

#### ON THE COUNTY LINE BY KEITH TOOLEY

H. ROSS PEROT, Chairman of the

Texas State Select Committee on Public Education, is probably accurate in saying that there needs to be a balance between extracurricular activities and academics in our schools.

"The average school student who participates in extracurricular activities such as band, drill teams and athletics, spends 20 hours practicing each week, and one hour studying each night," Perot said.

This may not be true for all students, but probably a majority of the students involved in extracurricular activities.

Perot is also accusing school systems of spending disproportionately large sums of money on athletics and other extracurricular activities, while spending insufficient amounts on science laboratories and equipment to aid classroom learning.

We agree with Perot that more emphasis should be put on academics. This means more money, as well as classroom time. We know our school can make the transition because Abernathy is more academic minded than most school districts we have

There is always room for improvement though, and we hope to see academics made the utmost priority.

Extracurricular activities are important and have their place in school systems, but when you get right down to the meat of it, school was designed to educate students first; all other activities should take a back seat.

ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT by the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture, farm residents make up only 2.4 percent of the nation's total population...about one person in every 41. As recently as 1950, one American in six still lived on

The decline in farm population is evident even in Abernathy. You see less and less high school graduates remaining on the farms in which they were raised.

We can see why they would not choose to stay on the farm. First of all there are few farming opportunities available, and secondly, the farming business is not too profitable.

The farm population should continue to decline as bigger farm corporations buy smaller farms. We hope that the small family farm will not become a thing of the past.

WE HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT and admiration for the men on

Abernathy's fire fighting force. 19 members of the Abernathy Volunteer Fire Department rushed to put out a fire at the Sally Myatt residence last Saturday. They left their homes on Christmas Eve to fight the fire in 8 degree temperatures.

A fire can occur at any time and it is good to know that Abernathy firemen are nearby to lend a helping hand. Be sure and show your appreciation to local firemen from time to time. They

THE CHIEF defect of a democracy is that the only political party that knows how to run the country is always the one that's out of office.

THERE IS ONLY one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience.

HERE IS A THOUGHT from Thomas Jefferson, "The happiest moments of my life have been in the flow of affection among friends."

EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW YEAR is 3-month-old Meredith Tullis. She is celebrating the occasion decked out in her New Year attire of diapers and red bow. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tullis. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Oswalt. Great-grandmother is Artie Oswalt. (Review Photo)

## 19 Firemen Fight Fire **On Cold Christmas Eve**

It was only about 8 degrees when 19 Abernathy Volunteer Firemen answered a fire call at the Sally Myatt residence, 802 1st Street, Abernathy, Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

The firemen arrived at the Myatt home quickly with four trucks, two large pumpers and two smaller trucks, and found smoke pouring out of the home. The firemen started fighting the fire at 5:30 p.m. that Christmas Eve, and after two hours, had extinguished the fire by 7:30 p.m.

The firemen saved the structure, but the inside of the house was a total

It was speculated by firemen that the fire was caused by an electric heater. A small electric floor heater had been placed in one of the closets to keep the water pipes from freezing. There were clothes in the closet and it was thought that the heater was placed too close to them and they caught on fire.

One fireman stated that it was so cold that when water leaked out of the water hoses, it would freeze immediately on the firemen's clothing. He had never seen water freeze so

Abernathy firemen once again came to the aid of a local person in need in the community. It is admirable that the 19 volunteers got out in the 8 degree air on Christmas Eve to fight a

## City In The Process Of Purchasing 1 1/2 Lots

At a recent City Council meeting, council members decided that the City should purchase 11/2 lots for future city

The property is located directly west of the City barn (adjoins the property presently owned by the City), and has an old house on it.

The property is being purchased from Larry Wilkins of Amarillo for the price of \$5,200. The 11/2 lots being purchased are equivalent to 75 by 140

No plans have been made for the property as of yet, but a city spokesman stated that the City may need this property for future city facilities and/or equipment.

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#### This Week...

Dec. 28-29 - Caprock Basketball Tourney at Lubbock for boys and girls

### Temperatures **Dip Even Lower** This Past Week

Temperatures dipped down even lower this past week as it got down to zero two times.

The low Tuesday was only 4 degrees: the low Wednesday was 2 degrees and the high Wednesday 11 degrees; the low Thursday was 2 degrees and the high Thursday 14 degrees; the low Friday morning was zero and the high 11 degrees; the low Saturday morning was again zero and the high 11 degrees; the low Sunday was 5 degrees and the high 16 degrees; and the low Monday morning was 15 degrees, but it warmed all the way up to 59 degrees Monday afternoon.

It is predicted that this area will see more cold temperatures and some snow the remainder of this week.

varsity teams.

Jan. 2 - 7th, 8th and 9th boys and girls play Littlefield, girls there and boys here.

Jan. 3 - JV and Varsity boys and girls basketball teams play Ralls here. JV at 4:30 p.m., girls varsity at 6:30 p.m. and boys varsity at 8 p.m.

Jan. 5 - Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 a.m. in the City Hall small meeting room.

Jan. 5-6 - Abernathy Invitational Basketball Tourney for the varsity boys and girls teams.

Jan. 5-7 - Shallowater Tourney for the 7th grade teams.

# ABERNATHY WEEKLY

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# Texas Agriculture In 1983...A Look Back

nation's agricultural industry, as a whole, as 1983 got under way. Those farmers and ranchers who had survived the financial crunch of the previous years were looking for some glimmer of hope for the months

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Before most people had become accustomed to writing "1983" instead of "1982", the government unveiled a new program that over the coming months would be praised by many as resurrecting the farming community and at the same time cursed by just as many as only a "quick fix" to a long-term problem.

#### PIK Is Born

That program was called PIK, for payment-in-kind, the brain child of Secretary of Agriculture John Block. had been plaguing the agricultural industry for the past several years and keeping a downward pressure on market prices. Its concept was to get farmers to reduce production by paying them with surplus commodities--commodities of the same kind they pledged not to produce.

This all seemed well and good at the onset, but the following months proved to be a nightmare for USDA officials involved in administering this very complex program. And its cost, initially hailed as minimal when compared to previous government programs, became an albatross at a tab of more than \$12 billion.

The jury is still out on PIK, but it did have a generally positive effect in that it reduced huge stockpiles of major farm commodities and thereby caused some strengthening of market prices. High prices for feed grains, however, spelled higher costs for feedlot operators and livestock owners.

