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Wright Announces Re-Election Bid For County Attorney

Jimmy B. Wright this week announced he is a candidate for re-election as County Attorney of Lynn County, Texas. He issued the following statement:

"I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election as County Attorney of Lynn County. My wife Michelle and I live in Tahoka."

"I appreciate the support you have given me as your County Attorney the past 11 years and if re-elected will continue to do my best to represent the interests of the citizens of Lynn County as your County Attorney."

Tahoka High Varsity Teams Top Whitharral

Tahoka Varsity girls basketball team outscored Whitharral by six points Friday night to win the game 43-37. Tahoka's Myra Williams scored a whopping 30 points in the game, and guard Betsy Huffaker was credited with holding WTSU-bound Candice Nickelson to just 17 points.

"Our girls kept their composure and played real smart team ball," said Coach Steve Qualls. "It was our best team effort to date, and was the key to our winning the game," he added.

He praised Betsy for holding Miss Nickelson to just 17 points, when she had been averaging 27 points a game. "This Nicholson girl just got a four-year scholarship with WTSU and she's hard to hold back," said Coach Qualls.

He also praised Lynn Rash, Misti Norwood and Miranda Martin for outstanding gain in the game.

The Lady Bulldogs' season record is now 9-4, and they knocked down Whitharral's record to 10-3.

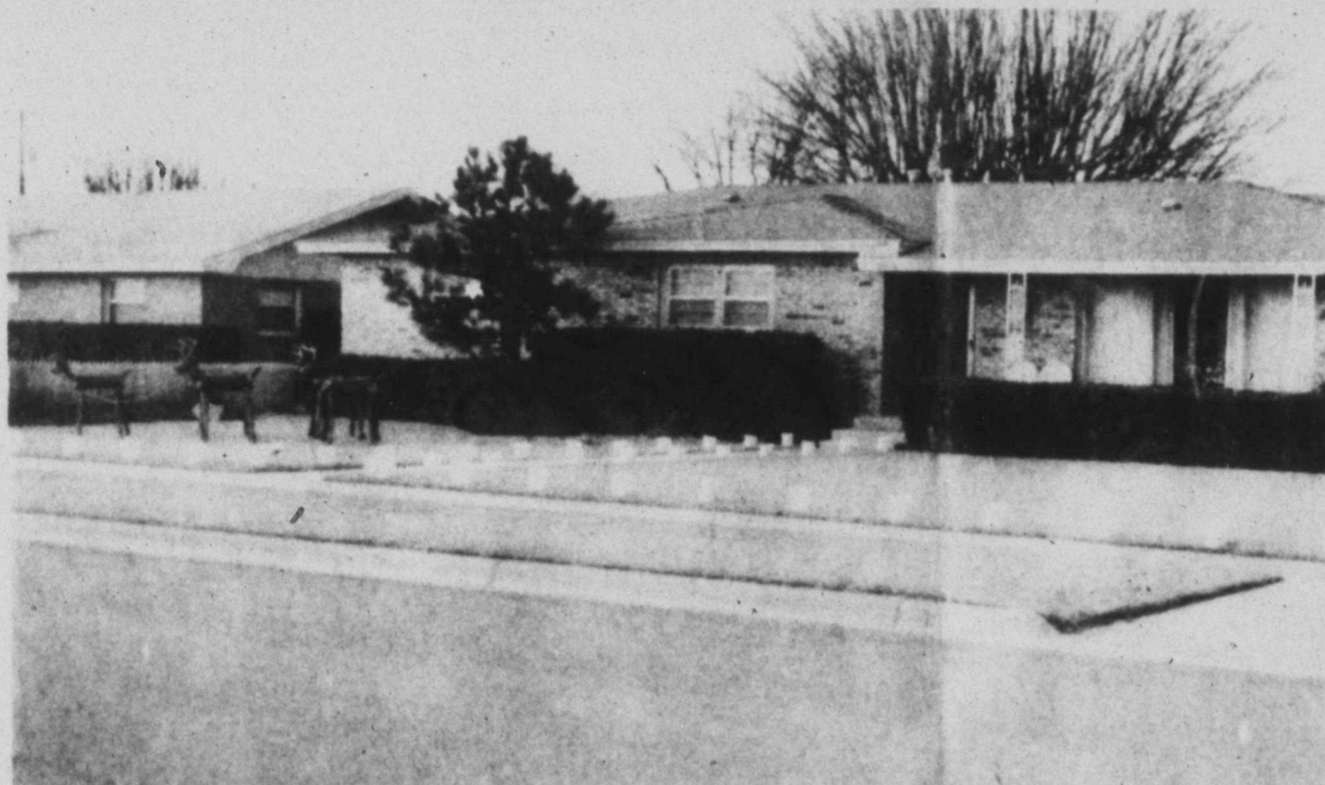
The varsity girls will see action again the weekend after Christmas at a tournament Dec. 27-28 & 30 at Eula.

The JV girls lost to Whitharral, 27-17.

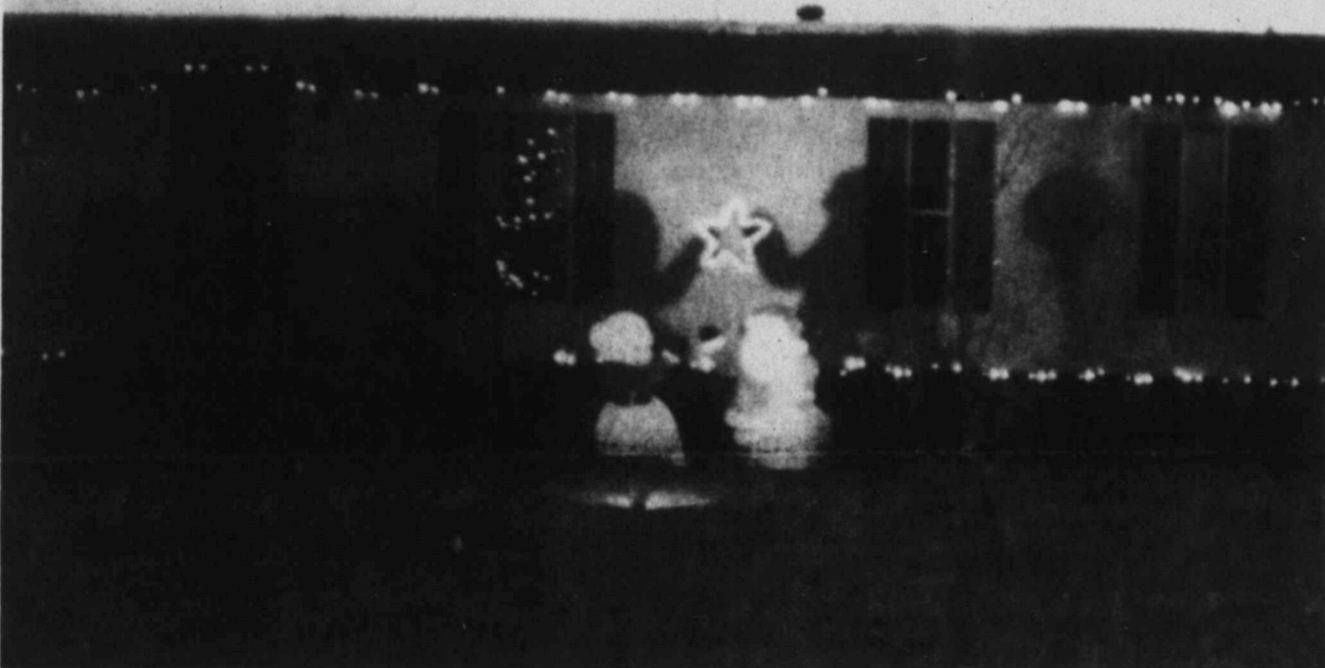
The Varsity boys won their game by a 15-point margin, 63-48 against Whitharral Friday night. Tahoka's Burleson brothers led scoring, with Bruce putting in 16 points, and Mike adding 14. Joe Clyde Hays scored 11 points for the Bulldogs.

