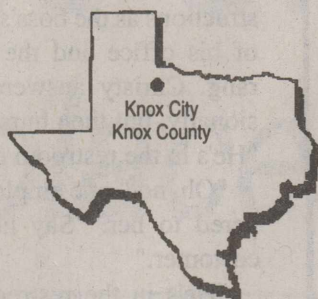


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February, 1999 state sales tax rebate for Knox City totals \$18,366.43, up from 1998

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$318.2 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, including a check of \$18,366.43 to Knox City. The rebate to Knox City reflects an increase of 1.90% from a rebate check of \$18,022.54 for the same period in 1998. Knox City collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax, with a full 1.000% of the tax directed towards Economic Development (EDC) funding. The Knox City Economic Development Corporation uses this money for projects to spur the local economy of our community. These same state sales tax rebates accumulated over the past three years are the funds being used to renovate the old Perry's building for the new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store that is scheduled to open during the first week of May. Duckwalls will be hiring local employees, plus paying into this sales tax rebate in the future on items sold when the store is open.

Texas cities received \$293.6 million, 9.9 percent higher than payments of \$267.1 million at this same time one year ago. Counties received a total of 24.5 million in rebates, up 9.5 for the

same period in 1998. Another 9.7 million went to special purpose districts around the state.

The checks delivered this month are for sales taxes collected in December and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1998.

For other Knox County cities, Benjamin received \$895.60, a 0.34% increase from \$892.50 for the same period a year ago. Goree received \$496.18, down 37.94% from a payment of \$799.59 last year at the same time. Munday received \$12,578.63 up 12.15% from a payment of \$11,215.00 in 1998 at the same time. Munday collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax, with Benjamin and Goree collecting a 1.000% sales tax.

In Haskell County, Haskell received \$48,904.80, up 16.20% from a payment of \$42,084.46 in 1998. Haskell collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax. O'Brien received \$205.64 this period, down 52.22% from a payment of \$430.44 a year ago. Rochester received \$1,038.07, down 8.66% from a payment of \$1,136.60 during the same period last year.

In Jones County, Stamford received a payment of \$66,740.31, up 5.72% from a payment of \$63,123.98 in 1998. Anson received \$25,640.58, up 20.52% from a payment of \$21,273.53 last year. Hamlin received a check of \$27,843.43, up 7.79% from \$25,830.18 in 1998. Stamford, Anson and Hamlin all collect a 2% rate of sales tax.

In Baylor County, the city of Seymour received a payment of \$20,639.37, up 2.39% from a payment of \$20,156.31 in 1998. Seymour collects a 1.000 rate of sales tax.

In Foard County, Crowell received a payment of \$7,571.47, up 1.27% from a payment of \$7,476.20 in 1998. Crowell collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax.

In Dickens County, Dickens received \$5,333.50, up 103.54% from a payment of \$2,620.30 in 1998. Spur received a payment of \$5,291.16, up 2.00% from a 1998 payment of \$5,187.37. Dickens collects a 1.5% rate of sales tax, while Spur collects a 1% rate.

In Cottle County, Paducah received a payment of \$9,774.16, down 0.48% from a payment of \$9,821.35 in 1998. Paducah collects a 1.5% rate of sales tax.

District court hears cases in all four counties

The felony criminal docket kept the District Court occupied last week in all four of the counties composing the 50th Judicial District, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Action in the Baylor County District Court last Tuesday saw four defendants enter guilty pleas and one forfeiture case was heard by visiting District Judge Leslie Thomas of Crowell.

Jeffery Glen Bailey, 35, of Harrison, Michigan, plead guilty to possession of cocaine and was sentenced to a four-year probated sentence, was assessed a \$1,000.00 fine, ordered to pay court costs, as well as \$140.00 restitution to the State Crime Lab for testing of the drugs.

Jeffrey Earl Kemp, 21, of Lancaster, plead guilty to hindering apprehension of a felon and was sentenced to a five-year probated sentence, assessed a \$500.00 fine, and was ordered to pay all court costs.

