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Filing Period Opens Monday For City, School Elections

The filing period begins Monday, Feb. 7 for candidates interested in signing up for terms on school and city boards in Lynn County, with the election slated for Saturday, May 7 for city, school and the Lynn County Hospital District elections. Filing period for the hospital board is different from city/school filing periods, with that information to be printed in *The News* when it becomes available.

Beginning in next week's *News*, candidates whose terms are expiring and those filing will be listed for each city and school election.

Candidates interested in filing should contact the appropriate city or school business office.

The filing period ends March 7 for city and school board candidates.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 26	60	40	
Jan. 27	47	40	0.17"
Jan. 28	64	37	
Jan. 29	59	39	
Jan. 30	39	37	0.05"
Jan. 31	38	32	0.05"
Feb. 1	35	34	0.29"

from 4" snow
Total Precipitation in Jan.: 1.07"
Total Precipitation to date: 1.36"

Words of Wisdom

Sorrow looks back,
Worry looks around,
but Faith looks up.

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METEORITES

Lynn County Is Hotbed For Space Rocks, Says Expert

By McCartney Taylor,
BS, ME, EIT, IMCA, DMA

Keep a sharp lookout. There are some aliens about. They are not the one-eyed, one horned, flying purple people eaters; rather, the casual rock tourist that tends to drop in unannounced.

I prefer, of course, to meteorites. The Texas High Plains are a known hot spot for finding meteorites. Meteorites last longer in dry areas and the Dust Bowl of the 1930's exposed thousands of them from their dusty tombs. Lynn County is no exception, as several meteorites have been found.

The Grassland meteorite was on the ground after the first rain after the terracing of a field in the east of the county near Grassland. It was a stone type and weighed about 9.5 pounds. The current location of the meteorite is in Mainz, Germany at the Max Plank Institute with samples at various other institutions.

The second meteorite, the New Lynn meteorite, was plowed up by Joe Lewis in 1986 near New Lynn on the eastern edge of Lynn County. It was not recognized as a meteorite until 1991. It was a stone type and weighed in at about 1.75 pounds and most of it now resides at Harvard University.

The third, the New Moore meteorite, found in the SW corner of the county near New Moore, we know little about. Only that it was a stone type, and two pieces were found totaling about half a pound. It now resides in Mainz, Germany at the Max Plank Institute.

The fourth, the Wells meteorite, was reported found about a mile north of Wells by P.A. Sherrill in a grain field in 1985. It is a 9-pound meteorite of an unusual anomalous stone type, finally recognized as a meteorite in 1996. The fate of this meteorite is in the hands of a private collector who identified it in 1996. There is surely more of this scattered about within a few miles from Wells.

The fifth meteorite is the West Point meteorite, and was found near West Point in 1972. The meteorite is in Mainz, Germany at the Max Plank Institute with samples at various other domestic and foreign institutions.

Four out of five of these meteorites have only had a single stone found of the meteorites. Normally, meteorites come down in clusters spread over many square miles called a strewnfield. This means that there will be dozens of these meteorites in and around those communities of New Moore,

New Lynn, West Point and especially Wells. More of these pieces will surface through plowing and the natural freeze thaw cycle. There may be many of these in the rock piles off to the side of the fields.

Further meteorites have been found in the surrounding areas. Dozens of stone and iron meteorites were either plowed up or found on the ground near Plainview, Crosbyton, Brownfield, Seagraves (a large 58 pounder one was found in an abandoned farmhouse), and Lubbock. Wellman, between Brownfield and Seagraves, has had so many meteorites found near it that the meteorite labels have extended from Wellman (a) to Wellman (f). As recent as October of 2004, the author was called in to confirm a large 37-pound meteorite found by a cotton farmer just south of Wellman.

Yet, most of the meteorites were found with the help of famed meteorite hunter and scientist Dr. Nininger. Dr. Nininger toured the Texas High Plains from 1930's through the 1960's giving lectures on meteorites to townfolk, farmers and ranchers. Hundreds were found by the local population during these golden years, and then interest and new finds fell off over the following decades as the population aged and the next generation never learned much about meteorites.

(See Meteorites, page 6)

New Home Area Home Burglarized

The home of Scott McAllister on FM 179 south of FM 211 near New Home was burglarized, the owner reported to Sheriff's officers Tuesday.

Missing were a television set, some DVDs and other items. The investigation was still underway Wednesday and the report was incomplete.

Jail population totaled 43 as of Wednesday, with 22 held for Lubbock County. Charges for which the latest inmates were held included possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, driving while intoxicated, evading arrest, public intoxication and driving while license suspended.

During January, dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 240 calls, including 120 for the county, 61 for the City of Tahoka, 24 for ambulances, 13 fire alarms and 22 for the City of O'Donnell.



METEORITE - Meteorites are not the glowing kryptonite lumps you remember from cartoons. In fact, our ideas from Superman may be why most people don't recognize meteorites when they see them. Meteorites are not porous like lava rocks; they look more like rusty limestone rocks. In fact, Caliche, the water-deposited whitish mineral, will form on them after a few decades, which can throw off even a geologist. Oh, and take a guess which occupation finds the most meteorites in the world? Yes, you guessed it - farmers.

woodwork

by dalton

I COULD GIVE LESSONS in how to make simple tasks difficult. My brain consists of a bunch of little wheels and gears lubricated over the years by coffee and ketchup (everything tastes better with ketchup), and meshing fluidly with little belts and springs to produce good thinking.

