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## Muenster area affected by statewide flu epidemic



CHARLES AND CINDY STENHOLM

### Stenholm seeks 7th term in Congress

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm announced his plans to seek a seventh term as representative of the 17th District of Texas.

The conservative Democrat from Jones County said he wants a two-year extension on his contract to serve the people of West Texas. He wants to continue strong support for rural health care providers and a 1990 Farm Bill that insures sufficient quantities of top quality food. Our system produces the safest food at the least cost of any in the world and we must keep it this way.

"The people of West Texas are the best in the country and being

their representative is a serious responsibility for me," Stenholm said.

Stenholm has been present for over 96 percent of all recorded votes during his time in office.

Congressman Stenholm was recently appointed one of 15 Deputy whips in the Democratic leadership. He serves as Chairman of the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee of the Committee on Agriculture and is a member of the Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Charlie and Cindy have two sons, Chris and Cary and a daughter, Courtney Ann.

"We are in the midst of a statewide flu epidemic," declared Dr. Martin Kralicke, chief of staff at Muenster Memorial Hospital. As of Tuesday, Jan. 2, Dr. Kralicke's contacts in various area hospitals told him that there were no beds available in Denton, Fort Worth or Gainesville hospitals.

There are still beds available in the Muenster Hospital. During the past weekend a number of patients were placed in rooms in the hospital's vacated south wing which is a part of Lakeview Hospital. As the physician on call this past weekend, Dr. Kralicke opened his office on Saturday and Sunday to accommodate the large number of people needing medical attention for the flu.

With this highly contagious flu, Dr. Kralicke feels that we may have only seen the "tip of the iceberg" thus far. Children returning to school from the Christmas holidays could quickly spread the virus. He urges teachers to watch their students closely and immediately send home anyone who shows signs of nausea, vomiting or fever.

Children can safely return to school or daycare when they have been free for 48 hours of all symptoms such as nausea, vomiting or fever. Care should be taken that the recovering children do not overdo in P.E. class or when they run and play outside. "The effects of the flu are not over when the symptoms are gone," cautioned Dr. Kralicke. "Weakness persists for two to six weeks after the illness and also, the body's resistance is lowered."

Local physicians are treating the Type A strain flu patients on an outpatient basis unless severe complications develop. There is medication available to help build up the body's resistance when a patient is suffering from the Type A flu viruses, but it is important that the patient not wait until critical symptoms develop before seeking medical attention.

Lab tests have identified the virus as a Shanghai-type strain.

Individuals who have received a flu vaccination this year will be glad to know that health officials have declared that the vaccine in use this year is comparable to the flu being seen in this area.

The elderly with other health problems and the very young are individuals most endangered by the flu. Dr. Kralicke is especially concerned about the elderly with health complications. He would like to issue a plea that for the time being they avoid crowds and refrain from taking wine during communion services at Mass because the flu is spread by saliva and perspiration, as well as being air-borne.

Death occurs occasionally from complications brought on by the flu which causes the body to be in a weakened state with lowered resistance. Secondary bacterial infections can easily take over and quickly gain headway.

On Tuesday Dr. Kralicke was informed by physicians at Children's Medical Center in Dallas that an unusual side effect of this flu that it is attacking the kidney systems of some children suffering from the virus. He warns parents to watch for signs of kidney problems such as less fluid output along with edema in children who have the flu. Fluid retention usually shows in the face

and eyes causing them to look puffy and swollen. Any child showing these symptoms should be brought immediately to a doctor. The situation can be critical and even cause a need for dialysis if it is not caught in time.

Another precaution to take is not to give aspirin or medication that contains aspirin to children with the flu or any other viral infection. According to Dr. Kralicke and other health officials, aspirin given during viral infections is sometimes associated with Reye's Syndrome. This is a neurological disease which can cause permanent damage to the nervous system.

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### County commissioners sued

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County commissioners are facing a lawsuit over their denial of a petition requesting a rollback election in Cooke County.

Bill Shannon, a Gainesville man who signed a petition requesting that an election be held in Cooke County to consider rolling back the county tax rate, has filed suit against members of the Cooke County Commissioners Court.

Shannon filed the suit Dec. 27 in the 235th District Court of Judge Jerry Woodlock, who set a hearing of the case at 11:00 a.m. Feb. 26. Named in the suit are Cooke County Judge Jim Robertson, and all four commissioners, William D. "Danny" Knight, Kenneth Alexander, Rosalee Bayer and Jerry Lewis.

Shannon is being represented by Dallas Attorney Bill Trantham, who represented the Denton County Taxpayers Association in their successful suit against the Denton County Commissioners Court, which was settled by the Texas Supreme Court earlier this year, forcing a rollback election in that county after a two-year legal battle. More than 100,000 refund

checks will be mailed to Denton County taxpayers by Jan. 12, refunding more than \$6 million in taxes following a successful rollback vote in November.

The Cooke County Taxpayers Association has raised funds to assist in legal action taken against the commissioners, said a CCTA spokeswoman.

Cooke County Commissioners on Dec. 11 denied petitions requesting a rollback election by a 4 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Alexander voting in favor of calling an election.

At issue was whether it was valid to submit sets of petitions at separate time periods, whether the deadline for submission should be extended to the next business day following a holiday and several other undefined areas of the statute in the state's property tax code regulating rollback petitions.

An initial set of petitions was turned in to the county clerk's office on Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving. A supplemental set of petitions was sent to the county clerk's office and received the next working day after the holidays on Nov. 27, but a day after the deadline to submit the petitions.

In a resolution approved by the court, commissioners stated that the petitions did not meet the requirements of the property tax code after deciding that additional petitions are not permitted after the initial set of petitions were turned in.

In the suit, Shannon charges that the commissioners have the duty to call for a tax rollback election, alleging that the petitions were valid. He claimed the petition was submitted in a timely matter, and was complete on the first day the courthouse opened for business on Nov. 27, stating that the courthouse had been closed for four days prior to that time for the holidays.

A report given to the commissioners by County Tax Assessor-Collector Joyce Zwinggi stated there were 1,575 valid signatures on the initial petitions, 65 short of the 1,640 needed to force an election. The supplemental petitions contained 120 valid signatures of registered voters. A rollback election can be called if 10 percent of the registered voters in the county petition for a vote.

## County roundballers compete in tournament

The Muenster girl's basketball squad settled for second place at the Cooke County Classic basketball tournament last weekend after coming up short against a tough Class AAA Gainesville Lady Leopards varsity team. The Lindsay Knightettes finished third and the Lady Eagles of Valley

View took home consolation honors.

Dana Wimmer of Muenster and LaBecah Hess of Sacred Heart earned the honor of a place on the all tournament team.

In the boy's division, Hornet James Hennigan and Scott Hermes of Lindsay made the

team. Collinsville finished first after defeating the Gainesville JV Leopards. Callisburg took third place honors by defeating Muenster and Valley View took home the consolation prize.

The three-day tournament was held at Cooke County College, jointly sponsored by KGAF Radio.

In the girl's first round Thursday, Era defeated Callisburg 45-39, Gainesville squeezed by Valley View 47-45, Lindsay outscored Collinsville 41-35 and Muenster outlasted Sacred Heart 56-50.

#### Lindsay vs. Collinsville

The Knightettes of Lindsay pulled out a victory over Collinsville after falling behind 8-11 and 21-25 in the first two quarters. After a third quarter 32-32 tie, the Lindsay defense held the Lady Pirates to only 3 points and took a 41-35 first round win. Collinsville's two leading scorers fouled out, helping the Knightettes. "We had real good defense," said Coach George Thompson. "Our offense has been sputtering a little bit."

Leading Lindsay was Kristy Krebs with 17 points, followed by Julie Fuhrmann with 10 and Gretchen Hoenig with 9. Cassandra Fuhrmann and Laura Lutkanhaus added two points each and Debbie Fangmann scored one. "I felt good after the win," said the Lindsay coach.

#### Muenster vs. Sacred Heart

The Hornets of Muenster defeated Sacred Heart Thursday night in the first round of tournament action. Danny Walterscheid, assisted by Vickie Schmitt, Noelle Hesse and Wilson Jones, coached the Tigerettes throughout the tournament for an absent coach, Jon LeBrasseur.

Dana Wimmer led the Lady Hornets, scoring 25 points. The Anderle sisters, Kim and Denise, added 13 and 10 points. Jenny Wimmer, Brandy Debman, and Lisa Robison also scored.

LaBecah Hess was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 22 points. J.J. Dowd added 9, while Amy Walterscheid and Debbie Schmitt had 7 each, Sharon Fuhrmann and Janie Fisher also added points.

Sacred Heart took a 12-8 first quarter lead, but Muenster finished the half with a 27-22 lead. The Lady Hornets were ahead by 10 points going into the fourth quarter, but the Tigerettes closed the score to 2 points, 52-50, with 2:47 remaining in the game before Muenster pulled out a 6-point win.

"The girls played good," said stand-in coach, Vickie Schmitt, "but something was missing. They were used to having Coach Jon, but did real considering the circumstances."

The Tigerettes shot 13 of 37 from the field and 23 of 40 at the free throw line.

"We played a real good game

on our game plan," said Muenster Coach Brian Strothers. "We had a good defense all the way through. In the first quarter the girls were nervous, then we decided to play," continued the coach. "Dana and Kim had a good third quarter and Sacred Heart's

defense picked up on the fourth."

#### Boy's first round

First round boy's action had Callisburg over Chico 66-58, Gainesville 66, Valley View 50, Collinsville over Lindsay 70-61 and Muenster defeating Sacred

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Steven Fisher (with ball) changes his plans as he runs up against Sacred Heart's Tony Grewing. The Hornets defeated the Tigers in an opening round tournament match. Photo by Janie Hartman



LaBecah Hess moves inside of Muenster defenders to score for Sacred Heart in action at the Cooke County Classic Basketball Tournament last weekend. Defending for the Hornets are Kim Anderle (21) and Dana Wimmer (30). Janie Hartman photo

### Good News!

The Lord will guard you from all evil;  
he will guard your life.  
The Lord will guard your coming and your going,  
both now and forever. PSALM 121:7-8

## Valley View receives honorable mention

by Elaine Schad

Predictions of ice and snow for this week stir up some memories of last February for Valley View residents, who opened their churches, homes and hearts to hundreds of stranded motorists snarled along several icy miles of construction along Interstate 35, making headlines nationwide.

For their tireless acts of generosity and compassion, the tiny town has received an honorable mention in the Midland Community Spirit Award competition for 1989.

The award has been created as a lasting tribute to the volunteer spirit embodied by the rescue of the toddler known to the world as "Baby Jessica," who was pulled from an abandoned well in October 1987 in what was a miraculous combination of an entire community's resources.

"We don't even know who nominated us," said Betty Fortenberry, one of the organizers at the Valley View First United Methodist Church, which took the brunt of the traffic, providing hot meals and bedding during a two-day period. "We know the good Lord was the one who helped us, but it's been real nice to have the recognition showing that people care."

Many of the nominations came as a result of a "Dear Abby" column on Labor Day, in which Midland Mayor Carroll Thomas requested submissions for consideration.

Sioux City, Iowa took first place, recognized for when that city pulled together in the aftermath of the crash of United Airlines Flight 232. With some 85 nominations, there were five finalists,

with Valley View selected as one of 11 honorable mentions.

"Each story was an inspiration to us, for they illustrated what caring and concerned citizens can achieve as they work together toward a common goal," said Mayor Thomas in a proclamation sent to Valley View. "Indeed, your community exemplifies the qualities that make this nation great."

