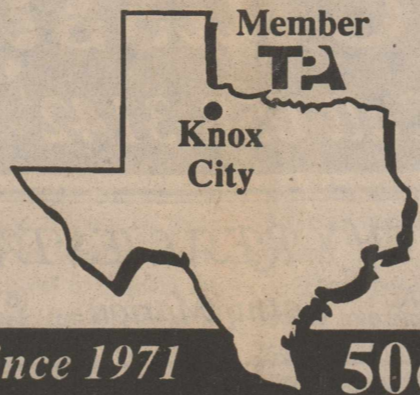


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OVERALL WINNERS in the Soil Conservation Service Poster Contest were announced for the first time this year by Elementary Principal Maribeth Williams. First place was Amber Collins, center, fourth grade. At left is second place winner Michelle Haney, a third grader; and Landon Welershausen, at right, third place winner and a second grade student. (News Photo)



FIRST GRADE WINNERS in the Soil Conservation Service Poster Contest were announced last with along with three other grades. From left, Jenna Bennett, first; Martha Silva, second; Wesley Espinosa, fifth; and Skylar Anderson, sixth. Not pictured are Matthew Garcia, third; and Sondra Lankford, fourth. (News Photo)



SECOND GRADE WINNERS in the SCS Poster Contest were front row, from left, Landon Welershausen, first; and Kimberly Hawkins, second. Back row, from left, are Jennifer Eaton, third; Michelle Escobar, fourth; Patrick Garcia, fifth; and John Malingot, sixth. (News Photo)



THIRD GRADE WINNERS in the Soil Conservation Service Poster Contest were front row, from left, Michelle Haney, second; and Garry Manley, third. Back row, from left, are Candace Anderson, fourth; Nikki Gonzales, fifth; and Tiffany Jobe, sixth. Not pictured is Melissa Ruiz, first. (News Photo)



FOURTH GRADE WINNERS in the Soil Conservation Service Poster Contest were front row, from left, Amber Collins, first; and Sara Rocha, second. Back row, from left, are Kayla Garcia, third; Amanda Kolin, fourth; Erica Quintana, fifth; and Holly Scott, sixth. (News Photo)

Texas Lions Provide Camp For Diabetic Children

"It's tough to be a diabetic child because diabetes doesn't show," says Daphne Bowden, mother of Kimberly Bowden, former Texas Lions Camp diabetic camper. "Diabetic children must learn to take proper care of themselves and take an active role in controlling their disease."

The Lions of Texas provide a special summer camp for insulin-dependent diabetic children ages seven to 17. At the Texas Lions Camp, children with diabetes can learn about controlling their disease while enjoying summer camp at no cost to their parents.

Recreational activities make camp life fun, while a medical team supervises the children's education about diabetes. Campers learn about their blood sugar and urine analysis, giving their own injections, controlling their diet and monitoring their exercise. The individualized attention in health care encourages good control of diabetes.

Two sessions will be held this

summer. The two-week session is for children ages 7 to 12, and the one-week session is for children ages 13 to 17, allowing concerns typical of different age groups to be addressed.

An educational seminar is held for parents of the last afternoon before checkout morning of each session to educate them about their children's new knowledge of diabetes. "The staff took us in and taught us so many things - we were so hungry for knowledge about diabetes," Bowden says. The camp is funded by Lions clubs and private donations which allows services to be provided at no cost to the family. Insulin, syringes, and testing kits are also provided free of charge.

If you would like more information or need a camp application, contact local Lions Club member, Carol Felts at 658-3066, or the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 247, Kerrville, TX 78029-0247. Call (512) 896-8500, Fax # (512) 896-3666.

Hospital Begins Second Year As Part Of Mednet

Knox County Hospital is beginning its second year on line with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in an innovative program called MedNet. A communications satellite links Knox County Hospital with the medical school to provide advanced and continuing medical training for the nurses, doctors, and allied health professionals.

The system was purchased last year by a federal grant from The Health Care Finance Administration.

Kelly Bartley, MedNet coordinator, said that the programs are offered each week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. "Nurses must continually update their knowledge and skills because technology changes so quickly. With MedNet, our nurses can get CEUs (Continuing Education Units) to maintain their licenses and to stay current with the latest advances," she said. This also holds true with physicians and other allied health personnel.

