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## Sanctioning Ceremony For Turkey Slated March 12

Lee Storey of Austin, program officer for the Panhandle with the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission, will be in Turkey on Tuesday, March 12, at 4:30 p.m. for a Sanctioning Ceremony for the City of Turkey. He will present an official flag and a plaque to Hubert Price, mayor of

Turkey, designating Turkey as an official Texas Independence Commission.

The ceremony will be held in front of the City Hall and the public is invited. There will be a short program.

Thursday night, February 28, all members of the Sesquicentennial committee met in the library to make plans for the ceremony. They also decided on several souvenirs to sell with proceeds going toward the purchase of a fence for the cemetery. The souvenirs will arrive shortly. It was announced that the cook-book proofs will be here on March 8. There will be 425 recipes and the book will sell for \$5.00 each.

Those attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Young, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong, Mrs. T. W. Bell, Ora Lee King, Mrs. J. R. Adamson, Hubert Price, Mrs. Gordon Bain, Mrs. Roy Patterson, Nadine Baisden, Keith Green and Rev. Melvin Clinton.

## Silverton Seniors To Have Volleyball Tourney March 14-16

The Silverton Senior Class will have a volleyball tournament March 14-15-16. Entry fees will be \$24.00 per team.

The divisions will be for women's teams, men's teams, and mixed teams.

Please send entry fees, team name and address to Silverton High School, c/o Senior Class, Box 597, Silverton, Texas 79257, or call 823-2476 or 847-2616. Please send entries by March 8, 1985.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce Directors' Meeting will be held at the First National Bank Community Room at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 12.

## Quitaque Senior Citizens To Have Special Meeting

The Quitaque Senior Citizens will meet Thursday, March 14, for their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting.

There will be two special guests to give important information to the Quitaque Senior Citizens. Mrs. Nancy Harvey, representative of the Texas Panhandle Community Action will present information on bus transportation, weatherization, energy crisis, etc. Wayland Fitzgerald of Silverton, president of Senior Citizens there, will be here also to help the local organization. The Texas Panhandle Community Action is a State and Federal agency.

Everyone who is interested in the bus ministry is urged to be present.

## Gasoline Sets Homecoming Date

The Gasoline Homecoming has been set for August 4, 1985.

Those of you who know of someone who has not been receiving an invitation, please call Wayne Whittington, Fish Wilson or Annetta Helms.

## "We The Women" To Meet Monday

Quitaque "We the Women" will meet Monday at noon at the Community Center for a regular meeting and luncheon.

New officers will be elected and will take office in April. Punk McWilliams will present a program on artifacts and rocks from this area. Those persons who have some artifacts or interesting rocks are invited to bring them to show.

A nursery will be provided free of charge for pre-school age children at the First Baptist Church. There are no dues and each person only pays for her meal. Now is the time to join "We the Women" as we begin a new year in the organization.

## Valley Track Getting Into High Gear Now

Coach Robert Phelps reports the track teams are beginning work in earnest.

The girls will go to a meet in Quanah to participate Saturday, March 9. The contest will begin at 9:00 a.m.

## PACK 264 SCOUTS WILL MARCH SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 10, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. the Pack 264 Scouts will go door to door to collect donations for the West Texas Rehab at Abilene.

This is the annual community project for the Pack.



## More Cotton Ginned This Year In The Turkey Area

Turkey Farmers Co-op Gin reported ginning a total of 4244 bales this year as compared to less than 2000 last year. A spokesman said the grade was very good at first but not so good after the rains and bad weather. J. W. Lacy is manager.

North Gin reported ginning 1630 bales this year and only about 1000 last year. They said the grade was fairly good all along, but the farmers received less money this year because prices were down. Seed this year sold for only about half as much as last year, it was reported. B. J. Robison is manager of North Gin.

## Volleyball Tourney Planned At Flomot

A volleyball tournament will be held at the community center in Flomot March 21-22-23. Area teams are invited to participate. The entry fee per team is \$18.00 and the deadline for all entries is March 14.

On March 8, there will be a floor clean up and repair of the community center and gym. A general clean up is also planned for March 20. All those who can are encouraged to attend and help.

For more information, contact Pam Morris, (806) 469-5303, or Deana Washington, (806) 469-5313.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Adams and daughter, Joanna, of Post spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Merrell, in Quitaque.

## New Business Now Open In Quitaque

A new business opened in Quitaque on Wednesday of last week. A laundry opened on Main Street in the building that at one time was the Ice House and later was occupied by Gulf Oil Products.

Rayford Hewett, who moved to Quitaque approximately two years ago from Alvarado, is owner and manager.

This is something Quitaque has needed for those people who don't have a home laundry or need heavy duty laundry done. The laundry has ten new General Electric washers installed and five heavy duty 30-pound dryers. They are coin-operated. Mr. Hewett says there are three counters for separating and drying clothes, a hanger rack for hanging the wash as it is dried, and a basket on wheels for convenience in taking the clothes to the counters when they are taken from the dryer. One counter is a bench for sitting.