Storm clouds were brewing for PIK was designed to attack the huge All in all, though, PIK did keep many For farmers in some western areas Texas farmers and ranchers and the farm commodity surplus problem that farmers alive financially for at least there was no need to wonder. They another year. But if provided no long-term solutions. Improved markets will surely encourage farmers to increase production in 1984, leading to surpluses that could again sound the death knell for many farmers.

#### Farmers Ready But Weather Is Not

First skeptical but then encouraged by PIK, many farmers were ready to get 1983 off to a good start. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas. She intervened abruptly at various times during the spring months, keeping farmers out of their fields by employing a host of tactics, such as late-season cold snaps and raging thunderstorms accompanied by hail and heavy rains. April was too dry; May was too wet. Farmers tried time and again to get their crops up, some replanting two or three times and wondering whether or not they would ever get a crop up.

never got around to planting because of the drought that persisted. Although some areas had good planting moisture and the farm picture appeared bright, a relentless summer drought soon turned the tables. The fact that crops were already three weeks or so late due to the adverse spring weather added to farmers' woes. Many crops suffered severely from lack of moisture; some weren't even harvested. Land in western areas that normally produced three-fourths to a bale of cotton per acre struggled to yield one-sixth of a bale.

But in other areas, wet weather became a problem. Several weeks of wet conditions over parts of South Texas and the Coastal Bend in late July caused some maturing corn and grain sorghum to sprout and brought boll rot problems in maturing cotton.

**Two Major Calamities** 

Surely this was an unforgettable year for South Plains farmers. Seemingly off to a good start, the area's cotton crop was subjected to one of the earliest freezes on record (Sept. 21) that reduced yields in some counties by 15 to 20 percent. Then a few weeks later hail, high winds and heavy rains bombarded the area, leaving many cotton fields in shreds. Farmers along the Upper Texas

Coast also had their problems in 1983--a big one was Hurricane Alicia. The mid-August storm came ashore in the Galveston area, inflicting damages exceeding \$50 million to crops such as rice, corn, cotton and pecans as it moved inland. The lateness of crops due to poor spring planting conditions was a key factor in the high damage. Many would already have been harvested during a normal crop year.

#### The Unforgettable Drought

Texas, as well as other sections of

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# Babson's Business And Financial Forecast For 1984

By Babson's Reports Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass., December 29, 1983. A year ago the American economy was mired in the trough of a recession which had dealt out severe punishment. The impact upon some regions reportedly was on a scale not seen in a half century. Understandably, therefore, the chorus of derision concerning the Reagan Administration's sustained hopeful views on prospects for the economy was multi-decibel, and --save for the pyrotechnics of the stock market -- public sentiment seemed devoid of hope. But undaunted by the deep gloom which enveloped the nation, Babson's Forecast indicated that a more hopeful view toward business for 1983 was in order.

The note of encouragement was predicted upon the handful of vital improvements which had developed during 1982. Chief among the clues of an impending healthier economy cited were the radically diminished levels of inflation and interest rates. Also, there were benefits to be reaped from corporate efforts to curtail overhead and operating expenses, improve productivity, wring out burdensome inventories, and rebuild financial strength. The upshot was an economy on sounder ground that in a number of years, presaging better business in 1983 than was generally perceived in the waning days of 1982.

#### RECOVERY EXCEEDED **EXPECTATIONS**

While first quarter 1983 showed betterment along the lines the cautiously optimistic Babson forecast had envisioned, the business upturn seemed tentative and offered no hint of the impending surge of economic vitality. During the second 1983 quarter, strength in personal consumption expenditures and home building produced an incredible 9.7% advance in the real GNP. While the pace of the uptrend tailed off somewhat thereafter, the economy's performance for the year as a whole clearly outstripped expectations.

#### CONFIDENCE, CREDIBILITY AND MOMENTUM

In viewing prospects for 1984. Babson's Reports rests its case for an extension of the business uptrend in 1984 upon three key considerations: confidence, credibility, and momentum. The strength of the economy throughout 1983 has rejuvenated business and consumer confidence, which is being translated into demand for goods and services, and more expansive -- though still wisely guarded -- inventory accumulation and capitalexpenditure budgets in business circles. Furthermore, there has been a deepening conviction that the econo-

mic recovery has staying power. Unlike the state of public sentiment a year ago, and even as recently as mid-1983, fears that the uptrend in business is headed for an early demise are largely confined to those still unable to establish employment connections. In short, the economic recovery has now gained unquestioned credibility. Its forward thrust has been building for some time and there is still considerable momentum going

#### 1984 -- SOLID, CONSISTENT **BUSINESS PACE**

Following the explosive display of vigor last spring, the tempo of economic activity tempered somewhat in the final two quarters of the year. In the third quarter real GNP advanced at an annual rate of nearly 8% and our estimate for the final 1983 quarter is on the order of a 51/2% gain. While the distinct deceleration is viewed with discomfort in some circles, Babson's feels that the throttling down of the rate of business advance from the lofty 9.7% pace of the second quarter was a good sign. The slower tempo renders the economic uptrend sustainable for a longer period of time than might have been the case had the convulsive upward vault last spring been succeeded by equally forceful advances. Such a scenario would have meant an overheated economy with resultant dangerous strains upon the nation's productive facilities, manpower, material resources, and financial structure, a condition disastrous to the vital task of keeping inflation and interest rates tolerable.

Hence, Babson's expects the economy to experience the second phase of its now year-long cyclical expansion in 1984. Our forecast is for economic activity to trend consistently upward throughout the year but, with pent-up consumer and business demand less compelling, the further upswing in business will proceed on a smoother basis, devoid of the out-sized bulge which had occurred in 1983's second quarter. Many hitherto laggard industries will join in, making for a sturdier, broader advance in 1984. Fundamentally, the steadier upward progression in business will be more tenable, albeit less spectacular due to the likelihood that the element of volatility will be diminished.

#### LOOK FOR NEW SOURCES **OF UPTHRUST**

During 1983 home building, automobile production and consumer spending provided much of the upthrust for the economy's recovery. Now that recovery is giving way to expansion, it

appears that fresh sources of impetus will provide the leadership for business in 1984. Babson's anticipates that new residential building will remain in a high range, though upward momentum from this sector waned in the later stages of 1983. After mortgage rates moved back upward there was a definite leveling off in home building. Thus 1984 is not likely to experience a

fresh upsurge akin to 1983's first half. Spurred by active demand at the retail level, automobile production was stepped up as 1983 progressed. This provided good upthrust to the economy. Babson's expects new car purchases to hold up well in 1984, production rates in the year ahead will not show much added acceleration from rates which have prevailed this

Except for a few soft spots early in the year, retail trade was an important fuel for the climb in business during 1983. This culminated in a very gratifying display of vibrance as the year drew to a close. However, whereas new home building and auto production seem destined to be bolstering influences for the economy in 1984, consumer spending can continue to generate fresh upward impetus for business over the year ahead. Additional vitality will likely be contributed by business capital spending, defense expenditures, and business inventory accumulation, although all will be of only moderate upward intensity.

