 1990 deadline there are more than 200 farm numbers which still do not have a conservation plan. Farmers who have not done so already, are encouraged to call (998-4622) or come to the local SCS office to make an appointment, to have an erodibility determination made on their farms. An appointment may also be scheduled for a field visit and development of a conservation plan.

**Drivers Urged To Use Caution During July 4th**

The Director of the Department of Public Safety has challenged Texas drivers to show that the DPS traffic death estimate for the long July 4th period is far too high.

"The DPS Statistical Services bureau has indicated that as many as 52 persons could be killed on Texas roadways during these hours," Colonel Joe Milner said. "But the number will be lower if more drivers will slow down, avoid drinking alcohol and use a well-known safety precaution—seat belts."

Col. Milner mentioned that the



**SUPERMARKET MORE SUPER THAN EVER**—Thriftway Supermarket in Tahoka has begun operations in its newly remodeled store, expanded by 5800 square feet to almost double its former size. The new area added to the east side of the former store is now in use and many improvements have been made. Here Thriftway manager Steve Sanders, left, is shown with Bill Ritter and Wayne Craven of Affiliated Foods, Amarillo, making some of the changes in the freezer section. Sanders anticipates a grand opening in July to celebrate the completion of the remodeling project.

(LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

July 4th period will include the weekend before Independence Day.

"The DPS Public Information Office will conduct the traffic fatality count for 102 hours, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, June 30 and continuing until midnight on Tuesday, July 4," he said. "As before, we'll be keeping this count with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies along with DPS troopers and communications personnel."

The final count for the 1988 July 4th period, which was 78 hours in length, totaled 32 fatalities.

**News From ... Extension Agent Brett Cypert**  
 Lynn County Extension Office

**'Carelessness' Leads To Lawn Mower Accidents**

"Carelessness" is the main factor in the more than 50,000 people injured each year in accidents involving power lawn mowers.

Proper mower servicing, observing standard operating precautions, and picking up rocks and other objects from the lawn prior to mowing will help eliminate most accidents.

The lawn mower should be routinely serviced before each use. A properly operating mower is safer to use and performs better than one in poor shape.

Routine service includes sharpening the blade, checking the blade to be sure it is securely attached to the shaft, and checking the crankcase oil level in 4-cycle engines.

Always disconnect the spark plug wire before examining the blade. The condition of the blade is critical to the mower's operation and safety. Remove, sharpen and balance the blade several times during the mowing season. Replace damaged blades.

Service the carburetor air cleaner and change the crankcase oil after every 25 hours of operation, or the manufacturer's recommendation. Also, clean the mower after each use to reduce rust and corrosion and to prevent overheating, both of which reduced the life of the mower. Cleaning the mower regularly will extend its life and will also aid in detecting worn or broken parts before they cause extensive damage.

Also, remember that safety devices such as engine cut-offs and discharge shields are there for your protection. **Do Not** remove or bypass these devices. If they are broken, get them fixed. Your safety and the safety of bystanders depend on them.

Before mowing, scout the lawn closely and remove any objects that might be picked up by the mower blade.

While operating the mower, follow these precautions:

- Never allow children to play in the area where you are mowing since the blade can pick up and throw rocks and other objects.
- Avoid mowing up and down slopes—always mow across the slope to prevent slipping under the mower housing.
- Always push rather than pull the mower.
- Never leave a mower running while unattended.
- When starting the mower, put your foot on its housing to pull the starter cord.

Caution and common sense will prevent most lawn mower-related accidents. That means keeping your lawn mower in good condition and using good judgment.

**Bank Franchise Tax Payments Sent To Cities**

State Comptroller Bob Bullock on Monday sent checks totaling \$34 million in bank franchise tax allocations to 2,023 Texas taxing entities.

Bank franchise tax refund liabilities were created as a result of state court cases centering on taxes collected in 1985, 1986, and 1987. H.B. 3032, passed by the Legislature this session, states that beginning in 1990, banks can choose to take partial credit each year against their franchise tax, rather than pursuing immediate refunds of the contested amount.

Bullock said the allocations represent franchise taxes paid by banks that do business in Texas. Banks must file a report with the Comptroller's office by March 15 each year.

Bullock said that a portion of the tax goes into the state's general revenue fund, but most of it is allocated to local tax jurisdictions, such as cities, counties, and other local taxing units such as school, water and hospital districts.