All types of programming are available through the interactive video telecommunications network. The programs are traditionally about 45 minutes long, followed by live

questions from the remote satellite locations. These questions are transmitted to the center by telephone lines, and participants in each remote location can hear the questions and the answers.

"With this system our physicians and nurses have the opportunity to hear medical experts discuss subjects in their field of expertise," Stephen Kuehler, hospital administrator said. "Accessing this kind of knowledge for large numbers of our staff would be impossible without this program. MedNet gives us the chance to stay on the cutting edge of change in medicine, and to serve our community better."

New Golf Association Schedules Meeting

The Knox City Country Club's new golf association will have an organizational meeting this Thursday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knox City Community Center on South Third Street. All interested men and women members of the club are urged to attend.

Commissioner Of Health And Human Services To Host Meeting

In Wichita Falls

Commissioner Richard Ladd, appointed as Commissioner of Health and Human Services by Governor Ann Richards, announced on Monday that he will travel to Wichita Falls on January 29, and join State Senator Steve Carriker in hosting a meeting about the state of health care in Texas.

Both Ladd and Carriker will lead a conference with business leaders, city officials, and human service professionals, and would like to invite the public to join in this meeting on Friday, January 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Saint James Room of the Wichita Falls Activity Center. The focus of the meeting will be to provide an overview of health and human serv-

ices and discuss how budget shortfalls and funding cuts will impact the North Texas economy. The state sends over \$78 million to Wichita County each year in health and human services funding. The conference is expected to end about 11:30 a.m.

There are many crisis situations facing Texas as the 73rd session of the Texas Legislature begins. At the top of Senator Steve Carriker's list of priorities is making sure adequate health and human services are not dumped on local governments.

Individuals interested in attending this meeting can contact Jettie Barnett in Senator Carriker's office at (817) 322-8400.

Local Lions Attend District 2-E1 Mid-Winter Conference

Lions Sweetheart Zo Felts, secretary/treasurer Carol Felts, along with the Rev. and Mrs. James Patterson, traveled to Stephenville last Friday for the annual Mid-Winter Conference held in the Holiday Inn.

On their way, the Felts stopped by the Tab Felts' home in Eastland to pick up their five-year-old grandson T.J.

Friday night they attended the

buffet supper and fellowship meeting hosted by the Stephenville Lions.

Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock, the Felts and the Pattersons attended the coffeete and welcome hosted by the Chamber of Commerce where they were greeted by Mayor Lavinia Lohmann and a representative of the

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Hospital Receives Grant

Knox County Hospital District recently received the second annual installment of a three-year \$150,000 Rural Health Care Transition Grant, according to Stephen Kuehler, administrator. The hospital plans to use this year's installment of \$50,000 to accomplish two major goals: to continue to recruit and retain physicians, and to provide continuing education for physicians and hospital professional staff through the MedNet program.

"The competition for physicians is tough," Kuehler said. "Fewer than ten percent of graduating physicians want to practice in a rural area, so there are many small communities competing for a few physicians. Finding a physician for a rural area can be extremely expensive. The funds from this grant, which come from a source outside the community, equalize our recruiting chances."

Providing quality continuing education for the hospital staff is equally as important as the recruiting efforts, Kuehler added. "Medical technology changes so fast that all professionals struggle to stay current. By subscribing to MedNet, our staff can get training as sophisticated as the staff at a big city hospital," he said.

A communications satellite links Knox County Hospital with the Texas Tech University Health Science Center to provide advanced medical training. "With MedNet, our personnel are able to obtain CEUs (Continuing Education Units) to maintain their licenses and to stay current with the latest advances," Kuehler said.

The Rural Health Care Transition Grant that Knox County Hospital District is receiving is funded by the United States Federal Government's Health Care Finance Administration.

Housing Authority Open House Set For Sunday

The Knox City Housing Authority is having Open House at two units that has recently been completed for the handicapped.

The Open House has been planned for Sunday, January 31, from 2:00 until 4:00 at 207 West Fourth Street and 205 North Avenue I, according to Billie Ray Morrow, executive director.

Financial Workshop Planned In Munday

If you find it difficult or impossible to make ends meet each month or if you discovered in January that you let the Christmas Spirit hit your wallet too hard in December, you

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"Researching and making application to these types of programs is part of our ongoing efforts to ensure health care for the people of Knox County," Kuehler concluded.