#### **GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT**

Babson's Reports forecasts that the nation's real gross national product (the value of goods and services

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## **Volunteers Can Learn And** Grow At Tech Museum

following article is on the rewarding aspects of being a volunteer at the Texas Tech Museum in Lubbock.

Mrs. M. M. (Juanita) Bell has been working at The Museum since 1975, mostly in the Barton House. When she isn't needed in the Barton House, she works in the Parlor Room, which she says is also most enjoyable Mrs. Bell can be found at The Museum the first Sunday of every month, plus special days, such as The Candlelight Christmas cere-

Other volunteers are needed and those interested should read the following

The Museum of Texas Tech University is a place to be involved, for the senior citizen, Lubbock newcomers, working men and women, the unemployed, college students -- for anyone seeking to learn and grow.

'This is a most versatile. challenging and rewarding place for volunteers." said Bettie Mills, coordinator of

education for The Museum. Senior citizens like Phil Nickel, a retired railroad conductor, and Harvey Owen, a former school

EDITOR'S NOTE: The superintendent, "have so much knowledge in their heads, readily available to share with school children" touring The Museum. Mills said.

> College volunteers get first-hand experience working with school students, learn about museums or explore their favorite subjects. Mills said.

For newcomers, as Mills was a few years ago, The Museum offers a place to meet people and learn more about the area.

'I moved here from Columbus, Ohio, and read about The Museum in the newspaper," Mills said. "I came over to see what it was all about and learn more about Lubbock."

She has been part of The Museum since, first as a volunteer and then, as a staff member.

Working men and women volunteer for the Ranching Heritage Center on weekends. Those who don't have jobs are invaluable too. because most tours take place weekdays, Mills said.

"Occasionally, we get VIP tours, too. Foreign visitors and other dignitaries who come to Lubbock, usually come to The Museum." she

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Imogene Bowman, a museum volunteer for more than 20 years, was in the right place at the right time when author James Michener visited The Museum this fall. She was his tour

Mills said there are 55 volunteers, but more are needed. Some 25,000 to 30,000 students from Lubbock and area schools are expected for museum tours from January through May.

Museum volunteers can schedule their work, choosing to give one or two 50-minute tours one day a week, giving tours every other week or working every

Training usually requires three hours. Sessions include a lecture, by a museum curator or Texas Tech professor, and a demonstration tour. Volunteers receive an information packet for home study, and individual practice tours are arranged.

"There are certain concepts that have to be covered, but the tour guide can inject his or her own personality and feeling into the material," Mills said.

January and February tours with third graders will deal with the Comanche and South Plains Indians. Dr. Kristine Fredriksson, curator of history for The Museum, will give the training lecture.

From February through April, volunteers will give The Museum's first-time art tour for first graders. Lectures and training will be done by Mills and Dr. Marvin Platten, Texas Tech art education professor.

Dr. John Nevius, Texas

Tech education professor. will help with training for kindergarten tours, also from February through April. These tours will be of the Discovery Room, including scientific objects and other artifacts from The Museum's collections.

Betty J. Mills, curator of costumes and textiles, and Museum Registrar Rose Montgomery, will train guides for sixth grade orientation tours in March and April.

Fredriksson and Alvin Davis, executive vice president of the Ranching Heritage Association, will help direct training for seventh grade April-May tours on pioneer Texas.

Mills said volunteers can sign up for all tours or select those of special interest. They may also train to work with planetarium tours, scheduled periodically through the spring, or present shows on Thursday nights or weekends.

Special training is given when traveling exhibits. such as the one on Guatemalan textiles at The Museum through January 29. come through. Visiting lecturer Suzanne Baizerman. who presented public workshops on Guatemalan weaving, conducted the tour

Persons who want to volunteer as tour guide can call the Education Division of The Museum at 742-2456.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Riddles of Abernathy, are the proud parents of a son, Christopher Layne. He was born December 20 and he weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Riddles of Abernathy, and grandfather, Bill Rose, of Brownfield.



Ho! Ho! Ho! The 'ole Girl from Loraine has reached the alf-Century Mark

Happy Birthday Dec. 28

# Society and Peatures

## **New DWI Laws** Tough On Violators

A minimum jail term is mandatory for any person convicted two or more times for DWI under a stricter Texas law effective January 1. 1984.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director and chairman of the task force which recommended tougher DWI legislation, said the new law should close the back door in the criminal justice system for repeat offenders.

"Deferred adjudication, which allowed repeat violators to wipe the slate clean after each DWI arrest, will be eliminated under this statute," Adams pointed out. "Even if probation is given, a conviction record will be established for the offender and this record can be used in subsequent prosecution of any additional drunk driving charges. Jail time is mandatory as a condition of probation beginning with the second DWI convic-

tion. The new law provides increased penalties for DWI convictions. Conviction on first offense DWI carries a fine of \$100 to \$2,000 with a jail term ranging from 72 hours to two years. A second offense conviction is punishable by jail time driving privileges for refusal ranging from a minimum of 15 days up to two years with a fine of \$300 to \$2,000. Conviction for third and subsequent DWI offenses carry a fine of \$500 to \$2,000 and confinement in jail for a minimum of 30 days to two years or in the state penitentiary for 60 days to five years.

Minimum terms of confinement are increased by 60 days and fine limits are raised by \$500 if the DWI offense results in serious bodily injury to another person. If a drunk driver is found to be responsible for a traffic fatality, the law prescribes a mandatory term for the violator.

Adams said the revised DWI statute will aid in the prosecution of drunk driv-

"Under the present law, a person is only presumed to be intoxicated if tests reveal a blood alcohol concentration of .10 percent or more," Adams said. "The new law establishes that a driver is definitely too drunk to drive at the .10 percent level.

The revised statute also contains provisions for automatic 90-day suspension of

to submit to an alcohol chemical test. The refusal also will be admissible evidence in the driver's trial. The drunk driver's vehicle may be confiscated and sold upon the fourth DWI conviction.

The DPS director predicted that the statute will help deter DWI violations and provide the means to identify repeat offenders.