Valley View's proclamation will be framed and placed at city hall for all to see. In the meantime, the dead of winter is again approaching, and the construction is still as worrisome as ever. While the town is working with the Red Cross to begin preliminary disaster organization, residents know they can pull together again if there is a need, said Mrs. Fortenberry. "A year later, we're still getting letters from people we helped," she said. "You just respond the best you can."

The five finalists for the award included Grass Valley, Calif., for their volunteerism in fighting a grass fire that burned 35,000 acres and left many people homeless; Brownsville, Tex., for its rescue efforts when a department store collapsed under torrential rains, taking 14 lives; Long Beach, Miss., for its compassionate assistance to a 6-year-old boy, Tony Serrato, who needed a life-saving bone transplant as he was stricken with a rare neuromuscular disease; Saco and Glasbow, Mont., for their response in helping travelers after an Amtrak train derailed with 350 passengers; and Swansea, Mass., which financially and emotionally supported two seriously ill children. The town was the first to knowingly admit an AIDS patient to its schools.

## Nation's Environmental Problems Can Be Solved

ACTOR EDDIE ALBERT ENCOURAGES INVOLVEMENT IN NATIONAL PROGRAM

By Eddie Albert

In the last year or so, Americans have been bombarded by news accounts of food contamination, oil spills, medical wastes washing up on our shores and numerous other environmental disasters. In the face of these environmental threats that touch each of our lives daily, it is not uncommon to feel a sense of despair and resignation as we are drawn into the doom and gloom scenario painted for us in the news.

But Americans cannot afford to become withdrawn or complacent, particularly when it concerns our precious natural resources. The foundation of this country is built on innovation and determination and our enormous capacity for problem solving. We must remember—environmental problems are not beyond our ability to solve. Just as we have a direct impact on our environmental problems, we have a direct impact on their solutions.

A national environmental organization, Renew America, knows this and is taking action. It has developed a bright, new initiative to show government, industry and the American public that substantial progress on the environmental front is, in fact, possible. Renew America has launched "Searching for Success: Meeting Community Needs Through Environmental Leadership," an unprecedented effort which will locate innovative, pragmatic and cost-effective programs which are working to protect the environment throughout the country.

So far, 55 Members of Congress from around the nation have signed on to serve on the Honorary Committee of this important endeavor. Together with 22 environmental organizations, they will be on the look-out for environmental projects small and large that can serve as public examples of "environmental success stories." These projects, once spotlighted, will serve as examples for other programs in other geographic areas where problems need to be addressed.

The Search is intended to avoid the age-old problem of reinventing the wheel. If we know what works and why, we can modify and repeat it. I strongly encourage successful environmental programs to apply for recognition and to share the secrets of their success.

Community garden clubs that have protected the eroding soil at a neighborhood park need to apply to stand up and be counted. Industrial corporations that have invented new procedures for resolving environmental threats should share the technology, and state agencies that have reduced pollutants and made rivers safe for fishing and swimming should apply to receive the acknowledgment they have earned.

I know of numerous "success stories" of every magnitude which have helped us to maintain our states' natural beauty and our residents' quality of life. These are programs of which we can be proud. I hope all will join the Search and share with others what has been successful.

For more information on Searching for Success and for an application write to Renew America, 1400 16th Street, N.W., Suite 710, Washington, D.C. 20036 or call (202) 232-2252.

Together we can make our world an environmental success story.

(Editor's note: Eddie Albert is a board member of the non-profit organization, Renew America. As a film and television personality, he has carried the environmental message around the world, covering the whole spectrum of issues from integrated pest management to renewable energy and conservation.)

## Underwood appointed to CCC board of trustees

Ron Underwood, sworn in recently as the newest member of Cooke County College's board of trustees, said he is "gratified and proud to be assuming an active role in mapping the future of what is, without question, one of the county's most valuable assets."

Underwood, chief executive officer of Poly Pipe Industries, Inc., of Gainesville, was nominated by a special search committee of the CCC board to fill the vacancy left when former board member Don Gregory resigned because of a job transfer to Kilgore.

His nomination was unanimously approved by the board at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, and he was formally sworn in by CCC President Bud Joynor.

Underwood has indicated that he will stand for election in May, as required by law, to fill the remaining two years of Gregory's unexpired six-year term.

"I think I speak for the entire board in saying that we are extremely pleased to have a man of

Mr. Underwood's caliber and capability on our board," said Urban Endres, board chairman. "As a successful businessman and manager, he should be of great help to us in our efforts to see that the college district continues to be operated in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible."

A former associate minister of the First United Methodist Church in Richardson, Underwood earned his master's degree in theology from the Perkins School of Theology at SMU in 1973, having graduated magna cum laude in 1970 from Southwestern University in Georgetown.

Underwood is past vice chairman of the Texoma Private Industry Council, vice president of the Plastics Pipe Institute, state board member for the Texas Association of Business, past president of the Cooke County United Way, Cooke County Youth Center board member and member of the Gainesville Rotary Club.

## Gibbs is interim principal

Bert Gibbs, a former coach, classroom teacher and principal in the Gainesville school district, says kids are the reason he came out of retirement to become interim principal at Muenster Public School.

"I felt like I should do anything I could to help further the education of the kiddos," Gibbs said Wednesday, his second day on the job.

Gibbs, 64, is replacing Eddie Griffin, who resigned at Christmas because of health reasons. Griffin served as principal since 1985.

Gibbs earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from North Texas State University. He taught at Valley View during the 1951-52 school year and began working in the Gainesville School system in 1952. He taught health, physical education and Texas history; he coached all sports; and he served as principal at the elementary, middle school and high school levels combined for 17 years.

He retired in May 1985.

"My biggest challenge is not being able to talk to all the children and learn their names," he said.

He feels at ease with the teachers already, he said, adding that the biggest changes he sees



BERT GIBBS

from his earlier years were brought about by House Bill 72.

Bowling is his favorite activity, although he also enjoys spending time with his three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He commutes from Gainesville, where he has lived all his life.

Muenster School Board will hire a new principal for the 1990-91 term after hiring a superintendent to replace Charles Coffey, who plans to retire June 30.

## Williamson amends workers' compensation reform bill

As the Texas House of Representatives moved quickly to pass a workers' compensation reform bill, State Representative Ric Williamson (D-Weatherford) developed one of only five amendments to the bill that gained acceptance by the House of Representatives.

"If you look at every one of the 10 different versions of reform that have been debated during that past year, none of the proposals have provided enough money to adequately fund the Industrial Accident Board (IAB). I believe that the principal reason for escalating insurance premiums is the failure of the IAB to professionally supervise the entire process involving a claim made by an injured worker. How can we expect the IAB to do their job if we do not give them adequate resources? Working with employees of Comptroller Bob Bullock, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and House leadership, I developed the amendment to allow the LBB (of which I am a member) to move funds into the IAB after we pass the reform legislation and have a good idea of the cost to professionally manage the workers' compensation system." Williamson said.

Williamson, who voted for

several other amendments that did not succeed, also commented: "The legislation passed today in the House will not, in my opinion, reduce the costs of workers' compensation for at least three years. The Senate's version, which the House did not accept, would have been much better, again, in my opinion, for the small business person in the 63rd House District. I fear that most business people in the District have been extremely misled by Austin-area lobbyists groups that are more interested in attacking the lawyers than they are in reducing the cost of workers' compensation rates to the business people I represent. Even though I voted for the bill, I have grave doubts that the business person in the 63rd House District is going to be happy about this three years from now."

The Senate will now have the opportunity to adopt the House's version or to refuse to pass the House's version. Williamson would not venture a guess on whether or not the Senate would indeed concur with the House.

## Stenholm accepting intern applications

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-TX) has announced that college students and educators interested in serving an internship in Washington, D.C., can now apply.

Four interns will be selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July.

Interns will be involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will help research constituent inquiries. They will also have an opportunity to attend committee meetings, floor debates and speaker's series.

College students from the 17th Congressional District or those attending college inside the district, teachers and administrators, and residents aged 19-25 who have demonstrated an interest in government, are eligible for the internship program. The interns are paid a one-month stipend to cover basic living expenses.

Intern applications are available by writing Raymond McDaniel Jr., Chairman of the Omar Burselon Congressional Internship Selection Committee, P.O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas, 79604 or by calling Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 415-673-7221.

Applications are due by Jan. 23. They will be forwarded to a Selection Committee who will notify finalists by Feb. 28. Internship interviews will be held in Abilene on March 24 and selections will be made at that time.

## Tax seminars scheduled for new businesses

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Thursday that a tax seminar designed especially for owners and managers of new Texas businesses will be held in Sherman on Wednesday Jan. 10.

"Most new business owners have lots of questions about their responsibility as Texas taxpayers. These seminars will help new taxpayers understand the Texas tax system, and it will familiarize them with tax returns and other forms," Bullock said.

Billy Wilder and Gladys Edmonson, Enforcement Officers

from the Sherman Field Office, will be at Grayson County Justice Center, Central Jury Room, 200 S. Crockett from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. New and old taxpayers are welcome to attend, and there is no charge.

Bullock said that each of the agency's 29 field offices will hold the new taxpayer seminar four times during the year—once every quarter. Invitations for the seminars are sent by mail to new taxpayers.

Sherman area taxpayers who cannot attend the seminar or have questions about Texas taxes can still get individual tax assistance by calling the Comptroller's toll-free number, 1-800-252-5555, from anywhere in Texas.

The Sherman Enforcement Office, headed by Linda Kissingner, serves Grayson, Collin, Cooke, Hunt, Rockwall, Lamar, Red River, Delta, Hopkins, Denton and Fannin counties.

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system. Give non-aspirin pain relievers such as Tylenol when needed.

Dr. Kralic recalls that in 1970 or 1971 Muenster had a flu epidemic. Entire families were ill at the same time and 100 people were admitted to the Muenster Hospital in one month with the flu.

In an effort to prevent a repeat of that situation he recommends using preventative measures such as isolating sick family members from well ones, not sharing utensils, especially drinking glasses, and getting enough rest.

Flu patients should drink plenty of liquids (any type that agrees with them is fine), get plenty of rest, and take pain relievers for headaches and aching muscles. High fever, inability to retain enough liquids, or any other unusual symptom are all reasons to see the physician of your choice immediately.

In a bright spot in the situation, Herman Carroll, Muenster Hospital Administrator announced to the Muenster Enterprise that five doctors are interested in coming to Muenster. He expects to have one here within the month.

## Muenster firefighters kept busy by small fires

Muenster firefighters have been kept especially busy lately. Five grass fires and one car fire required their attention during the past week.

On Dec. 26, grass fires were started at three rural residences by burning trash in barrels that sparked nearby grass. The fires were at the residences of Mark Furhmann and Jr. Schilling and the Parker place which is located at the intersection of Highways 1190 and 1630. All are south of Muenster.

Claude Bayer had a grass fire caused by escaping sparks from a trash barrel fire on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The fire department was called to extinguish a car fire at the James Walterscheid residence on Friday, Dec. 29.

A grass fire caused by an electric fence on the Denis Hofbauer farm south of Muenster on Monday, Jan. 1, became the first fire call for the Muenster Fire Dept.

Herbie Knabe, Muenster fire chief, warns area residents that grass fires will continue to be a hazard all winter because of the extremely lush growth of grass last spring. The dry conditions, coupled with low humidity, raises the possibility of a fire. Outside burning should be curtailed on these days and avoided completely on windy days.