Register Now For Exit Level Testing Dates

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and wish to register to retake the exit level TEAMS or TAAS test(s) may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus, district central office, or education service center. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

* February 18, 1993 - TAAS writing test

* April 12, 1993 - TAAS reading, TAAS mathematics, or either TEAMS test

If a student is registering for the TAAS writing test and also needs the mathematics and/or reading test, he/she should use one registration form. The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent either by registered mail or certified mail. Questions concerning out-of-school examinee testing should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Division of Instructional Outcomes Assessment, (512) 463-9536.

Doug Ray, 'The Chef' To Be In Munday

Professional Chef Doug Ray, son of Susie and Jerry Ray of Knox City, will be presenting a program on Thursday, February 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

The program is open to the public and is free of charge.

Doug will be sharing with us his expertise, chocolate and showing some of his winning entries from the National Chef Olympics held last summer. He will also tell about his work as a "Chef" and he will demonstrate "Chocolate Truffles".

Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, guarantees this to be a great evening. For more information, contact the Knox County Extension Office at 454-2651.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and are open to people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - - Lori Hayes and James Tidwell, both of Sherman, announce their engagement and approaching marriage plans. The bride-elect is the daughter of Marjorie Lee Hayes of Sherman and the late Norman Hayes. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tidwell of Munday and the grandson of Mrs. Bill Tidwell of Knox City. The couple's wedding date has been set for Saturday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Pentecostal Church in Sherman. (Courtesy Photo)

Soils Testing Reduces Potential For Groundwater Contamination

A sound soil fertility program on which a profitable farming operation is built. Soils testing should be the first step in developing a sound fertility program.

The Seymour Aquifer will be offering free soils tests to farmers, ranchers, and gardeners in the project area. The project area includes northwest Haskell and southern Knox counties. The soils testing program will be held from February 15 through March 6 and again from July 9 through August 7.

The soils testing program is being sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to help improve fertilizer use while protecting water quality.

Soil sample bags and information sheets can be picked up in Haskell County at the Soil Conservation Service, County Extension Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Allison Farm Supply in Rule, Home State Bank in Rochester, Farmers' Gin in Rochester, and O'Brien Co-Op Gin in O'Brien.

In Knox County, Soil Sample bags can be picked up at the Soil Conservation Service office, ASCS, County Extension Service office, Benjamin Fertilizer in Knox City,

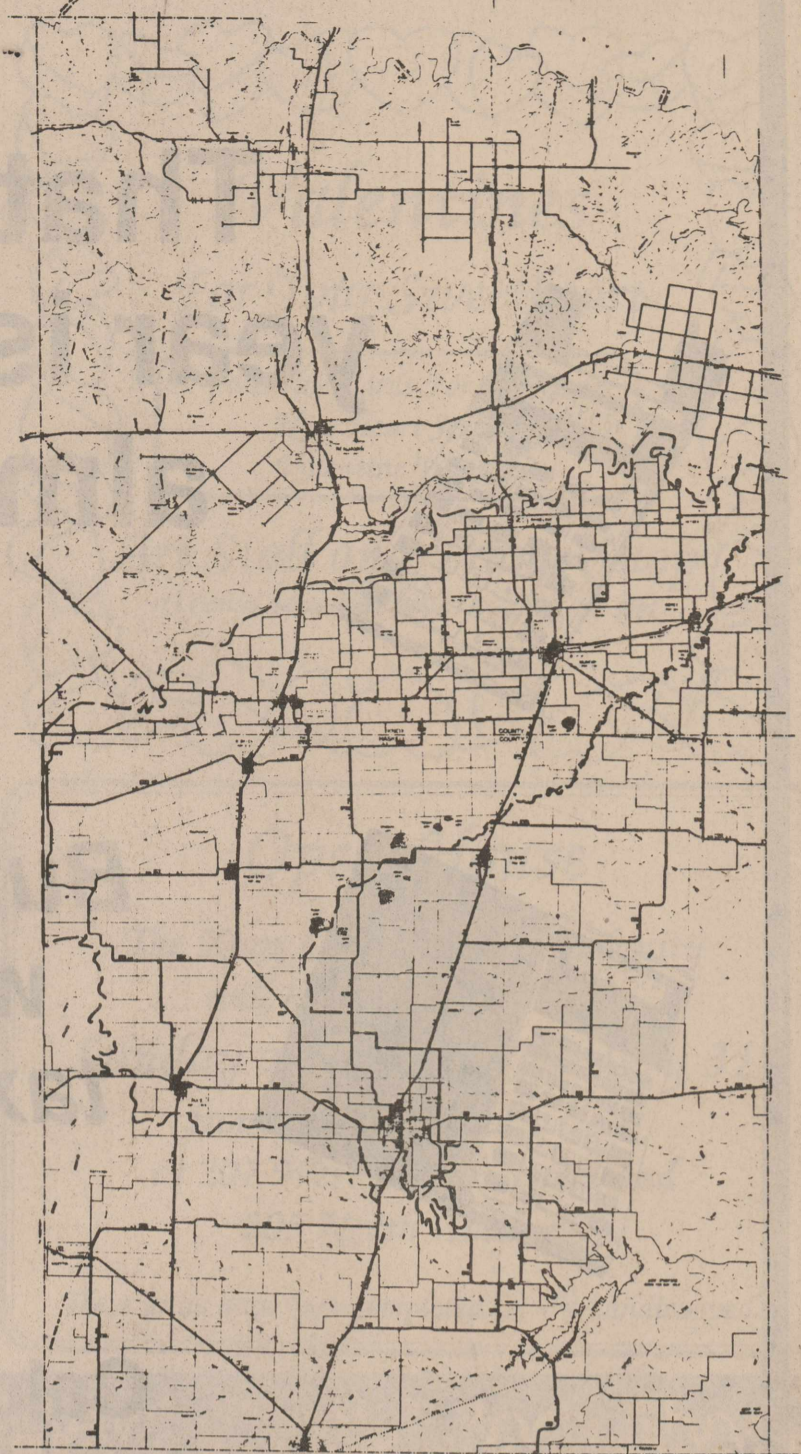
Terra in Knox City, Zeissel Bros. Fertilizer, Farmers Grain Co-Op in Munday, Quality Implement in Munday, and Rhineland Co-Op Gin in Rhineland.