Mr. Hewett and his wife, Norma (Persons) Hewett, are no strangers to the area. Rayford is a Plainview native, and Norma is a Quitaque native. Mr. Hewett has an Electric Service business, also, but he will have the laundry open early and late.

Everyone is welcome to use this facility and it will be a great help to Quitaque and surrounding area.

## CAPROCK SQUARES TO DANCE IN TULIA

The Caprock Squares will be going to Tulia to square dance with the Tulia club Saturday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Jack Thompson will be calling.

## Ambassador Singers To Present Concert

First Baptist Church in Quitaque will present the Ambassador Singers in concert Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock.

This group of eight singers comes from Daejeon, Korea and has been traveling across the United States since January proclaiming the gospel in concert. This is the fifth evangelistic trip the singing group has made. They performed at College Heights and First Baptist churches in Plainview last Sunday.

Quitaque is very fortunate in having the Ambassador Singers. The public is invited to attend.

## Youth To Sponsor Bake Sale Saturday

The youth of the First Baptist Church in Quitaque will sponsor a bake sale to be held at Rice's in Quitaque Saturday, March 9. The money earned will go toward their Bible-Ski Trip next week. If you would like to donate baked goods, call Janice Henson at 455-1383. The bake sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

There will be a selection of delicious baked foods from which to choose.

Ladies, take this opportunity to relax for the weekend and buy your desserts for the weekend and help the youth of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Barefield and children, Debra and Mark, of Miami spent the weekend in Quitaque visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barefield and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor.

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**OBITUARIES**

**LETHA ROSE RIVERS**

Graveside funeral services for Letha Rose Rivers, 88, of Tulia were conducted Monday, March 4, 1985, at 11:00 a.m. in the Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey with the Rev. Melvin Clinton officiating. Burial followed in that cemetery with arrangements by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Turkey.

Mrs. Rivers passed away Monday afternoon, March 2, 1984, at the Tulia Care Center. She was born in Comanche County, Texas, a daughter of the late Lem and Euphema Davis, on May 21, 1896. She was married to Richard Rivers on July 22, 1939 in Wellington, Texas, and they made their home in Turkey and Silvertown for a number of years. She moved to Tulia in 1979 and had made her home there since that time.

Mr. Rivers passed away July 22, 1964. She was also preceded in death by a son, J. T. Rivers.

She was a devout christian and a member of the Hope Baptist Church of Turkey.

She is survived by two adopted children: one son, J. T. Rivers of Fort Worth, Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Betty Bevens of San Angelo; one step-son, Marion Rivers of Mertzon, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Willie Ricketts of Canyon and Mrs. Caro Beth Wells of Shamrock; a large number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

**AUTREY DOWD**

Autrey Dowd, 98, brother of Lamb Dowd of Quitaque, was buried in Center Point, Arkansas Saturday, February 23. Mr. Dowd died Sunday, February 17, 1985.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, three sisters and two brothers.

Ozean Dowd of Quitaque was one of the honorary pallbearers. Several members of the family attended, including Lamb Dowd.

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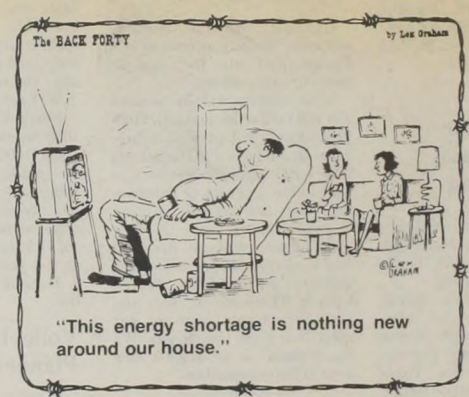
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February 26, 1985, at 6:05. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs.

He has a sister, Amber, who is 18 months old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Ramsey of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stone of Silverton.

The editor is getting our name in the newspaper too much recently, but we have relatives and friends who never hear from her otherwise. On Sunday, Mrs. Owens drove to Silverton and her sister, Mrs. Ollie McMinn, accompanied her to Canyon where her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Watkins, and husband, and her granddaughters, Anita Watkins and Melanie Watkins, and Mrs. Ben Shoemaker hosted a birthday dinner for Mrs. McMinn, who was 78 years young.

A delicious meal was served to the honoree, Mrs. McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter of Silverton, Mrs. Owens of Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shoemaker and sons of Amarillo, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins of Canyon, Anita and Melanie of Amarillo.

The day was spent reminiscing and was very enjoyable.

Mrs. Irene Purcell of Meridian spent last week in Plainview with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Reeves. Mrs. Bud Bailey of Quitaque spent two nights visiting her sister and in the daytime visiting her mother, Mrs. Reeves. Mrs. Purcell spent Wednesday and that night in the Bailey home.