"The main cause of grass fires from trash barrels is overflowing the barrels," said Knabe. He recommends covering barrels with screen or mesh netting while burning to prevent grass fires.

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## John A. Otto dies at 69

Mass of Christian Burial was offered in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for John Alphonse Otto, who died at age 69 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Dec. 31 at 10:20 a.m., following a lengthy illness.

Officiating for the funeral Mass was his brother-in-law, Abbott Alfred Hoenig OSB, assisted by Father Victor Gillespie OSB, Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB and Father Denis Soerries OSB.

Participating in the special liturgy were a nephew, Danny Hoenig with the Readings; five granddaughters Lori and Lisa Otto, Denise Dennington, Amy Otto and Melanie Koelzer presenting Offertory gifts at the altar. Dorothy Hartman and Regina Pels were Eucharistic Ministers. The Sacred Heart Men's Choir sang for the Mass. Father Victor presented the Homily.

Rosary was prayed at the McCoy Funeral Home on Monday at 4:00 p.m. and a Wake Vigil was held in Sacred Heart Church at 7:00 p.m.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were David Hoenig, David Flusche, Greg Otto, Bobby Bruns, Doug Otto and Harold Flusche.

John A. Otto was born on Dec. 19, 1920 in Muenster to Anthony (Tony) Otto and Clara Martin Otto. He was married to Mathilda Marie (Tillie) Hoenig on Jan. 10, 1940 in Sacred Heart Church.



JOHN A. OTTO

Survivors include his wife, Tillie Otto of the home; five daughters, Dolly Gilley of Dallas, LaVerne Elliott of Canton, Earlene Dennington of Gainesville, Marilyn Alexander of Richardson, Carla Wilson of Bitburg, Germany; and six sons, Kenny of Gainesville, Jim of Cedar Hill, Jerry of Gainesville, Ed of Muenster, Tom and Tony of Gainesville. Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. J.P. Flusche and Mrs. Tony Hoenig of Muenster and two brothers, Earle Otto of Muenster and Tom Otto of Gainesville. Also 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Otto and two brothers, Ray Otto and Sid Otto and his parents.

John Alphonse Otto was a retired oil field worker, a service station owner and operator, a member of Sacred Heart Church, the Saint Joseph Society and the Knights of Columbus and life-long resident of Muenster.

## Candidates file for county elections

by Elaine Schad

The precinct 4 Cooke County commissioner race has drawn a host of candidates as filing closed this week for the March 13 Democratic and Republican primaries.

Incumbent Rosalee Bayer, who won the Precinct 4 seat four years ago on a write-in vote, did not file for re-election. Democrats filing for the Precinct 4 seat by the deadline include Wayne Trubebach, Henry Starke, Virgil J. Hess and John H. Peyrot.

State Representative Ric Williamson (D-Weatherford) has drawn two Republican opponents, including one from Cooke County. Kyle McCain, a manager at Lake Kiowa and vice chairman of the Cooke County Republican Party, has filed for the Republican Primary for the District 63 spot as has David Kubosh from Parker County.

The Republicans also will field two candidates for county commissioner spots. This is the first time the party has been able to place candidates in those positions in recent history said county Republican chairwoman, Debbie Hess. Tim Rhodes will run for the precinct 2 commissioner, now held by Kenneth Alexander. Kenneth

Swirczynski will run for the precinct 4 commissioner spot, now held by Democrat Rosalee Bayer.

Those filing for places in the Democratic Primary include:

-Prec. 2 Commissioner: Kenneth Alexander, incumbent.

-Prec. 1, Place 2, Justice of the Peace: Dorothy Smith, incumbent, and Mary Pickle.

-Prec. 4, Justice of the Peace: Royce Martin, incumbent.

-County Clerk: Frank Scoggin, incumbent.

-County Treasurer: Janet Johnson, incumbent.

-District Clerk: Bobbie Calhoun, incumbent.

-County Judge: Jim D. Robertson, incumbent.

-County Attorney: D. August Boto, currently holding the seat by appointment.

-Democratic County Chairman: Bill Sullivant, incumbent.

-County Surveyor: Delbert W. West, incumbent.

-Constable Precinct 4: Jodie Vance; Clay Montgomery.

Those filing for places in the Republican Primary include:

-Precinct 2 County Commissioner: Tim Rhodes.

-Precinct 4 County Commissioner: Kenneth Swirczynski.

-Republican County Chairman: David Jeffries.



AMPI workers recognized for 5 and 10 years of service were Andy Knabe, Susan Yetter, Alton Ladd, and Joe Ray Williams. Not pictured are Richard Herr and Bryan Hoenig. Janie Hartman photo

## AMPI honors employees, notes increased volume

Officials at Muenster's Associated Milk Producers Inc. plant recently awarded recognition to six employees for their years of service to the company.

They are: Andrew Knabe, five years; Richard Herr, five years; Bryan Hoenig, five years; Alton Ladd, 10 years; Susan Yetter, 10 years; and Joe Ray Williams, 10 years.

Gary Christian, plant manager, credited the company's stable workforce with helping the Muenster plant to hit a production record in 1989 - 366 million pounds of milk. This amount tops the 358 million pounds processed in the previous year.

"Texas is the fastest growing milk producing source in the nation," Christian said Wednesday. "The Texas market is growing rapidly, while the rest of the nation is either static or steady."

AMPI receives milk mostly from the Windthorst and Dallas/Fort Worth areas, he said. It is processed into stirred curd cheddar cheese, a product that is processed further by Kraft and shipped to other parts of the country. The cheese is used in macaroni and cheese and as pizza topping.

Whey powder, a by-product, is sold to bakeries and ice cream manufacturers, Christian said.

"We're trying to be better

neighbors in Muenster - to run more efficiently while making less of an environmental impact," he said.

For example, delivery trucks arrive around-the-clock, instead of accumulating at certain times. Also, the waste treatment system works more efficiently to reduce odors.

"We're actually running more volume but you notice less," Christian said.

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## Electric Co-op returns capital credits

Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association has returned \$200,000 in Capital Credit payments to its member-consumers this month. The payments represent one-half of the margins for the year 1986.

CCEC is a nonprofit organization formed in 1939 to supply electric power to consumers in rural areas. Most of its service area is in Cooke and Montague counties, though portions of Grayson, Denton and Wise counties are also served. As a nonprofit corporation, it returns the portion of money paid for electric service over and above the cost of providing that service.

"The CCEC Board maintains a proud history of returning Capital Credits to the customers who helped build the system," said

CCEC General Manager, Philip Slater.

The first Capital Credit refund was made in 1967 and the return of patronage capital has continued on an annual basis since that time.

Capital Credits represent operating and non-operating margins for the year and are allocated to the individual consumer accounts on the basis of electric service used in that particular year.

Of course, the funds cannot be immediately returned to the consumer. They provide the operating capital and reserves necessary to preserve the Cooperative's financial health. The Cooperative has used this capital to extend service lines, upgrade distribution systems and improve the reliability of the system without incurring debt.

Avoiding large debts is one of the strategies that CCEC uses to keep its cost of service down. The Cooperative increased its base rate in November, 1973, the only adjustment in the Cooperative's 51 year history. Currently, CCEC's rates are lower than those of most other cooperatives or investor-owned utilities in Texas.

Payment of Capital Credits is authorized by the Board of Directors. CCEC uses the first-in first-out method of returning Capital Credits. The payment authorized this year was the second half of Capital Credits earned in 1986. The majority of recipients of the checks are still CCEC customers. However, most of those who are no longer consumers understand the Capital Credits system and

have kept CCEC informed of their current addresses.

While CCEC is a nonprofit organization and thus exempt from federal income taxes, it is not a subsidized operation. It pays its fair share of other taxes, including property tax.

CCEC did receive low interest loans from the Rural Electrification Administration early in its history, but those loans carried the stipulation that the Cooperative extend service to all who wanted it, regardless of distance from existing lines. These REA loans were also available to investor-owned utilities.

CCEC debt to the REA stands at less than \$50,000 on a total plant investment of more than \$16 million.

## County sales tax rate increases

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Monday that shoppers in Cooke County will begin paying 1/2 percent in county sales taxes on Jan. 1, 1990.

"Voters in Cooke County approved the county sales tax last May and we're ready to make the start up as smooth as possible," Bullock said.

The tax increase is added to the 6 percent state sales tax already in effect and any other local sales taxes approved by voters.

Bullock said that all area taxpayers were sent a notice on Dec. 6 explaining the rate change.

Merchants collect the state and local sales taxes and send them to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 percent share and sends local governments their portion of the sales tax each month.

The money generated by this tax increase may be used for any legal county spending although most counties put the money in the General Fund and use it for general operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement.

Counties first imposed the 1/2

percent local sales tax in January, 1988. At that time 81 counties collected the tax. Today, there are 104 counties collecting the tax in Texas.

Those counties received \$98 million in county sales tax rebates in 1989.

Taxpayers who would like a

new rate card or who have questions about the tax increase may contact the Comptroller's office at 1-800-252-5555 or may write Bob Bullock, State Comptroller of

Public Accounts, Tax Assistance Division, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78744.

## Sales tax rebates for city top 1988 amount

December's check to Muenster for sales tax rebates, although down almost 21 percent from last year's at this time, was enough to boost the city's 1989 payments to \$123,071.98.

This month's checks to cities and counties reflect taxes collected in October by businesses that file monthly tax returns. Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 percent share and returns the local sales tax each month to local governments.

Muenster received \$9,494.46 this period. Gainesville led the county with \$77,011.87, up 17.6 percent from 1988. Lindsay received \$2,709.31, Oak Ridge received \$2,179.44 and Valley View got \$1,080.91.

For the year, Muenster's total was up 11.3 percent from last year. Gainesville landed \$1,200,289.14, while Lindsay

brought in \$43,022.48. Oak Ridge with \$22,935.32, and Valley View with \$17,447.61.

This year's total payment to Texas cities reached \$1.04 billion, 9 percent more than last year's total of \$956 million, according to Comptroller Bob Bullock. Payments to cities in December also were up 13 percent from 1988.

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# Lifestyle

## CCC adds February TASP testing date

Contrary to some earlier published notices, Cooke County College will administer the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test on Feb. 24, as well as on the other two statewide TASP testing dates scheduled for the spring and summer of the coming year.

Previously, CCC had been designated as a TASP testing center only for the April 28 and June 30 statewide testing dates.

"This is extremely important for all non-exempt students who will be completing 15 hours of college credit during the upcoming 1990 spring semester and who must therefore take the TASP test before semester's end," said Bill Caver, director of counseling and testing at CCC.

Another crucially important factor is that registration for this Feb. 24 test, as is true for all TASP tests, must be done at least a month in advance. Postmark deadline for submitting the completed registration packet and fee for the February test is Jan. 26.

Persons who miss this deadline may register late by telephone up through Feb. 14, but Caver stresses that all registration is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis and that limited testing space means only a certain number of persons can be accommodated.

"My best advice is to register as early as possible before the Jan. 26 deadline if at all possible," Caver said. "There is a very real possibility that we might not have room for more than just a very few late registrants."

Another incentive for beating the deadline, Caver added, is that late registrants will be assessed an extra \$20 fee in addition to the regular \$24 fee for taking the TASP test.

A special TASP registration bulletin may be obtained in the Counseling Center and Registrar's Office on the CCC campus, and this packet includes a comprehensive explanation of the TASP program in addition to the registration materials which must be completed and mailed in along with the fee.