After taking the soil samples and filling out the information sheet (be sure to list the desired yield of crop) producers can return the samples to the place where they got them. SCS or Extension Service staff will pick up the samples and mail them to the Extension Service Soils Testing Lab at Texas A&M. The lab will send the fertilizer recommendations to the producers.

To produce maximum yields without damaging water quality, one needs to know the exact amount of fertilizer required for the crop. A soils test is the best way to get an accurate fertilizer recommendation.

Fertilizer recommendations are based on knowing the amount of nutrients presently in the soil (determined by a soils test) and basing the fertilizer recommendations on realistic crop yield goals.

To find out more about soils testing call Danny Lamberth of Cyndy Carver at (817) 864-3334, Bo Whitaker at (817) 552-9941, Max Stapleton (817) 864-2658, or the County Extension Service Office in Knox County (817) 454-2651.



Jane's News Notes

By Jane Rowan
County Extension Agent - H.E.

WHAT'S THAT SOUND . . .

If you bought a new refrigerator within the past few years, you've probably noticed that it sounds "different."

Here's why.

New refrigerators use only half as much electricity as older models. In fact, a new 20.6 cubic foot refrigerator with top freezer uses no more electricity than a 75-watt lightbulb. Most new refrigerators are also larger and have such added conveniences as automatic defrost systems, icemakers and perhaps even a "built-in" look, resulting in different sounds such as:

*High-pitched whine from more energy efficient compressors that have smaller, higher speed motors.

*Soft hum from the evaporator fan in the freezer and/or condenser fan under the refrigerator.

*Clicks from the automatic defrost timer switching on and off, the thermostat turning the refrigerator on and off, or the water valve refilling the icemaker.

*Boiling or gurgling/trickling water when the refrigerator stops running the defrost water runs into the drain pan or the refrigerant circulates in the system.

*Running water as the ice cube tray fills, and thuds as ice cubes drop into the storage bin.

To help deafen these new sounds:

*Make sure the refrigerator is level and the defrost water collection pan is in position (usually reachable behind the bottom front "toe plate").

*Put carpet or sound absorbing ceiling tile on the wall behind the refrigerator.

*Allow enough space between the back of the refrigerator and the wall unless it is designed as a "built-in." Check your use and care book for the needed space.

To reduce compressor "run

time":

*Vacuum the condenser coils at least twice a year, more often if you have pets.

*Keep your freezer at least three-fourths full. Use partially-filled water jugs to fill empty space.