Jennifer Dawn Lee, 25, of Temple, plead guilty to forgery and was given a five year probated sentence, assessed a \$1,000.00 fine, was ordered to pay all court costs and was also ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

Adis Latham, 43, of Seymour, plead guilty to the State's allegations that he violated the terms of probation by failing to abstain from the use of marihuana, failing to pay his fine, failing to report to his probation officer and failing to pay his community supervision fees. Latham has been given a three-year probated sentence on June 28, 1996 for delivery of mari-

huana. After hearing Latham's plea of guilty to violating the terms of probation, Judge Thomas ordered the defendant to be incarcerated in the prison system's felony substance abuse facility for a period of approximately nine months, after which he will be returned to serve the balance of his probation. However, in addition, Judge Thomas ordered an additional two years to be added to his probation, term, making it a total of five years.

Elizabeth Ann Martinez, 21, of Clinton, Oklahoma, plead guilty on October 19, 1998 for possession of marihuana. At that time she was given a five-year prison sentence, but sentenced to the prison system's "boot camp" program. After successfully completing the prison's boot camp program, she was brought back Tuesday and asked to be put on probation for the balance of her term. Judge Thomas granted the motion. In view of the defendant's youth and the fact that she was her first conviction, and the fact that she successfully completed boot camp, District Attorney Neal did not oppose allowing her to be placed on probation for the balance of her five-year term. In addition, however, the State had filed a forfeiture suit to forfeit Martinez's 1986 Pontiac Sunbird automobile which she was using to transport the marihuana in question when arrested. Judge Thomas granted the forfeiture auction by the State and forfeited the vehicle to the State. Since Seymour Police Officer Mike Griffin was the officer making the arrest in this case, District Attorney Neal

stated that the title of the vehicle would be transferred over to the Seymour Police Department.

The only other action in the Baylor County District Court was a scheduled change of venue hearing sought by William Anthony Thornhill, 43, of Seymour, seeking to have this trial for felony driving while intoxicated and his trial for aggravated assault and retaliation moved out of Baylor County. This motion was opposed by District Attorney Neal. The Court granted a temporary continuance of the change of venue hearing and scheduled it for Wednesday, February 19th, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. Thornhill is represented by Bill Heatly, Jr. of Paducah.

On Wednesday, the District Court moved to Knox County and heard two guilty pleas, plus conducted a pretrial hearing in another case.

Roy Q. Lerma, 34, of Knox City, plead guilty to the offense of deadly conduct with a deadly weapon and was given a five-year probated sentence, fined \$500.00 and ordered to pay all court costs. He was represented by Gary Conally of Abilene.

Michael Gerard Albus, 32, of Knox City, plead guilty to possession of less than one gram of cocaine. He was granted deferred adjudication probation and his probation term was set for three years. Albus was also fined \$1,000.00 and ordered to pay all court costs, plus \$140.00 restitution to the State Crime Lab for testing the drugs. Albus was represented by

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Carol and Zo are home !

After six months in Dallas for heart transplant



Zoanne and Carol Felts

After six months in Dallas where he underwent a heart transplant and numerous surgeries, Carol Felts is doing well, and he and Zo are so happy to be home again. They arrived Saturday about 1:00 p.m.

Carol explained that every Monday, Wednesday and Friday he 'hooks himself' up to a Transtelephonic Exercise Monitor at 2:20 p.m. With his set of headphones, he is able to communicate with the nurse in Dallas as she monitors his heart while he is riding the exercise bike.

He also will have to return to the Dallas facility once a month for a heart biopsy, the first being March 4. The biopsy determines if his body is showing any sign of rejection.

Zo said the doctors in Dallas remarked that it was evident it was God's will that Carol recovered.

Fund-raiser planned

A musical fund-raiser to help defray Carol's medical expenses has been planned for Saturday, February 27, in the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City school campus.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include lots of out-of-town guests performing mostly gospel and fiddle music to help Carol out.

Don Hawkins named 'Life Agent of the Year' for Family & Farm Financial Services

Don Hawkins of Knox City was awarded Life Agent of the Year for the Family & Farm Financial Services, headquartered in Edmond, Oklahoma, for the 1998 year.

Hawkins was presented the award during a December 3 awards banquet in Oklahoma City that he and his wife Marla attended.

This is the third year in a row that Don has received this honor. Don is a local agent representing FFF. The agency was started by Jim Ezersky upon realizing the need to be a 'free agent' in order to offer the best insurance products to customers.

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Don and his wife Marla are both licensed insurance agents.