For persons who may still be unaware of the particulars of the TASP program, Caver explained that it was mandated through House Bill 2182, passed by the Texas Legislature in the spring of 1987. State lawmakers created the program in response to growing evidence in Texas and other states that many college students lack some of the basic academic skills.

TASP consists of two primary components, one being a mandatory test that, with a few exceptions, must be taken by all students entering a public college

or university in Texas to measure their competencies in the basic areas of reading, writing and math. Students who had earned at least three hours of college-level credit prior to September 1989 were exempted, as were students in certain vocational training programs that required fewer than nine credit hours of academic coursework.

The second - and, say many educators, most important - component of the TASP program is the one requiring that students enroll in and remain enrolled in remedial or developmental courses for each section of the TASP test not passed until they are able to pass it.

Non-exempt students who do not pass all three sections of the TASP test will not be allowed to earn any kind of degree or diploma, such as a two-year associate degree, nor will they be allowed to accumulate more than 60 hours or enroll in any "upper level" college courses.

Caver said non-exempt students normally must take the TASP test before completing nine semester hours of college-level coursework, or they will not be allowed to re-enroll. At CCC, however, students may take a college placement test and be allowed to extend that nine-hour limit to 15 hours.

"We have a large number of students who have chosen this option," said Caver, "and they will be reaching that 15-hour limit during the upcoming spring 1990 semester. So, again, it is very important that they get signed up to take the TASP test on the Feb. 24 testing date."

For more information about the Texas Academic Skills Program, contact Caver or Dorriee Leander, counselor, at 817/668-7731, Ext. 215.

### S. H. Church extends invitation

Sacred Heart Church is extending an invitation to anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. The process for incorporating new members is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults. It begins with several months of "inquiry classes" where interested persons can ask questions about the Catholic Church and decide if they would like to continue. It includes adults and children 7 and older. Inquiry classes will begin in January, so interested persons should contact Barbara Fuhrmann at 759-2511, Ext. 37 (4922 evenings) or one of the priests.

### Writing class offers payoff

There could be a real payoff for students enrolling in Mary Dell Heathington's creative writing class being offered this spring by Cooke County College.

"Of course we hope the students will have a positive learning experience and improve their writing skills," said Mary Dell Heathington, instructor. "But the 'payoff,' I'm talking about here is cold hard cash - cash that could be won in CCC's Creative Writing Awards competition."

Students in the class, which will meet from 12:30 to 1:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will have the opportunity to enter short stories and poetry written for the class in the annual contest coming up later in the spring.

She also pointed out the rule preventing students from taking two English courses during one semester will be waived for this creative writing course.

The textbook to be used in the class is "The Complete Guide to Writing Fiction and Non-Fiction & Getting It Published" by novelist Pat Kubis and publisher Bob Howland.

"Incidentally, as the title of our textbook implies," Heathington said, "we will also be focusing on that kind of 'payoff' for writers - getting published. I'm sure that many, many very fine pieces of writing go unpublished simply because their authors don't know the markets and correct procedures and techniques for presenting their work to editors and publishers."

For more information about the class, contact Heathington at 817/668-7731, Ext. 279. CCC spring 1990 registration is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 11.

### Franciscans conduct retreat

A full weekend of activities marked the visit of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ from Channing, Texas. The Franciscan sisters came to Muenster on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in time to attend the Centennial Mass. Later that evening, they conducted an evening retreat for the FLAME group and the JAM adult team. This group of young people have been called to a leadership area of ministry.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9, the Jr. High of Sacred Heart Parish gathered for a retreat at the KC Hall. Sister Mary Paul and Sister Lucy, along with several of the FLAME members, gave teachings and led the group in music, skits and poster sharings. Sacred Heart FLAME members who helped with the Junior High program were Sharon Fuhrmann, Dyan Vogel, Angela Endres, Lisa Hamric and Kristen Klement.

Sunday morning was spent with the Confirmation candidates for a mini-retreat. A group of young people from Valley View and Sanger, led by Elaine Krahl, also attended the session.

The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ are a Spirit-filled, evangelistic order of Franciscans located in the panhandle of Texas. Their outreach includes missions in Mexico, Florida and Texas Tech University, Lubbock. They are a group of young women - their median age is 30 - who have been called to preach and live out the Gospel through simplicity and prayer. The women have built their own buildings in their monastery and are self-sufficient in farming and producing their own food. They are literally following the example of their namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi.

Several of the sisters are called from their monastery duties periodically to travel throughout the Southwest - Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado - to spread the Good News to young people and families.



Grand Opening and a ribbon cutting ceremony were held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 for Elizabeth's Jewelry in the Old Theatre Mall. Among those witnessing the ceremony were Betty Ann Flusche, Charles Bayer, Beth Trubenbach owner, Dottie Doyle, Daryl Ferber, Pat Dennis, Lora Hennigan, Vicki Thurman and Jack Murdock. Miss Thurman will assist her sister, Beth Trubenbach. Janie Hartman photo

### Diane Sicking is honor graduate

Diane Marie Sicking of Lindsay graduated from the University of North Texas on Dec. 16, 1989, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Corporate Finance, in the winter commencement exercises held in Denton. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate with a grade-point average of 3.82 in a possible 4.0. While attending

UNT she was also a member of the Financial Management Association.

A 1983 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 1985 graduate of Cooke County College, she is the wife of Carl Sicking and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Luttmner.

### Kyle Walterscheid graduates from UTA

Kyle R. Walterscheid graduated from the University of Arlington on Dec. 16, 1989, receiving a degree in Civil Engineering. Commencement exercises and awarding of degrees were held in the Arlington Community Center.

Attending the ceremonies were Kyle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Walterscheid; Wade

Walterscheid; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schilling; and Stacie Miller.

In January he will continue his education in the Graduate School of Civil Engineering at UTA. He is a 1985 graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

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## Muenster FHA holds party at St. Richard's

The Muenster High School FHA enjoyed a Christmas party with caroling on Dec. 20, with members going to St. Richard's Villa and Muenster Memorial Hospital. After singing for residents and patients, FHA members also visited in the rooms. They presented each with gifts of homemade Christmas cookies.

Following this, FHA members proceeded to the Janie Weinzapfel home and the Charles Coffey home for more caroling. Both plan on retiring at the end of the 1989-1990 school year.

After caroling, members exchanged gifts and enjoyed cookies back at the school in their homemaking room.

Mrs. Joni Sturm, sponsor of FHA, received a poinsettia from the members.

Another activity for the FHA in December was sponsoring a Littlest Angel.

## Three from TWU are honored

Two Cum Laude graduates of Texas Woman's University, JoEll Hellman and Sondra Hess have received their degrees with high honors. Miss Hellman, daughter of Dolphy Joe and Della Hellman is a 1985 graduate of Muenster High School, and earned a degree in Elementary Education with specialization in Math. She has done student teaching in fourth grade. She owns and operates both Muenster and Gainesville Schools of Dance.

Miss Hess, daughter of Frankie Hess and the late Ruth Hess is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education specializing in Exercise Science. She will be employed by St. Paul Medical Center in the Health Institute.

Vickie (Bryce) Fisher, wife of Glenn Fisher and daughter-in-law of Earl and Velma Fisher is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Texas Woman's University, majoring in Accounting and received her degree with highest honors. She has taken her CPA exams. The Fishers are residents of Denton.

## Alan Miller graduates from CCC

Alan John Miller graduated from Cooke County College in December 1989 with an Associate degree in General Business. He held a grade-point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0. Alan is married to Darlene Miller, and they have three sons Eric, Bryan and Clint and one daughter Alison. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Miller. He is employed at Rebel Metals in Gainesville.

## Sen. Carriker honored by league

30th District Sen. Steve Carriker, D-Roby, was recognized Wednesday along with two of his colleagues for passing legislation designed to help "those least able to help themselves - the ill, disabled and their caregivers."

Carriker, Sen. Gene Green and Sen. Chet Brooks were awarded certificates of appreciation by the Older Women's League during a ceremony at the State Capitol.

"I'm very pleased with the progress we've made on behalf of our senior citizens," Carriker said. "I believe our efforts during this past session will make a very real difference in the quality of life for many older Texans and their loved ones."

Carriker was specifically cited for his Senate Bill 482, the "Options For Independent Living" bill.

"With the present health care system needing all the help it can get, but in a year when money was very hard to find to make it better, it took special courage for these legislators to stand up for what they believed," said Mildred Love of the Older Women's League.



EVAN KOESLER

## Evan is one!

Evan Joseph Koesler was honored with a first birthday celebration on Dec. 28 at the home of his maternal grandparents, with his parents, Fred and Elaine Koesler hosting the party. Evan's actual birthday is Dec. 31.

A clown theme was used for the party. A carousel cake made by Cathy and Francis Fuhrmann of the Farmers Kitchen was served with ice cream and punch.

Children were entertained by a special guest, "Happy, the clown".

Pictures were made, and gifts were opened by Evan, with assistance from his little friends.

Attending were his parents, Fred and Elaine; his maternal grandparents, Steve and Julia Grewing; his paternal grandparents, Norbert and Elizabeth Koesler. Also his aunts and cousins, Marla Fette and children Amy, Becky and Polly; Sheila Kleimert and Daniel; Donna Charles and children Darrell and Cory; Connie Grewing and children Christopher, Megan and Corrie; Diane Grewing and children Michael, Randy, Shannon and Craig; Gretchen Kostyniak and sons Brian and Michael; Christi Klement and children Andrea, Elliot and Bridgette; Mary Bayer and daughters Denise and Melissa; and Martha Koesler and children Reagan and Kristian.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes and a gift were Nancy Grewing and children Noel, Eric and Kevin.

## St. Richard's holds Christmas open house

Open House at St. Richard's Villa on Dec. 23 at 2:00 p.m. was a joyfulevent.

Beginning at 2:00 and continuing through 4:00 p.m., guests arrived to visit with residents, enjoy refreshments, and appreciate decorations made by the residents themselves, who also decorated the big Christmas tree with candy canes they made during arts and crafts lessons. The paper chains that were hung down the halls were also made by residents.

Entertainment from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. was provided by Pam and Elizabeth Fette with songs and guitar music; and from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. by Eileen Fisher, and Dave and Janice Bayer with songs and piano music.

Coffee, punch and cookies were served by Betty Gilpin, Rick Stover, Jerrie Walterscheid and Rosina Kubis. Serving tables were set up and decorated by Betty Gilpin. Jerrie Walterscheid registered guests at the front entrance at a table where a picture of Mrs. Cain was displayed.

Providing more cookies and candies for refreshments were Gary Droll, Loretta Felderhoff, Juanita Bright, Joe Weinzapfel, Dora Henschel and Janie Weinzapfel.

The residents' Christmas party was celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

Mildred Lawson played the accordion, with Joe Hoeng, Rick Stover and Rosina Kubis joining her for Christmas carols.

At 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus and Gilbert Kubis arrived and distributed gifts that had been under the Christmas tree for several days.

The Open House and Residents' Christmas party were successful thanks to all the people who helped make it wonderful. The staff and residents thank all the Muenster businesses who sent gifts and plants, and the Muenster State Bank, Community Lumber Company, Patsy Dangelmayr and Peachie Huchton.

## Hospital Dismissals

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Youngsters who attended the Muller Christmas party were recipients of 38 beautiful hand made Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls from Eva Walterscheid. Photo courtesy of Jake Schilling

## Matt Muller kin hold Christmas reunion

Ninety descendants of the late Matt and Angeline Muller, including four generations, held their annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 10 in the meeting room of the Community Center.