Some consumers report that their refrigerators are "louder" than an identical model in a friend's or relative's house. This may be due to the number of people in the house as well as different furnishings and room arrangements. Carpeting, drapery, upholstered furniture and wall coverings can help muffle refrigerator sounds.

SWEETS FOR DIABETICS?

Dessert recipes that call for sugar may be okay for persons with diabetes if each serving ends up with one teaspoon of sugar. To check it out, you can:

Divide total amount of sugar in teaspoons by the number of servings per recipe.

Example: If the recipe calls for 1/4 cup of sugar (12 teaspoons per 1/4 cup) and the recipe makes 12 servings,

Divide: 12 teaspoons divided by 12 servings = one teaspoon per serving.

KC - O'Brien School Lunch Menus

Monday, Feb. 1
to Friday, Feb. 5

BREAKFAST

Monday, February 1 - Hot biscuits, butter, jelly, juice, milk.

Tuesday, February 2 - Fruit, cereal, toast, milk.

Wednesday, February 3 - Sausage, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday, February 4 - Fruit, cereal, toast, milk.

Friday, February 5 - Apple-sauce, blueberry muffins, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, February 1 - Corn dogs, nachos, green beans, chilled pears, milk, tea, or koolaid. Or - salad plate.

Tuesday, February 2 - Fish patties, black eye peas, cheese sandwiches, apple crisp, milk, tea or koolaid. Or - salad plate.

Wednesday, February 3 - Homemade bean burritos, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, jello, milk, tea or koolaid. Or - salad plate.

Thursday, February 4 - Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes,

peas, pickles, tator tots, cake, milk, tea or koolaid. Or-salad plate.

Friday, February 5 - Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, peanut butter whip, milk, tea or koolaid. Or - salad plate.

Letters From Our Readers

January 22, 1993

Knox County News
Knox City, TX 79529

Dear Stacy, Dave and Billye Bess,

I surely enjoy getting the KC News and keeping up with old friends and learning about new events and people since I left there 20 years ago.

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Sincerely,

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(Editor's Note: Louise, Always great to hear from you!)