Only some of the belts must have slipped off, and some of the gears must be worn down smooth and toothless, like my mouth is going to be pretty soon unless my dentist stops messing with it.

Anyway, I can't do things the easy way, as I demonstrated again last week when I had a flat on a golf cart tire. A flat on a golf cart is not a big deal; usually you just put some more air into it and it will stay up pretty well for a week or two. But this time it was completely flat, so I grabbed a can of fix-a-flat, which squirts air and something like buttermilk into the tire and you're all set to go hit little white balls out into the bushes and rocks and whatever else is just outside the fairway.

I put in a whole can of fix-a-flat before admitting that it wasn't doing anything. I then discovered the tire was not seated well on the rim. So I jacked the cart up. First, I had to get a jack out of my car because the jack I had in the cart house didn't work. The jack handle was bent in about six different directions, designed by some miserable little Japanese still getting even with Americans for winning World War II.

Anyway, I got it jacked up enough to put air in it, only I had no air. I did have a hand pump, so I attached it, figuring the exercise would do me good, and I could get enough air in it to drive over to the air compressor about 50 yards away.

I pumped awhile, and although the exercise may have helped me, it didn't help the tire any. It just sat there flat. So I jerked the tire around trying to get it to seat on the rim and tried again. This time, I did get some air in it, but not a lot. Still, I let the jack down and saw it had a little bit of air, and figured I could drive it carefully over to the compressor. Wrong. As soon as I started to back out, the tire came off the rim completely.

I drove my car to the club house and asked if they had a portable air tank I could use, figuring if I could give it more pressure, it would snap to the rim and inflate. Sure, she said, the tank is in that little house out yonder which is not locked. I drove over there, and it was locked.

Then I made two trips back home (about 2-mile round trip) to get things I needed, including a portable compressor. When I got back, this wouldn't air it up, either, so I finally took the wheel off and then the compressor snapped the tire to the rim and it aired up just fine. I could find no nails or holes or reason for the tire to go flat in the first place.

After that I played about seven holes of golf, six of which were pretty bad. The tire stayed up.

That night I saw that the right front tire on my car was very low, and after muttering a few discouraging words, I checked it with my gauge and it had 14 pounds of pressure. My own pressure was somewhat higher as I had to take the wheel cover off to get to the valve stem.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the tires on my car rotated and they told me the pressure was equalized at 30 pounds all around. I checked the other tires. One of the rear tires had 49 pounds. I have no idea how all that air went from the right front tire to the left rear.

Anyway, it took me two hours to air up a tire on my golf cart, a job which should take about five minutes. But that's the way I do things. On the bright side, though, I didn't have a whole lot of other stuff to do that day.

DON'T FORGET!
Deadline Is
Thursday, Feb. 3
for Valentine Photos
for next week's
Grandparent
Brag Pages

LOGAN MCNEELY
grandson of Todd and Rhonda McNeely
and Darrell and Teresa Edwards
was the first photo turned in
for this year's Brag Pages!

Grandparents - Bring
us YOUR cute photo
by 5:30 p.m. Thursday





VALENTINE CANCELLATION - A special Valentine cancellation will be available at the Tahoka Post Office on Tuesday, Feb. 8, with customers also invited in for refreshments from 9-11 a.m. that day for a Customer Appreciation Open House, according to Postmaster Kent Bartlett. Bring envelopes, postcards, etc. for the Valentine cancellation that day. The special cancellation will also be available for approximately one month, but the date will read Feb. 8, 2005 on the cancellation.

New Schedule Changes Successful At Elementary

New schedule changes implemented at the beginning of the school year for Tahoka Elementary fifth and sixth grades are working well, according to information released this week by Jenni McLelland, Assistant Principal.

The changes implemented included:

- Breakfast served in the cafeteria (5th and 6th grade students only) from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m., instead of in the classroom like the rest of the elementary grades.
- Classes begin at 7:53 a.m. daily, instead of at 8:05 like other grade levels.
- Students have 8 block class periods (around 50 minutes each) and rotate between all six of the fifth and sixth grade teachers. In other words, one teacher teaches all of the 5th-6th grade math, another teacher teaches all of the 5th-6th grade read-

ing, etc., in a manner very similar to middle school.

Mrs. McLelland says the new schedule has been very successful so far, and notes that departmentalizing in this manner allows teachers to really focus on their one subject area, which has been beneficial to both the students and the teachers.

"Students are learning to adapt to six different teachers' teaching styles and personalities, and our teachers have the opportunity to work with each of the 91 students in these two grade levels, instead of only one class of 17 students," explained Mrs. McLelland.

"Students have also learned that they can't play around in the hall and make it to their next class on time, so they are learning to manage their time and to be responsible for their supplies," the administrator added.

Donate Old Cell Phones in Tahoka

Tahoka Middle School student, Morgan Fisher is collecting used cellular telephones which will be recycled to help finance her trip to Europe as a People to People Student Ambassador. As a Student Ambassador, Morgan will learn about other cultures and show others about American culture.

Collection boxes will be set up at Thriftway, Main Street Express, and Tahoka Elementary School and High School. Morgan will also be happy to pick up your donated phones. Individuals and Businesses may donate cell phones by calling 561-5314.

"Morgan will receive \$3.00 for each phone that is donated. So if you have one or two old cell phones lying around the house collecting dust and taking up space please either take them to one of the drop off locations or contact her," said her father, Rick Fisher.

Morgan also still has several Pizza Hut punch cards. Anyone interested in purchasing one may contact her at 561-5314.