The usual covered dishes brought by all provided a sumptuous feast served and enjoyed at noon.

Special arrangements were made to have Memories photographer, Karen Trubenbach, come in for family group pictures. "It was a great time" said relatives, "as most of us had all family members together for reminiscing, and taking keepsake pictures."

Santa Claus made a surprise visit after dinner, with a large bag he carried on his back. The bag was filled with beautifully dressed

Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, made and given by Eva Walterscheid as gifts for 38 girls and boys. Each doll wore an embroidered heart, lettered with "I love you".

The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting, playing cards and triopoly, and helping with games for the children. Two door prizes were given. The first, a Nativity set made by Jeanette Hellinger, was won by Monica Haverkamp. The second, a crucifix, was won by Lynn Muller.

Family members came from Lubbock, Sherman, Mineral Wells, Watauga, Bedford, Euless, Arlington, Denton, Lewisville, Dallas, Gainesville and Muenster.

Special guests were Nick Miller, Mrs. Kate Bernauer, Frank Bernauer, and Sister Barbara Bernauer and Val Fuhrmann.

## Dawn Knabe earns scholarship

Dawn Knabe, a daughter of Herbie and Edna Knabe, won a \$500 scholarship to Bergen Community College in Technische Fachhochschule Konstanz, which is near Zurich. She is a junior in

Sacred Heart High School.

The competition was open to all high school and college students from all over the United States between the ages of 16-21 who had the required two years of credits in German. Test questions were written in German and included reading comprehension and synonyms and antonyms. The 100 questions had to be answered in one hour. Jeanne Greathouse, Sacred Heart School counselor gave the test.

The scholarship would enable Dawn to continue her study of the German language and culture for a month in Germany this summer. She would earn college credit for her study at the German University.

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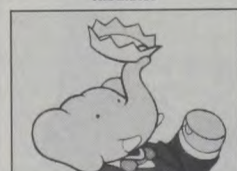
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 Wed. - Fried Chicken, rice, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk.  
 Thur. - Nachos with Ground Beef, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.  
 Fri. - Hamburgers with Trimmings, french fries, oranges, milk.

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**Jan. 8-12**  
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 Wed. - Vegetable Beef Stew, choice of sandwich, lettuce/tomatoes, fruit, milk.  
 Thur. - Hamburgers with Trimmings, fruit, cookies, milk.  
 Fri. - Chicken Nuggets, potatoes and gravy, English peas, rolls, milk.

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**Jan. 8-12**  
 Mon. - Fiesta Salad, applesauce, bread, assorted fruit, milk.  
 Tues. - Charbroiled Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit, cobbler, milk.  
 Wed. - Beef-a-roni, corn, cabbage slaw, batterbread, honey, butter, pudding, milk.  
 Thur. - Hamburgers with Trimmings, french fries, ice cream, milk.  
 Fri. - NO SCHOOL

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**Jan. 8-12**  
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 Tues. - LUNCH: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, green beans, hominy & sliced tomatoes, garlic bread, baked apples, milk. BREAKFAST: Pancakes, juice, milk.  
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# Muenster through the 80's

**1980**  
**Feb. 22** - L. B. Brunns announces his resignation as superintendent of Muenster Public School, after 22 years in the position.  
**March 8** - voters legalize sale of mixed drinks in the city, 194-71.  
**March 28** - Rev. Keith Thomas becomes pastor of First Baptist Church.  
**April 25** - historical marker dedicated to open Germanfest.  
**May 16** - Earl Fisher succeeds Herbert Meurer as president of Muenster State Bank.  
**May 23** - Sacred Heart names John Schwartz principal.  
**Summer** - heat wave of 70 days of 100+ highs hits, causing water rationing.  
**Aug. 16** - voters approve issuance of a bond to finance construction of a lake, 273-239.  
**Sept. 12** - Richard Grewing succeeds Leonard Endres as mayor.  
**Nov. 17** - earliest measurable snowfall, 1 inch.

**1981**  
**Jan. 25** - Tractor near Myra ruptures gas main, stopping service to 1,069 customers for more than 24 hours.  
**June 7** - dedication for new sanctuary at First Baptist Church.  
**June 19** - Sacred Heart names Stephen Beyer principal.  
**July 31** - Construction completed at MPS -- new administration building, enlargements to high school wing.  
**October** - 12-inch rains flood area.  
**Dec. 10** - Larry Holloway joins police force.  
**Dec. 19** - County commissioners vote to locate one unit of ambulance service in Muenster.

**1982**  
**April 3** - city and county voters approve bingo.  
**May 21** - Father Stephen Eckart is transferred to Subiaco; Father Victor Gillespie is named assistant pastor.  
**June** - rain adds to disappointing harvest.  
**July 16** - MPS names Eddie Green principal.  
**Nov. 19** - open house at MPS shows new science facilities, junior high wing.

**1983**  
**Jan. 7** - ambulance substation begins service.  
**Aug. 12** - Chamber of Commerce creates Industrial Board.  
**Aug. 26** - Jaycee project book judged No. 1 in the nation.  
**Oct. 21** - city names Ron Montgomery to succeed Steve Moster as city superintendent.  
**Nov. 11** - gasoline explosion at bonfire injures four SH students.  
**Nov. 18** - Lake Muenster gets \$580,000 from Texas Department of Water Resources.  
**Nov. 26** - first Christmasfest in Muenster.

**1984**  
**Feb. 4** - Muenster Memorial Hospital celebrates 20 years of service.  
**April 6** - Ron Emerson joins police force.  
**April 29** - twister causes minor damage; high winds and dust slow attendance at Germanfest.  
**June 8** - Olympic torch bearers run east of Cooke County.  
**June** - city considers ban on beer at the ballpark.  
**June 29** - sewing plant reopened by Frybrant Industries as a lingerie factory.  
**Sept. 7** - city hires Joe Fenton as city superintendent.

**1985**  
**March 29** - Richard Grewing is unopposed candidate for mayor.  
**July 26** - MPS names Eddie Griffin principal.  
**Aug. 2** - Dr. Alfredo Antonetti closes medical practice.

**1986**  
**Jan. 1** - Herman Carroll becomes hospital administrator after retirement of David Bright.  
**Feb. 28** - new physicians, Drs. Robert Nobles and John Kozura III, arrive.  
**March 28** - Kiwanis Club receives 13 tons of garden products, provided as a regional prize from Family Circle magazine for community improvements.  
**May 3** - primary election offers Republican balloting for the first time in city's history.  
**June 6** - Muenster wins Governor's Community Achievement Award and \$20,000.  
**June 19** - Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train stops overnight in Muenster.  
**Aug. 29** - Knights of Columbus accept a top international award for projects benefitting a brother, Jim Hoedebeck.  
**Sept. 19** - Jaycees dedicate monument and trees to seven astronauts of the spaceship Challenger.

**Oct. 10** - Rev. Steve Pearsons becomes pastor at the First Baptist Church.  
**Oct. 11** - first Autofest.  
**Nov. 28** - Muenster Enterprise completes 50 years.  
**Dec. 5** - Students Against Drunk Driving chapter organized.

**1987**  
**April 10** - Ted Henscheid becomes mayor.  
**June 12** - city receives mini-bus.  
**June 19** - flash flood hits; damage from torrential rain and waters cover thousands of county acres.  
**June 26** - County commissioners discuss removing the Muenster ambulance station.  
**July 3** - SH names Bronte Gon-salves to succeed Sister Cabrini Arami as principal, after Sister Cabrini's appointment as superior at Holy Angels Convent.  
**July 18** - more than 600 teenagers from 40 parishes attend weekend retreat at SH.  
**July 31** - Dr. Christopher Bean, dentist, brings practice to Muenster.

**Aug. 1** - SH holds Summerfest as fundraiser for science department.  
**Sept. 11** - group goes to San Antonio to see Pope John Paul II.  
**Oct. 30** - Centennial Steering Committee organizes, begins work for 1989 celebration.  
**Dec. 4** - Texas Highway Department begins study of Red River bridge sites to serve Cooke and Montague counties and Oklahoma.  
**Dec. 19** - city receives \$108,000 firetruck.

**1988**  
**Jan. 8** - ice storm closes local schools, businesses.  
**Feb. 26** - nine Main Street businesses are burglarized.  
**April 8** - Chamber of Commerce wins tourism Award of Excellence for brochure.  
**April 22** - Cooke County Electric Co-op celebrates 50 years.  
**June 24** - SH names Jack Murdoch principal.  
**July 15** - city becomes first county taxing entity to adopt tax abatement guidelines.  
**Aug. 24** - meeting to discuss location of dump site.  
**Sept. 30** - First Annual Muenster Madness Bicycle Rally to benefit fight against cystic fibrosis.  
**Dec. 2** - Muenster Memorial Hospital and Beck Management Corp. form drug rehabilitation clinic, Lakeview Adolescent Center.  
**Dec. 3** - gala celebration opens Centennial year.  
**Dec. 31** - Dr. Marvin Knight, osteopathic physician and former medical adviser for the Dallas Cowboys football team, retires and closes Muenster office.

**1989**  
**Jan. 6** - Father Victor becomes SH pastor as Father Denis Soerries is transferred to Lindsay's parish; Father Sebastian Beshoner arrives.  
**Feb. 3** - obstetrical services are discontinued at Muenster Memorial Hospital.  
**Feb. 24** - SH Tiggerettes win 4th state championship of the decade.  
**March 4** - ice storm hits, does not slow crowd for Beta Kappa's "One Hundred Years of Fashion."  
**March 7** - First Texas Savings closes Muenster branch and transfers all accounts in a consolidation move.  
**May 16** - freak hail storm causes thousands of dollars in damage.  
**June 2** - parish celebrates Centennial Mass with Bishop Joseph Delaney.  
**July 14** - 200-foot tower built by Muenster Telephone Corp. will be removed following a two-year controversy over zoning.

**Aug. 25** - Rev. Chuck Frazier becomes pastor at First Baptist Church.  
**Sept. 1** - Scheutenfest commemorates city's early celebrations.  
**Oct. 13** - mayor of Munster, West Germany, visits.  
**Dec. 1** - Dr. Enrique Juarez announces retirement from medical practice.  
**Dec. 8** - Centennial year closes with Mass.

**Dec. 11** - county association of student councils brings in speaker and anti-drug program.  
**Jaycees' Outstanding Citizens through the decade:**  
 Sister Theresina Grob, Lupe Evans, Wanda Flusche, Linda Knabe, Waylon Poole, Fathers Denis and Victor, Gary Fisher, Richard Grewing, Al Felderhoff and the Court of Catholic Daughters.

## Stenholm announces academy nominees

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX) has announced that 23 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 1990.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Ten individuals per academy were nominated to compete for one appointment each at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. Twenty individuals were nominated to compete for two appointment slots at the Military Academy at West Point, New York.

The nominees will be contacted by the respective academies for additional information and scheduling of medical and physical aptitude exams. The academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

The individuals, and the academies to which they have been nominated, are: James Ronald Baker of Snyder, Air Force and West Point; H.C. Boothe of Bowie, Air Force and West Point; James Edward Collins of Azle, Air Force and Merchant Marine; Timothy Allen Gibson of Big Spring, Air Force and West Point; Donald Paul Harwood of Abilene, Air Force and West Point; Richard L. Heine of Weatherford, Air Force and West Point; Jon Burton Moore of Big Spring, Air Force and West Point; Deonna Denise Neal of Abilene, Air Force, Navy and West Point; Samuel David Shifflet of Snyder, Air Force and Merchant Marine; Scott Thomas Terrell of Lenorah, Air Force; Gilbert Charles Barrett of Abilene, Navy and Merchant Marine; Sean Broomell of Abilene, Navy, West Point and Merchant Marine; Joseph Arthur Jolley of Decatur, Navy and West Point; Thomas Patrick McGinty of Springtown, Navy and West Point; John Michael McGough of

## Schedule of Meetings

The Muenster 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School.