The Varsity boys' season record is now 9-3.

The JV boys team also won big over Whitharral, 50-26.



OVERALL WINNER—First place in the overall decorations division of the Christmas Lighting residential entries was the home of Wayne Tekell, 2418 N. 4th St. These unique figures are lighted at night for holiday viewing.



GEORGE NORWOOD'S HOUSE was judged the best in the house decorations category of the Christmas lighting contest. It is located at 1327 Ave. M.

Couple's Pickup Stolen On Christmas Eve

A 1991 Chevrolet pickup owned by Charles Tipton, 1812 N. 8th St., was stolen sometime Monday night or early Tuesday, it was discovered Tuesday morning. Mrs. Susan Tipton reported the blue and gray pickup which had been parked in front of the residence was discovered missing when she got up Tuesday morning.

5th Sunday Concert Set At Grassland

Steve Mason of Post will be the featured soloist at the Grassland 5th Sunday singing. The concert will be Sunday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene.



PRESENTS CHARTER—Armando Garcia, left, LULAC district director from Lubbock, presents the charter of the new Lynn County LULAC chapter to Joe Calvillo, president, at ceremonies in Tahoka Dec. 10.

Winners Of Christmas Lighting Displays Listed

The annual Christmas lighting contest sponsored by Tahoka Garden Club was judged by volunteers last week, and the results were announced this week in three categories, one of which has five divisions.

Winners were as follows:

COMMERCIAL
Balloons and Flowers, Main St., first place. Lyntegar Electric, Main St., second, and Parker Health Mart Pharmacy, S. 1st St., third.

MUNICIPAL
Court house, first; City Hall second.

RESIDENTIAL

Overall: Wayne Tekell home, 2418 N. 4th; Simon Rodriguez home on N. 8th second, and J.D. House home on N. 1st, third.

Window: Harold Green, 1916 N. 6th; Leslie Paris on N. Main, Lonell Blackwell, N. 4th.

Door: Jabo Chancy, 2216 N. 4th; Rudy Fuentes, N. 5th St.; Sylvia Chapa, N. 2nd.

Yard: Valton Stephens, 2400 N. 4th; Clifton Gardner, 2525 N. 3rd; Cathy Ross, S. Ave. J.

House: George Norwood, 1327 Ave. M; Gordon Tomlinson; Morris Bingham, N. 5th.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Now Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses in Garza County caused by excessive rainfall between April 1, 1991, and June 30, 1991, are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Tahoka, FmHA County Supervisor Curtis Barlow said Monday.

Garza County is one of 24 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rainfall between April 1, 1991, and June 30, 1991.

Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Barlow

said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 10, 1992, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Tahoka is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Christmas Baskets Are Delivered

Members of the Tahoka Rotary Club, Lynn County Jaycees and LULAC delivered 77 baskets of Christmas food and other items to needy families in Tahoka last weekend.

Included in the deliveries were food, clothing for the elderly and toys for youngsters, all part of the effort of the three organizations to make

Christmas a happier time for persons and families in need.

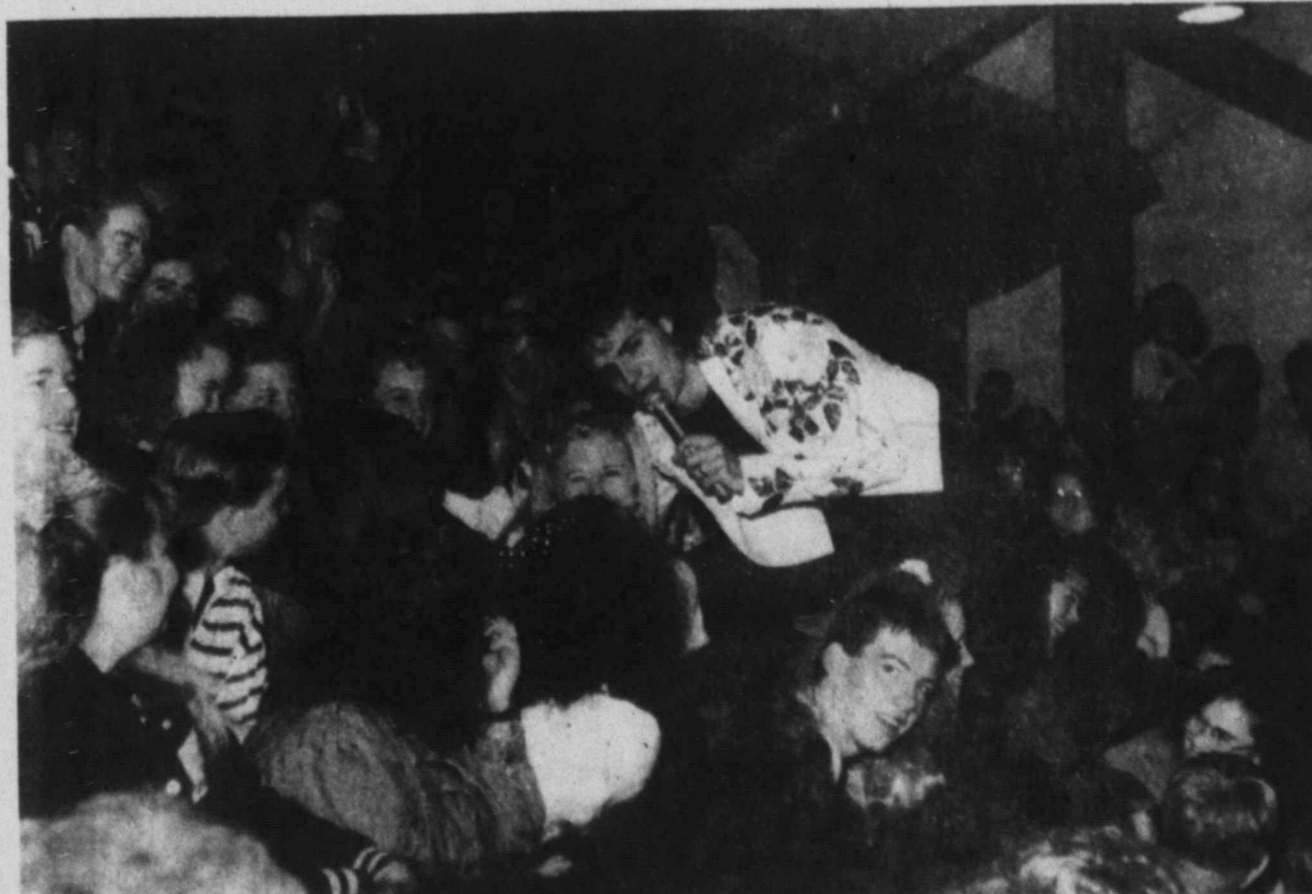
Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 18	37	36	.52"
Dec. 19	44	31	.61"
Dec. 20	44	35	.01"
Dec. 21	38	36	.47"
Dec. 22	55	35	
Dec. 23	47	37	