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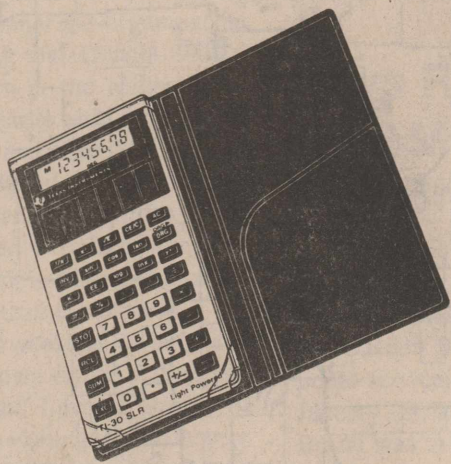
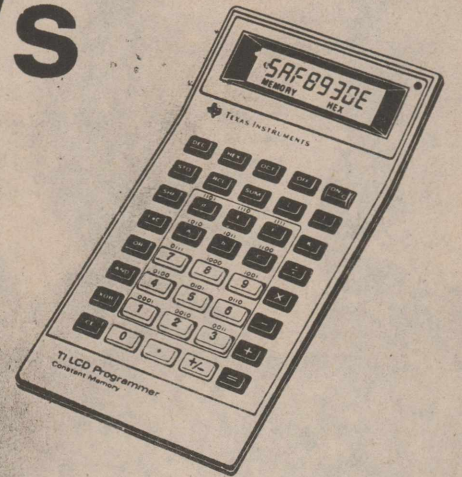
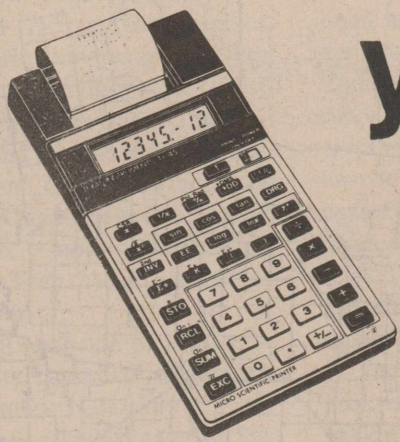
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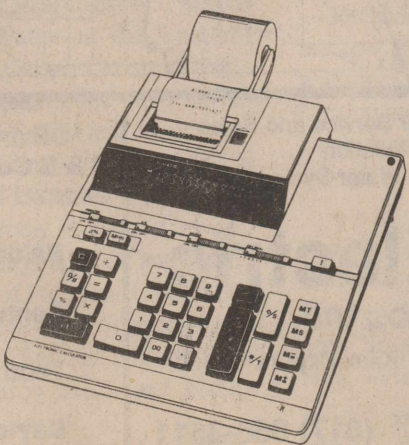
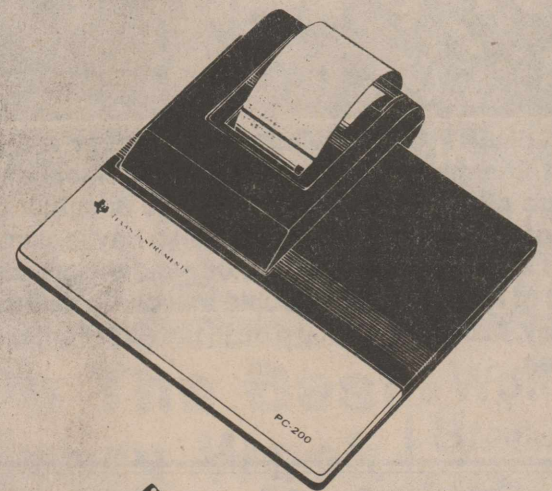
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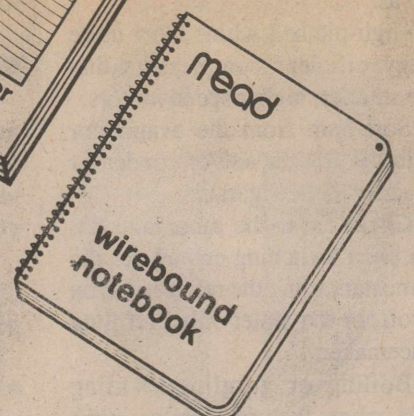
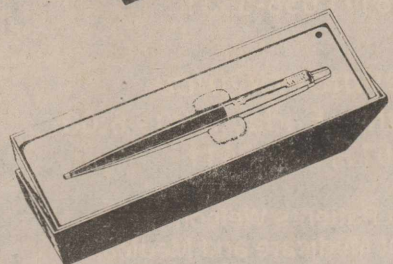
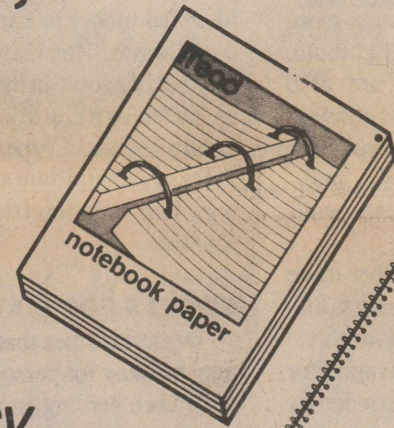
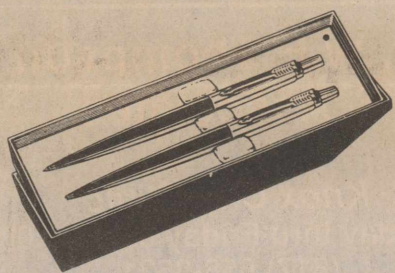
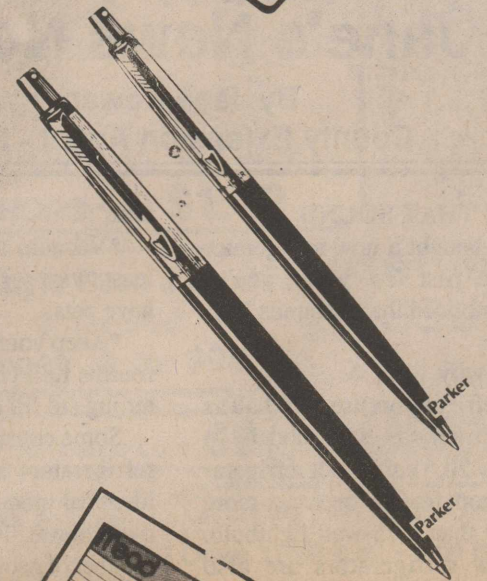
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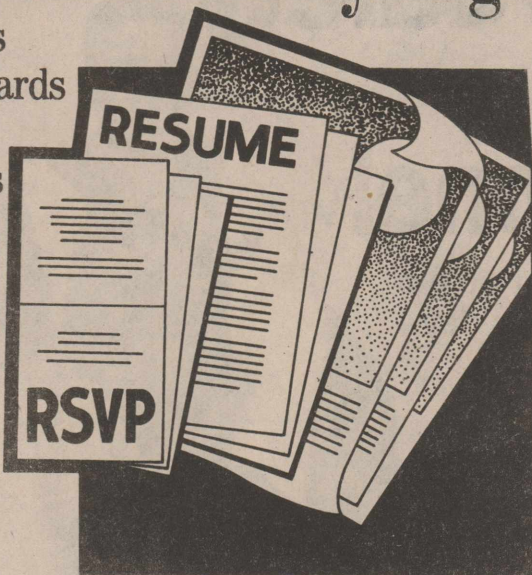