City of Tahoka net payment this period was \$14,195.62, in 1988 it was \$5,863.24; City in O'Donnell net payment was \$2,126.16, in 1988 it was the same; in Wilson it was \$7,056.11 and in 1988 it was the same. Lynn County Hospital District, net payment in 1988 and 1989, was \$3,858.35.

**South Plains Regional Review Committee To Meet July 12**

The South Plains Regional Committee will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday, July 12 at 9 a.m. in the Board Room at South Plains Association of Governments, 1323 58th Street, Lubbock.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the role of the Regional Review Committee in its review of applications for community development funds, and to establish scoring criteria for that review.

**STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

POKA-LAMBRO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

"Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of the complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations."

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- Call "Japan Travel Phone," a toll-free telephone service for English-language assistance, from anywhere in Japan.
- Master local public transportation with discount one-day passes for unlimited travel in major cities such as Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka.
- Choose your price range from many types of accommodations—western-style hotels, Japanese-style ryokan, minshuku or pensions.
- Find restaurants in department stores, office buildings or near train and subway stations for cheap, delicious meals such as a "Morning Service" set for four dollars or the lunch set menu called "Teishoku" for less than six dollars.
- Visit an English-speaking Japanese family through the "Home Visit" system.
- Don't tip in Japan, it is not the custom.

**TUESDAY BRIDGE**

Bridge winners of the Duplicate Bridge game played on June 20, at the T-Bar County Club were: first place—Mac Edwards and Betty Taylor; second place—Carol Maule and Jeanie Norris; and third place—Auda Norman and Eunice Hunter.

**Cookbook Recipes Still Being Taken**

The Grassland cookbook will go to press on July 15, so there are two more weeks to get recipes and biographies in to them. If you have any questions, or need help, call Fay Melton at 327-5484, or Sandra Laws at 327-5369. Or mail to Fay Melton, Rt. 5 Tahoka, or Sandra Laws, Rt. 3, Post, Texas 79356.

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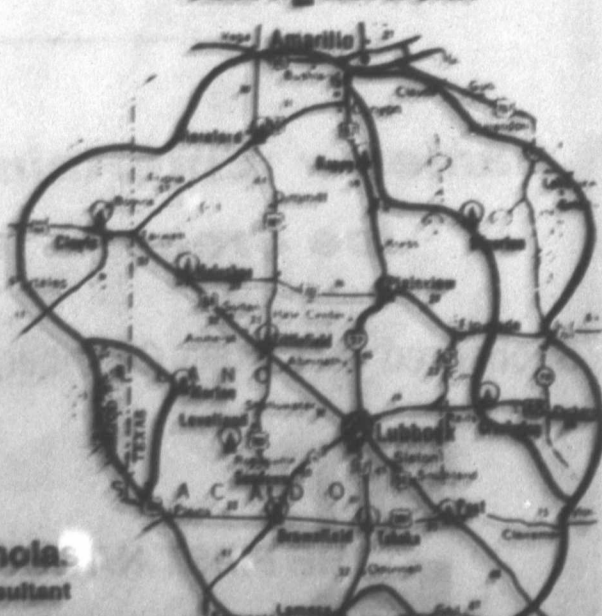
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**The Wilson News**  
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St. John Lutheran Church will sponsor the "Young at Heart" group on Thursday, June 29, at 1 p.m. in the education building. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to attend.

Pam Williams will be on vacation for the next two weeks. For your news, call the Lynn County News office at 998-4888.

**Wilson Lions Club To Celebrate 40th Anniversary**

The Wilson's Lions Club will host a 40th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilson Elementary gym. The activities will begin with a meal, which will cost \$10 per person. Following the meal, the regular meeting (in High School Auditorium) will feature Post International President Ebb Grindstaff, as the speaker and introduction of Past and Present Charter members of the club. All Charter members of various areas Lions Clubs are invited to attend.

If interested in the meal, please contact Kieth Sander at 798-3447 before June 29.



**WILSON SCOUTS ADVANCE**—Eight Wilson scouts received their God and Family badges at the First Baptist Church in Wilson Sunday, May 28. Front row: Jamie Raley, Heather Nelson, Patricia Holder, Jodi Wied. Back row: Jeremy Raley, Dusty Patterson, Kenny Follis and Greg Savell.

**Counterfeit Coupons Bring Indictments**

On June 21, a Federal Grand Jury at Lubbock handed down a twenty-four count indictment charging ten individuals with mail fraud and/or conspiracy to commit mail fraud. This multi-state conspiracy involved the counterfeiting of manufacturers'

rebates and coupons in San Antonio and the sale of them in the States of California, Michigan, Arkansas, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas.