Precip. for year to date: 24.56"



LULAC MEMBERS—Members of the new LULAC organization in Lynn County who were present at charter presentation ceremonies in Tahoka were, from left, Oscar Calzada, Johnny Calvillo, Ricky Chapa, Joe Calvillo, Arthur Chapa, Mauricio Marez, Mario Gutierrez, Carlos Vega, Trina Contreras and Joe Colon. Officers of the group are Joe Calvillo, president; John Chapa, vice president; Johnny Calvillo, treasurer; Mike Rivas, secretary; Walter Castillon, sergeant-at-arms; and Mauricio Marez, chaplain. The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest and largest Hispanic organization in the nation, Calvillo said, having been started in 1928. The Lynn County unit has 40 members and meets on alternate Tuesdays in Tahoka.



NORWOOD SINGS TO STUDENTS—Tahoka's country western singer Daron Norwood had fun singing to the students at Tahoka I.S.D. Friday morning during his concert in the high school gym. Here he is shown singing to one of the female students as her classmates look on and enjoy the show. He presented the free concert at school while he was home visiting his family during the Christmas holidays.

(LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

Montemayor Is Featured Speaker At Texas Tech Commencement Ceremony

Robert Montemayor of Bloomfield, NJ, who is national retail sales manager for The Wall Street Journal, was the featured speaker at Texas Tech University general commencement ceremony Saturday. He stressed the importance of persistence and determination to Tech's most recent graduates gathered at the Municipal Coliseum.

The 38-year-old is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, graduated from Tech in 1975, and is a 1971 graduate of Tahoka High School.

"Little boy dreams can be transformed into adult achievements," he said referring to his Pulitzer Prize.

Although he expressed a desire for graduates to succeed in their dreams, he also carried a grave message.

"It's no revelation when I tell you that we live in scary times," he said. "Drugs have turned many of our youths' minds to mush."

Montemayor touched on issues on several fronts. He spoke of problems at corporations such as IBM and General Motors, the high rate of

crime, homelessness and poverty, the high dropout rate among teen-agers, the demise of the Soviet Union and "maniacal monsters like Saddam and Qaddafi."

But he told graduates to hold steadfast to their goals.

"Remain vigilant," he said. "Draw from your soul all the creativity you can muster. You represent the gift of America."

Montemayor has worked at the now defunct Dallas Times Herald and the Los Angeles Times. He also served for a year as contributing editor for Hispanic Business Magazine.

He became the Wall Street Journal's Latin American/Caribbean circulation manager in 1986 before assuming his position in 1989.

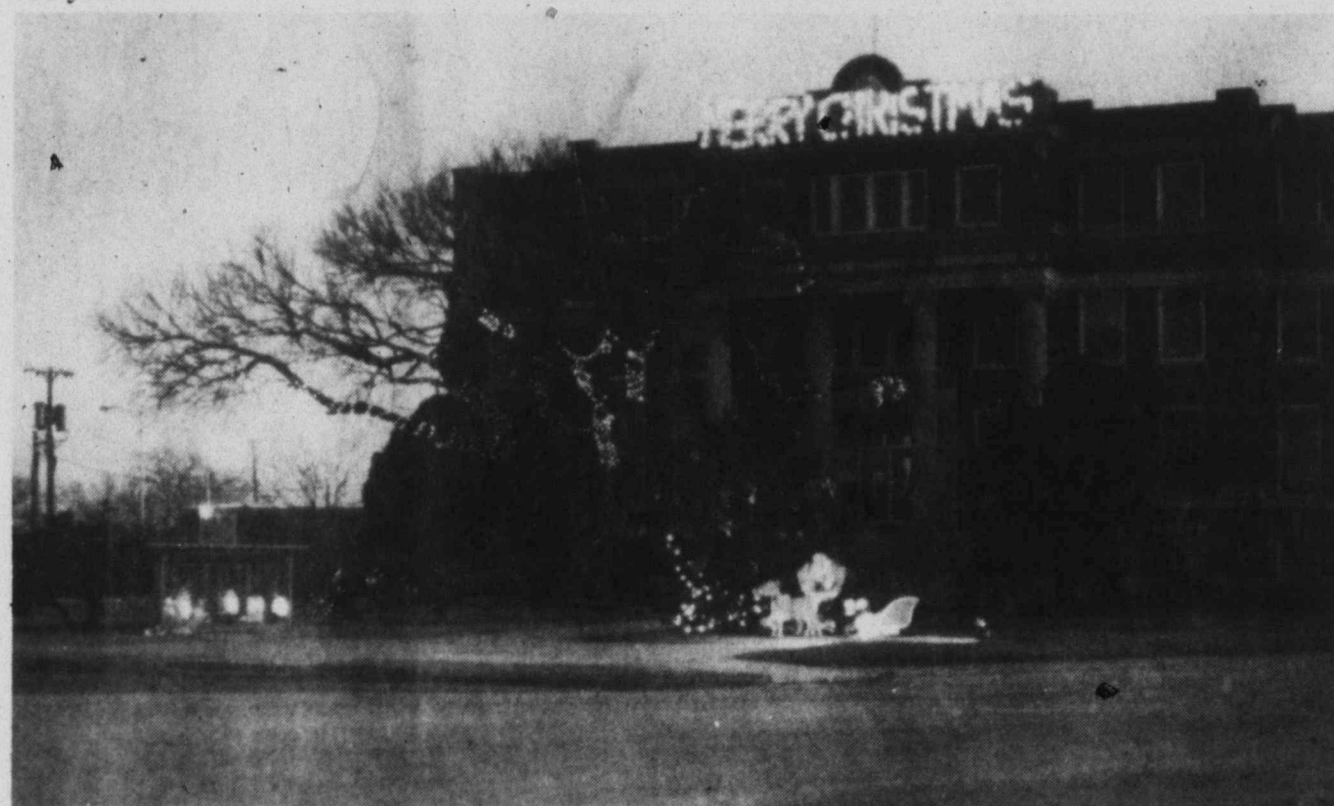
He called himself "an average small town guy from Tahoka" and attributed his success to his parents.