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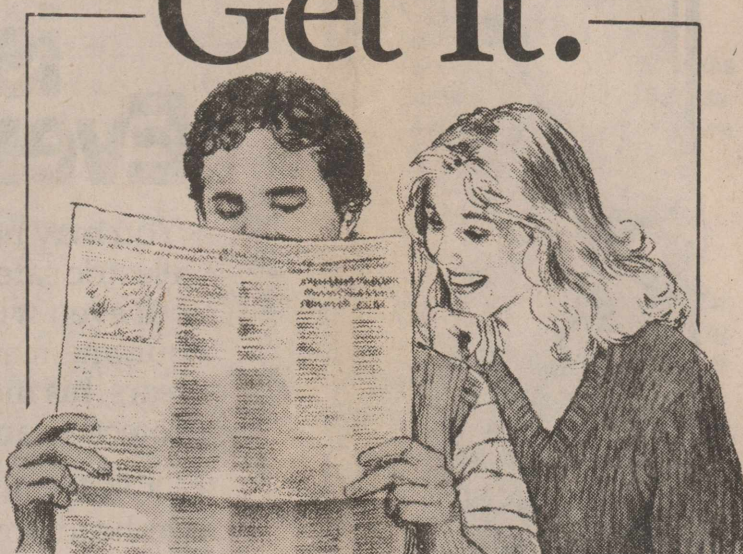
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FUTURE COWBOY ? Christopher James Duncan played this season for the Grapevine Dolphins Pee Wee football team who were also the Division B Super Bowl champs. Christopher is the son of James O. and Sheri Kay Duncan of Grapevine. He bears the same number his father wore when he lead the O'Brien Bulldogs to victory in the 60's. James was also the head coach for the Dolphins. Grandparents are Clifton and Bessie Duncan of O'Brien and Nathan and LeRae Hight of Southlake. (Courtesy Photo)

FROM TEXAS PRESS ASSN.

A new survey by the South Opinion Research found that
 *Nine of ten respondents said they read newspapers.
 *Eighty percent who use coupons use newspapers as their source.
 *Seventy-seven percent of 18 to 30 year olds are regular readers.
 *For shopping information, 64 percent turn to newspapers; nine percent TV; two percent radio.
 *For grocery information, 85 percent cited newspapers, five percent said shopper publications, and four percent direct mail.

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MetLife Offers Community Youth Grants

TAMPA, FLA. - Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is offering Community Improvement Youth Grants. The grants, which range from \$100 to \$250, are made to groups of young people that develop creative ways to improve their community. These grants are intended as seed money to pay for materials, while the youth donate their time.

Any group of five or more people between the ages of 12 and 18, with an adult sponsor, is eligible to apply. Established youth organizations such as Scouts, Boys or Girls Clubs, community groups and recreational centers also are invited to submit applications.

Application forms are available at the local Metropolitan Life office or by requesting one in writing from: MetLife, Community Improvement Youth Grants, 4100 Boy Scout Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607.



TANYA LARNED recently participated in the All-Region Band held in Abilene. Tanya is 15 years old, plays clarinet in the Greyhound Band and is the daughter of Brenda and Jim Larned. Band directors are Bill Dyer and Deanna Selgler. (News Photo)

FROM LUBBOCK

Gwen and Mark Decker of Lubbock visited Sunday afternoon in the homes of her parents, Billye and Buddy Angle, and her sister and family, Dave, Stacy, and Scooter Thompson.