Mrs. Purcell returned to her home Sunday.

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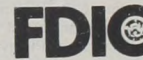
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#### NOTICE!

The Texas Panhandle Community Action Corporation will be in Turkey on Tuesday morning, March 12, at 10:00 o'clock. They will be in the Senior Citizens Room, and will be taking applications for summer youth work for those ages 16 to 21, and employment for those over 55 who qualify.

They will also be helping those who have past-due or disconnect notices for utility bills, rental subsidy and weatherization.

Mrs. Cora Gragson and Mrs. Bill Sauls attended a school of instruction at the Eastern Star in Paducah Thursday of last week.

Visitors in the Wendell Farley home over the weekend were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farley, April and Cory, of Amarillo. Joining them

for dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wellman, Jamie, Richard and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Farley, Melody and Vance, and afternoon callers

were Judy Barrett and Jana Boyles.

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## The Superintendent's Corner

by Wilburn Leeper

A somewhat fallacious bill has recently been introduced into the Texas legislature which relates to reducing the number of written reports required of school district personnel. This bill is the result of expressed concerns over the increased paperwork placed on teachers this year. It is said that teachers are required to spend too much time on paperwork—time which should be used to prepare lessons or teaching a class.

The bill would limit written reports and paperwork which administrators may require of teachers to such requirements as are normally asked of teachers. Normally, teachers are asked to prepare lesson plans, keep attendance register, report grades, maintain lunchroom accounting, or any other reports as may be required by law.

The bill spells out punishment phase for statutory violation which ranges from reprimanding the school administrator to revoking the administrator's certificate. Additionally, each school district would be required to submit a report that includes a plan for eliminating any unnecessary reports. Also, the Texas Education Agency would be required to investigate each school district's compliance each quarter.

It is true that all efforts should be made to eliminate unnecessary paperwork placed upon teachers. They should be free to do what they are hired to do—teach children. But, it seems a bit foolish to require schools to submit reports in order to

### With The Sick

James Cathey entered Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Thursday of last week.

Bill Woods entered Central Plains Hospital in Plainview for tests Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Edna Taylor returned to her home Saturday after receiving treatment at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo and Central Plains Hospital in Plainview for several weeks.

Bobby Brunson of Edmonson entered Central Plains Hospital Wednesday night with symptoms of a heart attack, it is reported to the Valley Tribune. His mother-in-law, Mrs. James Kimbell, reported to the Tribune Monday morning that a heart attack had been ruled out and Bobby is still undergoing tests at presstime.

Alta Green of Amarillo, a former Quitaque resident, underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday of last week. It is reported she is improving well.

Visitors in the A. B. Ramsey home Saturday night and Sunday were their daughter, Mrs. Johnny Chadwick and children of Amarillo. Joining them for lunch Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jameson, Kevin and Michelle, Claytonville, and Jana Boyles of Quitaque.

eliminate reports. The best thing this legislature could do for schools would be adjourn for about four years; then perhaps schools would run smooth for awhile.

Tact—is the art of thinking twice before saying nothing. Love—is a fruit in season at all times and within the reach of every hand. Life—is what happens to you while you are making other plans.

Valley students will again be involved in spring sports and academic contests this year. The first contest will be the One Act Play, held at Clarendon College on March 21. The literary contests will follow the next week at Clarendon College on March 29-30. Both elementary and high school students will be participating in the literary contests. District tennis will be held at Borger on April 1-2, followed by high school boys and girls track at Groom on April 16. Junior high boys and girls track will be held on the following Saturday, April 20, at Groom.

For the first time, boys and girls regional track meets will be held on the same date.

### Valley School Honor Roll

First Grade, Mrs. Rothwell: A Honor Roll—Jessica Hernandez, Amy Turner, Claudia Crowell; A & B Honor Roll—T. J. Rothwell, Adam Seymour, Jessica Carter, Michael Cruz, Amanda Fuston, Tracy Guest, Amanda Weir, Holly Gafford

Second Grade, Mrs. Ham: A Honor Roll—Mac Chestnut, Lori Conner, Krisse Pigg, Amy Payne; A & B Honor Roll—Reggie Hendrix, Julie Cruz, Brandi Gaddis, Angela Taylor, Jeremy Castillo, Ruben Hinojosa, Vicki Silva

Third Grade, Mrs. Pigg: A Honor Roll—Joni Hancock, Julie Ross; A & B Honor Roll—Johnny Joe Galvan, Angie Pointer, Bubba Powell, Shamika Scott

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Mars: A Honor Roll—Kacey Fuston, Clay Merrell, Bradley Price, Julie Clay; A & B Honor Roll—Chastity Price, Garrett Mills, Jason Smith, Audra House, Amity Mooney, Carissa Rothwell