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# Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

## J.V. Freeman dies in Bowie

Mrs. Juanita Greanead received word Sunday evening that her cousin J.V. Freeman of Bowie passed away in the Bowie Hospital at about 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

J.V. Freeman is the son of Mrs. Jewel Freeman and the late Vev Freeman formerly of the New Harp Community.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the Light House Assembly of God church in Bowie. Interment was held in the Freeman Cemetery at New Harp.

Survivors of Mr. Freeman include two daughter, two sons, his mother, two sisters, aunts and uncles and a host of cousins.

## Juanita Greanead hosts Christmas dinner

Holiday guests of Mrs. Juanita Greanead were Mrs. Cornelia Holzbog, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Holzbog and Kevin all of Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mitchell and Rayne of Slidell, La., Mr. and Mrs. Gary Greanead of Burleson, Cody Greanead of Cleburne, Idell Greanead of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ran Greanead and Matt, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Greanead, Mrs. Bobbie Wylie and Ruth Smith.

## Jim Pentons have holiday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Penton had as their holiday guests Ruth's sister, Elizabeth and husband Donald Calhoun of Bakersfield, Ca; also the Calhoun's son and family David and Becky and sons Samuel and Tom of Fort Worth. The Pentons' son and family were also in attendance: James and Robin and daughters Tricia and Angelia of Whitesboro and Mrs. Penton's brother Scott of Ohio.

## Personal

Marvin Maberry treated his wife Della to Christmas dinner on Christmas day at Denny's in Gainesville.

## Josephine Berry entertains Christmas guests

Mrs. Josephine Berry had her Christmas dinner and gift exchange Saturday, Dec. 23. Those attending were her daughter and family Janice and Jim Conkwright of Hereford, Robin Conkwright of Houston and Leslie Conkwright of Austin, Byron and Deana Berry and Colby of Denton, Mrs. Bren-

da Haverkamp and Zach of Gainesville, Joe Frank Berry of Rosston. The Conkwrights left on Dec. 24 to return to their home in Hereford.

Mrs. Josephine Berry went to Bowie Dec. 24 and spent two nights with Mrs. Veda Magee.

Joe Frank Berry, Byron Berry, Charley Haverkamp and Zach all went quail hunting one day during the holidays.

J.C. and Dorothy Barr of Nocona visited Mrs. Josephine Berry Sunday afternoon.

## Louise Shults entertains for both holidays

Holiday visitors of Mrs. Louise Shults were Mrs. Kate Parkhill and her friend Myra of Whitesboro. Mr. and Mrs. Koen Lund and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lund of El Paso arrived Saturday morning at Mrs. Shults' for the Christmas holidays. On Christmas Eve the lunds and Mrs. Shults drove to Grandbury where they had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Todd Solomon and sons. Mrs. Shults and the Clint lunds returned home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Blankenship of Lindsay, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shults of Denton spent the New Years weekend with Mrs. Shults.

## Personal

Mrs. Oma Wakeman spent the Christmas holidays with her son Fred Wakeman and family in Wichita Falls.

## C.H. Christians tell of Christmas activities

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian had as their holiday guests for Christmas dinner and gift exchange Mr. and Mrs. Bill Christian, Fred, Shannon and Brady, all of Stephenville, Miss Donna Christian of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Christian, Richey, Jody and Jim Christian, Kevin, Ronda and Casey all of Springtown.

Ruth Christian says that they just stayed at home for New Year's.

## Bewleys entertain at dinner

Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde had as their holiday guests for Christmas dinner Mrs. Ruth Cotton of Saginaw and Mrs. Irma King of Bowie.

On Saturday Wes Holley and son of Whitesboro visited the Bewley's.

## Hutsons visit and have guests

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson had as their holiday guests Brad and Kenda Hutson, Betty Lutmer, Rickey Hutson and children, Mrs. Essie Agee of Saint Jo, W.C. Hutson and grandsons of South Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson and Kenda Hutson visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brawner and family in Saint Jo on New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson visited her mother Mrs. Jewel Gaston in Wichita Falls Sunday. Mrs. Hutson visited V. and JoDell Gaston and Mrs. Essie Agee Monday.

## Joyce Hanson visits kin

Mrs. Joyce Hanson spent Christmas day with her daughter and family Mrs. Carol Jakse in Montague. Friday Mrs. Hanson spent the night with her son Jim Call and family in Gainesville.

## Children and grandchildren visit Evelyn Brown

Mrs. Evelyn Brown had her Christmas dinner on Christmas day. Those attending were Harold Brown and Clint of Era; Bobbie and Royce Pierce of Fort Worth; Billy Brown; Lori and Joey Glenn; Michael, Burny and Casey; Larry Brown and family; grandchildren Courtney Driskall and Nathan Lender.

## Jacksons tell of holiday comings and goings

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their guests Wednesday Janice and Randy Bird, Scarlett and Amber of Paradise, Elwin Jackson and daughter Brionne of Lewisville.

Ted Jackson and Warren Jackson of Wichita Falls attended the funeral of Harry Eason in Gainesville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dill and family.

Billy Ray Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson attended the funeral of Mrs. Vera Jackson in Nocona Sunday, Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson attended the Watch party at the Forestburg United Methodist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 31.

## Berry's have holiday guests

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and James had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cook of Marietta, Okla. who came Friday. The Berry's accompanied the Cook's to Dallas to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKown where they had lunch; they then drove over to the home of the Marvin McKown's and had dinner and their Christmas party. Mr. and Mrs. Cook spent Saturday night with the Berrys, then returned to their home in Marietta Christmas Eve.

Saturday night Dr. and Mrs. Jerry McKown, Kimberly and Casey of Valley View visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry.

## Hughes family has Christmas guests

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hughes had as their guests Christmas day for dinner Mrs. Vena Settle of St. Richard's Villa and Mrs. Opal Berry. Afternoon guests were Jim Christian of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hudspeth of Pilot Point, and Mrs. Suzanne Druss of Galveston, Jim Christian of Oak Tree Lodge in Gainesville had supper with the Hughes family.

Mrs. Vena Settle of St. Richard's Villa is on the sick list this week.

## Richardsons entertain on Tuesday

Clifford and Don Richardson were hosts in their home for a Christmas dinner Tuesday evening. Those attending were Mrs. Edith Richardson of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Bob and Kimberly, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sicking, Bart, Jessamy, Clint and Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bayer, Travis and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson, Chari and Laura.

## Richardsons visit and have guests

Chari Richardson spent Christmas Eve with her grandmother Mrs. Charlotte Fortenberry and great-grandmother Mrs. Anna Lee Fortenberry at Slidell. On Christmas day Chari's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson and Laura, drove over to the Fortenberry's and had Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill White had Christmas dinner in their home and Mrs. Edith Richardson of Gainesville and Don Richardson were their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson and Chari and Laura spent Sunday, Dec. 31 with Mrs. Charlotte Fortenberry and Mrs. Anna Lee Fortenberry in Slidell.

Happy New Year everybody. Hope you have a good 1990. Ruth

## Texas beef industry allots \$1.2 million for foreign market

The Texas Beef Industry Council (TBIC) board of directors approved spending more than a million dollars in 1990 to spur demand for U.S.-produced beef in Mexico, Japan, Korea and both eastern and western Europe.

The total of \$1,233,000 is the largest amount ever spent by one state's beef industry council to develop foreign markets.

The funds will be administered by the U.S. Meat Export Federation, a trade group that represents the U.S. beef industry in international market development. TBIC's contribution will be supplemented by \$2,418,200 from additional industry funds, USDA's Targeted Export Assistance (TEA) program, and overseas third party contributions. The total budget will be \$3,651,200.

Because of the additional funding, each dollar of the Texas beef industry's contribution will have the impact of three dollars.

"In Texas, beef is big business," Clark Willingham, TBIC president-elect, said in announcing the board's action at a press conference held today in Austin. "As the largest beef producing state in the nation, our industry realizes that the world has to be our market. The lessening of trade and political barriers opens the door for many new opportunities. At the same time, the rest of the world now can share in the great taste and nutrition of our premium product."

In approving the budget, the TBIC board allocated lump sums for each country to fund a series of activities.

The largest fund allocation of \$523,000 will help strengthen and develop markets in Mexico, a country that has ancient ties to the Texas beef industry. The money will help promote beef consumption in Mexico and encourage a stronger trade of live cattle between Mexican and Texas producers. The industry will also place a fulltime marketing director in Mexico to administer U.S. programs that will range from a market study to promotion of U.S. beef for Mexico's booming tourist trade.

A total of \$340,000 will help fund six programs to educate the Japanese about U.S. beef. Willingham said this is an important expenditure because Japan is liberalizing its market. In addition, \$50,000 will help conduct a market study in Korea, a new but growing customer for U.S. beef.

The board also approved \$265,000 for Europe. Most of these dollars will go toward educating consumers within the European Economic Community about the wholesomeness and

quality of American-produced beef. However, \$40,000 will explore the potential of meat markets in the eastern bloc communist countries. These had been considered closed to the U.S. beef trade until recently.

Finally, \$55,000 has been budgeted to make preparations in this country for visits of foreign trade teams.

The approval of the budget was praised by Bruce Berven, MEF vice president of industry relations.

"This proposal will allow the U.S. beef industry, through MEF conducted activities, to move forward and be positioned in a competitive stance," Berven said. "The Texas beef checkoff funding will allow MEF to escalate its promotional efforts abroad and continue this momentum in the critical years ahead."

The funds budgeted by the TBIC board includes no current checkoff dollars. They came from a special escrow account set aside for refunds prior to the checkoff referendum in May 1988. When beef producers voted to make the program permanent, fewer beef producers than projected requested refunds. As a result TBIC had \$1 million in an interest-bearing account.

"We considered investing this money in several projects," Willingham said, "But of all of them, foreign market development made the most sense. Establishing reliable foreign markets for our product will help our industry for years to come."

Willingham said beef exports contribute to a stronger domestic market for U.S. cattle producers. Exports in 1988 contributed \$6.80 per hundredweight to the value of U.S. beef cattle, or about \$75 per head. The gain to the entire industry was approximately \$1.5 billion.

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# SPORTS

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### Collinsville vs. Lindsay

The Knights fell to a strong Collinsville team in their first game of the tournament. Three players scored in the double digits - Corey Sandmann led with 18, John Krebs had 15 and Scott Hermes 11. Kenny Fleitman added 5, with Anthony Edes, Joel Metzler and Chris Hanks scoring 4 points each.

After a close 15-12 first quarter, Collinsville pulled ahead to a 42-32 halftime lead. Lindsay hit only 5 points in the third quarter to fall behind 55-37. The Knights were able to close the gap in the final period, scoring 24 points, but came up short 70-61.

### Muenster vs. Sacred Heart

The two Muenster teams met on the court to a full house crowd in the last opening round game. "In the first quarter we played real bad," said Hornet Coach Brian Strothers. "All the boys are friends so the game started slow." Sacred Heart led 7-6 after a slow first quarter, but the Hornets scored 23 points in the second quarter to take a 29-16 halftime lead. Muenster scored 43 points to the Tigers 24 in the second half to take a commanding 72-40 victory. "We had the lead in the first period," said Tiger Coach John Sims. "It's probably the best quarter we played all year."