"They helped me to beat the odds," he said.

Montemayor was also the featured speaker at a THS Homecoming assembly held Sept. 20 in Tahoka.



THE YARD of Valton Stephens, 2400 N. 4th, placed first in that category of the Christmas Lighting contest this year.



TOPPING THE MUNICIPAL division of the annual Christmas lighting contest was the Lynn County Court House, which was decorated by Tahoka Chamberettes.

New Home News

by Linda Reed 924-7577

The annual Balch Family Christmas was held Sunday, Dec. 15 in Slaton. Lots of food, fun and presents were enjoyed, and all reported having a wonderful time.

New Home School News

The New Home Varsity Girls played Dawson at New Home on Tuesday, Dec. 17, with the final score of 45-40 in favor of New Home, bringing their record to 6-6. Amy Williams had 20 points, and Selma Armijo had 13 points. The Varsity boys won 80-76 in overtime. Jeff Armes had 18 points, Shannon Zant 17 points and 17 rebounds, Blaine Fillingim 16 points, and Troy Fillingim had 11 points. The boys record is now 6-6. Their next games will be against Spade at New Home on Jan. 3.

The Junior High teams played Ropes at New Home on Monday, Dec. 16. The girls lost 43-12. Kary Durham was high point with 8. Their record is 0-4. But the boys had a big win with a score of 64-13, bringing their record to 4-0. Greg Armes had 31 points, 10 steals, and 10 assists. Danny Scroggins had 16 points. The Jr. High will play Union on Jan. 6, and participate in the O'Donnell tournament on Jan. 11.

Dickie Turner was named South Plains Coach of the Year by the Avalanche-Journal. Turner turned the

program from a 1-9 season to an 8-3 season and District Co-Championship. A-J 1991 All-South Plains honored Blaine Fillingim, a New Home Junior, on the Offensive team at the End position.

Elementary students were treated to a special event on Thursday when Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards came to the school with their horse, "John" and street car to give the classes rides. Students in grades K-6th were taken for a ride through New Home. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, for taking us for rides on a very cold and wet day! When they returned each class had their Christmas party. Santa visited K-6th on Friday before school was dismissed at 1:30.

High school celebrated with their Christmas parties on Friday afternoon.

Merry Christmas to everyone from the faculty at new Home Schools!

McKibben - Dunlap To Exchange Vows

Jerri Beth McKibben and Carl Wayne Dunlap will exchange wedding vows on Friday, Dec. 27, 1991. They will be married at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Tahoka.



Troy and Andrea Shaw of Waco would like to announce the birth of their daughter Tiffani Leann. She was born Dec. 19, 1991 in Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio. She weighed 6 lbs and 12 ozs and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Gerald Shaw of Waco, Pat Shaw of Kentucky, Candice Bermea of Florida, and Adolph Chapa of Tahoka.

Great-grandparents are Margarito and Carolina Chapa of Tahoka.

Senior Citizens MENU

Dec. 30-Jan 3
Monday: Beef Patties, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Roll, Pudding, Milk.
Tuesday: BBQ Sandwich, Potatoes, Pickles, Vegetables, Cobbler, Milk.
Wednesday: Closed for New Year's
Thursday: Chicken and Dumplings, Spinach, Fruit Cocktail, Roll, Pudding, Milk.
Friday: Beef Stroganoff, Carrots, Potatoes, Roll, Cake.

Shop in Tahoka

Garza Theater Sets Auditions

Auditions for "Anne of Green Gables", to be presented at the Garza Theatre February 14-16 and 21-23, 1992, will be held Friday, Jan. 3 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 4 from 2-4 p.m. at the theatre in Post at 226 E. Main St.

Auditions will also be held in Lubbock Sunday, Jan. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lubbock Community Theatre, 1112 Broadway (old S&Q Clothiers building).

"Anne of Green Gables" will be directed by Cliff Ashby.

Actors will be paid for this production.

There are 16 parts available, for ages ranging from high school boys and girls to young and middle aged men and women.

For more information, contact the Garza Theatre at (806) 495-4005.

Go, Bulldogs and Lady Dogs Basketball Teams!

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by JOHN SHARP

Decking the halls

Greenery is a festive decoration this season. Remember that sales tax will be tacked on to the prices of holly, mistletoe, garlands and poinsettias. Christmas trees are taxable, too, even when sold by a non-profit group such as the Boy Scouts or the Kiwanis Club.

Returning items mean receiving sales tax

December is the biggest gift-giving month of the year. Consequently, more items are returned this time of year as well.

You should receive sales tax back along with your refund from those too small sweaters and too loud ties.

Along the same line, if you want to exchange your gift for something more expensive, you'll have to pay sales tax on any increased difference in price.

Obituaries

Ava Roddy

Mrs. Ava Roddy, 90, of Tahoka died Monday, Dec. 23. Services were pending at White Funeral Home in Tahoka at noon Tuesday and no other information was immediately available.

Sarah Wells Key

Services for Sarah Key, 46, of Amarillo were held at 10 a.m. Monday in Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo with Jim Evans, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Key died Friday in her residence after a lengthy illness. She was under doctor's care.

She was born in Lubbock. She was a graduate of Texas Tech University. She had taught at Amarillo High School and Trinity Fellowship School. She was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert of Amarillo; two daughters, Sarah Key and Amanda Key, both of Amarillo; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wells of Tahoka; a sister, Cathy Morrison of Lubbock; and a brother, Jim Wells of Tahoka.

Fabian Sanchez

Services for Fabian Martin Sanchez, 75, of O'Donnell was at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 1991 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ramon Galindo, pastor of Primera Mission Bautista in O'Donnell, officiating.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

He died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Lynn County Hospital after an illness.

He was born in Lockhart. He moved from Bishop to Dawson County. He had been a resident of O'Donnell for 23 years. He married Idolina Escamilla Sept. 29, 1937, in Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Fabian Martin Jr. of Bishop, Felix Morris of Big Lake and Fernando Max of Lubbock; four daughters, Idolina Garcia of Benavidez, Anita Guajardo and Julia Luera, both of O'Donnell, and Yolanda Alvarado of Lamesa; three sisters, Mary Brasher and Susie Mantalvo, both of Fort Worth, and Victoria Quintanilla of Robstown; 22 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Fabian Martin Sanchez III, Librado Garcia Jr., Micheal Wayne Guajardo, John Jason Villarreal, Emiliano Salvarado and Marcus Garcia.