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Jones: A Honor Roll—Alecia Weir, Robyn Lane, Stephen Silva; A & B Honor Roll—Chad Calvert, Jay Gray, Chad Powell, Manual Silva, April Stephens

Sixth Grade: A Honor Roll—Tina Clay, Gina Seymour; A & B Honor Roll—Oleta Lane, Lori Martin, Shadi Mullin, Eva Rodriguez

Seventh Grade: A Honor Roll—Gina Conner, Kyle Fuston, Andrea Hinojosa, Amy Maupin, Warren Merrell; A & B Honor Roll—Jason Little, Susie Lowe, Celeste Sperry

Eighth Grade: A Honor Roll—None; A & B Honor Roll—Jessie Chavira, John D. Harmon, Shane House, Dana Jackson, Sylvia Rodriguez, Stacey Rothwell, Paula Scoggins

Ninth Grade: A Honor Roll—

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Scott Saul; A & B Honor Roll—Melissa Maupin, Cari Morrison, Craig Setliff, Derek Mullin, Amy Hewett, Lacy Price

Tenth Grade: A Honor Roll—Kirk Saul; A & B Honor Roll—Jeff Fuston, Joe Morrison, Delma Martinez

Eleventh Grade: A Honor Roll—Devona Smith; A & B Honor Roll—Steve Price, Jamie Cox

Twelfth Grade: A Honor Roll—None; A & B Honor Roll—Larry Clay, Kaylene Green, Angela Hendrix, Robin Myers, Ray Taylor, D'anna Smith, Sarah Hewett, Bo Garvin

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brown have been on the go recently. They drove to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and toured the Capitol, the Museum, viewed the Wiley Post Collection, Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Frazier Building.

They visited her sister, Mrs. Curly Williamson in Del City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Williamson had eye surgery for replacement of the retina on February 15. Mrs. Brown reports her sister is recovering well from the surgery.

The Browns drove on to Wichita, Kansas and visited another sister, Lady Jane Brown and her family. The Browns

returned home on Saturday, March 2.

On Sunday, March 3, the Browns drove to Hereford and visited the Jean Lyles family, then drove to Amarillo and visited a son and family, the Carl Browns.

On Thursday, February 25, they visited their daughter and family in Lubbock, the Jim Camps in Wolfforth, Billy Frank Rhoderick, then returned to Plainview and visited a son, Robert Brown.

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Dean Johnson of Kelton spent Wednesday night and Thursday visiting in Quitaque. He spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hamilton and baby, Katie. Dean is a former coach and teacher in the Quitaque school system. His children are nine and eleven (don't seem possible).

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Whitener of Paducah spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid McFall. Mrs. Delila McFall joined them for a visit, too.

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### THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1985 Rustic Epidemic Possible In Briscoe County Wheat

The threat of a devastating outbreak of leaf rust in the Texas High Plains wheat fields is the greatest it has been in more than two decades, says Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent. Aaron has been informed by Dr. Robert Berry, Extension Plant Pathologist, that he has not seen such active rust infections at this time of year in 22 years.

The disease requires moisture on the plant leaf and suitable temperatures, such as have occurred across the Plains in recent weeks. Berry said, "At 70 degrees, infection can occur in four hours and the complete cycle, producing spores which then repeat the infection of other leaves, takes 10 to 12 days. At 60 degrees, the cycle takes twice as long." A fungus, the rust appears as small, round orange spots or pustules. They appear right at the groundline on the oldest leaves of the plant. If the infection is heavy enough, it will defoliate the plant. "Even light rust will interfere with development of the grain," Berry warned. "Many fields which we saw in our survey have high weed populations. Many also have thin stands. These conditions don't promise a high yield potential," Berry noted.

He suggested that dryland producers who have thin stands and poor yield outlook may want to consider grazing out their fields hit by rust. "If an irrigated crop with good potential develops rust, the producer might want to consider a fungicide application at the jointing stage," he said. "It is generally thought that economically, fungicide should only be applied to wheat that has a potential for a yield in the 80-100 bushel range," he said. He noted that new fungicides, such as Bayleton, are very effective, but are rather expensive.

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**Rustic Epidemic Possible In Briscoe County Wheat**

The threat of a devastating outbreak of leaf rust in the Texas High Plains wheat fields is the greatest it has been in more than two decades, says Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent. Aaron has been informed by Dr. Robert Berry, Extension Plant Pathologist, that he has not seen such active rust infections at this time of year in 22 years.

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**Adult 4-H Leaders, Parents To Meet**

All 4-H parents and leaders are invited to the Briscoe County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

This organization meets four times a year or as needed to plan 4-H projects and activities to meet the needs and interests of the 4-H club members in the county.

All adults interested in the 4-H program are encouraged to attend and share their ideas for keeping the 4-H program the growing, involved youth organization that it is in Briscoe County.

The 4-H program is open to all youth from third grade to 19 years of age regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion or national origin.