"Despite increased DWI arrests and enhanced public awareness about this problem, far too many people still believe that there are no unfavorable consequences to drunk driving. Adams said. "Texas law enforcement agencies do not have enough resources to adequately police all streets and highways. However, when these changes in the DWI law take effect, drunk drivers who are detected can count on being punished in a meaningful fashion. This should help discourage drunk driving, concluded Adams.

#### THOSE TO REMEMBER

Bruce Mason remains in Lubbock General Hospital. M. M. Bell is home from the hospital.

Sam Wade had back surgery last Friday and he is in Methodist Hospital in room 387.

#### Lakeview Locals

By Mrs. Norman Matthews

Mrs. N. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Matthews spent Sunday, Christmas Day, with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Matthews in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Meadors visited her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Bruington, in Kress.

Sandra Spence of Seattle, Washington visited the Meadors during the holidays. Also visiting in the Meador's home were Carol and Donnie Cribbs of Plain-

Mr. and Mrs. James Fulton of Shreveport, Louisiana visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Amonett during Christmas.

Mrs. Mahagan had 34 people visiting her for Christmas, some from California, Silverton, Plainview, and Corpus Christi. Some of the folks were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahagan of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mahagan of Claytonville, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mahagan and Mrs. and Mrs. Roger Mahagan of Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Collins and daughter. Debbie of New Mexico, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Couch.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. S. M. Harrison on Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mitchell, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mitchell, Albuquerque; Dr. Glenn and Johnnie, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Harrison, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harrison, Abernathy; Kent Harrison, Chicago; Lane Harrison, Lubbock; and Jay Harrison, A&M.

## Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday

#### "Follow Me"

"This spake He, signifying by what death He should glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He saith unto him, Follow me." John 21:19.

We have come to the last day of the year. For a whole year we have been walking with Christ. Is there any better word with which to close the year than this last invitation of Jesus - "Follow

To follow Christ is to go where He leads, without questioning or demurring. It may be to a life of trial, suffering, or sacrifice - but no matter; we have nothing whatever to do with the kind of life to which our Lord calls us. Our only simple duty is to obey and follow. We know that Jesus will lead us only in right paths, and that the way He takes slopes upward and ends at the feet of God.

Has the year brought sadness? Joy is yet in store.

Has it given gladness? Next year giveth more. Let your Father measure All your pain and care,

Let Him weigh the burden That your heart must bear, Sending light or shadow As He deemeth best,

For in His sure wisdom You can safely rest. Peace for all the morrows,

Strength for all the days, These shall be your portion Through the New Year's ways.

-Annie Johnson Flint

#### A delicious breakfast of several verses of scripture sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and brought a Christmas and coffee was served to message.

County Line Baptist Church had breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday (Christmas Day) and the worship service followed.

several who braved the 7 degree weather. One lady made delicious cinnamon rolls, which added to the occasion.

Rev. Danny Jackson read

#### This And That by Helen Wade

County Line Baptist Church

Has Early Christmas Service

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Wade and family of Richmond. have been visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wade, this week. Also visiting in their home were Mr. and Mrs. Skip Berry and girls of Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller and boys of Oklahoma, spent the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Spruiell.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pope the last few days were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mac Poage and girls of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bell

had nearly all their family home for Christmas. Milton got out of the hospital in time to be home with his family for Christmas.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Totty over the holidays were Carol Littlefield, Houston; Steve Phillips, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phillips and daughter of San Angelo; Cinnamon Owens of Lubbock; Evelyn Gregory of Indianapolis, Indiana; Bill and Robert Gregory, Lubbock; Jeannie Durrett, Dallas: and Margaret Attebury and son, Wendell Tooker, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Toler, all of Abernathy.

# Special Table Of Christmas **Arrangements**

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1st Church of Nazarene

6th St. & Ave. E 298-2832 Rosswell Brunner

County Line Baptist Church Rt. 2 - 757-2134 Rev. Danny Jackson

Northside Baptist Church 16th St. & Ave. E - 298-2497

Rev. Kenneth Horn

First United Methodist Church 704 Ave. D Rev. Tommie Beck

Center Community Church 5 mi. E. on 597, then 2 mi. S. on FM2902 746-6184 - Bro. Earnest Brewer

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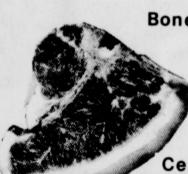
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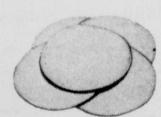
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## **Conservation Plan Aids Abernathy Farmer**

By Kathleen Davis Avalanche-Journal Farm Writer

Several years ago, Pete Thompson looked at the land he'd been farming since 1951 and realized that it was in the transition of becoming a dryland opera-

The available irrigation water under the place would not stretch and rainfall rushed unused by the plants down the slopes to a low-lying lake bottom. Without the irrigation or usable amounts of natural mois-

ture. Thompson faced drastically lower yields.

But Thompson believed there was a way to dryland farm the place and to achieve adquate, even profitable, yields if it meant years of rearranging and

Entering into a Great Plains Conservation Program contract, due to be completed Dec. 31, Thompson used plans developed by the Soil Conservation Service in Lubbock to build a system of terraces and

relocating the soil.

enclosures and a waterway. "The idea is to make the

water (rain) stay where it falls," Thompson said, his pickup idling at the end of a freshly mounded parallel terrace. "The rain water doesn't run off this land

"I was looking down the road when I signed the conservation contract. I felt that in a few years we (farmers) would have to hold all of the rainfall to make a crop," he added. 'And we get enough rain here to do that, if we can hold it where it falls."

Since Thompson began the conservation program on about 600 cultivated acres, 95.134 feet of parallel terraces and 3,235 feet of diversion terraces have been constructed. Three waterways have been constructed and seeded to grass, and there is a crop residue use system on 596 acres. Contour farming is carried out on 561 acres

He still "lightly" waters about 150 acres, which are receiving conservation treatment as well.

Though it often takes several years to construct a conservation plan and get the farm back into normal operations, Thompson said his yields for the past two years have been "above average for the area."

Thompson said that he does not plant cotton on the same acres for more than two years in a row. Instead he rotates the crop with grain sorghum or wheat.

Building the terraces -Thompson has done most of them -- is the most difficult and time consuming part of the contract.

Yet that is what Thompson seems to have enjoyed the most. Having farmed the land for 32 years, he can recall where every load of dirt was dug, moved and spread.

With the plan created by the SCS, Thompson used a terracing plow, a scraper and a large float to get the dirt "off the high ground and onto the lower

ground," said Thompson. He thinks that by utilizing the parallel terraces with his dryland operation, he can produce at least 50 percent of the yield he made under irrigation. But with savings in fuel and labor, he hopes to make about 80 percent of his former profits.