She is an eighth grade student at Tahoka Middle School, and the daughter of Rick and Tammy Fisher of Tahoka.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ANTU

Couple Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

John and Janie Antu of Tahoka will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a family gathering on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Jude's Catholic Church. A reception will follow in the church hall at South 4th and Ave M in Tahoka.

Antu and the former Janie Aleman were married February 4, 1955 in Lovington, New Mexico. The couple's children are Romelia Ybarra, Mary Rangèl, and Jesse Antu of Plainview, Pauline Romero of Ruidoso, N.M., Flora Resendez of Seagraves, Elma Manriquez and Johnny Antu of Lamesa, Leticia Benitez of San Diego, CA, Jimmy Antu of Beeville, James Antu of Fort Worth, and Jerald Antu of Arlington, and the late Joe Antu. They have 31 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



MYRA GREEN

Family Concert Set Sunday Night

Ambassadors For Christ Church in Tahoka is hosting a country gospel family concert featuring Myra Green this Sunday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Admission is free, and free CDs and tapes will also be available.

Ambassadors For Christ Church is located on the north side of the courthouse square in Tahoka. Everyone is invited to attend, and children/youth are welcome.



COLD WINTRY DAY - Tahoka High School students brave the cold snowy weather Tuesday morning while crossing from the Ag building to the high school campus. The snow fell steadily most of the day, officially measuring 4 inches, but with temperatures hovering in the mid-30s the snow mostly melted off the streets. (LCN PHOTO)

Scholarships Available From Poka Lambro

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is now accepting applications for three \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded in March of this year. Entry deadline is March 4, 2005.

The son or daughter of any member of Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. graduating from an area high school is eligible to apply. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities and financial need.

Applications have been sent to area high schools and may also be obtained by contacting Poka Lambro or visiting Poka Lambro's web site at www.poka.com. Scholarship presentations will be made at Poka Lambro's Annual Membership Meeting in March. For additional information, please contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Fourteen members of Phebe K. Warner Club met on Tuesday, January 25th at the Life Enrichment Center to make presentation gowns for local hospitals. Hostesses for the meeting were Virginia House and Dora Alderson. Two members brought sewing machines and the rest used busy hands to complete six gowns and partially complete fourteen gowns.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8th in the home of Betty Green where Heather Tekell will be giving tips on photography.

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Gigantic Garage SALE

Clean out your closets and garages and donate unused items for the Senior Citizen's gigantic Garage Sale Feb. 25-26

WE NEED YOUR HELP bring us your household items, including furniture, to the Senior Citizen's Center, 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka, or call us at 561-5264 if we need to pick up items!

Tahoka High School Weekly Calendar

- Feb. 8 - JV-V-G/B-BB-Slaton-5:00 p.m. There
- Feb. 9 - Cx Debate at Shallowater
- Feb. 10 - Powerlifting meet at Cooper
- Feb. 11 - JV-V- B-BB-Roosevelt- There- 5:00 p.m.; TX Music Education Assoc. Convention- San Antonio- All State Band; End of the 4th Six Weeks

Financial Aid Meeting Held For THS Students

Fifty six students, parents and guests met recently in the Tahoka High School library to learn about financial aid. Gloria Jimenez of Learn Inc. presented information regarding various types of financial aid that are available to students attending college. She also gave parents some hints and ideas for completing the FAFSA forms.

The local scholarship packets were distributed to the students and parents who attended. All other seniors will be given their packet some time this week at school.

Jennifer Cenisceros won a \$100 scholarship donated by Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center.

Free additional help is available to seniors and their parents if they will call Learn Inc. at 763-4265 for an appointment. Mrs. Binder and Mrs. McCord with Tahoka ISD can also assist students and their parents with any questions or concerns.

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Rabies Clinic Set Here Feb. 19

Dr. Larry Mills, veterinarian, will provide animal vaccines at a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 19. The clinic will be held from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the old fire hall, just behind City Hall in Tahoka. Rabies shots are \$8, and other shots will be available.

Dr. Mills will also offer the new rattlesnake vaccine, which just became available.

In appreciation for bringing your pet to get vaccinated to keep rabies down, Dr. Mills makes an annual donation to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

Newsom Named To Dean's List

Jason Newsom, son of Dennis and Linda Newsom of Tahoka, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester at San Angelo State University. He is a sophomore majoring in Kinesiology.

Four Named WTAMU Dean's List

Four Lynn County students have been named to the Dean's List at West Texas A & M University in Canyon, for the fall 2004 semester. Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Named to the Dean's List were: Brittany L. and Brooke N. Kieth, both Freshman Education Majors from New Home; Jason D. Jaquess, a senior Sports/Exercise Sciences major from Tahoka; and Diana Pena, a freshman Bilingual Education major from Tahoka.

Volunteer and help others -- it will do your heart good!

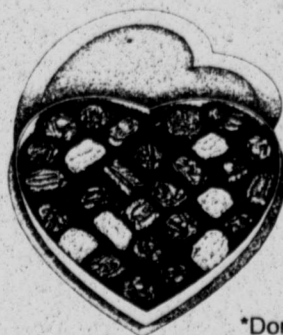
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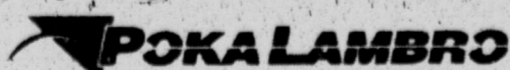


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OBITUARIES



IRMA FAYE DANKLEFS

Irma Faye Edwards Buck Danklefs

Graveside services for Irma Faye Edwards Buck Danklefs, 89, were held at Tahoka Cemetery at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1. She died January 29, 2005, in Oklahoma City, Ok.