**BELLY UP TO THE SINK FOR SOME SUDS**

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Dr. Earl Dawson, a researcher at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, made a splash when he revealed that "in a study of 22 Texas communities, hard water users had suffered 22 percent fewer fatal heart attacks and had lower blood pressure and serum cholesterol levels." This, even though those studied actually had higher daily fat intake levels than people living in soft water areas.

Soap is the solution, Dawson speculates that minerals from the hard water combine with fats in the intestines. This produces soap, which is indigestible and passes harmlessly through the body, taking some unwanted fat molecules along.

If you live in a soft water household, Dawson suggests magnesium and calcium supplements. Check with your doctor, of course, but that sounds better than munching bars of Ivory at snack time.

**Caprock Camera Club Meets March 14**

Caprock Camera Club will meet Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the First National Bank in Quitaque. This is your chance to learn how to use a flash with your camera.

The program from Kodak is titled, "Using Flash Effectively." Everyone is invited to bring their camera and flash attachment. If you have no flash, bring your camera and you can try out different flashes. This experience will help you decide if you want a flash, and perhaps what kind.

The photo topic for this meeting is people portraits, so members are asked to bring five or six pictures in order to be able to learn from one another. There is a poster on display at the bank in Quitaque with some of the club's February pictures. From the poster you should be able to tell that the club has no professionals in the group, just people that take pictures for the fun of it. Rural Life is the topic for the April 11th meeting, so you might be looking for pictures on this subject as you look for the People Portraits. Give it a try!



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## J. R. Stroup Tells It Like It Is

The Amarillo Daily News carried a story about an interview with J. R. (Jim) Stroup of Quitaque. Most of the local people probably read it, but many of the Valley Tribune subscribers were unable to read it, and the Tribune decided to carry the story verbatim.

"James Stroup is not a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and he doesn't claim to know how to stop the farm crisis that is cutting through the nation like a scythe, but the 81-year-old retired farmer and rancher wants more than anything for the Family Farmers to make it. He says he would like to see farmers go to bed at night and wake up still on their land."

Mr. Stroup says, "You'd better let the little farmers still stay here with their homes. Whenever you starve out your farmers, they can't all go to the city and find work."

As many of our readers know, Mr. Stroup farmed and ranched on a mile tract of land for nearly fifty years, and he says he doesn't know how farmers can get out of the trouble they are facing.

He says, "It is not because of mismanagement, as some politicians in Washington, D. C. try to make the people believe.

It is not the farmer's fault. It is the high price of land, and high price of production. A farmer can't pay \$600.00 an acre for land and make money on it unless there's water, oil or gas underneath," he says.

"And," he says, "too many farmers are borrowing too much money. The more money farmers borrow, the more land they must farm to turn a profit. That forces them to buy more land and more equipment to work the land, which results in the need to farm more land to turn a profit. Farmers who have borrowed more than \$100,000.00 don't have much chance of making it unless the government comes to their aid. Some farmers have borrowed themselves to death.

"Farmers are good managers. Better managers than the guys who are running the government," he says.

Mr. Stroup sold his cattle in 1969 and his land in 1974.

In 1925, a year before he was married, he began leasing state-owned land on a tract near Quitaque. The town had less than 100 population at the time. He had just graduated from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, excelling in baseball, basketball and football. He wanted to become a farmer in Quitaque, on land his father had helped to settle in the southern part of the Texas Panhandle at the turn of the century. Renting the land, he paid \$1.00 per acre. Leasing the land at the time was worth it, but until you bought it, you didn't have a clear title to the land. He remembers those early years when belts were tightened enough so people could hardly breathe (Depression Years).

Mr. Stroup said he didn't make much then, but it didn't take much to live. It only took \$25 to \$30 per year for him to live. (What a contrast with 1985.) He

said it took only 60 to 80 acres for the farmer to get by in those years. He said that was all he could afford time-wise and money-wise in those years. He said when a farmer owned more land, he had to have more farm-hands and more equipment. The main objective at the time was to own enough land to feed a family and cattle. One time he borrowed more money than he could afford to repay and the government came to his rescue to save the day. He says he thinks people just have to tighten their belts.

They can say 'if we make a good crop this year, we can buy some new clothes. If we don't make a good crop, we'll wear the same clothes.'

He says, "The modern farmer doesn't face anything new. Farming was tough in Quitaque when about 30 people, including his father, worked little tracts of land along the edge of the Caprock. It's still tough today."

### Films Available For Programs On Cancer

Mrs. Grady (Delene) Tyler, Public Education Committee for the Briscoe County Unit of the American Cancer Society, has announced that films on cancer are available to local clubs,

churches, organizations and employee groups interested in having an educational program on American's most feared disease.

Some of the films available include "Breast Self-Examination" which shows the simple technique of checking for unusual lumps or thickening in the breast. "The Cancer Nobody Talks About," is a film about the diagnosis of cancer of the colon. "Man Alive," a cartoon feature, is a general film showing cancer's seven warning signals. "Let's Call It Quits," an adult film, showing the humorous, yet serious side of a man as he tries to quit smoking.

