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Council argues for, against federal funding

"The TML (Texas Municipal League) lawyer says we are committed to this grant application now and we can't back out," said City Councilwoman Fran Voth Monday night. "Besides, why do you want to?"

The federal grant controversy continued at the regular Muenster City Council meeting. The application for \$250,000.00 to fund a new water well and supporting system has been sent through consultant David Lewis through channels to the State of Texas for consideration with other municipalities' applications. At Lewis' recommendation, provisions were also included to apply for certain housing assistance grants "to improve chances of receiving the water well grant."

The resolution authorizing the application was passed at a special City Council meeting on Sept. 23, 1993. But City Attorney Chuck Bartush Jr. pointed out to the council that the notice for the meeting was not posted quite long enough to meet the 72-hour requirement for a proper meeting. Some council members say they didn't get notice till the last minute and some say the application they seem to be committed to now with its housing assistance provisions is not the resolution they voted for

which addressed only the water well grant.

Council members Arthur Hennigan, Marianne Grant and Mike Trubenbach have opposed the grant application ever since they found out about the housing assistance parts, fearing all the problems, hassles and costs that public housing and federal involvement sometimes bring.

"You've been pretty damn sneaky about this whole thing," Hennigan said. "None of this council has ever seen this resolution. I don't know where you're coming from or what is your agenda but it's not for the good of Muenster," said Hennigan, speaking to Voth. Mayor Bill Miller said, "It certainly is." Voth said, "You voted for it then and you can't stop it now. There is no option in the grant for cancellation." Grant said, "You (Voth) and Lewis both said we could pull out of this at any time." Voth said, "Lewis said if we back out now he won't work with us again and will spread our reputation around the state." Miller said, "I'm tired of the three of you always being against what we're trying for the city."

Miller asked if anyone else wanted to speak concerning the grant. Paul Hesse spoke up. His comments are best expressed in a

letter he submitted to **The Enterprise** Tuesday (please see page 2).

Chuck Bartush Jr. asked the council to concentrate on the best way to get the water well and avoid the log jam surrounding the issue.

Voth said, "Frances Pelley (Texoma Council of Governments) said for sure we will get the well grant this year or next year." Mayor Miller continues his opinion that Muenster must have increased water supply but too many people in Muenster are poor and can't stand a tax increase. If, or when, the city receives the grant they must provide \$76,000.00 in matching funds. Those against the grant think the city doesn't need the extra money just to dig another water well. Those for it say the city needs not one but two wells plus treatment, storage and pipeline facilities to properly provide water for residential, industrial and firefighting needs.

Trubenbach asked, "Can we separate from the housing assistance grant part and just take the water well?"

Miller said, "Why can't we try to help people?"

Trubenbach said, "What about people we don't care to have living here? We can't discriminate against people who apply for this help." Voth answered, "I know."

General argument followed. Hennigan spoke up, "This thing is so full of misinformation and lies. I want a vote."

At this point, the council voted 3-to-1 to override the mayor's veto of last month's vote to cancel the application for the grant.

Miller said, "You better let this thing go through or it will be a long time before the city has \$300,000.00 to build the system."

Trubenbach said, "Mr. Mayor, do

you have figures to back up that construction figure?" The mayor replied, "No."

Discussion followed on what was really needed. Miller said, "We're getting no where. I'm in favor of shutting this damn meeting down."

Hennigan replied, "You can't close the meeting with items still on the agenda."

Hennigan said, "I'll tell you what we can do. I move that the mayor's signatory powers be limited to the water well grant only. Any other grants dealing with housing must be handled by the full council."

Miller said, "If that's what it takes for you to allow the grant application to go through, so be it!"

Hennigan's motion passed and he added, "If this council ever lets itself get involved in another hassle like this, we should all be lined up and shot."

Voth asked that her vote against the motion be recorded by name in case of possible litigation.

Next different item to discuss was parking on Main Street. The State Highway Department has recommended leaving the 30-degree parking lines on the street. They say they won't prohibit different parking angles but could only recommend the 30-degree parking. Mike Trubenbach moved to accept it but other council members, remembering the wishes of downtown business people, said they wanted it changed back to 45 degrees, thereby allowing more parking spaces. Herb Knabe pointed out again that the Highway Department survey said problems on Main Street were due mostly to speeding, unsafe backing and running stop signs, not to parking angles whatever they were. The parking angles on Main Street will return to 45 degrees with the

requirement that all intersections are marked uniformly and old parking stripes are completely removed.

Other discussion and action included:

- No action was taken on the proposed location of the next water well. Discussion was mostly on when to get started - now or after grants were announced.

- Julia Klinch of the TML Insurance Pool explained an insurance proposal for the city. Formerly covered through FMW Insurance Agency, the city voted to switch because of increasing cost.

- A Fire Department request that all residences be numbered was discussed and tabled for more study.

- Letters of intent for paving projects on Muenster streets will be sent out soon and must be returned by Feb. 1 to be considered for paving this year.

- Request for trim work construction on Danny's Bar (formerly The Office), recommended by the Zoning Board, was approved.

- Monthly bills totaling \$49,336.54 were approved for payment.

Rollback election set

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County voters will go to the polls Feb. 5 to determine whether the county's property tax rate will be rolled back. Early voting will begin Jan. 17, County Clerk Frank Scoggins said.

The rollback election was called after county tax assessor collector Joyce Zwinggi told commissioners a petition submitted earlier this month contained at least 1,750 signatures of eligible registered voters required by law to call the election. Rollback supporters turned in a total of 2,422 signatures, more than 700 needed to call the election, said Nita Harlow, a petition organizer.

Cooke County Commissioners on Sept. 13 voted unanimously to raise the tax rate by 26.32 percent to fund the county's \$7.2 million budget for fiscal 1994. The tax rate increased from 38 cents per \$100 valuation of property to 48 cents. As a result of the vote, an owner of a \$50,000 home saw a \$50 increase in 1994

county taxes, from \$190 to \$240. The 1994 budget reflects an increase of about \$400,000, up from a \$6.8 million budget for fiscal 1993.

Should the rollback be successful, the tax rate would be reduced by about 7 cents, meaning commissioners would have to make adjustments of more than \$500,000 to the fiscal 1994 budget, Cooke County Precinct 4 Commissioner Virgil Hess said.

Cooke County Appraisal Chief Ross Fry estimates that about 45,000 taxpayers will receive rebate checks representing about 15 percent of their county taxes if voters approve the rollback. He estimated it would cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for computer software and programming, checks, postage and other costs associated with rebating the taxes, excluding manpower. The rollback election itself is estimated to cost about \$10,000, Scoggins said.

CCAD awaits report

by Elaine Schad

The Cooke County Appraisal District's annual report card for 1993 on how well the district appraised property compared to other appraisal districts in the state is expected to be completed by Feb. 1.

The State Comptroller's Office conducts the annual ratio and value estimate study for properties in every Texas county. A state on-site reviewer spent several days in Cooke County last week gathering information. The reviewer spends about six weeks each year in the county conducting the research needed to compile the annual review. The study is very important to Cooke County's school districts as state funding formulas are based in large part on the totals compiled by the comptroller's office rather than local appraised values, according to CCAD Chief Appraiser Ross Fry.