She was born to William Burton and Susan Belle Nunley Edwards on July 23, 1915 in Tahoka. They both predeceased her. She married William Frederick Buck in 1938. She later married Jack Alfred Danklefs in 1963, and he died in 1981.

Mrs. Danklefs is survived by her daughter, Zenda Yvonne Buck Benton of Winstboro, TX; a brother Woodrow Wilson Edwards of Lubbock; two granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She lived the last two years in the care of Jerry and Gina Joern in Oklahoma City.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Ludell Meil

Services for Ludell Meil, 76, of Dumas were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dumas with the Rev. Don Poole, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Dumas Cemetery.

She died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 in Stratford.

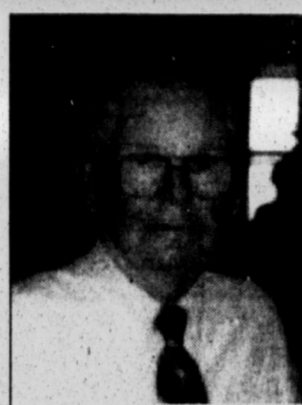
Mrs. Meil was born Nov. 14, 1928 in Lubbock. She married Homer Meil Feb. 16, 1949, in Posey. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She was a homemaker and Dumas resident since 1959. Her son Homer Meil, Jr., preceded her in death in 1950.

Survivors include her husband, Homer Meil of the home; two sons, Douglas Meil of Dumas and Dwayne Meil of Amarillo; a daughter, Denise Spiker of Amarillo; two brothers, Hilton Foerster of Lubbock, and Luther Foerster of New Home; a sister, Arvie Schulz of Idalou; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 1250 Hylan Blvd., Suite 4B, Staten Island, NY 10305.

Zest is the secret of all beauty. There is no beauty that is attractive without zest.

—Christian Dior



MONROE H. TALKMITT

Monroe Talkmitt

Funeral services for Monroe H. Talkmitt, 80, of Slaton and formerly of Lynn County, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 31, 2005 in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson with Rev. David Rohde, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson.

Talkmitt died Thursday, January 27, 2005 after a lengthy illness. He was born February 7, 1924 in Aleman, Hamilton County, TX and moved with his family to Wilson in 1926. He served in the US Army during WWII. After the war, he resumed cotton farming in Lynn County and retired in 1991. He was a long time and active member of St. Paul's and held many positions in the church.

Talkmitt married Lorine Ruth Dube on June 1, 1947 in Wilson. Lorine preceded him in death in 1987. A daughter, Sharon Jane preceded him in death in 1951, as did two brothers, Bryon Talkmitt in 1970 and Raymond Talkmitt in 1987.

Survivors include two sons, Quintin and Darrow Talkmitt, both of Wilson; two daughters, Janis Beard of Hurst and Twilla Garrett of Wheelock; a brother, Karl Talkmitt of Wilson; two sisters, Belle Campbell of Lubbock and Pearl Gickhorn of Wilson; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Concordia Lutheran College Scholarship Fund, 3400 N IH 35, Austin, TX 78705-2799 or the Lutheran World Relief Fund, 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

Varsity Boys Basketball

by Brandi Rindl

The Bulldogs play-off hopes were shattered Friday, January 28 by a loss to the Shallowater Mustangs 39-51. The Bulldogs are now 3-6 in District play.

Zach Tillman was high point for the Dogs with 10, Larry Murphy added 7, and Colby Gardner and Damon Moore both put in 6 each.

Varsity Girls Bball

by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldogs lost in overtime to the Shallowater Fillies on Jan. 28. The final score was 47-53. Angie Curtis and Ashdon Hancock were high scorers with 12 points each.

They defeated Abernathy on Jan 25, 60-22. Curtis was leading scorer with 15 points. The Lady Dogs are 9-2 in district play with 3 games remaining.

JV Boys

by Samantha Andrews

The JV Bulldogs had a close game against the Shallowater Mustangs. They lost by a nail biting two points. The final score was 43-45. Ja-Vaen Tillman led the team with 22 points, and Josh Freitag had 11.

JV Girls

by Jennifer Cisneros

The JV Girls battled the Shallowater Mustangs Jan. 28, but lost 22-40. Haley Hall and Jeni Hammonds scored 8 points each, and Jessica McLelland had 4.

8th grade girls

by Callie Botkin

The 8th grade girls battled in a close game against Shallowater on Jan 28. They lost 25-30 with Cori Vega scoring 19 points. Britney Hair had 4 and Nicole Taylor added 2.

7th Grade Girls Basketball

by Ashdon Hancock

On Monday January 31 the Lady Dogs traveled to Shallowater to take on the Fillies. In a close game the girls came up short in a 33-22 loss. This is only the 7th grade's second loss of the season. Top scorer was Kyra Helm with 13 points.

Monday, January 31, the 7th grade B team played Shallowater, in a 20 min., running clock, game. The B team came up short in a 3-20 loss. Aleesha True-love had the three points for the Lady Dogs.

The WILSON News

by Mike Jones
mikejones@esc17.net

Please send Wilson News to Wilson ISD Supt. Mike Jones by email to: mikejones@esc17.net.

Friday night between the boy's and girl's varsity basketball games, the players will be introduced and the players will make presentations of flowers to family members if they desire to do so. This is the last home game for the Wilson Mustangs.