'It is a very good idea for a farmer under the program to work with the SCS," Thompson said of his completed contract. "Sometimes the farmer may feel that something in the plan is not necessary, but it usually works out for the best."

"For example, I wanted fewer internal blocks in the parallel terraces," he noted. But after putting in all that were called for, I found that they help and that they are not hard to farm."

Now that the last of the terraces is built, Thompson said he will work on levelling the space between the mounds.

"A terrace is useless if all the captured water builds up along the ridge. It needs to be spread evenly between

the mounds," he noted. Thompson said that after a large amount of rain last spring, the terraces seem to be working as water was evenly distributed throughout the field "as far as I

could see down the rows."

Edwards, Panhandle. Exec-

utive Vice President and

Administrator is Bill Nelson

of Amarillo, the organiza-

tion's state-wide headquart-

NCC URGES EXEMP-

TIONS FROM DUST STANDARD: The National Cotton Council is urging the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to exempt non-textile sectors of the cotton industry from the cotton dust standard because no significant health hazard has been shown for these industries.

Quoting scientific studies by government and private associations, the Council statement asserts that the 'standard should not apply to cottonseed oil mills; warehouses; classing offices; waste processing industries, including processors of waste such as bedding assembly and upholstered furniture industry; and downstream textile processes, such as knitting and

hosiery operations.' The Council points out that since the standard was proposed in 1976, the competitive loss in cotton's share of mill fiber consumption has been over one million bales annually. This

is equal to an annual revenue loss to growers, handlers, and processors of cotton lint and seed of about \$500 million.

"OSHA's recommended changes, in provisions and administration of the standard, should lessen the economic impact of the standard. This would better serve American consumers and workers by allowing consumer demand and market economics to have greater influence on what fibers are consumed in domestic textile mills," the Council states.

EXPORT SALES MOVE UP: Sales of cotton for 1983-84 delivery increased a net 145,100 running bales during the week ended Dec. 8, according to the National Cotton Council.

The major buyer was Japan, with a net increase of 62,700 bales. Other top buyers were South Korea, 21,000; and Italy, 19,500. Sales for 1984-85 delivery increased a net of 24,400

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TERRACE MAKER...When limited irrigation water on a farm west of Abernathy forced a conversion to dryland production, Pete Thompson, right, cooperated with the Soil Conservation Service in Lubbock in a five-year Great Plains Conservation Program contract to construct parallel terraces and waterways. Discussing the completion of that plan with Thompson is Kerry Weinheimer of Lubbock, soil conservationist. (Avalanche Journal Staff Photo)

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## **Wheat Membership Expansion Winners** Announced

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG). headquartered in Washington, D. C., has announced the Texas winners in its 'Every Member Get A Member Campaign" for 1983 which ended November 30. NAWG conducts the national coordinated membership incentive program to assist affiliated state organizations in growth and support. The incentive program and awards is being sponsored by DuPont Agrichemicals.

Mrs. Kenneth (Pam) Keisling, Dumas, was declared the Texas winner in obtaining the most new members - 23. DuPont Agrichemicals has awarded her an all-expense paid trip to the National Association of Wheat Growers 1984 Convention in Denver, Colorado, January 22-26. The air transportation, registration, meals and lodging award is valued at approximately

Robert Graves, Perryton, Texas Wheat Producers Association President, said that the name of each member obtaining a new member and the new member's name was co-mingled and names drawn to receive five additional prizes. These will be a personal signed FM/AM General Electric portable radio with "Instant Weather" feature. Winners of these prizes are: Floyd Beauchamp, Dumas; I. T. Graves, Hartley Route, Dumas; Keith Spears, Vernon; Grady Bingham, Vernon; and Dwayne Rigdon, Dumas

A "Top Kernel Award" trophy will be presented at the national convention to the state with the largest membership in 1983. This award will go to the state of Washington--the sixth largest wheat production state. Graves boasted that the 'High Yield Award' to the state organization with the largest membership percentage gain for 1983 over 1982 will be awarded Texas--for a 136 % gain. He said, "This reflects producers recognition that 'growing it is not enough' and that organized efforts are needed and are paying off.

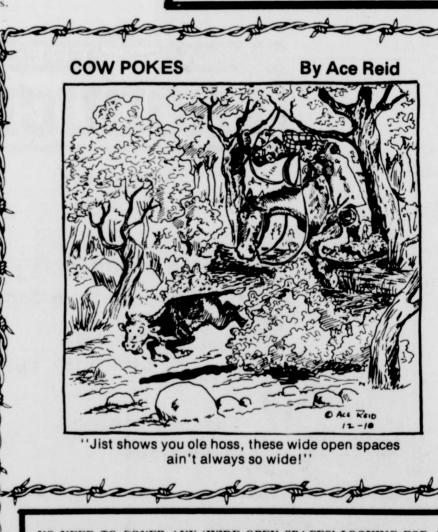


John Madison grandson of Thomas Jef born in the White House

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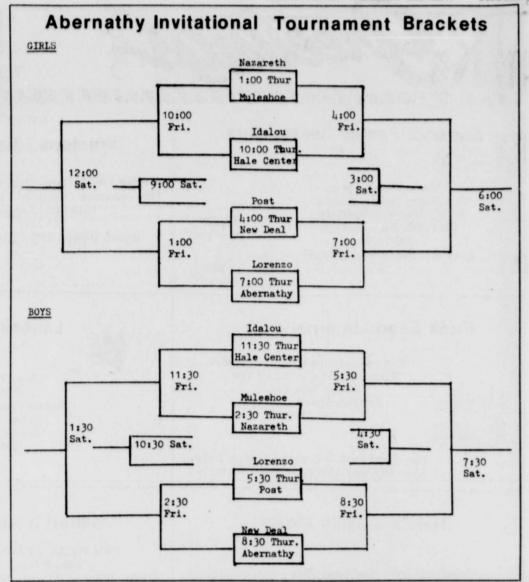
I am pleased to announce a new job training program now available which will assist Texas business and veterans, and will reduce employment. Congress has appropriated \$150 million dollars to carry out the Emergency Veterans Job Training Act.

An employer may receive up to \$10,000 for each Korea and Vietnam era veteran that is hired and trained. These funds are available on a first comefirst serve basis with no limit on the portion of the funds available to Texas business.