News To Publish Day Early

The News office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 and also Thursday and Friday. News office will close New Year's Day.

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Sports
 SPOTLIGHT

"Katy is doing a great job adapting to high school play her first year," says Coach Steve Qualls of freshman Katy Huffaker, who plays post for the varsity Lady Bulldogs basketball team. "I am expecting big things from her," he adds. "She adds a more solid insidegame, as well as young enthusiasm," he says. Katy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Huffaker of Tahoka.

KATY HUFFAKER

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Your HEALTH TIP

CHILDREN NEED SOCIAL PLAY

The average 2 to 17 year old devotes upward of 22 hours each week at the "tube," viewing cartoons, soaps, and sitcoms - and burning only a few more calories per hour than while sleeping. Any wonder too many children are obese, muscle-weak and unhealthy? The Academy of Pediatrics urges parents to limit TV time and encourage children to pursue vigorous after-school activities: bike riding, ball playing, swimming, rope jumping, etc. A child's psychological and physical health requires social play with other children - not the mindless exerciseless addiction of TV watching.

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Letters to Santa



Mrs. Huffaker
Tahoka 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing, fine I hope. I do not want to ask you for a lot of things. But I want some, new balance tanny shoes. I also want a Game Boy and a happy family.

Love,
Barbara Antu

Dear Santa,

How are you. How is Rudolph. I have gave this a lot of thought. and here is what I have decided. All I want for Christmas is my own T.v. Is Rudolps nose burnt out yet. I have tried to be realy good this year. Have you and mrs. claws got in a fight yet. If not right back soon.

Love,
Lezli Gandy

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is for me and my sister not to fight so much. I also want a new horse. I hope Rudolph's nose dos'nt get get burnt out on the way. I tried to be a good girl this year but, well, lets just say I was pritty good. Thank you for the things you gave me last year.

Love,
Klyssa Kelln

Dear Santa,

I wot a new bike and i wot a Nintendo. And i wot a bulldog. And i wot you to have a nice ride her. And i hope that rudolph lihe not to burned out wen you come. I hope you have a happye christmas.

Love,
Ramon Rivera

Dear Santa,

I want a good Christmes because it is my bristday is on that day. All I want Christmas is a doll. I owse want a doll. I want a bicke for Christmas I never riad a bicke be for. For my brilday I want a stero for my brilday because I am going to be tene.

love,
Merry Herrera

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a bike for Christmas. I want santa to bring me a pink bike. I try to be nice to my family and with my friends. I want santa to buy me a talk girl game and a jeep for christmas to.

love,
Esmeralda Cavazas

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the things you gave me last year. This year I would like Texas A&M foot ball tellaphon. And a Texas A&M Jersey.

Love,
Stephen Brown

Dear Santa,

I want a football and a nintenas, and a Brane w. You can play foot ball. You can play moreo 2 and you can play dubol Dragin 2 and you can play trmin nadre 1 and you can play Robol ckop 1 and you can play Ninja turtle and a fist of the now stor and bad sreet bolrs. You can get 100 on your papres.

Love,
Jonathan Wormly

Dear Santa,

I want a new brid for christmas and a football cap of tcu for christmas. Santa is nice. And i want a Mc Hamer doll five of them. I said merry christmas Rudolph i love you and Santa very very very much.

Love,
Jordan Vega

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a WCW Ring and cage. Also what I want for Christmas is a Nintendo game called Tecmo Bowl. The last thing I want from you for Christmas is Canyon of Doom raceset. How is Rudolph doing this year? I like the stuff you put in my stocking last year. Are you and your elves doing okay making toys for children. I liked the toys you gave me last year. I hope you have a safe trip and Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Casey Jones

Dear Santa,

I want a car. and ples git me a moterbike. and a pony. Santa I must go will Bi.

love,
E.J. Atkinson

Dear Santa,

All I want for christmas is a nintendo and a football for me and my brother so we can play football win we are bore and a super nintendo. How are doing delivery the toys to the children. I hope Rudolphs lite don't blow out when your coming with the presents.

Love,
Michael Garcia

Dear Santa,

I like the gifts you gave me last December. Santa I want a nintendo, a Football, a bbgun for christmas. Thats all I want for christmas. Santa I want to thank you very! very much Santa Clause! I really like gifts you gave me!! Santa Clause Thank you!

Felix Medel
love Santa Clause

Dear Santa,

I want a New jen Box. Dood and I wald like a horse if its to match i will setetll for a BeBe Gun. and i wold all sou lik a New foot Ball.