A speaker attends the film programs and answers questions from the audience. Mrs. Tyler also explained that many teacher resources are available to public

and private schools.

"We would also be glad to show adults the educational materials that the American Cancer Society has produced for students about health education, prevention, and detection of the disease. "We know parents would like to know what their children are being taught about cancer," Mrs. Tyler said.

Any group wishing to schedule a Cancer Society film may contact Mrs. Tyler at 455-1109.



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## Lanes Attended Livestock Show In Houston

Becky Lane took David and Oleta Lane to Houston last week to show their lambs in the Houston Livestock Show. The first day was beautiful, Becky said, but the rest of the week was cloudy, cold and rainy.

The highlight was getting to go to the rodeo and watching Ricki Skaggs perform.

Becky's brother, B. A. Spivey of Austin, had bought tickets for all 4-H members and their families attending. There were 37 tickets bought and they were all box seats. Everyone was surprised and really enjoyed the show. Before the rodeo began, a large sign lit up with a "Welcome to the Turkey 4-H Club," which was also a thrill, they said. Especially since the Lanes were attending with the Briscoe County 4-H as members of the Valley Club.

Since it has been so dreary at Houston, Becky took David and Oleta to Austin on Friday. The kids got to tour their uncle's office and then he took them on a tour of Austin. The Capitol was the first stop. Then he took them to the different judicial courts around the capitol building. There were many more interesting sights to see. But most of all, the sun was shining and the temperature was 80 degrees, Becky said. They returned home on Saturday just in time for a sandstorm on Sunday.

## Briscoe County Youth Bring Home Ribbons

Briscoe County 4-H'ers and FFA members attended the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo February 22-March 1, according to Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent.

The families and kids that attended did a fantastic job of feeding and fitting their animals which was proven when six of the twelve hogs established made the premium sale. Aaron also praised the efforts of the Vo-Ag teacher, George Martin, for his assistance at the show, by helping Briscoe County present itself as a united group of youngsters in 4-H as well as FFA.

Those exhibiting and placing their animals were Stephen Stephens, seventh place, lightweight cross barrow; Penni Fogerson, twenty-first place, lightweight Hampshire barrow; Robbie McWaters, twelfth place, lightweight cross barrow; Kristy Fogerson, twentieth place, lightweight cross barrow; David Schott, tenth place, heavyweight Chester barrow; Shavonne Lowrey, fifteenth place, heavyweight Yorkshire barrow.

Others who exhibited swine and sheep were Langdon Reagan, Clay Schott, Sloan Grabbe, Todd Reagan, Keeley Burson, Kim Burson, David Lane, Oleta Lane, Lance Smith, Russellingham, Kori Baird and Jeannita Stephens.

In some parts of Europe, people were reluctant to cut mistletoe, and shot it down instead.

## Rev. Armstrong Tells Of Indonesian Travel

Dear Friends,

I left Turkey on January 28th, and after a 36-hour plane trip I landed in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. I was met at the airport in Medan by Bishop Sitorus of the Indonesian Methodist Church and stayed as his guest the month of February. The temperature was around 85 degrees which is the normal year-around temperature. I slept under air conditioning. Many friends either came to see me or called when I was in town. Every spare day I enjoyed eating with our friends and renewing old acquaintances.

After a couple of days resting to get over the "jet-lag", Bishop Sitorus with a D.S., Rev. Kosasih and I drove to Bandar Baru which is about 40 miles up the mountains in the Karo Batak

area of North Sumatra. Our new Seminary is located in Bandar Baru. They are only in their second year and have 35 students. There is a new chapel, library, dining hall and dormitory. There are two houses for staff and others must drive from Medan. More housing, dormitories and classrooms need to be built.

After a 6:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday morning, we left Bandar Baru and continued up the mountains deep into "Karo Land". After a three-hour trip we arrived at Tiga Lingga where I preached. At the close of the service 84 new converts were baptized. We then continued our trip through the Karo area and saw many of the villages where new churches have begun. I was told that 40 new congregations

have been started and they need help in building churches.

During the week I traveled to other parts of North Sumatra where The Methodist Church is at work. I saw some of the churches that I had helped build in the past and met many old friends. On the second Sunday I preached in the Wesley Methodist Church where I had been pastor in years past. On the third Sunday I preached in the Indonesian language in another church.

The third week in February I attended a Pastors Retreat and saw many of the local pastors that I had worked with and some new faces. Dr. Allen Walker of the World Methodist Evangelistic Society was the main speaker and very inspiring. One night I traveled to a nearby church that I had helped to build and spoke there. Everyone was thrilled to see me and welcomed me back.