The Emergency Veterans Job Training Act is an excellent example of how government and private business can work together to put people back to work. I urge you to contact your local Texas Employment Commission office for details on this new opportuni-

As you probably know, a new unemployment insurance tax goes into effect on January 1, 1984. While this new law does substantially reduce the increase that employers otherwise would have faced under the emergency law that the Legislature passed on September 10, 1982, there will be some increase.

The best way to decrease this burden on the employer is to get people off the unemployment rolls and into



productive jobs. I would encourage you to help me achieve this goal by utilizing the programs we have established under the Job Training Partnership Act and the new Emergency Veterans Jobs Training Act. Yours truly. Mark White Governor of Texas

## Albrecht, Pettit And Webb Named To **Honor Lists At South Plains College**

Three students from Abernathy have been named to the President's

and Dean's Honor Lists at South Plains College for the 1983 fall semester.

To qualify for placement on the President's List, SPC students must maintain a 4.0 or "straight A" grade point average for the semester. Students on the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.25. All honor students must enroll for a minimum of 12 semester

Doyle Albrecht was named to the President's

List while Alan Pettit and Lindsey Webb were named to the Dean's List. 'We wish to extend our

congratulations to these fine students who have demonstrated the academic excellence which is found at South Plains College." said Dr. Bud Joyner, vice president for academic affairs.

"We are always proud of our students who are named to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists at SPC.

A total of 141 students were named to the President's List for the spring. and 301 students were named to the Dean's Honor

Thursday: Apple juice.

Friday: Orange juice, oat-

LUNCH

Tuesday: Pizza, tossed

Wednesday: Fried chick-

en, baked potatoes, green

beans, cheese rolls, fruit

Monday: In-service.

cinnamon rolls, milk

meal, milk.

## **Pampa Thumps Abernathy 84-62**

The Pampa boys varsity basketball team thumped Abernathy last Tuesday by the score of 84-62.

The game was at Pampa and the Lopes were a little run down after playing Idalou, Hale Center and Lorenzo almost back-to-back prior to Pampa.

Even though Pampa is a much larger school, (4-A), and picked to win their Region, the Antelopes held their own.

It was still close after the first period, 12-20, but

Pampa out-scored Abernathy 25-15 in the second period to take a commanding 45-27 lead at intermis-

The Lopes struggled to come back in the third and four periods, but were out-scored in each 17-14 and 22-21, respectively. The game came to an end with the Lopes behind by 22 points, 62-84.

Ed Teal gave an incredible performance despite the outcome of the game. Teal scored 34 points. Larry Perkins was the next highest scorer with 14, followed by Sammy Galloway with 8.

The loss still leaves Abernathy with one of the best records in the area at 9-3, losing only to much larger 4-A and 5-A teams.

#### SCHOOL MENU

January 2-27 BREAKFAST

Monday: In service. Tuesday: Applesauce. doughnuts, milk. Wednesday: Pineapple

juice, peanut butter bread,

Thursday: Chili beans, tossed salad. French fries. corn bread, apricot cobbler.

gelatin, milk.

salad, corn, pears.

Friday: Chili dogs, pickles onions, vegetables sticks, peanut butter cake, milk.

## **Transition**

#### Oather Bristow

Services for Oather Stevens Bristow, 82, were at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 22. in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayman Swopes, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Jesse

Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home in Plainview

He died at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday, December 20, of a heart attack in Central Plains Regional Hospital.

He was born in Trusby and moved from Rule to Plainview in 1941. He married Minnie Lee Taylor January 12, 1923, in Rule. They moved to Petersburg when he retired from farm-

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dwain of Abernathy; two daughters, Betty Olive of Petersburg and Sandra Watkins of Dallas; two brothers, L. R. of Imperial, Calif. and Frank of Hisberia, Calif; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

#### Travis Howard

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Services for Travis Houston Howard, 78, of Amarillo

and formerly of Abernathy, were at 3 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Riddles. pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home.

Howard died Saturday morning at High Plains Nursing Home in Hale Center about a lengthy illness.

The Montague County native moved to Abernathy in 1920. In 1938, he moved from Abernathy to Amarillo, where he worked for a taxicab company.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Boggus of Houston and Ganell Woley of Fort Worth; a brother, C. V. of Abernathy; two sisters, Lucille Phillips of Amarillo and Ruby Gale of Lamar, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grand-

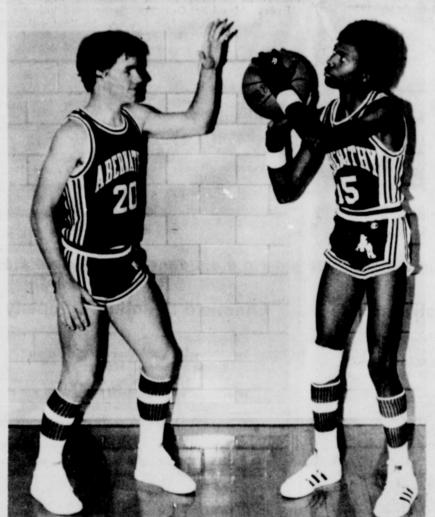


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Dec. 28-29	Caprock Tourney				xx	XX
Jan. 3	Ralls	Home	4:30	4:30	6:30	8:00
Jan. 5-6	Abernathy Tourney				XX	XX
Jan. 10	Friona	Home	5:00		6:30	
Jan. 13	Dimmitt	There	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan. 17	Tulia	There	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan. 20	Muleshoe	Home	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan. 24	Littlefield	There	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan. 27	Friona	There	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan. 31	Dimmitt	Home	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb. 3	Tulia	Home	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb. 7	Muleshoe	There	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb. 10	Littlefield	Home	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb. 14	Friona	Home		5:30		8:00



MEET THE LOPES...Mike Givens, 5'7" junior, is in his 1st year on varsity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Givens. Danny Britton, 5'10" junior, is in his 1st year on varsity. He is the son of Mr. Ruben Britton. (Review

#### Go Lopes!! **Beat Ralls & Good Luck At** The Abernathy Tourney

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DATE	OPPONENT	GIRLS	BOYS
Jan. 2	Littlefield	There	Here
Jan. 5,6,7	Shallowater Tournament [7th A & B]	There	There
Jan. 9	Friona	There	Here
Jan. 12,13,14	Littlefield Tournament [8th Tourn.]	There	There
Jan. 16	Dimmitt	Here	There
Jan. 19,20,21	Littlefield Tournament [7th Tourn]	There	There
Jan. 23	Tulia	Here	There
Jan. 30	Muleshoe	There	Here
Feb. 6	Littlefield	Here	There
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Game times: 7th - 5 p.m.