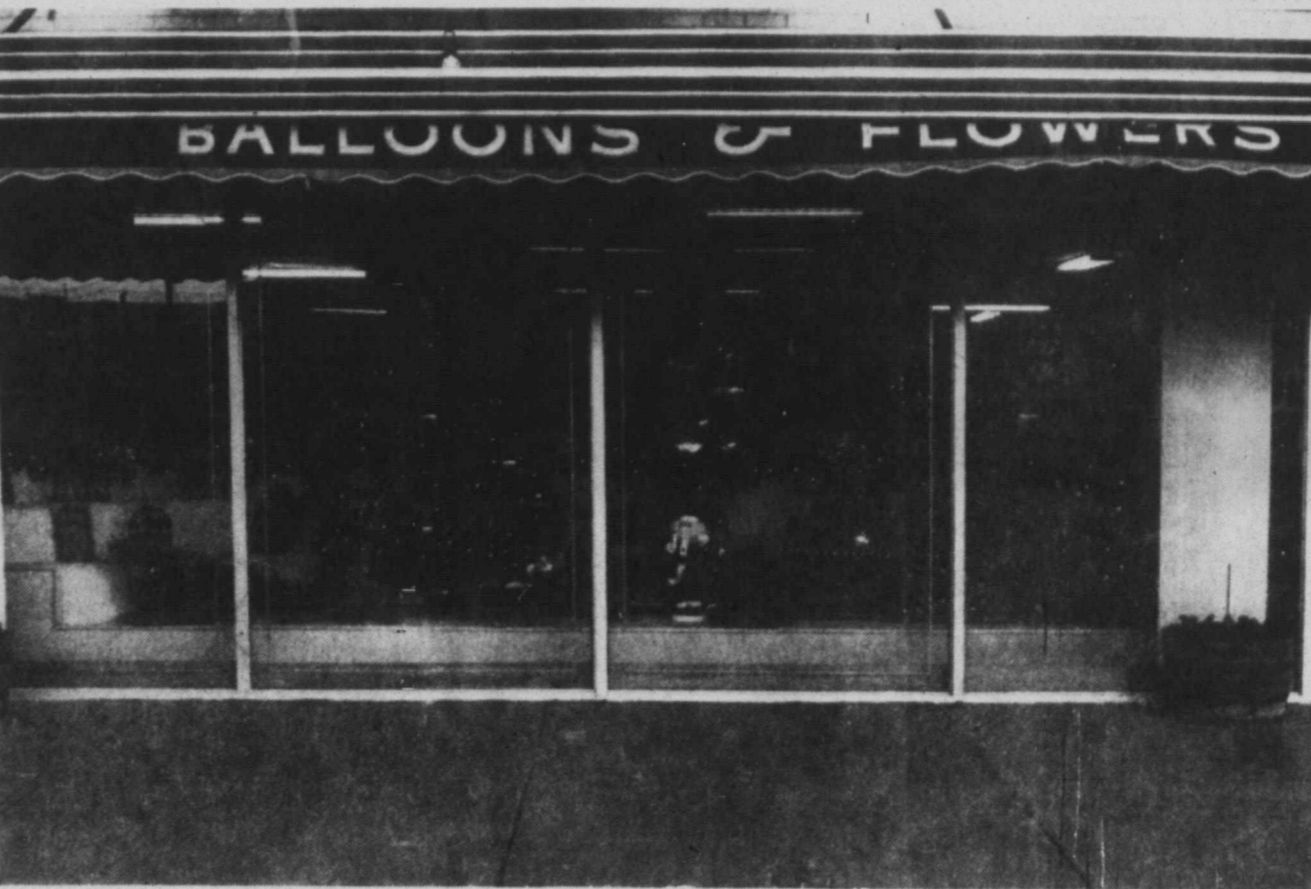
love,
Clay Pittman

Dear Santa,

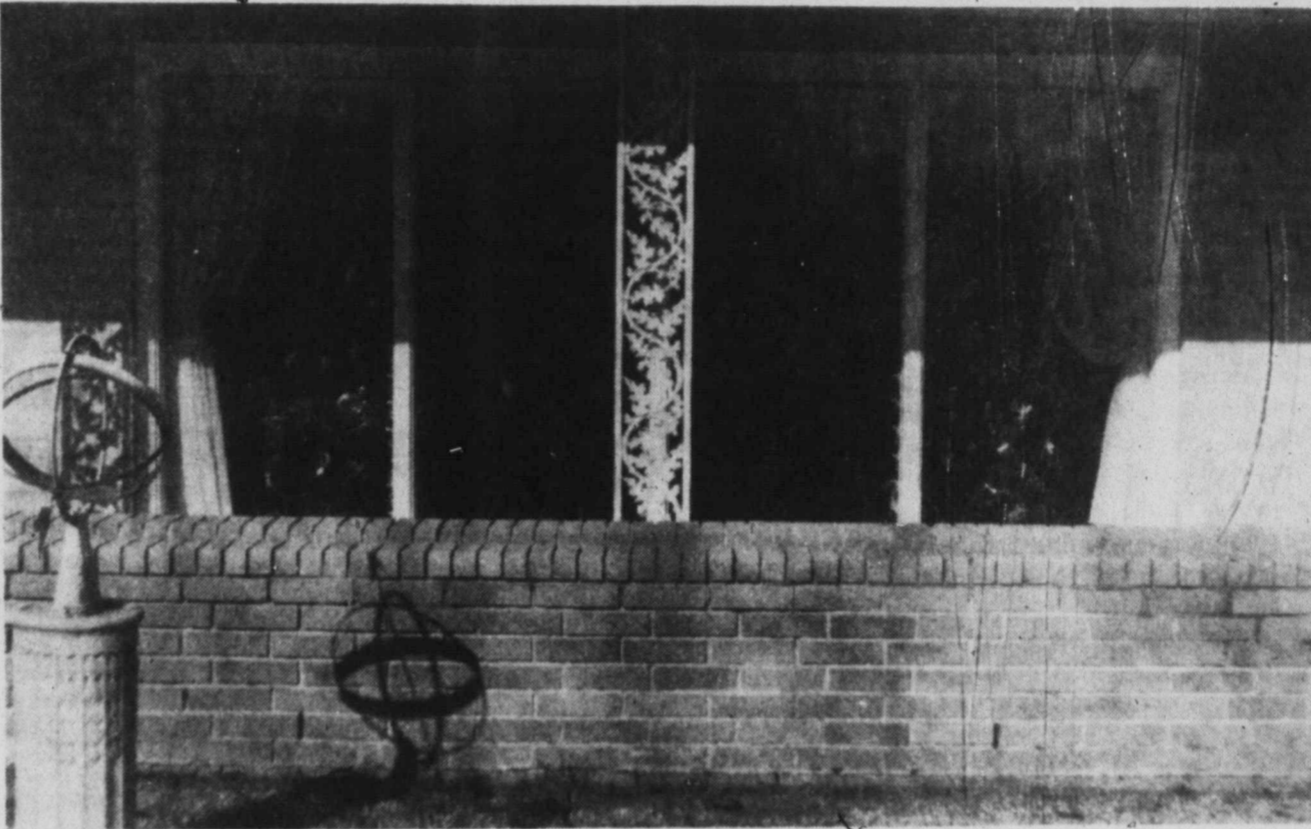
I want some nintendo game for chrimas. super marow bothers 2, 3, and, Docktermary o Bothers. So how is rodolf doing? I beter go now thank you.

Love,
Tommy Hernandez

You don't have to travel the countryside to find a bargain... Shop at home first!



FIRST IN THE COMMERCIAL GROUP of the Christmas lighting contest was Balloons & Flowers shop on Main St. in downtown Tahoka.



THIS WINDOW at the home of Harold Green, 1916 N. 6th, is lighted at night with this seasonal display. It placed first in the window division of the lighting contest this year.

Mouser Wins Mary Kay Car

Mary Kay independent beauty consultant, Susan Mouser of Abernathy, formerly of Wilson, is on the road to success. This month Mouser qualified as a team manager and earned the free use of a red Pontiac Grand AM.

To qualify as a team manager, Mouser had to meet specific sales and recruiting requirements. In this position, Mouser will provide leadership to personal recruits and will work with the unit's Sales Director in meeting sales and recruiting goals.

Continuing on the road to success, Mouser can achieve the status of silver key or gold key team manager. The next position of achievement is directorship, where new directors can win the use of Mary Kay's pink Cadillac. There are approximately 5,000 Mary Kay career cars on American roads today.

Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. manufactures and distributes skin care, glamour, hair care, body care, nail care, sun protection, and fragrance products through a worldwide sales force of more than 200,000 independent beauty consultants.