Everyone in the community is cordially invited to a wedding: hower honoring Jeff and Kelly Baum on Saturday, February 5 at St. John Lutheran Church (13th and Dickson) in Wilson from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. There will be a money tree available for those who want to participate in that way.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

Feb 7-Feb.11 Breakfast

Choice of cereal and toast or hot entrée daily.

Monday: Breakfast Bar, Juice
Tuesday: Biscuit & Gravy, Juice
Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, Juice
Thursday: Egg, Sausage Toast, and Juice
Friday: Donut, Juice

Lunch
Monday: Sloppy Joe, Fries, Fruit
Tuesday: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Broccoli w/cheese, Salad, Garlic Toast
Wednesday: Hot Pocket, Carrot Sticks, Salad, Fruit
Thursday: Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit
Friday: Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit

Senior Citizens MENU

Feb. 7-Feb.11

Monday: Chicken Pot Pie, Carrots & Zucchini, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Pineapple Cake

Tuesday: Lasagna, Corn, Green Beans, Apricot Cobbler

Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Roll, Gelatin.

Thursday: Meatloaf, Chinese Vegetables, Orange Half, Wheat Roll, Lemon Bars

Friday: Fish Nuggets/Tartar Sauce, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Chocolate Pudding

CNA Classes Registration Set

Registration remains open for Certified Nurse Aide, which begins Monday (Feb. 7) at South Plains College in Levelland.

The class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings through March 10 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 112. Clinical instruction will be Saturdays Feb. 19-March 5 at the Levelland Nursing Home. Total tuition and fees are \$416. Instructor is Barbara Brattain, L.V.N.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Regular menu items also available.

Deli and Bakery

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THURSDAY'S LUNCH SPECIAL:

Hamburger Steak ... \$5.95 with mashed potatoes, with sauteed onions and mushrooms, brown gravy, and salad

FRIDAY'S LUNCH SPECIAL:

Quesadillas ... \$5.50 with guacamole, pico de gallo, sour cream, chips and salsa (choice of Chicken or Taco meat)



MR. AND MRS. JOE BROOKS

Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Joe and Jerry Brooks of Tahoka were honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary party in the home of Sherri and Gary McCord. The party was given by their children, Sherri and Gary McCord, Britt and Andrea Brooks, and Angela and Tim Gau. A large group of family and friends celebrated the event.

Joe Taylor Brooks and Jerolene Aldridge were joined in marriage on January 23, 1955 in the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

Girl Scouts To Host Association Meeting

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council is hosting their bi-annual Association X meeting at the Post girl Scout Hut on Feb. 15 at 5:00 p.m. Association X includes Tahoka, Post, Wilson, O'Donnell, Slaton, and Southland. All registered Girl Scout leaders and members over the age of 14 are invited to attend.

New delegates will be elected at the event. Each will serve a one-year term. There are two officer positions and six potential member-at-large positions available for the 2004-2006 term. Two older girl positions are also being elected for a one year service term.

Review of and input to the Council Policies, Standards and Procedures will take place with all in attendance. Additionally, operational

suggestions will be discussed and forwarded to the Executive Director for consideration.

Members will also be able to give their input on the volunteer policies, standards and procedures. The Association X will then set a date for their next meeting.



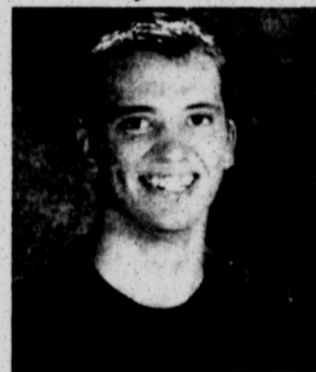
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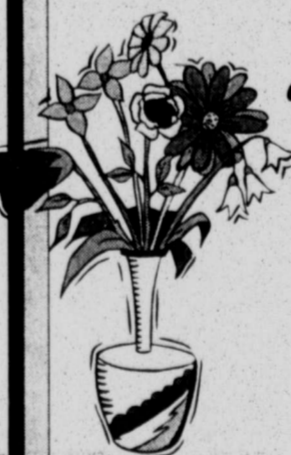
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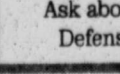
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Tahoka Fire Dept. Receives Grant For New Fire Truck

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department has been notified by the Texas Forest Service that the department has been awarded a matching fund grant for the purchase of a fire truck. The grant is for 90% of the cost of the truck with maximum of \$108,000 for the Service. The other 10% will come from the local fire department funds.

The local Fire Department had to retire the 1963 Ford pumper due to mechanical failure that has prevented the truck from being of any use to the department. The City Council has sold the truck to the "Make a Wish Foundation" located in Midland. There the truck will have a second life lighting up the lives of children served by this foundation.

"It is exciting to know the truck will have a second life in service to children. The old truck has served the citizens of Tahoka for many years," said Chief Jimmy Woodard of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. "We are very fortunate to receive the grant from the Forest Service to help finance a replacement truck. We hope the citizens of Tahoka share in our excitement as we begin a search for the new truck. We could not complete this grant if it was not for the support of the local residents. Their continued donations will be used toward our part of the grant. We hope those that continue to donate, join us in the excitement of adding this much needed truck to our department," Chief Woodard continued.

The other rolling equipment of the local fire department includes: 1994 Ford first responder truck, 1994 Kodiak tanker brush truck, a personnel and equipment hauler, 1991 International Pumper, and 1976 Chevrolet tanker brush truck.