Calendar of upcoming events

Plans underway for Cancer Society chili lunch, auction

A chili lunch and silent auction to benefit the Knox Unit of the American Cancer Society will be held February 18 at the Munday Perry Patton Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kendra Smith, field representative from Lubbock, will be on hand to answer questions and hand out information concerning the ACS and cancer. Blood pressure will be checked and tickets are available from a board member or will be at the door.

Financial aid night for juniors and seniors set Feb. 18

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This meeting is for juniors and seniors and / or their parents. For further information, call Bettye Moore at 658-3565 or 422-5400. There will be a drawing for a \$100 scholarship.

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* Sunday Services telecast live on Channel 17 in Knox City & O'Brien
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City**
Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Knox City**
Steve Pepper, Minister
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor
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Ross Anderson, Pastor
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- CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin**
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
- THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222**
W.O. Smith, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- FAITH CHAPEL - 8 Miles South Of Knox City**
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- O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien**
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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Our new assistant, Christy, was in her first office job. Co-workers were giving her basic instructions as the boss stepped out of his office and the telephone rang. Christy answered professionally, but then burst out with, "He's in the restroom now."

"Oh, no," one employee whispered to her. "Say he's with a customer."

"He's in the restroom with a customer," Christy told the caller."

Here and There - Veeta Reed left last Thursday to go to visit with her daughter, Angelia and son Sam for a few days in Fort Worth.

Vivian Hendrix is in Wichita Falls for a few days visiting her daughters, LeNear, Pretrecia, Frances and families.

Billie Walker was in Paducah

last week to visit with a cousin of hers.

Angelia Roberts enjoyed the weekend visiting her sister Trish Johnson and husband Tim in Haskell.

Some of the relatives of Winnie Johnston that attended her funeral on Sunday were Seg and Edna Hove of Altus, Oklahoma, Billy Gene and Ida Dean Johnston of Graham, Joy Johnston of Gainesville, Micky Johnston of Dallas, Marjorie Barnett of Amarillo, Howard and Bobbie Brass of Rule, Mary Johnston of Rochester, Alton and LaUna Hester, Elaine and Jennifer Eaton of Knox City, Claudale and Jean Barnard and Joe and Barbara Barnard of Knox City and I also attended.

It seems most of the sick are doing fairly well. Clara Hanson is some better and her husband Troy

is in Rice Springs Care Home and seems to be doing better but we need to pray for all.

O'Brien Baptist Church was happy Sunday to have a former O'Brien resident 'Juicy' Herndon attend church services. Juicy was an O'Brien High School graduate of a few years back.

Rich and Mary Ann Palma are proud of their daughter, Alicia Palma for again making the dean's list at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Alicia is entering her final year in the nursing program. Her goal is to become a physician's assistant. She is still telling people in Arizona about M System and their bagging her groceries and them being carried to the car, about how people wave hello when driving, about how friendly everyone is along with being respectful.

Rich Palma devotional message - "Dear Lord, please help me to face my fears with the courage that comes from you alone. Amen."

Aging center lunch menus

February 22nd thru 26th

Monday, February 22 - Fish with tartar sauce, cole slaw, sweet peas, squash casserole, hush puppies, pineapple crunch with topping.

Tuesday, February 23 - Beef and vegetable stew, cheese slice, buttered spaghetti, cornbread, jello with fruit.

Wednesday, February 24 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, green salad, buttered potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, February 25 - Meat balls with gravy, tossed green salad, buttered noodles, green beans, sliced bread, birthday cake.

Friday, February 26 - Chicken and rice casserole, garden vegetable salad, steamed broccoli, hot rolls, dessert.

(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is important to contact the site manager in order that your meal can be prepared.)

A chill lunch and silent auction to benefit the Knox Unit of the American Cancer Society will be held Thursday, February 18, 11:00 to 1:00 at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday. Tickets available from a board member or at the door. Knox City Crafters will have items in the Silent Auction

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News from Knox City's Economic Development Corporation