Fry recently sent a summary of market value studies to all Cooke County school districts for 1990, 1991 and 1992. Fry said he is pleased with the comparison of the CCAD with the state totals which places the Cooke County Appraisal District at 99 percent of what the state appraises for the same area. The values were close enough that the comptroller's office used the local tax roll values in the school funding formula for the Callisburg, Era, Gainesville, Lindsay, Valley View and Walnut Bend school districts.

Another group that checks the performance of appraisal districts statewide is the Texas Research League, a non-profit education finance watchdog group. In its 1993 report issued last spring, the league ranked the Cooke County Appraisal District number 33 out of the 253 appraisal districts in the state in

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Local filings announced

by Elaine Schad

The Cooke County Republican Party will have more candidates on the ballot for the March 8 primary than at any time in the county's history, Republican County Chairman George Silvernale said.

Filing for both primary elections ended on Monday, with most races contested in the Democratic Primary. Republican filings have assured that five local races will be contested in the November general election.

Contested races in the March 8 Democratic Primary will be held for Cooke County Commissioner Precinct 2, where incumbent Kenneth Alexander will face J. W. "Dub" Carraway, and in the Justice of the Peace race for Precinct 1, Place 2 where five candidates have filed. They include Mary Pickle (cq), Sam Winters, Connie Welch, Billie Ferrell, Richard "Rick" Timmis and George Erwin. Incumbent Dorothy Smith did not

file for re-election. Another contested race will be for County Treasurer, where incumbent Janet Johnson will face Rae Freeman. In the District Clerk's race, incumbent Bobbie Calhoun will be challenged by Doris Bryant. Other Democratic filings running unopposed in the primary will be incumbents for County Judge Ray Russell, County Commissioner Precinct 4 Virgil Hess, Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Royce Martin, and County Surveyor Delbert West. Evelyn Walterscheid has filed for County Clerk, running unopposed for the seat held by Frank Scoggins, who has announced his retirement.

In the Republican Primary, Paul F. Hesse will run for Cooke County Judge, Richard Brown for Commissioner Precinct 2, Dorothy Lewis for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2, Patricia Payne for District Clerk, and Robin Hacker for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4.

Estate of Hilda Fleitman Self donates protected entry

Through the farsighted generosity of Hilda Fleitman Self, who specified in her will that a portion of her estate be donated to benefit the parish of Sacred Heart Church, an outstanding improvement is currently under construction.

Begun in November 1993, construction is nearing completion at the south side entrance, of a wide, paved drive-through under a long, peaked steel carport awning that follows the architectural lines, construction and color of the church roof. Its primary purpose and planning are to enable Sacred Heart Church parishioners, especially the elderly and handicapped, to enter the church without spending time outside, moving slowly in inclement weather.

Soon to be installed is an electric and automatic handicap lift, activated by a "card" or "key" to be issued to wheelchair patients, persons using a walker, or any parishioner who has walking problems. These persons must request the "card." Visitors needing assistance to use the facility are invited to request help from an usher.

The existing south steps will be extended an additional 4 feet for use of the able-bodied.

There will be three "handicapped parking" places designated on the southeast corner of the newly-paved area. The drive-through paved area is wide enough and big enough even for an ambulance, should one be needed.

It is also envisioned that brides and wedding attendants arriving early may choose to use the protection of the covered awning, in case of rain, etc.

Hilda Fleitman Self died on April 14, 1992. Her will stipulated that part of funds from her estate be given to Sacred Heart Church. Eddie Fleitman, administrator of Hilda's estate, was assisted in development of the current project/covered entrance by the following nieces and nephews of Mrs. Self: Wilfred and Ida Mae Bindel, Gertrude and Arnie Wimmer, Betty and Henry Felderhoff, Harold and Betty Jean Bindel, J.D. and Patsy Fleitman and Eddie and Maryanne Fleitman.

The architect for the project was David Flusche Sr. of Structures, Inc. The eight steel supports will soon be encased in brick, matching exactly the brick used on Sacred Heart Church. Installation awaits shipment of the bricks. Visual effect of the project was closely attended following architectural lines of the major building.

The contribution of Hilda Fleitman Self and dedicated planning of the project combine to add a permanent improvement to the parish plant of Sacred Heart Church.



THE ABOVE PHOTO, at right, shows the beginning of construction on the covered protected entry from Sixth Street to the south door of Sacred Heart Church. Photo courtesy Eddie Fleitman

Petty plans new business venture

An intriguing possibility of a new business venture in the City of Muenster was introduced Monday when a news release to **The Muenster Enterprise** was presented by Gordon Petty. He was accompanied by his son, Shon, and a close friend, Alton Ladd.

A corporation known as Muenster Brewing Company of Texas is being established and brand names such as Muenster, Westphalia, Chief Noona and Germantown Texas Beers are now registered at the Cooke County Courthouse. Purpose of the corporation will be to establish and build a German-style brewery in Muenster. "The goal is to produce beers of outstanding German quality, and to create jobs for local residents," said CEO Gordon Petty. Mr. Petty is no stranger to Muenster. He was previously

associated years ago with Muenster High School, having set up the original MHS Special Education Vocational Training Unit. "At that time, I was allowed the privilege of being closely associated with outstanding merchants, professionals, bankers and other citizens of the community, and I was thoroughly impressed with the high caliber and overall accomplishments of its citizens. During this time, I made some very close friends, and I determined to repay this honor," Petty continued.

The brewery will be open to the public. It was Petty's opinion that it will be a tourist attraction along with all the great foods, German sausages and other meats, German pastries and great festivals already familiar to all the people who drive up from the Metroplex. "Texas beer," he continued to

explain, "has a wide appeal and is in demand from as far away as Europe. At least one German importer is inquiring about this Texas beer. Shiner and Lone Star are two of the hometown breweries that have prospered and grown into large companies. We will do the same and better in Muenster." Petty stated, adding that several suitable buildings are being considered. In his plans are ethnic German decor for remodeling.

Helping Petty to kick off this venture is his son Shon, a recent graduate of the University of North Texas, and several local supporters. The brewery, Petty explained, will be financed by local, selected, ground-floor stockholders. Inquiries may be directed to: Petty U.S./Overseas Corporation, P.O. Box 150274, Fort Worth, TX 76108, phone 214-601-4256.



NEARING COMPLETION is the wide, paved drive-through under the protective, steel canopy at the south side door to Sacred Heart Church. Eight steel supports await brick work. Janie Hartman Photo

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

When I ran for Muenster City Council, I did it, not for myself, but for the taxpayer. I want to save all the tax money I can for this town. I can only do this with your help in printing my story.

The big issue in City Hall right now is how to pay for a badly-needed water well. On September 23, 1993, the City Council held a special meeting and voted to apply for a grant to pay for a water well. This way, we would only have to pay \$76,000 for the well and we would get the well and a \$100,000 supply tank to boot. For the taxpayer, it is the least expensive way to get a well.