9th - 7 p.m. [approx]



LADY LOPES TEAM MANAGERS...Jackie Riddell, a senior, has been team manager for 2 years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Riddell. Joan Davis, a senior, is team manager for the 1st year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. limmie Davis. (Review Photo)

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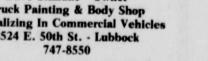
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#### **Texas Agriculture**

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the country, particularly the Midwest, made headlines during 1983 due to a relentless drought that tightened its stranglehold as the summer wore on. Much of Texas suffered, but the effects of the drought were most devastating in about a 30-county area stretching from San Angelo to El Paso.

This area, dominated by cattle, sheep and goats, was decimated by drought conditions that many seasoned ranchers likened to the '50s. Not only was the area without rainfall during most of the year, but the dry stretch extended back well into 1982. Some locations managed only an inch or two of rain in 18 months.

Faced with no grass on which to graze their livestock and high feed costs, ranchers started to do the only thing they could--haul their stock to market. In many cases entire herds were liquidated. Some ranchers held on to a few breeding stock, feeding hay throughout the year. The drought of '83 left a mark that few will ever

**News Not All Bad** 

Despite the vagaries of the weather

and the usual battle between low prices and high production costs, many Texas farmers and ranchers managed to hold their own and perhaps even move forward a bit in 1983. PIK was the salvation of many, particularly in areas where crops suffered weather damage. And in most other areas, crops did reasonably well

despite the later-than-normal planting

season. Record-breaking corn and cotton yields were reported in irrigated areas of Southwest Texas, and good crops were also harvested in many southern, central and coastal counties. The Texas crop picture also was boosted by a good wheat harvest in the spring, an excellent peach crop and a bumper pecan harvest. A good sugar beet crop was harvested in the High Plains, and the sugar cane harvest in the Rio Grande Valley was producing good yields as the year came to a close. A good citrus harvest also was under way in the Valley.

Despite drought conditions in western areas, most livestock made it through the year in good shape. Good hay crops were harvested in many areas and supplies should be sufficient to overwinter herds. 1983 also passed without a case of screwworms, making it as the first such year in several

#### A Look Ahead

Still, there are many unsettling conditions surrounding agriculture, so 1984 will begin much like 1983. While there will not be another PIK, the government will try in some way to entice farmers to hold the line on production to avoid surpluses that in the past have wreaked havoc with market prices. Farmers know that surpluses are devastating, but they also know they must gamble on the possibility that weather or other calamities could push prices up, as could sudden changes in export

Cattlemen could also be in for better times as the U. S. economy continues to improve and the herd buildup phase of the cattle cycle continues. Herd liquidations in 1983 due to the drought could prolong the buildup of cattle numbers. However, the 1.5 million or more dairy cows that will be moving to market as a result of the new dairy program will have a dampening effect on cow prices.

Although some economists expect farm income to increase significantly in 1984 (10 to 15 percent over recent years), a lot of uncertainties remain about the agricultural picture in the year ahead. But then, uncertainties have become a way of life for most farmers and ranchers.

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produced, in 1972 dollars) will trend consistently upward in 1984, although there may be some tapering off late in the year. The rate of quarterly increases will probably range around 51/2%, slightly below the estimated 6.2% average for 1983 due to the more moderate advance. Nevertheless, the steady, sustainable uptrek will have a good deal of substance and enable 1984's average quarterly reading of the real GNP to post a 51/2% year-to-year increment versus the estimated 31/2% average gain estimated for 1983.

#### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The Federal Reserve Index of Industrial Production is also expected to chalk up good gains in 1984. For this indicator -- which measures physical volume (not dollar value) of output of the nation's factories, mines, and utilities-- the further upward trek will be pretty consistent as was the case in 1983. Look for industrial production to average about 5% above the past year. This year-to-year increase will only approximate the estimated gain for 1983, but in some respects the achievement may turn out to be more formidable. For example, production in 1983 snapped back from the low point for the recession and while an increasing number of industries did experience more vibrant operations as the year progressed, consumeroriented lines and suppliers thereto led the rebound. We look for broader participation in 1984's advance as industries which normally lag turns in economic cycles commence to benefit from the expansion phase.

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#### **BUSINESS INVENTORIES**

Doubts concerning the probable vigor and durability of the business recovery were followed by surprise over the outburst of vitality in the second 1983 quarter. Consequently, businessmen were slow to shift their thinking on inventory policy and stockpiles were worked further downward through midyear before some rebuilding took place in the second half. We forecast that inventory accumulation will be distinct and persistent in 1984. This development will figure prominently in the upward trends of both the gross national product and industrial production. The largely hand-to-mouth buying policies of 1983 will give way to increased emphasis upon forward buying. More comfortable inventory positions will be deemed necessary since productive capacity utilization is approaching the theoretical level of maximum efficiency and there is no sign of abatement in demand. However, memories are still vivid concerning the recent period of inventory liquidation and renewed accumulation will doubtless be approached gingerly.

#### **BUSINESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Business investment in new plant and equipment did not play much of a role in the recovery phase of economic activity in 1983. This was quite normal since there was a good deal of idle productive capacity available. However, capacity utilization rates overall have risen past 80%, and the point of theoretical maximum efficiency is no longer far distant. Thus, in recent months there have been increasing reports of planned boosts in capital outlay budgets. This trend should continue, and become more pronounced in 1984. Lending credence to this is the fact that business has been able to strengthen its financial

position. Also, in recent years unprofitable and only marginally profitable plants have been either closed or sold. Thus, business is better positioned to step up capital outlays. Still, we look for such projects to be selective and geared primarily toward productivity enhancement rather than largescale expansions of production capacity. Our forecast is for a 10% hike in 1984 business capital spending over 1983, after two "down" years in such investments.

#### **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

A stellar performer during portions of 1982 and 1983, new housing starts will likely be a sustaining influence at best to economic activity in 1984. While demand for housing is still compelling, the level of mortgage rates turned back upward in 1983. Although still well below the unbearable high rates of the late 1970s and early 1980s, and although the availability of mortgage credit is also better than it was then, the "affordability" factor is less of a plus for home buying than it was during much of the past two years. Hence, Babson's forecast is for new private nonfarm housing starts to average around 1.7 million in the year ahead, approximating the achievement for 1983.

#### EMPLOYMENT-PERSONAL INCOME

During the first half of 1983 there was only a minuscule downward shading in the unemployment rate. This was a point of vocal discontent among the jobless and the Administration's critics. The unemployment rate was, and still is, serious indeed, but those who equated the painstakingly slow improvement with an emaciated economy blithely overlooked the healthy, unmistakable uptrend in

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### **New Tax Withholding Coming For Employers Of Some Nonprofit Organizations**

Employees who work for nonprofit tax exempt organizations may find that some withheld from wages they earn after January 1.