EDC received word week before last from the Childress office of the Texas Department of Transportation that we will be able to move the handicap zone from the front of the old White Auto store around to the side of the building. As a matter of fact, TxDOT Engineer Randy Butler provided some unique plans for a different type of handicap ramp that is much better than the current one out in front of the building, and will be much easier to use for those with handicaps. We appreciate all the assistance we have received from both the Munday and the Childress offices of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The deadline has passed for receiving bids on the projects for a driveway into Merchants Park for off street parking, and the replacement of the sidewalk on the North side of White's Auto. Two bids were received, and the 4A EDC board will meet this week to open the bids. Upon bid approval, the work could begin right away. Once both projects are completed, we hope the parking downtown will be adequate for current businesses and the new Duckwall Hometown Variety Store. The lot known as Merchants Park will become a parking area for those downtown business people who do not park behind their businesses, and the lot behind the old White Auto building will be a parking area for the employees of Duckwalls. That should leave the on street parking spaces open for customers of all the downtown businesses. Because Central Avenue is also a Texas State Highway, no parking spaces are reserved for any particular business. Every available consumer parking place is equally shared by each business in the downtown area. We hope that downtown business employees will utilize Merchants Park, but that can not be mandated. In short, anyone (including business owners and their employees) can park anywhere they want to. Our goal with EDC is simply to improve the parking situation by providing more parking spaces, but where one chooses to park is left up to the individual.

Many have been asking when the new Duckwalls Hometown Variety Store will open. Our contract with ALCO/Duckwalls calls for us to turn the finished building over to Duckwalls no later than April 1. Duckwalls will then need 30 days to set up and stock the building before opening. We are looking at turning the keys over a little earlier, possibly by the middle of March.

Several interested persons have also asked what will become of the old lights, glass doors, furniture and fixtures that came out of the Perry's building. At present, EDC has rented the old White's Auto building and everything is being stored there until we see exactly what (if anything) might need to go back into the Duckwall's store or into the new auto parts store. After that determination is made, we will advertise the date of an auction to sell everything else to the public. Charles Pack has offered his services as auctioneer and he will help guide us through that process when the time comes.

EDC is working on plans for a really festive grand opening of our new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store. Whenever that date is, and whatever format we decide on, we sincerely hope everyone will plan to be with us and join in the celebration!

Working for you, EDC is 'Working for the future of Knox City!'

Lyles granddaughter engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Robinson of Sherman announce the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Susanne Robinson to Mr. Monty Brackeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denny Brackeen of Gunter. Susanne is the granddaughter of Lewis and Betty Lyles of Benjamin.

Ms. Robinson graduated from Texas Tech University and is presently employed by American Bank in Sherman. Mr. Brackeen graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology and is employed by Datex-Ohmeda (Instrumentarium).

The couple's wedding is planned for April 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Sherman.



SUSANNE ROBINSON
MONTY BRACKEEN

'On A Wizer Note'

By Paul Weiser, CEA-Ag, Knox County

My phone has been ringing off the wall with individuals needing CEU's for their private applicators license. There are none scheduled for Knox County, however, I plan to offer some in the near future.

There are two programs to write down for possible CEU's. The first is the Texoma Farm & Ranch Show in Wichita Falls on February 17 and 18. Five CEU's will be offered on Wednesday, February 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. These five CEU's will consist of 2 CEU's in Laws & Regulations, 2 General and 1 Integrated Pest Management.

At the Texoma Farm & Ranch Show, Ed Douty with TDA will kick off the program with two hours of laws and regulations. Ed will be followed by Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist. Emory will conduct a one hour program on integrated pest management. Following Emory there will be a program on controlling weeds in wheat and cotton and an update on new wheat varieties. These topics will be covered by Todd Boughman, Extension Agronomist and David Worrall, Small Grain Breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Along with these programs, there will be over 300 exhibits and programs covering wildlife management, Individual Retirement Accounts and Theft Prevention on the Ranch.

The second CEU event will be the Big Country Farm & Ranch Show in Abilene on February 23 and 24. Three CEU's will be offered on Tuesday, February 23 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Topics for this program include New In-

centives in Risk Management Education Programs; The Future of Insect Control in Cotton and Texas Herbicide Laws & Regulations.

Four CEU's will be offered on Wednesday, February 24. This program will run from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Topics being covered include Mode of Action and Symptomology of Herbicides, Grazing Management in Wheat, Toxic Plant IC and Control and

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Rites held for Winnie Johnston

Graveside services for Winnie A. Johnston of Knox City were held Sunday afternoon, February 14, at two o'clock in the Knox City Cemetery.

The Rev. Bill Trice, pastor of O'Brien Baptist Church, officiated.

Smith Funeral Home of Knox City was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Johnston, 90, died Saturday, February 13, in Stamford.