Everything was okay until last month when Arthur Hennigan put the meeting of September 23, 1993 back on the agenda, using the excuse that the September 23rd meeting was an emergency meeting. Celine Dittfurth explained that since we had given a two-hour emergency meeting notice for an item that was not an emergency, we had to revoke to approve the meeting where the grant was voted in.

When I looked at my records of the meeting, I discovered that the meeting was a special meeting and that the 72-hour requirement would have been met. At the meeting, I appealed the decision to revoke, showing the meeting notice with the 72-hour requirement. Arthur Hennigan, Marianne Grant and Mike Trubenbach voted to not approve the meeting of September 23, 1993, regardless. After the meeting, the mayor vetoed their decision.

At our regular meeting this Monday, the same three people voted to override the veto because now Celine remembered that the 72-hour notice was not given because she forgot to post the meeting notice before 5 o'clock on September 20, 1993.

If the three City Council members go through with their plan to knock out the grants, the taxpayer could lose about \$110,000. This is a lot of money considering that the total tax collection in Muenster for the year is \$200,000.

The city has \$35,000 set aside for the new water well. With the grant, we would need to pay \$36,000 more.

Respectfully,
Fran Voth, Alderman
Muenster City Council

To the Editor:

This letter addresses the water supply problem facing the City of Muenster. The major interested parties are the paying water customers and all other City of Muenster water consumers.

My wife and I are non-resident City of Muenster property owners. We requested to be allowed to appear before the City Council at their regular monthly meeting last night to give our opinion concerning the use of Federal Grant monies for City of Muenster projects. I stated what we think are the advantages and disadvantages in obtaining a Federal Grant and the advantages and disadvantages in solving problems at the local level. I centered the opinion around Federal taxes and City property taxes. Basically I stated that (1) using a Federal Grant would involve too many strings attached and (2) solving at the local level may involve an increase in property taxes. I recommended that the City Council try to solve the water supply problem at the local level by studying all possible alternatives and select the best solution.

During further discussion by the City Council, some council members stated that it may be possible to drill a new water well without an increase in city property taxes.

Since attending the meeting, I have studied the idea of drilling a water well without obtaining Federal money and without an increase in property taxes. One can say that the City of Muenster Water Department is in the water supply business. Let's look at the water supply problem from the point of view of running the Water Department like any other nonprofit institution. From the business operating standpoint, the Water Department should "break-even" or have a small surplus with the main concept of having the paying customers "pay for what they get."

In other words, the water rate would be adjusted to keep the Water Department in the black. There is no profit incentive, but there needs to be other incentives put in place in order to provide all customers with economical and dependable service. To be fair, efficient and to promote water conservation, the rate may need to be progressive in respect to water usage volume. Using this plan of action, there would be no need to increase property taxes or try to obtain a Federal Grant.

I urge all to whom it may concern to forward their positive comments, ideas and opinions to the City Council and/or attend the regularly scheduled monthly City Council meetings with the express purpose to participate in the discussions and become more knowledgeable in city affairs. Hopefully, the end results will be what is best for Muenster.

Sincerely, Paul F. Hesse
P.O. Box 447 Muenster, TX 759-4786

To all our friends,

Thanks to all our friends who were so generous to us during the Christmas season as well as at other times in 1993.

God's blessing on all of you.
Benedictine Sisters
of Muenster
141 E. Sixth Street
Muenster, TX 76252

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the most recent letter from Sister Roberta Hesse to her family here in Muenster, which she wrote on Nov. 19, 1993, and which they received on Jan. 3, 1994. Aggie, Mrs. Bernard Hesse, shares this letter with friends and relatives here and readers of **The Muenster Enterprise**.)

B.P. 302 Limete
Kinshasa ZAIRE
November 19, 1993

Dear Family,

At long last, I begin this note to you, but not knowing when I will get a chance to send it out. I have wanted to write so many times but somehow the time just slips by, and I'm not much on staying up in the night.

Tonight at midnight our money changes. Our smallest money is a bill of 500,000 Z, and the next in line is a million zaire bill. As of tomorrow, we will have bills of one zaire, five zaires and 100 zaires. We are deeply involved because of the dispensary. Consultation for a child costs 4 million zaire - for an adult it is the double. For the past week, we have refused money but accepted produce. We have a big potato sack of caterpillars, as well as other things. Happily for the people, the harvest is good this year.

All of our tariffs will change tomorrow, but since there is no cash in the area, we will keep on collecting produce. This morning at the Sunday collection, people gave vegetables, fresh corn, hot peppers, manioc and caterpillars. A very poor woman brought a jug of drinking water. We took everything to the dispensary to share with our sick there.

Did I tell you that we have a hospital of 60 beds and a maternity of 12 beds? We do not have a doctor... but we, the nurses, are first class with our "tender loving care" and also knowledge of tropical diseases. Most are common illnesses of malaria, intestinal worms, malnutrition and then there is tuberculosis and AIDS. The number of sick has doubled this month.

We are so grateful if we can ease their suffering. The suffering from illness is one thing, and there is the suffering for the uncertainty of the money; lack of pay; schools that have not started; and the human condition that just seems to continue to go down hill.

Our jeep can no longer get to us because of the bad roads. A brief dry season will come next month and then the road will be passable again. For the present, the jeep comes to the river. Our things are transferred to the other side by canoe and then put on two bicycles and then it gets to us who are 48 kilometers away. This is a day's journey because of the bad roads. Two bicycles can't bring very much at a time. I'm even surprised how easily we live without what has always seemed so essential.

And, then, with all the difficulties in our lives, we perhaps have the most beautiful community life ever. The sisters are so great. We are six and then there is an aspirant with us also. This weekend, she joined a group of six young people who went the 48 kilometers to Fatundu for a session. They left on foot Friday and will return tomorrow. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, our people are already asking for retreats to prepare for Christmas. You do know that we are a parish without a priest. This has advantages in that we can organize things as we see best. A priest will come for Christmas.

Word just came that this mail can go out by bicycle tomorrow. Therefore, I'll make this short and say Happy Thanksgiving to all. We have so much to be grateful for... was I really with you last year? So much has happened since then.

Love, Sr. Roberta

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Dear Editor:

Evidence just keeps pouring in that the man, who 43% of the American electorate put in office as President, cannot be trusted. I am still convinced that the man cannot tell the truth if his life depended upon it.

The recent allegations of chronic adultery and fraudulent misuse of public monies is just the tip of the iceberg! The budget deal he forced and finagled through Congress would've never passed had they not concealed a vital Treasury report showing the real impact that his tax and spend bill would do the economy starting in 1994.

As a member of the DC-based H.E.A.L. Committee, I can tell you that Clinton and his ambitious wife have been far from honest about their plan to double the federal budget in the name of healthcare reform. He and she have purposefully hidden the tremendous

and tragic costs of this nefarious attack on the best medical system in the world.

Just yesterday, USA Today gave a glowing report over the Clintons' unveiling of a new \$300 million program to house the homeless. Nothing was mentioned about the \$1.3 billion they just chopped off that same budget for the poor and homeless! Such dishonesty.