Brian Reiter was high scorer for Muenster with 17 points, Brad McDaniel and Doug Hennigan followed with 14 each. All team members added points: Terry Felderhoff 7, Steve Fisher 5, Kody Trubenbach and Troy Pagel 4 each, James Hennigan 3 and Justin Ramsey 2. The Hornets hit 10 of 11 free throws. "We were expected to win and we did in the fourth," said Strothers.

Shawn Dangelmayr scored 16 points for Sacred Heart. Stevan Nasche made 6, Randy Miller and David Rohmer had 5 each, while Tony Grewing and Jason Endres scored 3 apiece and Josh McCoy added 2.

"I'm real proud of the way they played," said Sims. "We just couldn't get the ball in the basket." The Tigers shot a low 25 percent against Muenster.

### Second round

On Friday, second round action began at 10:00 a.m. on the consolation half of the tournament. Valley View girls defeated Callisburg 55-35 while Sacred Heart pulled out a 49-47 win over Collinsville.

### Sacred Heart vs. Collinsville

Sacred Heart pulled down 17 third-quarter points to defeat Collinsville 49-47 in the tournament 2nd round consolation action.

The Tigerettes fell behind 12-15 in the first quarter, and 21-27 at half time before coming out in the third quarter. Sacred Heart held on in the fourth period to earn a trip to another consolation game. Debbie Schmitt was leading scorer for the Tigerettes with 16 points,

## Exes give it another shot

by Neil Hesse

The Sacred Heart Alumni exes basketball games brought together forty Sacred Heart School and Muenster Public School exes on Tuesday, December 26. In spite of all the aching, sore muscles, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The ladies started off the fun-filled night by doing away with the odd vs. even year pairings. The even-year team had all the Walterscheid gals (height) so the teams were split. Anne Felderhoff (10 points), and Rita Walterscheid (10) led their winning team to a 10-6 first period lead and 24-13 half-time advantage. After three quarters the score was 30-17 and ended as a final of 36-27.

Other scorers for the winners were Susan Flusche (6), Amy Davidson (6), Rose Felderhoff and Molly Koelzer with two points apiece. Julie Rohmer led her team in a losing effort with 10 points. Other scorers were Tammy Hess (7), Angie Bartush (4), Sandra Walterscheid (2), Sandy Wimmer (2), Julie Bartel (2), and a fine defensive performance from Noelle Hesse.

The old-timers played the second game and had the only true odd versus even-year matchup. The odds took a strong 27-18 halftime advantage. The events made a strong comeback attempt and cut the lead to 33-25 after three periods before falling short by a final of 37-33.

followed by LaBecca Hess with 13 points. Janie Fisher followed with 8 points, Amy Walterscheid had 6 with Sharon Fuhrmann and Amy Bayer adding points. Amy Walterscheid led the team defensively with 17 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals.

### Boy's consolation

The boy's consolation playoffs began with Valley View defeating Chico 57-47 and Lindsay over Sacred Heart 65-35.

### Lindsay vs. Sacred Heart

Twenty points by Chris Hanks led the Knights to a 65-35 victory over Sacred Heart. Corey Sandmann followed with 16 points and Scott Hermes scored 10. Randy Miller was high scorer for the Tigers with 11 points. Lindsay took a 30-17 halftime score, extending it to 51-23 in the third quarter, outscoring the Tigers 21-6. In the final period, scoring remained even and Lindsay advanced in the tournament with the win. "Sacred Heart wasn't too much trouble," said Lindsay Coach George Thomason. "They're having their problems."

Adding points to the Tigers' score were Tony Grewing with 7, Jason Endres 6, Stevan Nasche 5, Shawn Dangelmayr 4, and Josh McCoy 2. "We shot 21 percent against Lindsay," said Tiger Coach John Sims. "We're having a terrible time shooting and Lindsay has shooters. I wish we could get everybody hot in one game," concluded Sims.

Other scorers for Lindsay included John Krebs with 9, Anthony Edes 6, and Kenny Fleitman and Travis Huchton with two apiece.

### Girl's 2nd round championship

In the second round championship bracket the Gainesville JV girls defeated Era 69-38 and Muenster squeezed by Lindsay 30-28 to advance to the final championship game.

### Muenster vs. Lindsay

With a low scoring, fast moving victory over Lindsay, Muenster girls earned their second win in the tournament.

"Shonna Reiter was hot in the first quarter and our defensive game plan surprised Lindsay," said Coach Brian Strothers. "We had poor offense," said Coach Thomason, "and we let it get away from us."

Shonna Reiter led Muenster with 9 points, 8 were earned in the first quarter. Denise Anderle added 6, followed by Melissa Bayer with 5, Jenny Wimmer 4 and Dana Wimmer and Kim Anderle 3 each.

Kristy Krebs led the Lady Knights with 13 points, 9 of those from the free throw line. Julie Fuhrmann added 7 with Amy Sandmann, Gretchen Hoening and Laura Lutkenhaus adding points. Lindsay hit 14 of their 29 free throw attempts, while the Hornets made 8 of 18 shots.

Muenster led 10-7 in the first quarter, with Shonna Reiter scoring 8 points, then extended their lead to 21-13 at halftime. After an even 5 points per team in the third

quarter, Lindsay closed the gap by scoring 10 points to Muenster's 4 before time ran out.

"In the fourth quarter we went cold, but never quit," said Coach Strothers. "Lindsay made a run at us in the end."

### Boys

In boy's second round action the Gainesville JV Leopards defeated Callisburg 90-79 and Muenster lost to Collinsville 63-62.

### Muenster vs. Callisburg

A close game from the beginning, Muenster ended up one point short against a tough Callisburg squad. "We had them down 15-6 with four minutes in the first, but we let them score," said Coach Strothers. The Hornets were ahead 15-13 in the first quarter and 36-32 at half. The Pirates closed in to a 47-45 score going into the final quarter, then took the lead. "The fourth came down to free throws; if we could have hit them we wouldn't have to wait for the last shot," said Coach Strothers. James Hennigan, Troy Pagel and Brad McDaniel were high scorers with 12 points each.

Doug Hennigan added 10, Steve Fisher 9 and Brian Reiter 7. The Hornets had two players foul out and three others in foul trouble with 4 fouls apiece.

### Sacred Heart vs. Valley View

Final action for consolation began Saturday at 1:00 p.m., with the Tigerettes of Sacred Heart taking on Valley View. Poor shooting from the field, 15 of 64 attempts, hurt Sacred Heart as they were handed a 58-45 defeat.

LaBecca Hess scored 29 points and was the team's leading rebounder. Debbie Schmitt followed with 9 and Sharon Fuhrmann, Vickie Bayer and J.J. Dowd added 7 points each.

The Tigerettes fell 10-14 in the first quarter with Hess scoring all the points for Sacred Heart. Valley View extended the lead 27-18 by halftime and 43-28 going into the final quarter. Sacred Heart scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to end the game giving Valley View the consolation trophy.

### Lindsay vs. Valley View

The Valley View boys took the consolation trophy by defeating Lindsay 45-37. A dead shooting fourth quarter for the Knights gave the Eagles a win. Lindsay led 10-8 in the first period, with a 20-20 tie at halftime. The Knights took a three point lead in the third quarter, but were outscored 15-4 in the final quarter and handed a defeat.

"We couldn't get our offense started, then Valley View got in some easy baskets to take a lead," said the Lindsay coach. "We played a little worse each game."

Scott Hermes led Lindsay with 15 points. Hohn Krebs scored 12 with Joel Metzler adding 6 and Corey Sandmann and Kenny Fleitman making 2 points each.

"The guards didn't shoot well. We had some bad games, not playing particularly well," concluded the coach.

### Lindsay vs. Era

In the final championship round the Lindsay Knightettes won 45-31 over the Lady Hornets of Era for third place.

Cassandra Fuhrmann and Kristy Krebs led their team with 13 points each. Julie Fuhrmann scored 8, Gretchen Hoening 5, with Julie Sandmann, Melanie Ander-

son and Amy Sandmann 2 each.

The Knightettes led throughout the game, taking quarter leads of 13-6, 20-17 and 28-24. Outscrewing the Era Lady Hornets 21-3 in the final quarter gave Lindsay the edge. Cassandra scored 11 fourth quarter points.

"We didn't play real well," said Coach Thomason. "We had the height over a young Era team." Thomason also stated that the tournament gave him a look at upcoming district teams. He was also disappointed that Kristy Krebs was not selected to the all-tournament team.

### Muenster vs. Callisburg

The Callisburg Wildcats outlasted Muenster's Hornets for a third place finish in boys' action. Muenster fell behind by as many as 12 points before passing the Wildcats in the final quarter, only to fall behind again. Callisburg outscored the Hornets 19-14 and 18-15 in the first quarters to take a 37-29 halftime lead. Muenster scored 22 points to their opponents' 18 in the third quarter and 17 to 15 in the final period, but couldn't hold on to the lead. "We got down but fought back," said Strothers. "Muenster always competes real hard and doesn't give up."

Five Hornets scored in the dou-

ble digits, led by Troy Pagel with 15. James Hennigan and Brian Reiter had 12 apiece with Steve Fisher making 11 and Brad McDaniel 10. Doug Hennigan added 6 and Terry Felderhoff had 2. Muenster completed 12 of 23 at the charity stripe.

### Muenster vs. Gainesville

"I was proud of the girls getting into the finals," said the Muenster coach. The Hornets met their match when they were outclassed by the Gainesville Lady Leopards in the championship game.

"The girls were a little intimidated playing a larger school; we never scored for six minutes," said Strothers. "Gainesville was too physical for us."

Gainesville took 8-6 and 21-16 quarter leads in the first half then outscored Muenster 35-20 in the second half, to take the tournament championship. Dana Wimmer scored 12 points for Muenster with Kim Anderle adding 10, Denise Anderle and Jenny Wimmer made 4 points each, while 2 points were added by Shonna Reiter, Melissa Bayer and Delana Walterscheid. The Hornets completed 6 of their 11 free throws, while Gainesville hit 14 of 19.

Collinsville pirates took the boys' championship by defeating Gainesville JV 67-57.

John Krebs twists around under the basket to score two points for Lindsay. Defending for Sacred Heart are Jason Endres (14), Shawn Dangelmayr and Randy Miller (34).

Above-Amy Sandmann grabs a rebound for Lindsay looking for assistance from teammates Melanie Anderson and Julie Fuhrmann. Denise Anderle guards for Muenster Below-Melissa Bayer turns to take the ball down court. Defending for Lindsay are Gretchen Hoening (41) and Laura Lutkenhaus (42).

Randy Miller (34) reaches in to grab a rebound from Knight John Krebs. David Rohmer (30) is also pictured.

Nocona golf tourney set January 7

Dan Hamric, president of the Muenster Golf Association, announced that the organization is sponsoring a golf tournament on Sunday, Jan. 7. Check in time is 9:45 a.m. at the Nocona Municipal Golf Course with tee off at 10:00 a.m. It will be a regular four person scramble.

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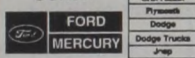
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Troy Pagel (34) adds 2, Jason Endres (14) defends.



Shawn Dangelmayr (10) shoots over Terry Felderhoff (42).



Brian Reiter (21) moves around Randy Miller (34).