The Deckers had spent the weekend in Oklahoma City and Dallas and were enroute home.



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Benjamin News
 By Gladene Green

After a week of almost every kind of weather possible, we start another work week today. Hopefully, there will be a few days of sunshine ahead.

There are several friends on the sick list this week. Era Brown is in the Knox County Hospital, being there since Wednesday, with pneumonia. She is getting better day by day so maybe she will be back home soon.


Myrtle Jones is also in the hospital at Knox City. According to her son, Charles, she is improving and should be able to return to the Brazos Valley Care Home before too long.

JoAnn Corley spent Saturday and Saturday night in the hospital. She returned home Sunday feeling much better.


There are several who have had colds, sore throats and a virus which sure makes one feel bad but these "spells" thankfully, are short lived.

Alton Lee Patterson of Wichita Falls died Friday. Funeral was yesterday (Sunday) in Vera. He was the brother of Benjamin resident, Rex Patterson. Sympathy goes to the Patterson family, today.

HERE 'N THERE



CAPITOL JOURNAL



STEVEN A. CARRIKER
 State Senate

BUDGET ISSUES

The school finance issue is not the only situation that must be resolved before the legislature adjourns in May. Just as pressing is a proposal by the Legislative Budget Board for funding cuts to social services. While I strongly feel that the Texas budget must be trimmed, making ends meet by essentially ignoring the state's poor, elderly, and disabled will just result in a shift of the tax burden.

The truth is, without some of the services that have been targeted for drastic cuts, the local tax burden will become even more unbearable than it is. Over 22 percent of Texans have no health insurance, which in essence makes them "wards of the state". This means they receive no treatment until their illnesses have become acute, and minor illnesses many times become major health problems. Something that could have been treated early at a low cost develops into a costly chronic disease, which eventually costs taxpayers much more.

The proposal just released by the Budget Board, however, is only a proposal. I do not accept the contention that the only way to balance our budget is on the backs of local taxpayers. Health care costs have to be paid, one way or another.

Human services are part of the same dilemma. Children who have been abused have a 50 percent greater chance of committing a crime and are 40 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime than children who have not been abused. If this situation is allowed to grow unchecked, the effect would undoubtedly be felt in an increase in our prison population in a few years.

A few hundred dollars spent to protect a child and for preventative medicine is a much better investment than tens of thousands of dollars to keep a criminal behind bars, or even hundreds of thousands of dollars to treat a preventable illness.

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A Golden Time

Lorene Beason
 Administrator
 Brazos Valley
 Care Home
 658-3543

605 Avenue F, Knox City

An article on aspirin in the NE Journal of Medicine says that, while regular aspirin use can reduce the chances of heart attack, it may increase the risk of hemorrhagic stroke and have other side effects, like gastrointestinal bleeding.

During 1990, hearing impairments increased among the elderly from 29% of the population to 32%, heart disease grew from 28% to 30%, and arthritis increased from 48% to 49%, according to one study.

Jeff Conner of Lubbock was a weekend guest of his mom and brother, Judie and Jim Bob and grandparents, the Bobby Robersons and Zula Conner.

Jr. and Virginia Barrientez and Michael of Stamford visited his parents, Raul and Reyes, during the weekend. Also visiting her grandparents over the weekend was Alizabeth Barrientez of Wink.

Weekend visitors of Era Brown in the hospital were Daisy Roberts of Mesquite and Polly Lofgren of Arlington.

Ruth Wampler of Rochester visited Lois Golden Sunday. They at-

tended the funeral of Alton Lee Patterson Sunday afternoon. Among Benjamin residents attending the funeral were W.T. and Jo Cartwright and LaMoyné and Christine Patterson.

Randy Engbrock and Kim Trepanier of Wichita Falls visited their parents, Joe and Julia Trepanier, Friday afternoon.

Word was received here today of the death of B.W. Duke in Fort Worth. He had undergone heart surgery a couple of weeks ago and just wasn't able to overcome complications that followed. We send sympathy to his family.

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Before the amendment of the new law, it was a class A misdemeanor for meter tampering unless the loss of service was more than \$200. Under the new law, any meter tampering regardless of the amount of loss is now a felony of the third degree.

Meter tampering consists of, but is not limited to:

- (1) Diverting electricity from passing through a meter device.
- (2) Preventing electric service from being correctly registered by a meter device.
- (3) Unauthorized activation of electric service.

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