Wilson News

by Loretta Abbe 628-6368

The Lions Club held their annual Christmas Party Thursday, Dec. 19. Many attended and fun was shared by all. There was singing of Christmas carols around the piano and the kids were visited by Santa Claus.

The high school band held a winter concert Thursday, Dec. 19.

The high school boys basketball team was defeated by Wellman Tuesday, Dec. 17. Due to schedule confusion, the girls did not play, but were there to lend moral support.

Ronnie Nettles was named "Citizen of the Year" Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Lions Christmas Party.

Wilson State Bank had Open House, Monday, Dec. 23 from 9a.m.-4p.m. Santa was there for kids of all ages.

For a handy lazy susan for small items on the cupboard shelf loosely screw on an aluminum pie pan.

As knowledge increases, wonder deepens.

Many a man does not find his heart until he has lost his head.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

Tech Student Drawings Displayed In Competition

Architectural drawings by Texas Tech University students and graduates recently were selected for display in the 17th annual Ken Roberts Memorial Delineation Competition in Dallas.

Brian Calhoun, a senior from Red River, N.M., received an Honor Award for Excellence in the competition for his drawing which is featured in the show. Additional drawings for the exhibit belong to Ann Knudsen, a recent master of architecture graduate from Cincinnati, Ohio; Lance Melton, a junior from San Angelo; and Darren Sowell, a senior from Tahoka.

The competition promotes and recognized excellence in the visual presentation of architecture by students and professionals, according to James T. Davis, associate professor of architecture at Texas Tech.

Altogether, 38 of 174 entries were selected by the jury for exhibition at the Dallas Fine Arts Center and for a current show traveling throughout the state. Nine drawings by Texas Tech students and alumni are included in that exhibit, said Davis.

Parenting Classes Planned In March

Parenting classes are scheduled in March of 1992 by the Lynn County Extension Home Economics Advisory Committee, which this week urged parents to make plans now to take part in the classes, which will be after Spring break.

The classes will be aimed toward a number of issues identified in a recent nationwide survey which resulted in a list of critical issues facing American families, including such problems as critical need for health insurance for many young adults, youth suicide rates, elder care, latch-key youth, alcoholism, adequate child care for children of working parents, single parenting and other problems.

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Multi-Stage Extractor Is Improving Cotton Grades On The High Plains

Dan Taylor, who owns a gin five miles east of Ropesville, has taken an innovative approach to ginning in an effort to improve High Plains cotton grades.

Taylor spent a portion of his summer installing the newly developed multi-stage extractor at Buster's Gin. The new machine was developed at the United States Department of Agriculture's Lubbock Ginning Research Lab with the aid of private sources. It combines three steps into one process.

"This machine was needed to remove large materials from the cotton before it reached the gin stand," said Roy Baker, the extractor's designer, at a tour of Buster's Gin attended on Thursday. "Without it, the gin stand would just break up the sticks and bark giving the cotton a lower grade."

"Lower grades mean lower prices to the producer. A ginner's relationship with the producer goes hand-in-glove," said Gene Beck, president of Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, adding, "Anytime we can help the farmer, we're helping ourselves."

"Gin trash is a real problem with the stripper-variety cottons that are grown here on the South Plains and anything we can do to remove more of it is good news to the farmer," said Beck.

According to Baker, the process reduced bark by 30 percent in its experimental stages.

Field conditions and weather will continue to increase bark, but this machine is an aid in stick removal which helps cut down on bark, according to Taylor, who gave area

media and Congressman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, a tour of his gin.

"We're fortunate to have the technology that we do use in the cotton industry," said Combest who represents more cotton interests than any other congressman.

"Ginning has come a long way in a short time," said Combest, once a cotton grower himself.

"It is always good to see technological advances in the industry as beneficial as this one," he added. "It is obvious from what we have all seen today that our tax dollars are being used for valuable research that is having a positive impact on West Texas farmers."

Harris Chairs Texas State ASC Committee

Jerry D. Harris, a cotton and grain sorghum producer in Dawson and Gaines counties, has been appointed to a seventh term as Chairman of the Texas State Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, according to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan named Mrs. Hope Huffman of McGregor to a third term on the Committee and reappointed veteran Texas State ASC Committee members Dale Hunt of Garwood and D. V. Guerra, Jr. of Edinburg. Joining the committee for the first time will be Scott McGarraugh of Perryton. Gramm stated, "These leaders



NORWOOD SINGS - Daron Norwood returned to his hometown of Tahoka for the holidays and presented a concert at Tahoka School on Friday, the last day before school closed for the Christmas holidays. Norwood, a country-western songwriter and recording artist, signed with Warner Brothers last summer. He sang some of the songs which he wrote which will be released on an upcoming album. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

bring a wealth of farming and ranching experience to ASCS. Jerry Harris has established an impressive record, combining years of experience as both a family farmer and a federal program administrator. Hope Huffman, Dale Hunt, and D.V. Guerra all have done splendid work on behalf of Texas farmers and ranchers."

Harris is a member of the National Cotton Council, the Lamesa Cotton Growers, the Texas Food and

Fiber Protein Commission, and the Texas Cotton Ginners. He is active in cotton ginning, warehousing, and marketing, as well as operating a 7,000 acre family farm and serving on the board of trustees of Lubbock Christian University.

McGarraugh operates 11,000 acres spread over Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Gray, and Roberts counties in Texas as well as Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma. He is active in the Texas Wheat Producers Association, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Mrs. Huffman raises row crops, grain, and cattle in McLennan and Coryell counties. She is an active member in the McLennan County Farm Bureau and the Waco Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Committee.

Hunt is a recognized leader in the rice industry and has served as president of the Texas Rice Research Foundation.

Guerra is active in soil and water conservation. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Rural Development and was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

The State ASC Committee oversees farm program activities of the ASCS throughout Texas. ASCS employs a staff of 1,400 in Texas and supervises the distribution of more than \$1.5 billion in federal farm program benefits to the farmers and ranchers of Texas.

Cotton Harvest Running Well Below Expectations

Cotton producers on the Texas High Plains have lost 25 to 30 percent of their crop and now are holding their collective breath as harvesting and ginning costs eat away their hope for profit from their small yield of lint, Lynn County Agent Brett Cypert said this week.

Losses also are running high in cotton fields of North Central Texas and the Rolling Plains. County agents with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in those areas say yield losses are averaging 25 percent.

Earlier, the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted more than 3 million bales of cotton from some 3 million planted acres in a 25-county area surrounding Lubbock. But a sudden hard freeze at the end of October caused local specialists with the Extension Service to drop that estimate 10 percent to only 2.7 million bales.

Now, after the first few weeks of feverish stripping of the weather-battered High Plains crop, the yield is being estimated at a mere 2.2 million bales by Dr. John Gannaway, cotton breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock.

"Far too many producers won't take a single bale to the gin," Gannaway said.