On the last Sunday in February, we again traveled to the Karo area and after a stirring sermon by Dr. Walker, some 30

of us baptized over 1,500 new converts. There were another 1,500 who could not travel to this service and will be baptized at a later date.

Everywhere I went I met friends with open arms asking the same question: "When are you coming back?" This time I could answer, "Soon!" If we have enough support from friends here, we plan to return to Indonesia as soon as visa arrangements are complete. We have set as our goal: late October or early November 1985. In the meantime we have plans to visit with all those who want us to come. I took some slides to share with you. If we do not already have a date in your church, call or write to us.

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## Applications Being Accepted For Arts, Crafts Festival

Applications are now being accepted for the eleventh annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival to be held in Plainview October 18-20. Those interested may contact J. B. Prior, Llano Estacado Museum, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas 79072, Ph. (806) 296-5521, Ext. 425.

Those of you who have not attended one of the local area shows, has missed a good showing of local and area talent in arts and crafts. There is much local talent in this area and some may want to enter items in the show.

## STANDARDS SHOULD BE SET ON COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS

Sen. Bill Sarpalius recently convinced a Senate panel that obscenity standards should be set on a county-by-county basis rather than have one standard apply to the entire state.

Members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee responded with a 4-2 endorsement of Sarpalius' measure, Senate Bill 18.

SB 18 clears up a problem that has existed in Texas' legal system for years by giving individual counties the right to determine their own obscenity standards. Existing law allows only one obscenity standard for the entire state.

"It's high time that an obscenity case in the Texas Panhandle be determined by the standards of the people living in the Panhandle," Sarpalius, D-Canyon, said during the committee hearing. "For too long now, obscenity laws have been determined by the standards of people living in Houston and Dallas."

Sarpalius' bill was filed in response to court cases that ruled Texas' current obscenity standard is too vague. Current law defines obscenity by "contemporary community standards" without defining what constitutes a community.

Because of that lack of definition, Texas courts have determined "community" refers to the state as a whole. Community standards under current law are not allowed to vary by county.

"As a result, a person being charged with selling obscene material in Borger only needs to prove that selling the same material in Houston is legal," Sarpalius said. "One city's standard is applying to the entire state, and that just doesn't seem right."

SB 18 corrects the problem by making a change in existing law—it defines "contemporary community standards" as the standards of the county in which the alleged offense occurred or that county and all adjoining counties. The second was included in case the Supreme Courts are too small to meet its legal definition of community.

The remainder of the law, including what may be considered as possible obscenity, remains within the parameters of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that left obscenity standards to individual communities.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1985

**Applications Being Accepted For Arts, Crafts Festival**

Applications are now being accepted for the eleventh annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival to be held in Plainview October 18-20. Those interested may contact J. B. Prior, Llano Estacado Museum, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas 79072, Ph. (806) 296-5521, Ext. 425.

Those of you who have not attended one of the local area shows, has missed a good showing of local and area talent in arts and crafts. There is much local talent in this area and some may want to enter items in the show.

**STANDARDS SHOULD BE SET ON COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS**

Sen. Bill Sarpalius recently convinced a Senate panel that obscenity standards should be set on a county-by-county basis rather than have one standard apply to the entire state.

Members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee responded with a 4-2 endorsement of Sarpalius' measure, Senate Bill 18.

SB 18 clears up a problem that has existed in Texas' legal system for years by giving individual counties the right to determine their own obscenity standards. Existing law allows only one obscenity standard for the entire state.

"It's high time that an obscenity case in the Texas Panhandle be determined by the standards of the people living in the Panhandle," Sarpalius, D-Canyon, said during the committee hearing. "For too long now, obscenity laws have been determined by the standards of people living in Houston and Dallas."

Sarpalius' bill was filed in response to court cases that ruled Texas' current obscenity standard is too vague. Current law defines obscenity by "contemporary community standards" without defining what constitutes a community.

Because of that lack of definition, Texas courts have determined "community" refers to the state as a whole. Community standards under current law are not allowed to vary by county.

"As a result, a person being charged with selling obscene material in Borger only needs to prove that selling the same material in Houston is legal," Sarpalius said. "One city's standard is applying to the entire state, and that just doesn't seem right."

SB 18 corrects the problem by making a change in existing law—it defines "contemporary community standards" as the standards of the county in which the alleged offense occurred or that county and all adjoining counties. The second was included in case the Supreme Courts rule sparsely populated counties are too small to meet its legal definition of community.

The remainder of the law, including what may be considered as possible obscenity, remains within the parameters of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that left obscenity standards to individual communities.

Sarpalius said he believes his

law returns that ruling to all of the state's communities, as the Supreme Court originally intended, without infringing on a person's freedom of expression.

"we're trying to walk a fine line here," Sarpalius said. "We don't want to infringe on a person's First Amendment rights. However, we don't believe the nation's founding fathers meant to extend First Amendment rights to material so obscene that it goes completely against a community's moral standards."