Dana Wimmer (30) finds the basket. Defending are Amy Walterscheid (21), J.J. Dowd (30) and Janie Fisher.



Tigers prepare to start play after a time-out discussion with Coach John Sims.



Tigertette defense 1 to r: Amy Walterscheid, J.J. Dowd (30), Sharon Fuhrmann and LaBecah Hess (42) puts pressure on Dana Wimmer (30).



Coach Brian Strothers discusses game plans before the next quarter begins.



Shonna Reiter (20) brings the ball down court. Also pictured are Debbie Schmitt (31), Jenny Wimmer (35) and Dana Wimmer (30).



Shawn Dangelmayr picks up a loose ball.



Guarding the goal for Sacred Heart are Amy Walterscheid (21), J.J. Dowd (30) and Janie Fisher (41) against Denise Anderle (33)

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**SEASON RECORD**

Tigertettes	Opponents	Tigers	Opponents
Jan. 5, Lexington, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 6, Lakehill, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 9, Tyler Street, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 12, Oakridge, H, 5:00	---	---	---
Jan. 13, Notre Dame, T, 5:00	---	---	---
Jan. 16, Forestburg, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 19, Lutheran, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 20, Notre Dame, H, 5:00	---	---	---
Jan. 26, Tyler Street, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 27, Lexington, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 30, Oakridge, T, 5:00	---	---	---
Feb. 5, Lutheran, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Feb. 10, Lakehill, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Feb. 16 & 17, Regionals, T, TTBA	---	---	---
Feb. 23 & 24, State Championships, Baylor	---	---	---

**JUNIOR HIGH**

Girls	Opponents	Boys	Opponents
Jan. 4-5-6, Montague Tourney, T, TBA	---	---	---
Jan. 8, Gold-Burg, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 15, Montague, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 22, Forestburg, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 29, Prairie Valley, H, 6:00	---	---	---

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**SEASON RECORD**

Hornets	Opponents	Hornets	Opponents
Jan. 5, Lindsay, T	---	---	---
Jan. 9, Era, H	---	---	---
Jan. 12, Saint Jo, T	---	---	---
Jan. 16, Collinsville, H	---	---	---
Jan. 19, Valley View, H	---	---	---
Jan. 23, Lindsay, H	---	---	---
Jan. 26, Era, T	---	---	---
Jan. 30, Saint Jo, H	---	---	---
Feb. 2, Collinsville, T	---	---	---
Feb. 6, Valley View, T	---	---	---

Junior varsity games begin at 5:30, followed by Varsity at 7 p.m.

**JUNIOR HIGH**

Girls	Opponents	Boys	Opponents
Jan. 8, Lindsay, T, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 15, Era, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 22, Saint Jo, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 29, Collinsville, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Feb. 5, Valley View, H, 6:00	---	---	---
Jan. 20, Muenster Tournament	---	---	---
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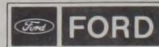


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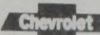
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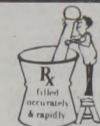
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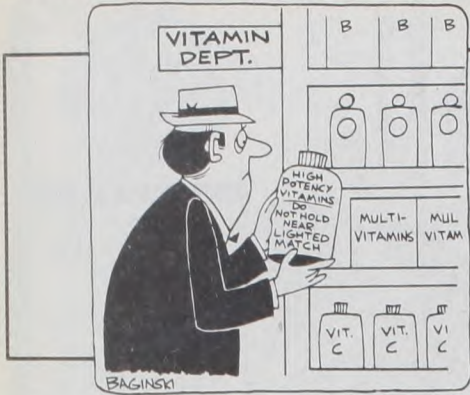


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Maps and other drawings showing the proposed location and design will be displayed at the public hearing. This material, together with the Environmental Assessment and any other information about the proposed project are on file and available for inspection and copying at the office of the Resident Engineer, Mr. Pat Harris, located on US 77 North in Gainesville, Texas.

Also, maps and drawings showing the proposed location and design have been placed on file with Cooke County, Texas.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or within 10 days after the hearing. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the Resident Engineer's office, but must be received no later than 10 days after the public hearing.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given for a special meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held January 8, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. at Muenster City Hall. Among other matters, the Council will consider the third reading of a cable television franchise with North Texas Communications Company.

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# Farm & Ranch — New pesticide rules published

## Emergency farm loan apps. being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by adverse weather conditions are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Gainesville, Texas, FmHA County Supervisor James B. Murdock said recently.

Cooke and Grayson counties are two of eleven counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter as eligible for loans to cover part of the actual production losses resulting from the drought, freeze, excessive rainfall and hail.

Murdock said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Murdock said. Farmers

participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 6, 1990 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Murdock said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, cooperations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office is in Room 211, Federal Building, Gainesville, TX and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rules to implement new provisions of the Texas Pesticide Law and to place additional restrictions on sales of five pesticides were published December 1 in *The Texas Register* and regional hearings in El Campo, Lubbock, San Juan, Dallas and Austin are being completed as this paper goes to press.

"Publication of these rules marks the start of an important 30-day period for public comment," said Ag Commissioner Jim Hightower. "We are holding these hearings in

an effort to make sure that these rules are clear and understood by everyone who must use them.

Hightower went on to add that the 1989 Legislature made several significant changes in the way pesticide use in Texas is governed. The rules are the step-by-step procedures for carrying out the intent of the Legislature.

TDA is also proposing to remove five pesticides from the over-the-counter market.

Each of the five pesticides has caused a number of complaints over the past few years. "Our main concern is the relatively long duration of the effects of these pesticides," Hightower said. "We recognize a need for their use in certain situations, but we think they should only be used by persons who are trained in correct, safe application methods. Among those proposed for restriction is hexazinone, the active ingredient in the herbicide used to poison Austin's historic Treaty Oak."

The proposal by TDA would limit the use of the five pesticides to persons holding applicator licenses. "These pesticides have a track record of misuse," the commissioner said. "A careful study of the files shows that most of the problems are caused when they are used by persons untrained in proper application methods. We want to keep them out of the hands of people who don't know what they are doing."

The pesticides proposed for restriction in addition to hexazinone are triclopyr, bromacil, premeton and diuron.

The proposed regulations also call for significant changes in licensing requirements for private pesticide applicators. Private applicators are persons who use restricted pesticides on their own property in conjunction with production of agricultural commodities.

The old Texas pesticide laws allowed private applicators to be certified for life, with no continuing education requirements. However, the

1989 Legislature made several changes in the private applicator laws. In addition to spelling out proposed requirements for continuing education for private applicators, the rules would also allow the Texas Department of Agriculture to revoke licenses for persons no longer actively involved in agricultural production. The rules also detail new recertification requirements for private applicators.

Private applicators holding certificates dated prior to January 10, 1989, do not have to apply for new licenses at this time. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may impose additional requirements on these private applicators in the future, but for now, those holding the old certificates may continue to buy and use restricted pesticides.

Other highlights of the proposed rules include: A clarification that complaints about possible pesticide misuse may be made orally as well as in writing; A guarantee that in most instances, complaints about pesticide misuse may be made anonymously; An expansion of current provisions for prior notification of aerial application of pesticides to include airblast and mistblowing equipment.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for inspection in the at December 1, *Texas Register*, at all TDA District Offices

## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

There is a growing trend among horticulturists, nurserymen and landscape architects all across the country to advocate the use of native plants in landscape developments, with good reason.

Native plants have distinct advantages over other types of introduced plants. Most natives are easy to grow. They tend to be tolerant of local weather conditions and local soils, and for the most part they are not troubled with insect and disease problems.

The main problem with the natives lies in trying to transplant and establish the plant from its native habitat to your landscape. Most native plants like to be left alone; they don't like to be disturbed.

The cold days of winter are ideal for transplanting. Now, while the plants are dormant, they will suffer less from the shock of moving and the interruption of growth. However, you should probably wait until we start to receive some moisture. The soil is very dry and will crumble from the roots now.

Special precautions must be taken when selecting and transplanting native plants. Even though these plants are hardy, it is often difficult for the homeowner to substitute the natural or native woodland environment which nature has provided. The gardener must first ask himself whether he can provide growing conditions similar to those in which the plant now grows. If not, leave the plant to nature.

In choosing the native to transplant, do not attempt to move overly large specimens. Small plants are usually more vigorous, grow much faster and are easier to handle.

It is often advisable, particularly in the case of large specimens, to prune the root system of the selected native prior to digging. Prune the plant's lateral roots one growing season prior to complete transplanting by making spade cuts around the plant in winter, allowing the soil to remain in place. This allows the plant to adjust to shock prior to transplanting, as well as develop a more intensive root system.

When transplanting, lift the plant with a ball of earth if possible. Wrap the ball with a moist burlap sack or similar material for easy transfer and to prevent disturbance of the root system. Plant the native plant at its normal growing depth immediately after digging. Water well after planting and mulch over the root area with leaves, pine bark or compost.

Pruning the transplanted tree or shrub is often difficult for the gardener but essential for livability. The upper branches and the end shoots of limbs should be

cut back so as to compensate for loss of root area and to encourage new branching and foliage come spring.

Be sure to receive permission from landowners before digging any native plant.

### 1990 YEARBOOK

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1989 Yearbook of Agriculture, just released, explores the business of farm management.

Its title is "Farm Management: How to Achieve Your Farm Business Goals."

The 1989 yearbook contains 336 pages prepared by authors from the farm community, academia and government.

The book focuses on individual farmers or ranchers making decisions on the use of their resources, including land, labor, capital and managerial skills. It cites case studies of farm managers solving a wide array of problems.

Subjects range from the relationship of farming to the physical environment, and a portion of the book takes a special look at low-input sustainable agriculture.

The concluding section focuses on the future and discusses the changing nature of farming.

Yearbook copies are available for \$10 from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402. It also will be sold at some government book stores in many cities.

## Kent Hance proposes end to frivolous suits

As part of his economic development program, Republican gubernatorial candidate Kent Hance proposed a new program to end the flood of frivolous lawsuits in Texas.

"Our judicial system is being abused to the point economic growth and the creation of jobs is in jeopardy," Hance said. "As governor, I will create a serious road block for those who want to file frivolous lawsuits."

Under Hance's proposal, a plaintiff who files a lawsuit and loses would be forced to pay the court costs and reimburse the defendant for lost time at work.

Hance said he will propose the new measure during the 1991 session of the Texas Legislature.

## Delegates participate in Farm Bureau convention

Twenty-three voting delegates from Texas, including Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True, will participate in the 71st annual American Farm Bureau Federation convention in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 7-11.

The TFB delegation will be representing 327,589 member families when they vote on national policies which will impact the more than 3.8 million member families in 50 states and Puerto Rico during 1990.

National recommendations adopted by state Farm Bureaus, including those from Texas, will be voted upon by the 311 voting delegates at the convention.

Among the key proposals to be considered by the delegates will be the 1990 Farm Bill, taxes, food safety, pesticides and water quality.

There will be several conferences on the afternoons of Jan. 8-9. There will be a livestock conference, dairy conference and one conference devoted to integrated pest management and its emerging technologies. The other conferences will include leadership development, horticulture, peanuts, health care economics, agriculture and the environmental movement, and local governmental affairs, grain and oilseed, food safety, low input sustainable agriculture (LISA), volunteer training, animal rights, farm labor, stress management, insurance, skin cancer prevention and tax planning. Other conferences will include cotton and rice, time management, safety, agriculture in the classroom, food safety, aquaculture and improving marketing skills.

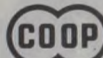
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