The question for many producers is whether to harvest at all, said Dr. Jackie Smith, agricultural economist with the Extension Service at Lubbock. Turnout at area gins - the amount of lint remaining after the trash and seeds are removed - is running only about 15 percent, while 20 percent is average and turnouts are

frequently 25 percent or higher, Smith said.

Dr. Don Ethridge, agricultural economist at Texas Tech University, said that with a crop of only 2.2 to 2.4 million bales, gross area farm income from cotton could plummet to between \$507 million and \$576 million. It was \$952 million last year, and the four-year average has been \$756 million. Where the economic impact of last year's crop was \$2.86 billion, it could drop to as little as \$1.52 billion this year, he said.

It has been an expensive year getting the crop to the point of harvesting, Smith said. Combinations of drought, scattered hard rainstorms and blowing sand delayed planting, caused many acres to be replanted and boosted costs of irrigation. Then an intensive onslaught by cotton aphids pushed pesticide costs upward.

The late-planted crop was held back by cool, overcast days through much of the growing season, and then was stopped cold by the Halloween freeze before the plants had been conditioned by the frost. Many young bolls were ruined, and leaves stuck to the plants instead of defoliating, increasing the amount of trash picked up during harvest.

"At harvest, all those earlier expenses are sunk costs," Smith said. "Usually, if the farmer can see any cotton out there, he'll harvest."

But this year, it's a touch-and-go question. "With low yields, low quality, low turnouts and low prices, the producer has a tough decision whether to harvest his crop," Smith said.

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Army News
Dusty L. Clift of Lubbock will be leaving for Army basic training in February.

Clift, the son of Alton Clift of Amarillo and Jackie Clift of Tahoka, enlisted in the Army in November and will begin basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. on February 18. After initial training, he will transfer to Fort Lee, Va., for specialized training as a food service specialist.

Clift also qualified for the Army College Fund, which will allow him to accumulate up to \$25,200 for college expenses during his four-year enlistment.

"I joined the Army to serve my country," Clift said about his enlistment.

Clift is a 1981 graduate of Lubbock High School.

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VA Medical Center Haven House Provides Place For Wives

The Big Spring VA Medical Center's need for assisting the wives of veteran inpatients has been realized, according to Conrad Alexander, Director. A long time dream of Paul and Lona Hood to provide a haven for visiting female family members of inpatients at the medical center has come true. "We decided to donate the home we purchased several years ago for our parents," said Lona, a telecommunications operator at the medical center. With this donation, "Haven House of Big Spring," located at 2204 Rannels, was born.

The Hoods donated the home to a non-profit corporation, which will manage the home. John Sparks is President of the Board of Directors, and stated their goal is to have the home supported entirely by donations. It is presently furnished with couches, beds, stove, refrigerator, microwave, washer and dryer. A local church donated \$2,000 for plumbing and other repairs, and \$200 a month for the first year to help with utilities and other expenses.

"Our goals and plans may be altered as situations demand, but will always be to provide a haven for those ladies with loved ones hospitalized in the medical center. We believe this endeavor is our Christian duty," said Lona.

Guests will be asked to donate \$3-\$4 per night, but will not be turned away if they cannot make a donation. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 368, Big Spring, Tx 79721, checks payable to "Haven House".



THIS DOORWAY at the home of Jabo Chancy, 2216 N. 4th, welcomes visitors with a cheerful Yuletide theme. It placed first in the residential door division of the Tahoka Garden Club's annual Christmas lighting contest.

Counts Lauds Governor For Saving Hospital Funds

State Rep. David Counts of Knox County recently acknowledged and commended Gov. Ann Richards for saving Texas hospital billions of dollars in federal funds.

"The governor kept Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka from losing over \$207,000 of these Medicaid funds," the Knox City Democrat said.

On Nov. 19 Gov. Richards testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on proposed changes in the regulation of Medicaid funding. The agreement finally reached, at the insistence of Gov. Richards, contains financial relief for rural hospitals in Texas.

"Rural hospitals have been hard hit in recent years," Richards said following her testimony. "Without the financial assistance that this legislation provides, I was afraid Texas

would lose even more of its rural health care facilities."

Ms. Richards led a team, including L.L. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Gib Lewis, that convinced 26 of 27 Texas Congressional House Members and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen to protect the state from the threat to cut Federal Medicaid funds.

"It shows what we can accomplish when we have a virtually united Texas delegation in Congress to work for our interests," Gov. Richards said. "I want to especially thank Sen. Bentsen for his work in getting this agreement passed in the Senate."

According to Counts, the way Texas and other states raise state matching funds for Medicaid had been under attack by the Bush Administration for some weeks prior to the vote of the Senate.

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Date of the first of three weekly publications of this Notice: 12-22-91

- Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District has filed an application with the Texas Water Commission for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized hereinbelow.
- The Colorado River Municipal Water District has a valid Texas weather modification license. The initial license was issued on December 18, 1974, and was renewed in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991.
- The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall to affect water resources. The period of the permit is March 1 through November 30 during the years 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.
- The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869.
- The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area described as being the area between an outer boundary which is defined by a line that encompasses the block of counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Rannels, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Martin and Dawson, and an inner boundary which is that of the target area.
- The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as bounded by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, Texas, and running along Highway 87 in a northwesterly direction to Lamesa; thence, north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County; thence, east along the northern boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence, southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence, south-southeast to Maryneal; thence, east to the Nolan-Taylor County border; thence, south along the eastern Nolan County line to the Rannels County border; thence, east along the northern Rannels County line; thence, south along the eastern Rannels County line; thence, west along the southern Rannels County line; thence, north along the western Rannels County line to a point where the southern Coke County line meets Rannels County; thence, west along the southern Coke County line to a point 13 miles south of Robert Lee in Coke County; thence, north to Robert Lee; thence, west to Highway 87 at a point approximately 13 miles northwest of Sterling City; thence, northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas.
- The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumulonimbus clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, observations, and pilot reports to direct an aircraft equipped to dispense the seeding particles, silver iodide crystals, into the updraft air at cloud base.
- Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or the Weather & Climate Section of the Commission.
- If at least 25 eligible persons make a written request for a hearing, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on this application. Those eligible to request a hearing are all persons at least 18 years of age who reside or own property within the boundaries of the proposed weather modification operational area. A request for hearing must contain (1) the signature, full name, address, and phone number of each person requesting a hearing; (2) a statement that each person requesting a hearing is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property within the proposed operational area; and (3) a brief description of each requester's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected by the granting of this application.

Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days after the first publication of this notice. All requests for hearing should be mailed to the Executive Director, Texas Water Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Further information concerning the hearing on this application may be obtained from Claire Arenson, Chief Hearings Examiner, Office of Hearings Examiners, at the same address or by calling (512) 463-7875.

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