Maybe this latest burst of light on their true character will hold off some of the damage they would do before 1996.

I don't know, though, 3 years is a long time... and memories are short. "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat its mistakes."

Sincerely,
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To the Editor:

I especially enjoyed the Sunday Dec. 12th edition of the **Gainesville Register**, having served on the crew of a B-24 bomber. I got a thrill out of reading the article and looking at the picture of the World War II planes in the fly-in.

But, the article by Paul Harvey entitled, "Let's Teach Our Poor to Fish" stood out as a shining beacon. So true - poverty wears three faces - poverty of the mind, poverty of the spirit and a lack of money. This article clearly showed spiritual improvement from within and basic education - clearly mind improvement were absolutely necessary in order to solve the poverty problem.

One of the government-supported poverty problems that scares me the most is AFDC - so-called aid for dependent children - which is in reality aid for illegitimate mommas. It is the basic reason today that 7 out of 10 black and 2 out of 10

white children born in America are born to teenage unwed mothers. What can you expect when they are paid more money to raise these illegitimate children than they can net from a minimum wage job? It is the responsibility of the parents to raise that child, not the government's!

No single parent, male or female, can adequately serve as both father and mother, and a child needs both. Poverty begets poverty in all three areas and many of the children of single parents have difficulty tasting a measurable degree of success in school. Today, what's wrong with our schools is more often what's wrong with our school children's parents.

The greatest wealth our nation has is the skills of the minds of the people and it scares me to see the percentage of our future generations that are programmed for failure.

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"Civic Outlook"

by Mayor Bill Miller

Once again, at the regular monthly meeting last Monday night, the government grants were discussed. Arthur Hennigan made the remark that he is against the 5-year government grant plan.

If you don't have a plan for success, you will surely fail. I feel that it would be a mistake not to take the funding that the government makes available to us.

The debate over the community development government grants boils down to this question: Who wins and who loses?

The grant process is a 5-year program, as the survey is only good for five years. The first grant for a water well and 100,000-gallon ground storage tank has already been applied for.

In order to give the people on the north side of town the increased water pressure and storage they have been needing for a long time, the second grant we can apply for would be for an elevated storage tank on the north side of town.

The third grant we can apply for would be to replace old sewer lines and water mains that date back to 1930 in many areas of town.

Along with the community development grants, the government wants each town to provide assistance to the elderly and young families by providing home improvement and first-time homeowner loans. These loans do not have to be repaid, or they can be repaid at no interest, over a long period of time.

Identifying the winners in the plan is easy. The grants will be beneficial to everyone. The town, as a whole, will be better off if the City Council follows through with the 5-year plan.

If not, the losers will be hard hit. 1. The City does not have the funds to drill a water well and

would have to borrow the money. The total cost would be over \$166,000, plus interest. Also, without the grant, any chance of getting the \$100,000 ground storage tank that comes with the water well grant will be canceled.

2. The north side of town does not stand a chance of getting the elevated storage tank without the grants. The \$250,000 tank is cost prohibitive with the present city budget. Furthermore, with 33.4% of the families in Muenster on a fixed income, higher taxation is out of the question, just plain not feasible.

3. Without the water main and sewer improvements, it will be business as usual in Muenster. Crisis management has been the norm in the past. Repair leaks and fix collapsed sewer lines as they happen.

A member of the Texoma Council of Governments from Sherman, Texas came by my shop and talked with me. He served on the 12-member board that decides which grant applications to approve to the year. He said, "I am glad that Muenster has decided to apply for the water well and ground storage tank grant. There are many towns in our region who have applied for the grants every year since 1977. They have already received millions of dollars, upgrading their city water and sewer systems and other projects. Now, they are applying for funding for frivolous projects and they will get the money, too, if towns like Muenster with more worthy projects do not apply."

Because I know it is in the best interest of Muenster, I will continue to insist on applying for these grants in the future. Why rely on chance? Let's have a plan! All I need is dedicated council members who will help me in upgrading our inadequate systems.

Mother of Anna Herr dies at 81

Bertha M. Cleere, 81, of Denton and formerly of Scott City, Kansas, died on Friday, Dec. 31, 1993 at Cottonwood Manor of Denton. She was the mother of Anna (Mrs. Richard) Herr of Muenster.

Mrs. Cleere was born to Jap and Mary Hammonds Bird on March 26, 1912, at Muskogee, Oklahoma. On Oct. 3, 1931, she married Earl W. Cleere at Seminole, Oklahoma. Preceding her in death were her husband, one son Alvin Earl Cleere and a grandson, William Beryl Trotter. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church in Scott City, Kansas.

Survivors include one son, Alvis Earl Cleere of Shawnee, Oklahoma; four daughters Imogene Dean of Wichita, Kansas, Anna Marie Herr of Muenster, Alta Joe Luskie of Denton, and Charlotte Lou Powell

of Denton; also two sisters, Alene Clark and Eva Sires, both of Lindsey, California; 14 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1994 at noon in Roesch Funeral Chapel of Shawnee, Oklahoma, officiated by Rev. Chuck Utzler, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church. Burial was in Little Cemetery of Little, Oklahoma. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Among relatives and friends attending were Richard and Anna Herr, Dianna and Steve Klement and LeAnn of Muenster; Troy and Nancy Webster and Tara, Brad and Mark of Keller; Rose and William Schmidkofer of North Richland Hills; Pat Davis, Johnny Herr, Jimmy Herr, all of College Station and Sue Oakley of Fort Worth.

Ova Mann, 82, dies Jan. 1

Ova Odell (Brogden) Mann died suddenly at age 82 in Denton Community Hospital on Jan. 1, 1994 at 10:49 a.m.

A current resident of Saint Jo, she was born to John Calvin Brogden and Nettie Lee (Holland) Brogden in Durant, Oklahoma on April 11, 1911. She married Robert Starr Mann in Marietta, Oklahoma on Jan. 6, 1934.

She was a housewife and mother; a member of the Saint Jo Garden Club, the Friendship Club, Saint Jo Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 17, longtime member and co-founder of Saint Jo Riding Club, and a member of First United Methodist Church of Saint Jo.

She enjoyed embroidery, crocheting, crewel, quilting, flowers and gardening.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Dorene Chutkowski of Denton and Mary Nell Benson of Claude; one son, Robert Starr

"Spike" Mann of Saint Jo; one stepister, Hazel Berryman of Odessa; three stepbrothers, Ernest George Umberson of Dye Mound, Marvin Umberson of California and Carl Umberson of Arkansas. There are five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ova Mann was preceded in death by her husband on April 13, 1986; by her parents and by two brothers, Barney and Albert Brogden.

Services were held in First United Methodist Church of Saint Jo on Monday, Jan. 3, officiated by Rev. Millard Fairchild. Burial in Dye Mound Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Brady Charles Dennis, Dr. Mike Benson, Dr. Morey Price, John Brogden, Billy Miller, Jerry Mann, Lyndel Gilliland.

The family has suggested memorials to the Dye Mound Cemetery Fund.