"As our department's equip-

ment continues to age, this grant will help us replace and upgrade our equipment," Chief Woodard commented. "We try to be ready with the best equipment and trained firefighters that are possible. The wise use of limited funds is always a challenge," Chief Woodard added.

The local department houses the county owned 911 trailer used as a command center and transport emergency equipment including extra air to refill "SCBA" breathing equipment. The compressor for refilling "SCBA" equipment in the county is housed in the Tahoka Fire Department.

The department has a membership of 20 that responds to emergencies primarily in Tahoka and a 911 designated area thru the middle of Lynn County. Mutual assistance agreements include the other three fire departments in the county as well as fire departments in surrounding towns. The department's equipment includes firefighting as well as rescue equipment for use in emergencies from fire and vehicle wrecks to assistance with other first response groups in the county.

The department members meet twice a month at night for training in the use of the department equipment. Each member carries a pager for communication as calls come in for emergencies of local citizens and travelers that come through Lynn County. The "Jaws of Life", "SCBA" breathing equipment and fire trucks are among the major equipment that the department maintains and trains to use.

The local property owner depend on the local fire department to maintain fire suppressing equipment, training of the members, and the efficient response to fires as a major

part of the rating that sets their cost of fire insurance. The other major part of the fire insurance cost is related to the proper delivery of water through the city water system and fire hydrant system.

"A trained and properly equipped fire department is cost-effective as well as required in emergencies," stated Chief Woodard. "Our department members take this assignment seriously and willingly devote the time needed to be ready to complete our assignment. Members must take time from work as well as family activities to respond and train. This takes support and understanding from their family members as they are required to miss activities of the family that they would like to attend."

Fire Facts: The United States has one of the worst fire death rates per capita in the industrialized world. Fire kills nearly 4,500 Americans every year—more than all natural disasters combined. Another 30,000 people are injured. During an average year, more than 100 firefighters die protecting lives, property, and wilderness areas, making firefighting one of the nation's most dangerous occupations.

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Lynn County Bale Count (as reported each Tuesday)

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	85,105
New Home Coop-Lakeview	50,498
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	46,640
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	30,221
Wells Coop Gin	24,000
Farmers Coop Assn. #1	30,850
Close City Gin-Post	10,364
Grassland-Coop Gin	12,447
Lynn County Gin (connection)	5,733
TOTAL as of 2-1-05	295,858

(last week's total incorrect—should have read 251,485)



TAHOKA VFD - Pictured above are the Tahoka Fire Department members as they say good-bye to the 1936 Ford pumper that had to be retired because of mechanical failure. Pictured are: Jimmy Woodard, Chief, Math Bartley, Assistant Chief, Brad Hammonds, Captain, Steve Sanders, Lieutenant, Shon Overton, President, Jeff Martin, Vice President, Bill Schoemann, Secretary/Treasurer, Chad Ford, Training Officer, Tony Botkin, Safety Officer, Tommy Botkin, Chaplain, other members: Steve Miller, Steve Renfro, Bryan Reynolds, Ralph Huffaker, David Ehlers, Shi Dotson, Michael Angeley, Scott Dimak, Jimmy Howard, and Kevin Larpenner.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Third Grader Has Generous Heart

Third graders at Tahoka Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school this week. In keeping with this special activity, students wrote a paper entitled "If I Had \$100 I Would..."

Several students mentioned that they would share their money with others, but the following letter was particularly powerful to me. It is written by Elizabeth Locke and shows her generous heart. I thought the readers of your paper would enjoy what she had to say:

"If I had \$100 I would buy food for my family. I would give money for the Tsunami victims. I would give \$50 for tithes and I would give some to the abandoned baby center. All the rest would go to buy food for my family and friends. If I had money left, I would buy a canopy for my bed. If I had \$1 left, I would buy a pack of hair things."

We all could learn something from this young lady!

Sincerely,
Chloe Jan Wells
Third Grade Teacher



ALL WRAPPED UP - This snowman at a home in the 1700 block of North 3rd Street in Tahoka is all wrapped up against the cold weather. Approximately 4 inches of snow fell throughout the day on Tuesday. (LCN PHOTO)

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The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has over 70 openings for Correctional Officers in the Lamesa area, and is hosting a hiring seminar on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Smith Unit, 1313 County Road 19 in Lamesa for interested persons. Proper attire is required, call (806) 291-0553 for more information.

"We offer great benefits, good pay, job security, and an opportunity to play an important role in the criminal justice system," said TDCJ employment manager Ken Johnson. "In addition to the full time positions available, we also have a number of openings for part time staff. Full medical and dental benefits are available to TDCJ's part time Correctional Officers," he added.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and answer questions.

Currently, beginning Correctional Officer pay starts at \$1,716 per month and progresses at intervals to \$2,589 after 96 months of service within the Correctional Officer classification. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

For more information, call (936) 437-4098 or access the TDCJ internet web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us.

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Emergency Farm Loan Applications Now Being Accepted At FSA

Applications for emergency farm loan for losses caused by (1) excessive rain that occurred May 4, 2004 and continuing, and (2) hail that occurred on June 19, 2004 through August 30, 2004, and (3) excessive rain that occurred September 1, 2004, through October 15, 2004, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, FSA Farm Loan Manager Curtis Barlow said this week.

Lynn County is one of the eight counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rains and hail.

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, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent

loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until September 19, 2005, 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.

FSA 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 interest.