The scheme was described as the handiwork of David George Rackmill of Stamford, Tx., dba C&D, 281 Judge Ely Blvd., Suite 7000 Abilene, Tx. It involved 90 different coupons valued between \$1 and \$10.89 each, issued by 47 separate manufacturers. Over 600,000 coupons were counterfeit, with a potential loss of more than \$2 million. A spokesperson from the Coupon Information Center (an organization of the 13 largest companies using coupons) stated that this scheme impacts the public since manufacturers pass these additional costs on to the consumer via higher prices. David Rackmill was advertising the sale of these manufacturers' coupons in his monthly business flyers which he mailed to over 600 people nationwide. Those coupons would then be sold, traded or redeemed for food, health and household products. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Sucsy of Lubbock who is

handling the case, stated that the scheme has been in effect since June, 1988.

On June 8, 1989, six search warrants and two consent searches were executed by Postal Inspectors in the above-mentioned states, and evidence was seized relating to this nationwide scheme to defraud 48 manufacturers.

**Senior Citizens Menu**

July 3-7

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, roll, cobbler, milk.

Thursday: Roast beef, corn, spinach, roll, cookies, milk.

Friday: Turkey dressing, cranberry sauce, sliced tomatoes, roll, cake, milk.

**Ramses Exhibit To Be In Post**

The Post Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Ramses the Great Touring Exhibit July 17-24. This is a photographic essay that contains reproductions of Ramses the Great's Mortuary Temple. The exhibit will include video tapes on Ramses the Great, one geared towards children and one for adults. Slides of Egypt will also be on hand for viewing during the exhibit. The exhibit will have reproduced artifacts of the Ramesside age, as well as other objects from Egypt.

Ramses the Great Touring Exhibit will be housed in the Algerita Art Center, 131 East Main during its week long stay. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. Times for the exhibit will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Sunday 1-6 p.m.

If you would like more information or would like to set up a group tour, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (806) 495-3461.

**DPS Trooper-Trainee School Slated To Begin September 12**

Recruiting efforts by the Texas Department of Public Safety are picking up for the next trooper-trainee school, scheduled to begin on Sept. 12, 1989.

"Our field recruitment personnel are informing interested persons about the professional and dependable nature of this state agency," according to Colonel Joe Milner, Department of Public Safety Director. "The Department of Public Safety has a national reputation of excellence in law enforcement, and we're looking for people who will help us maintain this tradition."

More than 100 applicants will be accepted for the 22-week trooper education program at the Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin. A major part of the department's recruiting goal is minority and female hiring.

"We earnestly seek qualified minority persons for employment with the Department of Public Safety," Milner pointed out. "And, as in the past, we will do our best to start the recruit class with at least 40 percent minority enrollment."

Milner also indicated that his agency offers competitive salaries. "The Texas Legislature recently authorized a five percent increase in salaries for state employees, including the commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the DPS. This action will increase the pay for trooper-trainees to \$1,622.00 per month.

"Also, our training does not end on the day of recruit graduation. Throughout the careers of our officers, we offer quality instruction in

the DPS Academy to keep them at the top in their law enforcement profession," Colonel Milner noted.

The DPS Director also had a few comments regarding the commissioned ranks. "Our troopers have many opportunities to advance in responsibilities and rank. And we make every effort to make sure that our officers have equal promotional opportunities."

The deadline for submitting an application for the next trooper-trainee school is Friday, July 28, 1989. Colonel Milner requested that interested persons should contact their local DPS Trooper or any DPS Office during normal business hours.

**Wild West Rodeo Slated July 14-15**

The third annual KLBK-TV 13 Wild, Wild West Rodeo will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15 at the South Plains Fairgrounds Livestock Pavilion in Lubbock, at 8:30 p.m. each night.

Ticket are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 6 years and may be purchased at the door.

This year, partial proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the South Plains Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Rodeo events will include bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bullriding, steer wrestling, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping and calf scramble.

Also each night there will be celebrity calf dressing between teams from local TV and radio stations.

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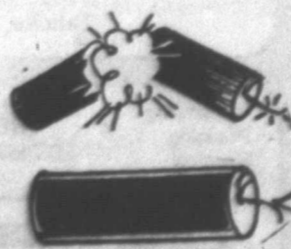
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