Cooke Co. Pro Life sponsors FIRESTORM seminar Jan. 8

Cooke County Pro Life Group is sponsoring a seminar on Saturday, Jan. 8 at Saint Mary's Parish Hall, 927 N. Weaver, Gainesville. Mark Crutcher, president of Life Dynamics, Inc. will present his latest seminar, FIRESTORM.

Crutcher was originally scheduled to present a Life Activist Seminar which included pre-registration and a fee. The FIRESTORM seminar will be presented without a fee and all interested persons are welcome to attend without pre-registering. Mr. Crutcher felt that the FIRESTORM seminar would be more productive.

Workbooks used in conjunction with the Life Activist Seminar will

be furnished by Crutcher at no cost to those attending. The seminar begins at 10 a.m. sharp with the first hour being a "shotgun" approach of the Life Activist Seminar. At noon the morning session concludes for a one hour lunch break. At 1 p.m. the group meets for the continuation and concludes at 3 p.m.

The seminar will take the place of the regular monthly meeting of Cooke County Pro Life Group. According to Kenneth Bierschenk, president, if there is any business to discuss the group will meet following the seminar.

For the regular February meeting the group will meet at the Myra Baptist Church on Feb. 1.

War on Drugs president appointed by secretary of HHS to National Substance Abuse Advisory Board

Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala announced Dec. 7 the appointment of Dan Buie, President of Texans' War on Drugs, to a three-year term on the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Upon learning of the appointment, Buie said, "I have long felt that Texas deserved a voice at the table, on the federal level, in terms of substance abuse and this appointment will provide that opportunity. My being named to this national advisory board is a recognition of the important work being done by Texans' War on Drugs in our state and the fact that Texas has been a leader in addressing substance abuse issues."

The 12-member board reviews all grant awards, cooperative agreements and applications for projects and is responsible for the

distribution of over \$250 million in funding requirements for an income tax return. Whether or not you are required to file an income tax return depends on your marital status, your filing status, your age and your gross taxable income. For example, a married couple who are both over 65 and file a joint return and have taxable (in this case social security would not be taxable) income of less than \$12,000 are not required to file an income tax return.

There are also some special situations that require one to file a tax return. Also, even if you do not have to file a return, you should file one to get a refund of any Federal Income Tax withheld or if you are eligible to take advantage of the Earned Income Credit.

Tax Talk

by: Duane Knabe, CPA

Good News!

Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. 1 JOHN 4:11

Cooke County Courthouse to expand handicap access with planned renovations totaling \$20,000

by Elaine Schad

The Cooke County Courthouse will soon have expanded handicapped parking and an extended handicapped entry ramp commissioners have approved architectural plans for the project.

The renovations will bring the Courthouse in compliance with the American Disabilities Act, said Precinct 2 Commissioner Kenneth Alexander, who is in charge of the project. Komatsu and Associates of Fort Worth, project architects, estimated the work will cost a total of \$20,000, but Alexander said

much of the work will be done utilizing county employees which will substantially lower the cost. The county had hoped to have the plans earlier using fiscal 1993 budgeted funds, but since the Cooke County Courthouse is a state historic site, plans had to first be approved by the Texas Historical Commission before work could proceed.

Work should begin just after the first of the year, officials said. Plans call for converting three existing parking spaces on the west side of the Courthouse into two

handicapped parking areas. A portion of the sidewalk on the southwest side of the Courthouse will be lowered and connected to a sidewalk leading to the handicapped parking area. The handicap ramp, which Alexander said is too narrow and steep, will be widened and extended to the south Courthouse entry doors.

In other county business, commissioners:

--Approved the combined law firms of Jim Robertson and Phil Adams to collect delinquent taxes for Cooke County. The vote was

four in favor with County Judge Ray Russell abstaining since he already conducts business with both firms.

--Approved a bond for the county clerk's office.
--Approved Douglass Distributors of Sherman to provide fuel for county vehicles and machinery and equipment for 1994. The company's profit margin and freight bid was the lowest of four bids submitted, which included Enderby Gas, Herr Oil Co., and Barthold Oil Co., all of Gainesville.

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CCAD

efficiency of appraisals.

There is still some discrepancy between values placed by the CCAD on residential houses in the Muenster, Lindsay and Lake Kiowa areas, Fry said. CCAD appraisers are working to bring those values in line with the state appraisals. The district should know if it is coming closer in those appraisal areas when the report on 1993 values is issued later in January, Fry said.

In an unrelated matter, the CCAD board of directors amended the fiscal 1993 budget during their regular December meeting. About \$4,400 was taken from other budget line items to be used to record old deed records. Other minor budget amendments were made to both the collection and appraisal budgets for 1993.

CCAD Chief Appraiser Ross Fry estimated that there would be about \$35,000 in surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year in December in the appraisal budget. Excess funds will be reimbursed to the various taxing entities, he said.

The board discussed bids for employee health insurance, but took no action.

Valley View plans water treatment plant

by Elaine Schad

The town of Valley View is continuing its plans for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and improvements to the entire system.

Town aldermen, during their regular December meeting, gave the go-ahead to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority to begin soliciting bids for the estimated \$400,000 project. Aldermen also voted to become a member city of the GTUA.

The town in November of 1992 voted to build a new wastewater treatment plant to comply with more stringent treatment requirements recommended by the Texas Water Commission. The town in June, 1992 received a temporary two-year extension to its wastewater treatment permit, but TWC officials told the town it must upgrade its wastewater treatment system to provide for a more stringent 10-15 permit. The town presently has a 30-90 treatment permit.

The city has received a \$178,000 state community development block grant contingent upon the city obtaining \$100,000 in matching

funds. Town aldermen last December approved a contract with Morris Engineering and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority to provide engineering services for the project.

In another matter, the council heard a report from Lee Lawrence and Maurice Swanke, representatives of Southwest Consultants, on preliminary plans for the construction of the town's first municipal park. The town hired the consulting firm to prepare a grant application to submit to the Texas Department of Parks and

Public hearing set Jan. 10 concerning grant application

by Elaine Schad

The town of Valley View will hold a public hearing on Monday (Jan. 10) concerning the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife for the construction of the town's first municipal park.

The hearing will be at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Town aldermen set the public hearing as a requirement for the grant application. The town

Wildlife. Final plans should be ready by January, officials said. The city will eventually build the park on 10 acres in the southeastern part of the town that has been donated. Preliminary plans call for the construction of a picnic area, children's playground, softball and baseball fields.

In other business, the council accepted the resignation of Danny Martindale from the substandard building committee. Mayor Cecil Neu appointed John Kubicek as Martindale's replacement.

is hoping to hear by May at the earliest or July 31 at the latest on whether they will receive the grant. If Valley View receives the grant, the town would have to match it 50-50 in either money or in-kind services. During the council's regular meeting on Monday, aldermen are also expected to authorize Mayor Cecil Neu to act in behalf of the city concerning the grant application.