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Card of Thanks

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Many of you took on projects we had started, but could not finish, and to those who sat with Mary for us when we couldn't, and helped us move her to another apartment. God knew the best way to express His love to our family, and He did it through each of you.

To many of you who sent flowers, cards, called or came for a visit, brought food to the home and for the service, or even just a smile or a hug, you will never know what an impact you have made in our lives. We have been truly blessed to have friends there for us in our time of need. God Bless You!

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Underwriting data can be reviewed from existing files in the County Treasurer's office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sealed proposals must be received in the County Judge's office by 4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2005. Bid proposals will be considered by the Court on March 28, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Lynn County will pay annual premiums. No bid bond is required.

Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject proposals and/or negotiate items in proposals to best serve Lynn County's risk exposure needs.

Signed this 14th day of January, 2005.

H.G. Franklin
County Judge
Lynn County, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SELECTION OF COUNTY DEPOSITORY FOR LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas will, at its regular February 14, 2005 meeting, select a County Depository of and for the public funds of Lynn County, Texas, as well as all departments of said County, for and until sixty (60) days after the time fixed by law for the selection of a Depository, all in accordance with the provisions of Articles 2544 to 2550, inclusive of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas. Any Banking corporation, association or individual banker of Lynn County, Texas desiring to be designated and/or selected as such depository shall make and deliver to the County Judge of Lynn County an application applying for such funds, stating the amount of paid up capital stock and permanent surplus of said bank, together with a statement showing the financial condition of said bank at the date of application, which shall be delivered to the County Judge of Lynn County on or before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the regular February 14, 2005 meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas. Said application shall also be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one percent of Lynn County's revenue for the year 2005 as a term of good faith on the part of said bank, corporation, or individual banker, that if said bank, association or individual banker if accepted and/or selected as County Depository it will enter into the bond and/or bonds provided therefore by law.

Said application, so filed with the County Judge of Lynn County, Texas and prepared as required by the laws of the State of Texas, will be considered by the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2005 and County Depository selected in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of January, 2005.

/s/ H.G. Franklin
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METEORITES ...

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Meteorites are not the glowing kryptonite lumps you remember from cartoons. In fact, our ideas from Superman may be why most people don't recognize meteorites when they see them. Meteorites are not porous like lava rocks; they look more like rusty limestone rocks. In fact, Caliche, the water-deposited whitish mineral, will form on them after a few decades, which can throw off even a geologist. Oh, and take a guess which occupation finds the most meteorites in the world? Yes, you guessed it - farmers.

The science of meteorites, called meteoritics, is still undecided about how many meteorites are on the ground. However, a current best guess is about one meteorite per 5.5 acres. One meteorite may only be the size of a pea and probably can't be found. Larger meteorites, a few ounces and perhaps the size of a golf ball, may exist every 100 to 200 acres, and these might be turned up by a plow. The occasional whopper, weighing several pounds and the football sized or larger, may show up every 1,000 acres or so and a plow will definitely catch it. These numbers, of course, are variable and dependant on many things, like rainfall, geology, soil chemistry, etc.

There are three types of meteorites: 1. Stone, 2. Iron, and 3. Stony-Iron.

93% of all meteorites are of the stony type, 6% are the iron type, and 1% are of the stony-iron type. Meteorites can further be divided between falls and finds. Falls are meteorites which are seen to fall, complete with fireball in the sky and sonic boom. Finds are just meteorites found on the ground, often hundreds of years after they fall.

In the vast number of cases, farmers will plow up a stone meteorite. Most of the time, these mete-

orites are tossed into the 'rock pile' or a ditch, to be lost to science. If the farmer is curious about an oddly heavy stone, it might be saved to be identified. (See "Identifying a Meteorite" in accompanying box.)

Encourage every farmer to keep a small magnet stuck to his tractor or in his combine. The magnet test on a suspicious heavy rock in the field will quickly filter out the "meteorwrongs" from ones worth examining closer at home. Remember that meteorites belong to the property owner where they are found.

While meteorites may just be heavy rusty rocks, they still have value to universities and museums. To encourage recovery of more meteorites, the author is putting a bounty of up to \$100/pound. A recovery bounty is an 80-year-old tradition from the days of Dr. Nisinger, the father of modern meteoritics. (Back then it was \$1/pound)

If you think you have found a piece let us know, we request that any possible meteorite pass Test #1 and #2. The author can be reached at mt@blackbartdata.com or at 512/773-7811. The easiest thing to do is to mail a piece of it in and let us sort out the meteorites from the 'meteorwrongs'.

About the Author

McCartney Taylor is a petroleum engineer and bookstore owner. He's an avid field researcher for meteorite recovery, traveling throughout Texas and Mexico. He's been a member of the Meteoritical Society which focuses on Planetary Sciences, and he's currently active with the International Meteorite Collectors Association (member #2760). His current goal is to renew Dr. Nisinger's meteorite awareness program throughout the Great Plain states.

IDENTIFYING A METEORITE:

Stone Types - This is the type most commonly found. A stone meteorite is a rock with about 25% iron in it. This will make it unnaturally heavy, which is the first clue to notice. Naturally, the iron in it will rust in moist climates and it will simply look like a rusty rock on the ground. The outside will be dark brownish rust color, with the inside being either black, ash grey, brown, or even white. Testing is easy.