The Social Security Amendment Act of 1983 requires all employees of

organizations exempt from taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue extra money has been code to join the Social Security system on or before January 1, 1984.

This means that tax exempt religious, educational, and charitable organiza-

ing Social Security taxes from employees' wages and paying them into the Social Security system along with a matching employer contribution.

> Under the new law, organizations previously ex-

tions must begin withhold-

empt from Social Security will begin reporting withholding taxes on Form 941 instead of Form 941E.

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Copies of the Contract Document and the Refuse Collection Rate Schedule for the City of Abernathy may be examined at the City offices, 811 Avenue D.

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nonfarm employment totals, month after month. Babson's foresees a continuation of the favorable employment climate. Look for nonfarm employment to move higher in 1984 on the strength of a broader roster of industries sharing in the economy's expansion. However, it will be difficult to duplicate the sparkling performance in which substantive and virtually uninterrupted monthly employment gains were racked up in 1983. The encouraging, and surprisingly distinct, reduction in the jobless rate over the second half of 1983 also will be difficult to repeat in 1984. However, some downward shading is likely, and the unemployment rate will average

High levels of employment and expected wage hikes should enable personal income to trend higher in 1984. Indeed, Babson's expectation is that the year-to-year gains in personal income will average higher than the achievements of 1983. Moreover, with the final part of the three-stage federal income tax cut for individuals in effect for full 1984 -- versus only a half year in 1983-- the advance in take-home pay will be even more substantive. However, there is some question as to the degree of betterment in real buying power, as inflation is currently expected to be up at least moderately in 1984. Nevertheless, personal income should be a plus for consumer confidence.

#### CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Although spotty at times early in the year, retail trade was a vital force helping to lift the economy in 1983. The superb Christmas selling season mirrored heightened consumer confidence. While some of the pent-up demand was satiated during the past year's buying, the optimistic personal income-employment scenario we envision for 1984 will be more than equal to the task of boosting retail trade 10% over 1983.

Another source of vitality for the economy in 1984 will be government expenditures. An important aspect will be outlays for defense, which will spur demand for manpower and raw materials. But there will be increased expenditures for a wide range of basic services at the federal level also.

#### CORPORATE PROFITS--DIVIDENDS

The strong business recovery produced a snapback in corporate profits in 1983. However, benefits of costcutting and productivity-enhancement programs initiated during the recession heightened profitability, enabling the past year to rack up an estimated 15% gain in corporate profits after taxes. We forecast an even more impressive advance in net corporate benefits -- up as much as 25% in 1984. Babson's forecast is for more liberal dividend disbursements in 1984. There will be instances of dividend hikes and extras over the year ahead.

#### **FARM OUTLOOK**

The nation's farm sector is still deeply beset by problems. However a ray of light did appear in some sectors in 1983. With some easing in the ultra-strong U.S. dollar likely in 1984, slightly better farm exports could develop. This could nudge overall farm prices somewhat higher and make for further moderate recovery in farm incomes. But many farmers are still in deep financial trouble, and farm surpluses remain burdensome despite 1983's disastrous crop outturn.

#### **INFLATION--PRICES**

Despite the strong business recovery, inflation remained very tolerable and of the "creeping" variety in 1983. There were only upward shadings early on, but the trend bent more noticeably upward later in the year. However, brisker demand ranging from raw materials to finished goods is bound to spawn a wider array of price markups and boosts in costs over the coming year. Babson's predicts that monthly advances in the Consumer Price Index will average around 51/2% in 1984, less commendable than in 1983, but of only moderate intensity.

Still generally adequate supplies of materials and productive capacity will prevent runaway industrial prices in 1984, but quotes will be higher. Although key farm carryovers are still burdensome, the effects of the drought last summer presage hikes of varying degree in agricultural and food prices (particularly livestock and meat).

#### **INTEREST RATES--MONEY** AND CREDIT

Early 1984 months, and perhaps to midyear, could see some slippage in short-term interest rates of around 1%-2%, but look for a flip back thereafter. Overall, not much change in either short- or long-term rates. Babson's expects the Federal Reserve to continue to balance its monetary policy between reasonable business credit needs and keeping the lid on inflationary pressures, a course

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dictated by prospects of substantial federal budget deficits in coming

#### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

1983 was a touchy year for the U. S. on the foreign affairs front. While Babson's foresees some modest easing of tensions, the numerous sectors of raw sensitivity abroad render dramatic betterment unlikely. Recently chilled U.S.-Soviet relations are not likely to degenerate into an open break, but commencement of serious talks on nuclear and conventional arms limitation reduction must also be viewed as remote. There will be improvement in foreign trade, but in view of the languid economic recovery abroad, progress in this arena may also be only moderate. The task of materially lifting American exports is exacerbated by the strong dollar, but this factor could at least ease somewhat in

#### STOCK AND BOND OUTLOOK

Despite an advance of more than 250 points on the Dow Jones industrial average during 1983, the stock market was sluggish at times and beset by strong crosscurrents. Over much of the year investors worried about the possible effects of looming massive federal deficits. Nevertheless, the stock market did advance into new high ground with plenty of room to spare. The DJIA paraded past the 1200 mark and near year's end had the 1300 level dead in sight. What can the market do for an encore in 1984? Basically, Babson's Reports is still optimistic over prospects for the year ahead. At this point, it is premature to think in terms of an imminent reversal of the uptrend which began in August of 1982. Babson's feels that there is still significant headway to be made over the year ahead. For the record, our forecast is for stock prices to trend higher in 1984 with the Dow Jones industrial average fluctuating between 1150 on the lower end of the year's range and 1450 on the upside. If stronger than currently expected momentum develops, the DJIA could even be thrust into the 1500 area. An important premise for our optimism is the forecast that investor confidence will be heightened by expectations that corporate profits will experience signal betterment quantitatively and qualitatively. A strong re-election bid by President Reagan and reasonably well-confined levels of inflation and interest rates are also central to sustained investor confidence.

Thus, Babson's recommends adhering to an investment policy which is primarily optimistic. Investors can still find good values for growth, capital appreciation, and income to build and augment investment portfolios suitable for individual requirements.



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"It was totally involved when we got there about 4 a.m.." said chief Terry Martin. Fireman Randy Teeter said the well house and pressure tank were totally destroyed and the' cause was unknown. When asked if efforts to thaw the well could be responsible, he replied, "Anything is

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