2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, January 9	Monday, January 10	Tuesday, January 11	Wednesday, January 12	Thursday, January 13	Friday, January 14	Saturday, January 15
	Beta Kappa Meeting 7:30 p.m. VFW Meeting 8 p.m. SH Cubs vs. Terral, there, 6 p.m.	C of C Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. The Center Restaurant SH Tigers vs. Forestburg VG/B, there, 6 p.m. Muenster vs. Era, G/B, g/b, here, 4:30 p.m. DIALOGUE Support Group 7:30, MMH Board Room Muenster 4-H Meet 7p.m SHHS	Religious Ed. Classes 7 p.m.	Muenster JH vs. Era, there, 5 p.m. Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	SH Home-School Chili Supper Muenster vs. Valley View G/B, b, there, 5:30 p.m. SH Tigers vs. Masonic Home VG/B, here, 6 p.m.	SH Tigers vs. Happy Hill Acad. VG/B, there, 2 p.m. Muenster JH at Valley View Tournament
Sunday, January 16	Monday, January 17	Tuesday, January 18	Wednesday, January 19	Thursday, January 20	Friday, January 21	Saturday, January 22
	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 8 p.m. SH Cubs vs. Montague here, 6 p.m.	Muenster vs. Lindsay G/B, g, here, 5:30 p.m. SH Tigers vs. Prairie Valley, JVG/B, here, 6 p.m. Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Religious Ed. Classes 7 p.m.	Muenster JH vs. Valley View here, 7th 4:30, 8th 6 p.m.	Muenster vs. Ponder, G/B, b, there, 5:30 SH Tigers vs. SW Christian, JVG, VG/B, 4:30	Muenster JV Tournament, g/b, TBA SH Tigers vs. MHS, JV Tournament

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Vows solemnized in December 18 ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dryg are at home in Fort Worth since returning from their wedding trip to Rancho Viejo, Harlingen and South Padre. They were married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Dec. 18, 1993, with Father Victor Gillespie, OSB, officiating for the Nuptial Mass and double-ring vows at 5 p.m., assisted by Dr. Dave Paul, president of Nolan High School in Fort Worth.

The bride is the former Lisa Rene Hamric, daughter of Dan and Fay Hamric of Montague and formerly of Muenster.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Pat Zarkowski and Mr. William Dryg, both of Arlington.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, with a major in Exercise Science. She is employed at Nolan High School in Fort Worth as Science Teacher and Athletic Trainer.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Arlington High School and is a candidate for graduation in May 1994 from UTA with a major in Exercise Science.

Presented at the altar by her father, Dan Hamric, the bride wore a formal wedding gown of white satin designed with fitted drop-waist bodice and long sleeves encrusted with pearls. The full satin skirt drifted into an elegant train. Her illusion veil fell in two tiers to fingertip-length, from a band of pearls. She carried an arm bouquet of white poinsettias and fresh holly tied with a cluster of white satin ribbons.

ATTENDANTS

Danna Rae Hess of Muenster, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Amy Jo Walterscheid of Muenster and Niki Gilley of Fort Worth, both friends of the bride, were bridesmaids. They were attired in identical Vogue-designed gowns of forest green peau de soie, and carried bouquets of three small white poinsettias.

Best man Steve Wheeler and groomsmen Larry Gilley and Terry St. Peters were all friends of the couple from Arlington.

Ushers included Bob Hamric of Saint Jo, brother of the bride, Bob Dryg of Arlington, brother of the groom, and Tim Proctor, brother-in-law of the groom, of Arlington and Ricky Walterscheid of Muenster, friend of the couple.

Traditional wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist, and Emily Klement and Pam Fette. A special guest singer was Doug Weisbruch of Fort Worth, friend of the bride.

Selections included "I Will Be Here," "Turn Around," "Oh, the Joy," "Surely the Presence of the Lord," "Fill Me With You" and "Ave Maria."

Readings for the wedding liturgy were selected by the bride and groom from "Song of Solomon" and "Colossians," read by Vickie Schmitt Fleitman and Jane Monday of Muenster, friends of the couple.

Offertory gifts were presented by Burt and Peggy Hamric of Houston, bride's uncle and aunt, and Sylvan and Theresa Mae Walterscheid, friends from Muenster.

Eucharistic Ministers were Ronnie Hess, Clinton and Debbie Endres, Alvin and Joanie Hartman and Theresa Mae Walterscheid.

RECEPTION

Luminarias were used to define the walk from the Church to the reception in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Guests were registered by Julie Rowe, the bride's college roommate, and Angela Endres of Muenster, friends of the couple.

The reception included refreshments and a buffet dinner for 450 guests, catered by the Schneiders.

Candlelit tables were decorated with white poinsettias and accented with green and gold ribbon and bows.

A special gift to the couple from Burt and Peggy Hamric, bride's uncle and aunt, was a lighted, beautifully decorated Christmas tree which served as a focal point in the reception area.

The three-tiered wedding cake, designed by Betty Rose Walterscheid, held a wedding-bells ornament on the top keepsake layer. The chocolate groom's cake was decorated with the groom's college fraternity symbol, Phi Delta Theta.

Cake servers were friends of the bride, the athletic trainers from Nolan High School.

Pre-nuptial parties included the rehearsal dinner for 25 guests at The Center Restaurant, hosted by the groom's parents; also earlier in December a bridesmaids' shower hosted by Theresa Mae Walterscheid, and a brunch honoring the bride-elect hosted by Kay Pagel and Donna Graham.

Among relatives attending the wedding from out of town were Connie Ruggs and Orion Barry of Marble Falls; Burt and Peggy Hamric, Mike and Tammy Hamric and Janet Hamric, all of Houston; William Dryg, Ed and Pat Zarkowski and other relatives and friends from Arlington, Fort Worth, Montague, Nocona and Bowie, Texas and from Minnesota.



MRS. MICHAEL DRYG
...nee Lisa Rene Hamric...

Officer Buck Tatem to address TWU Alumnae

The Red River Chapter of the Texas Woman's University Alumnae Association will meet at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, in Sanders Hall Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, California at Jefferson, in Gainesville. Members are invited to bring guests.

Following a short business meeting, Crime Prevention Officer

D.V. "Buck" Tatem will instruct the group on how to make 1994 a safer year for themselves and their families.

Officer Tatem is known to many Cooke Countians through his columns in *The Gainesville Register* and broadcasts on KGAF Radio. He was instrumental in the revitalization of the Gainesville Neighborhood Watch Program and Cooke County Crime Stoppers. He has received awards for those and for the Citizens Police Academy which he developed.

For more information, call 665-7462.



OFFICER BUCK TATEM

Did You Know?

Alvin and Joanie Hartman were in Houston Saturday and Sunday to attend the wedding of Thomas Preston Joy Jr. to Monica Elise Ramirez. The groom is the oldest son of Judy and Tom Joy, a former SHHS football coach. The Hartmans were guests of Jack and Jenny White for the weekend and also visited in the Joy home on Sunday.

Stephanie Lynne Hoenig celebrates 2nd birthday

Stephanie Lynne Hoenig, daughter of Bryan and Dianne Hoenig, turned two on Nov. 22.

She celebrated with friends and family at Grandma Janet's home on Nov. 28. A cake, made by Grandma Janet, and punch were served, using "The Little Mermaid" as her chosen theme.