Born April 30, 1908, in Haskell County, she was a lifelong resident of Haskell and Knox counties. She married F.A. (Ted) Johnston in June 1928 in Haskell County.

Winnie graduated from Knox City High School in 1926 and was a member of the O'Brien Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted in 1986; a son, Fred Alvin Johnston Jr. in 1957; and a grandson, Michael Shane Johnston in 1998.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Janice Johnston of Possum Kingdom Lake; a daughter, Barbara McGaughey; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the John McGaughey Scholarship Fund at Stamford ISD.

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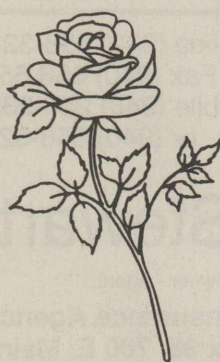
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For the funds, supplies and food provided for the February 7 Knox County Museum Fundraiser. You helped make the day a big success.

The Knox County Historical Commission also wishes to thank everyone who bought a ticket, those who donated door prizes, the county newspapers, the area radio stations, all the good cooks in Knox County who helped prepare the food (both men and women), those who helped serve the food throughout the meal, the Knox County Commissioners and their crews for helping with the cleanup and everyone who helped in anyway.

We thank you now for this tremendous support and plan to continue to show our thanks for your interest by continuing present projects and adding new ones that promote the preservation of Knox County history.

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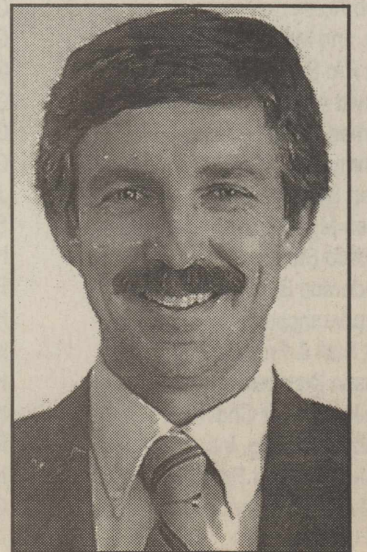
We would like to thank all of you for the loving support shown us during the loss of our loved one, Bennie Holten. Thank you for the food, the cards and calls and the flowers. A special thank you to Sue, Brother Johnny, Polly, Mona and Mom. And to the ladies at the church for preparing a meal and serving us. And to Barbara - the flowers were beautiful. May God bless all of you.

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Chris Ward & Family

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Zeke Duke named to Tech president's list
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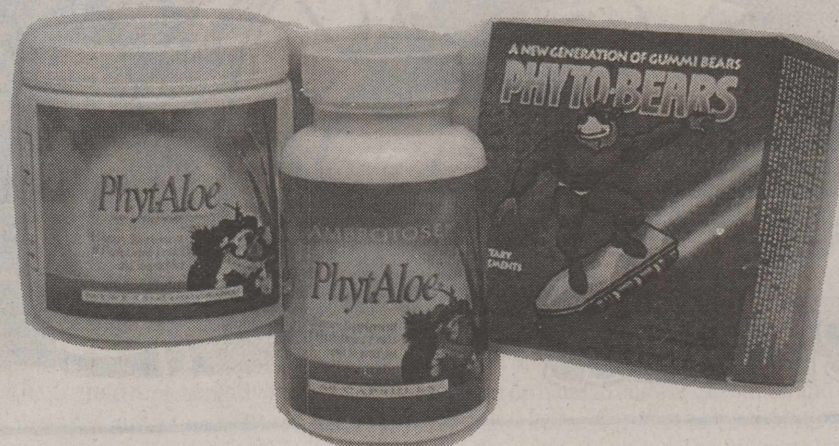
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Lila Jo Rector named to WTAMU dean's list

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earned mention on the Dean's List. Lila J. Rector, a senior student majoring in general studies, was named to the dean's list. Lila is the daughter of Barbara and John Rector, and a graduate of Knox City High School.

Letter to the editor

The Heart of The Country, is the rural areas. As this country goes forward it has to know where it has been and what is happening to our rural communities. We read the papers, listen to the politicians and we still do not have any answers for our communities.