- Test #1 - Does it attract a magnet? Put a magnet (a refrigerator magnet is fine) on a string and bring it close to the suspected meteorite.
- Test #2 - Is it heavier than a normal rock? Meteorites will commonly seem twice as heavy relative to native limestone rock and is solid without holes or bubbles.
- Test #3 - Are metal flakes present? If you can grind a little corner of the rock, you may see small specks of shiny metal. You barely have to grind the rock to see this, 1/32 of an inch is plenty.
- Test #4 (Optional) - Are chondrules present? If it's a broken piece, you might see tiny little balls called chondrules that look like small bb's the size of a pinhead. A magnifying glass will help here. Not all meteorites have these, but if you see these and Tests 1-3 are positive, then it's a meteorite.

Iron Types -

- Test #1 - Does it attract a magnet?
- Test #2 - Are the edges rounded and smooth? Meteorites have no sharp edges; the fiery entry to earth melted them smooth.
- Test #3 - Is it solid and lacking bubble holes? Needless to say, iron meteorites are very heavy and solid.
- Test #4 (Optional) - Does it have 'thumbprints' on it? Small dimples form on the outside of some meteorites. These look like someone squished their thumbprint into soft clay. Not all meteorites have these.

Sign-Up Period For 2005 EQIP Funding To End March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement struc-

tural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures."

Butler explained, "Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations."

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county. Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>.



LEOPARD GIVEAWAY— New Home Varsity Cheerleaders took stuffed Leopards to Covenant Children's Hospital on December 20. The Cheerleaders used some of their carwash funds to purchase the 30 leopards. Accompanying the girls were sponsor, Karon Durham, and Mrs. Hutto. Pictured top: Kebbi Hutto, Hailey Wilkinson, Mascot Meghan O'Rourke, and Laura Maeker; middle: Joslyn Harmonson, Natalie Bruton; and bottom: Stefanie White, Katie O'Rourke, and Sarah Ussey.

Lynn Co. SWCD Taking Applications For SB 503 Program

The Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are currently accepting applications for the Senate Bill (SB) 503 Program. The SB 503 Program provides financial and technical assistance to producers to assist with implementing a water quality management plan (WQMP).

WQMPs are site-specific plans developed through and approved by soil and water conservation districts for agricultural lands. A WQMP covers the area on which practices are planned, and includes required practices applicable to the planned land use. The plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, and management practices. The purpose of WQMPs is to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement determined by the TSSWCB, in consultation with local SWCDs, to be consistent with state water quality standards.

Lynn County producers have successfully utilized the SB 503 program to install more efficient irrigation systems, install terraces, seed permanent grass, and control invasive brush species. All of these practices and their associated subcomponents contribute to the improvement of water quality in Lynn County, which was the intent of the program.

All conservation practices approved as part of the plans will be cost shared at 75% with a limit of \$10,000 per producer. All practices must meet the requirements of the Field Office Technical Guide published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Anyone interested should contact the Lynn County SCWD at (806) 998-4507 ext. 3 or come by the office at 1603 South 2nd Street in Tahoka.

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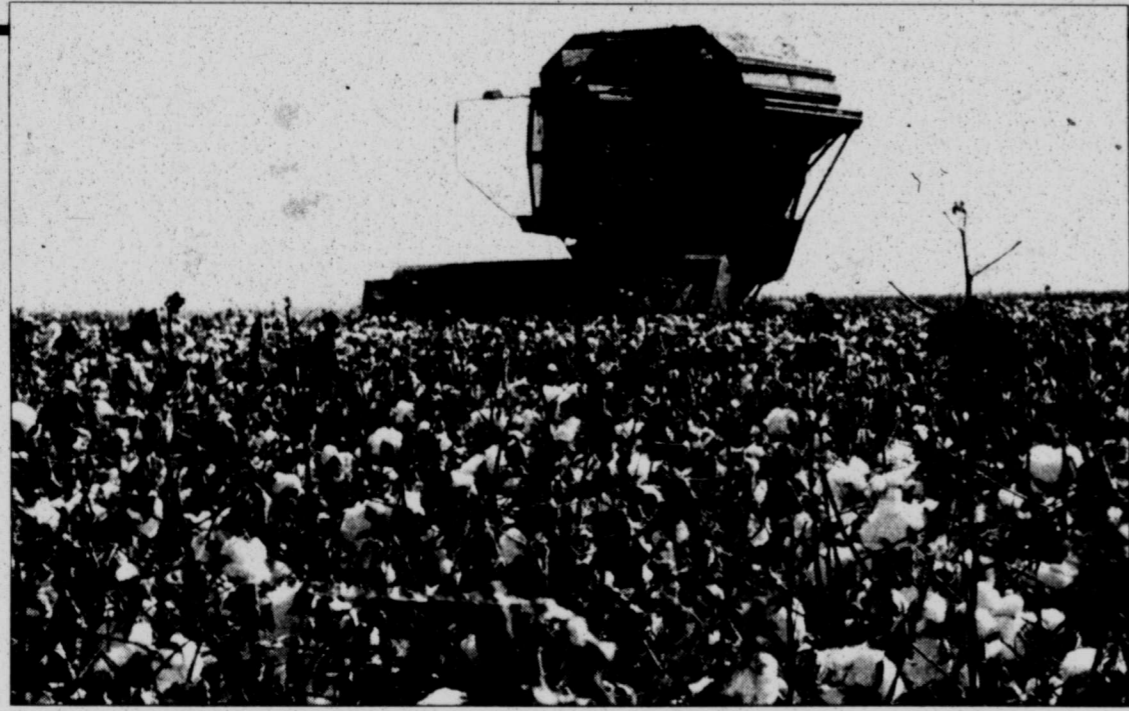
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