Guests included grandparents, Janet Hoenig, Gene and Peggy Hoenig and Phyllis Youngblood; great-grandparents, Bill and Lucille Lutkenhaus, Tony and Aileen Hoenig and Ed and Aileen Cler; aunts, uncles and cousins, Amy, Mark and Greg Hoenig; Virgil, Judy, Carrie, Heather and Nathan Hess; Connie Knap; Alvin and C.J. Hoenig; Brian and Cyndi Springs; and Larry, Leslie and Zack Schumacher.

Stephanie also enjoyed cupcakes, made by her mother, with friends at the Tender Loving Care Day Care Center on Nov. 22, her actual birthday.



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Area Happenings

There will be a Pro-Life Seminar held on Saturday, Jan. 8, at St. Mary's Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The speaker will be Mark Crutcher.

For more information, call Kenneth or Marilyn Bierschenk, 759-4197.

The DIALOGUE Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board Room.

Muenster 4-H will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart High School. This month's program will be on "Poisonous Plants."

New members and parents are always welcome. 4-H is open to all youth 3rd grade to age 19, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin.

Baptism

Hess

Andrea Leigh Hess, infant daughter of Brent and Mary Hess, was baptized at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Nov. 28. Father Victor Gillespie baptized Andrea in a private ceremony. Her godmother was Linda Hess Grewing.

Others attending the ceremony were grandparents, Gene and Elsie Hoedebeck and Emma Lou Hess; sisters, Ashley, Kristen and Haylee Hess; Joe, Shellie, Christopher, Jennifer and Sydney Hoedebeck; Terri Cagle; Linda Knabe; Donna, Jim, Jack and Jayna Biffle; Linda, Johnathan, Matthew and Kenneth Grewing.

All enjoyed a breakfast brunch at The Center Restaurant afterwards. Gifts were opened and photographs were taken.

News of the Sick

Bill Richter is recovering from injuries received in an oil field accident early in December. He has been dismissed from Herman Hospital in Houston and is a patient in TIRR Rehab Center. Get-well cards will reach him if sent to his home address: Bill Richter, 17711 Crestline Road, Humble, TX 77396.

Commenting on the severity of his injuries, and subsequent convalescence, his mother, Jodie French, said, "Ask me about miracles!"

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MR. and MRS. MITCHELL O. RAINS
...nee Linda (Grewing) Rains...

Wedding blessing held at Sacred Heart Dec. 21

The blessing of the wedding of Linda (Grewing) Rains and Mitchell O. Rains was held in Sacred Heart Church on Dec. 21, 1993 with a double-ring ceremony and Nuptial Mass at 6 p.m., officiated by Father Victor Gillespie, OSB. The date chosen was the first anniversary of their actual marriage date, Dec. 21, 1992.

Linda is the daughter of Joe and Theresa Grewing of Myra. Mitch is the son of Dolly Fay Rains of Gainesville.

The couple approached the altar walking side by side, accompanied by his children, Christopher and Tiffany, and the wedding attendants. Linda wore an antique white dress and matching shoes. She carried a bouquet of red roses arranged by her brother, Mark Grewing, who also made all flowers for the wedding party.

For sentiment, she had a birthdate penny in her shoe, and carried a rosary made from beads from her Grandmother Grewing.

Anita Lutmer of Myra was her sister's matron of honor. Tiffany Rains, daughter of the groom, was junior bridesmaid. Anita wore a black dress with large white collar

and Tiffany wore a black printed dress. Both carried bouquets of red roses.

The bride's brother, Mark Grewing of Muenster, was the best man and the groom's son, Christopher Rains, was junior groomsman. Mass server and candlelighter was Christopher Lutmer of Myra.

RECEPTION

A reception and dinner followed in the Myra Community Center, hosted by the bride's parents for 65 guests.

Kristen Grewing, a niece, presided at the guest book.

The wedding cake was decorated with red roses. Reception assistants included Mark Grewing, Anita Lutmer, Bill Grewing, Kathy Vogel and Bernice Sicking. All decorations were in a Christmas theme.

Linda is a 1980 graduate of Muenster High School. She is employed as a cook in the cafeteria of Muenster ISD. Mitch is a 1981 graduate of Gainesville High School and is the Maintenance Supervisor employed by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.



DEBBIE SCHMITT and John Anderle Jr. will be married on Feb. 5, 1994. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Harvey and Della Schmitt. Parents of the future-groom are Johnny and Annette Anderle, all of Muenster. Father Victor Gillespie, OSB, will be celebrant of the Nuptial Mass at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Wedding attendants will be Vickie Fleitman, matron of honor; and Christy Yosten, Michelle Schmitt, Kim Anderle and Denise Anderle, bridesmaids; Kevin Anderle, best man; Corey Anderle, Stephen Schmitt, Kenneth Fuhrmann and Karl Barnhill, groomsmen. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is employed by Steven Biffle. The future-groom is a 1986 graduate of Muenster High School and is employed by Tony's Seed and Feed. The couple will reside in Muenster.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 10-14 LINDSAY SCHOOL

Mon. - Sloppy Joes, chips, beans, pickles, assorted fruit, milk.
Tues. - Spaghetti w/Ground Meat, lettuce salad, English peas, pudding, batterbread, milk.
Wed. - Chicken Fried Steak, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cobbler, bread, milk.
Thur. - Chalupa w/Trimnings, beans, Mexican rice, fruit, bread, milk.
Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimnings, fries, ice cream, milk.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Steak Fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli w/cheese, sunshine Bar, milk.
Tues. - Nachos w/Ground Beef, into beans, Mexican salad, ombread, butter, pecan half, milk.
Wed. - Chicken Pattie, green beans, au gratin potatoes, hot rolls, utter, Reese's candy, milk.
Thur. - Frito Chili Pie, grated cheese, corn, ombread, butter, fruit cocktail, milk.
Fri. - Submarine Sandwich,

trimmings, potato chips, pickle spears, ice cream, milk.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Tomato Soup, cheese sandwiches, celery, apples, milk.
Tues. - Chicken Noodle Casserole, peas and carrots, cole slaw, pudding, bread, milk.
Wed. - Chili Mac, nachos, lettuce, fruit, cake, milk.
Thur. - Fish Nuggets, broccoli rice casserole, carrots, fruit, milk.
Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimnings, French fries, oranges, milk.

MUESTER SCHOOL

Mon. - Hot Dogs, French fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.
Tues. - Sausage and Kraut, potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, milk.
Wed. - Vegetable Beef Soup, choice of sandwich, fruit, cake, milk.
Thur. - Barbecue Sandwich, pickles and onions, fruit, brownies, milk.
Fri. - Chicken Patties, potatoes and gravy, English peas, rolls, milk.

Happy Birthday, David Vogel

Ten free trees from National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1994.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

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St. Mary's is site of Dec. 11 Nuptials

Amie Lynn Felderhoff of Denton and Timothy J. Schoendorf, also of Denton, were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville on Dec. 11, 1993 with Father John Lambert, OSA, celebrant of the Nuptial Mass and double-ring vows at 5:30 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Marge and Norbert Felderhoff of Gainesville. She is a graduate of Gainesville High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Texas with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a teacher employed in the Denton ISD.