**Police Officer's Busy The Past Two Months**

Briscoe County and Silverton officers were occupied during January and February with three felony burglaries, cleared

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by five arrests; two vandalism cases cleared through juvenile cases and handled by 110th District Juvenile Officer, Bill Hendrix. One case of vandalism and two thefts are still under investigation, according to Sheriff Dick Roehr.

Six DWI's were filed by local officers; five of these have already been tried and sentenced, having paid fines and accumulated jail sentences ranging up to one year in jail. These five, being first-time offenders, received probation.

The grand jury will act on five accused burglars on March 29.

Four juvenile reports were filed with Bill Hendrix, regarding alcohol beverage violations among juveniles.



The U.S. Weather Bureau ranks Great Falls, Montana, as the windiest city in the U.S. The average wind speed is 13.1 miles per hour.

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**Mother Of The Late  
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Mrs. Betty Lou White of Brennan, Georgia celebrated four years more than a century of living on February 16, 1985. Mrs. White is the mother of the late J. P. (Pierce) White.

Mrs. White was born February 17, 1881 in Heard County. She grew up on a five-horse farm with five brothers. She was the only girl. She married her childhood sweetheart, William Homer White, at the age of fifteen. Over the next 28 years, Mrs. White gave birth to fourteen children, seven girls and seven boys.

When asked about her longevity, she remarked: "I have always put my trust in the Lord and my good friends and family keep me going. I love people and hardly a day goes by without visitors. I have a good, well-cared-for life." Her father lived to be 94 and her mother 96. Mrs. White has ten children still living. She has 24 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family moved into Brennan from the farm in 1940. They became active in the First Baptist Church work. Mr. White died in 1958. On Mrs. White's 100th birthday, she told a son she would like to attend church. He escorted his mother to church that day. Last year, at 103 years of age, she underwent eye surgery for removal of a cataract. She lives in her own home with her widowed daughter, Lillie Mae White.

**Nuevo Study Club  
Hears Program On  
Big Bend Country**

The Nuevo Study Club met Thursday, February 28, in the home of Mrs. Paul Robertson at 4:00 in the afternoon. Serving as hostess was Mrs. Jack Barnhill, since Mrs. Robertson accompanied her husband in the ambulance to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo only a short time before meeting time.

Mrs. W. L. Armstrong gave the program that Mrs. Robertson had prepared on Fort Davis and other points of interest in the Big Bend Country. The Robertsons had lived 10 miles from Balmorhea several years ago, and she told of first-hand knowledge of many of the beautiful places and many other things of special interest.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Kathleen Green, Faye Armstrong, Virginia Degan, Mayme Adamson, Virgie Powell, Nadine Baisden, Marjorie Bain, Judy Gafford, Ella Colvin and Marcella Patterson.

The club adjourned to meet on March 14 at the home of Mrs. Degan with Mrs. Patterson serving as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nabers and their daughter, Lynn Fitzsimons of Alameda, California and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Perrin of Andrews, Texas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Crump last week.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Pete



MRS. BETTY LOU WHITE

Perry and family from Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Cris Don Doss and Joe David Doss, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Aultman and daughter of Dallas, and Jon Etta, Brad and Trey Ziegler from Silverton.

Mrs. Cora Gragson and Mrs. Eula Merrell were in Plainview Friday of last week. They visited Mrs. Edna Taylor, who was in the hospital, while they were in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradley of Dalhart spent the weekend with

his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taylor, in Quitaque. The Taylors and the Bradleys visited their mother, Mrs. J. T. Bradley, at the Lockney Care Center on Saturday.

Sunday afternoon, Dick's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Taylor of Canyon, and the gentlemen's sister, Mrs. Eula Merrell, visited in the Taylor home. The Preston Taylors had spent Saturday night visiting Mrs. Merrell.

**LOCAL COUPLES'S SON  
INJURED IN NEW MEXICO**

Chad Isbell of Raton, New Mexico sustained minor injuries in a three-wheeler accident outside of Raton on Sunday. He called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Gafford, of Turkey to inform them of his misfortune. He was treated and released from a Raton hospital, it was reported.

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as Texas Tech would not be able to sponsor judging contests and teacher improvement workshops."

According to Teichelman, vocational agriculture programs will not be able to maintain the high standards that they are

noted for.

There will only be a shell remaining of the co-curricular activities that provide the technical areas of animal science, plant science, soil science, agriculture mechanics, and management along with a strong program in leadership training. Additionally, in the previous school year Texas vocational agriculture students earned a net income of over \$24 million from their supervised

occupational experience programs.

Valley students earned \$30,800 and this is money pumped back into the local economy.

Vocational Agriculture Education in Texas is in trouble. It will take a united effort from the people to preserve what has become a tradition for more than 50 years. If you would like to help, contact your local vocational agriculture teacher for more

information.



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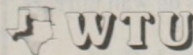
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