I would like to see everyone that reads this article to contact their representative and demand for a staff of people to go through our rural lands, small towns, farms and ranches and see where our agriculture industry is going today. I can only speak for myself, I am a farmer and a veteran and I love my country. I know all my neighbors are slowly disappearing, losing their farms due to the prices of crops, drought, chemicals, insurance and many other reasons that would take too long to list. Our agriculture prices, seed and the way we sell our products along with the insurance we are forced to pay to be in the federal program must change, in order for us farmer's to be able to stay in business.

What happen to alternative fuel sources in production? We have huge piles of small grain from 1997 to 1998 that are just sitting in storage and on the ground, just going to waste, that could be used to crate a fuel source. Are we just going to depend on overseas oil? Are we going to buy all our products (cotton, corn, wheat, oil, etc.)

from other countries? Fair trade, is it actually FAIR, we have open borders, but only one way it seems! Will all of our oil refineries and all of our farming communities turn into museum's of the past? Can't we use our technology to produce new fuel sources to power our great nation? If we lose our rural communities and farm lands our highways will turn into another Route 66, a barren land with our cities expanding to capacity and our farm lands turned into useless ground.

We the people should have say so in this great land of ours, and we should stop thinking that some of our politicians really have "us" in their best interest. I am hoping we stir enough interest in Washington to bring some of the politicians down ut of their soft chairs and out from behind their huge desks to form a taskforce to pole our communities and listen to what our people have to say about what is happening in our rural communities, not in the big cities.

"Where our Heartland goes our country goes." We all need to be accountable for our communities. We cannot maintain our economy by purchasing so many products from other countries, we cannot buy friendship. We need to take care of our own. "OUR COUNTRY"!! A Concerned Farmer Rochester, Texas (Name available upon request)

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District Court cases
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Paul Scott of Vernon. Various pretrial motions were heard in the Injury to a Child case against Christi Nicole Cameron, 22, of Granbury. Trial has been set in her case for March 8, 1999 in the Knox County District Courtroom. Cameron is represented by Wichita Falls attorney Carol Quisenberry.

The State also called a forgery case against Roy Lopez Martinez, 27, of Slaton. Martinez failed to appear and the State obtained a judgment forfeiting the defendant's bail bond.

District Court action moved to Cottle County Thursday. Pretrial hearings were held in Paducah in the following cases: Norah Lee Williams, Jr., 41, of Floydada, who has been indicted, together with his companion, Guy Edward Ledbetter, 39, of Floydada, for possession of cocaine over four grams but less than 200 grams. Williams is represented by Andrew Ottaway of Hamlin and his companion Ledbetter is represented by Mike Brown of Lubbock. Ledbetter's case is set for jury trial in Paducah on April 27, 1999.

Pretrial was also held in the case of Jeffery Wayne McClenney, 31, of Plainview, who has been indicted for possession of under one gram of methamphetamine. McClenney is represented by Earl Griffin of Childress.

Pedro Gonzales Cordoso, 26, of Paducah, who has been on probation for felony DWI, was brought before the Court on a State's Motion to Revoke his probation. Since he did not have an attorney, hearing was continued. Cordoso announced that he had just hired Childress attorney Earl Griffith to represent him. The State alleged that Cordoso has violated his probation by shooting Fraidio Isidro Rios on January 9, 1999 with intent to kill. Separate charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon have also been filed and will be submitted to the next session of the Cottle County Grand Jury.

Thursday afternoon in King County, the District Court heard pretrial motions in the case against Delbert Harold Ellis, 42, of King County, who was indicted for aggravated assault of Roy Cleve Keith, which occurred on April 29, 1998. Ellis is represented by Roderique Hobson of Lubbock.

Among other pretrial motions heard, was the defendant Ellis' change of venue motion.

The State did not oppose the motion and the District Judge Thomas granted the defendant's motion and ordered the case moved to Cottle County for a jury trial.

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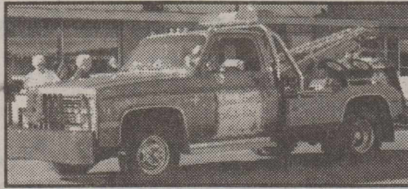
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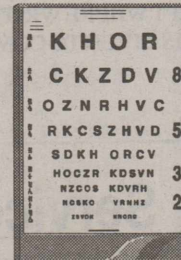
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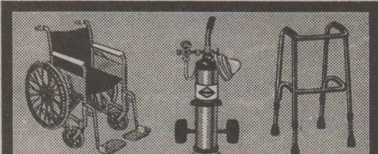
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