The groom is the son of Ms. Jane Andrews of San Simon, Arizona and Mr. John D. Schoendorf of Dellfair, Washington. He is a graduate of Gainesville High School and Cooke County College and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of North Texas with a major in International Marketing.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a designer gown by Regency Originals, of candlelight peau-de-soie, with traditional, slim-fitting long sleeves. The elegant bodice flowed from a boat neckline to a Basque waistline, all lavishly appliqued with re-embroidered Alencon lace heavily beaded with iridescent and pearls. Lace appliques were repeated on the skirt where a beaded detail extended up the skirt at slipper length and circled the hemline and train. The full cathedral-length train held an elegant display of re-embroidered lace, pearls and sequins.

Her veil was held by a regal style crown of antique ivory pearls and beads, with the double tiers flowing from a full pouf to the bride's fingertips.

She carried a cascade of Stargazer lilies, Bridal White roses, freesia and limonium. For "tradition," she carried a rosary given to her by her great-aunt, Sister Amora Felderhoff. For "something old," she carried an antique handkerchief borrowed from Mrs. Johann Beznar.

Groomsmen were Todd Frederick of Denton, Joel Ward of Dallas, friends of the groom, and Ronnie Rogers of Littlefield, friend of the couple.

Ushers were Glenn Hill of Oklahoma City, friend of the groom, Tim Reiter of Dallas and Curtis Grewing of Dallas, friends of the couple.

Mass servers were James Felderhoff and Danny Felderhoff of Muenster, cousins of the bride.

Wedding music chosen by the bride and groom included "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach; "All I Ask of You" by Weber; "There Is Love" by Stookey; "Turn Around" by Reynolds, Greene and Belefonte; "Hail, Mary, Gentle Woman" by Landry; "Our Father" by Joncas; and "Meant To Be" and "One Bread, One Body." The selections were vocalized by Pam and David Fette and Emily Klement, with Ruth Felderhoff as organist. Guitar accompaniment was provided by Pam Fette.

Others participating were Lauren Dangelmayr and Rachel Slingerland with Liturgical Readings and Prayers of the Faithful; Barbara Felderhoff, Judy Frank and Edward Lentz with Offertory presentations to the altar; and Eucharistic Ministers Mary E. Felderhoff and Buster and Marcy Beznar.

Altar decorations included arrangements of white gladioli, burgundy carnations, Stargazer lilies and white chrysanthemums. Tall floor candelabras held lighted candles in a spiral pattern with Christmas greenery.

The sidewalk outside of the church was lit by luminarias. Hand railings were adorned with greenery and clear twinkle lights which also decorated a pair of ficus trees at the front doors.

RECEPTION

The wedding reception, hosted by the bride's parents, was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall, enhanced with elegant Victorian Christmas decorations. A seated dinner was catered by The Farmer's Kitchen of Muenster. A slide show celebrated the newlyweds and a traditional Grand March was led by Messrs. and Mmes. Thomas Felderhoff and August Felderhoff and the bride and groom. As a special touch, horsedrawn carriage rides were available to the guests throughout the evening. As a special favor, each guest was invited to take home a Christmas ornament bearing the couples' names and their wedding date.

Presiding at the guest book were Susie McKinney of Denton and Tanya Placica of Fort Worth, both friends of the bride.

Reception assistants were Jenna Frank of Springhill, Florida, and Chrissy Spurgeon of Haltom City, both groom's cousins; Donna Fuhrmann of Denton and Vicki Thurman of Dallas, friends of the bride.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's mother on Dec. 10 at The Smokehouse Restaurant in Lindsay. A formal brunch honored the bride, her attendants and family members the morning of the wedding, hosted by Mmes. Johann Beznar and Mary E. Felderhoff, in the Beznar home.

Since returning from a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple resides in Denton.



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New Arrivals

Caballero
Raul and Angela Caballero of Los Colinas are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Raul Anthony, on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1993 at 4:35 a.m. at Baylor Hospital of Dallas. Raul weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 21 inches in length. He is the 36th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartush, Sr. and the first grandchild of Helen and Raul Caballero of Carrollton. He is the sixth great grandchild for Mrs. Sofia Klinbert of Houston. Angela Caballero is the former Angela Bartush.

Page
Joe and Laura Page of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993 at 5:15 p.m. in HCA Denton Community Hospital. They named her Allison Nicole Page. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Jerry and Monica Hess and John and JoAnn Page, all of Muenster. Great grandparents are Wilfred and Marie Herr of Gainesville and Gary and Caroline Hess and Jerome and Gertrude Page of Muenster. Allison is the first grandchild for the John Pages and the first great grandchild for the Jerome Pages.

Lain
David and Debbie Lain of North Richland Hills announce the joy of a new daughter, Rachel Marie Lain, born on Jan. 4, 1994 at 1:38 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 19-1/2 inches in length, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She joins two brothers, Kyle and Kevin, at home. Their grandparents are Clyde and Helen Muller of Bedford and Floyd and Bobbie Lain of Hurst. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Hacker of Muenster.

Wolf
Kent and Lori Wolf of Denton announce the birth of a daughter, Amy Lynn Wolf, on Dec. 18, 1993 at 10:26 a.m. in Denton Community Hospital, weighing 8 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Amy Lynn joins two brothers, Paul and Stephen, and one sister, Michelle. Their grandparents are Ernest and Bea Wolf of Muenster and Ray and Toni Stuedurf of Garland. Great-grandparents are Mmes. Rose Wolf of Muenster and Elva Stuedurf of Garland.

Reeves
Kevin and Sandra Reeves of Muenster proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Danielle Reeves, born Dec. 13, 1993, at 7:51 a.m. in the Women's Pavilion of the Denton Regional Hospital. Kelsey weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and measured 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Norbert and Mary Ann Walterscheid of Muenster and Joe and Donna Reeves of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are Isom and Hazel Reed of Saint Jo.

SH 2nd graders receive awards as top achievers in Read-A-Thon

Sacred Heart second graders were the school's top achievers in the World Book Read-a-thon. The event was sponsored by the school's library.

Reaping the fruit of their efforts, the students earned a 15-volume set of *Childcraft*, a 10-volume set of *World Book Young Scientist*, and the *Treasure Tree Collection*, a set of 24 highly illustrated, full color, hard-backed books for their classroom.

Fifteen students qualify for the gold medal and certificate of achievement for signing up 10 sponsors and having read 10 books. All other participants will receive the certificate of achievement.

All students gained in reading skills as they read the required number of books. They also learned that team work pays off.

Members of the Sacred Heart second grade are Zachery Barnhill, Jayna Biffle, Lisa Endres, Karen Gehrig, Cindy Hartman, Courtney Hartman, Darrell Henscheid, Kimberly Hess, Noah Hess, Todd Hess, Frank Klement, Tony Koessler, John A. McCoy, Tony Moster, Lilianna Nasche, Kathleen Sanchez, Katherine Sepanski, Lynn Sicking, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Amy Trevino, Ashley Walterscheid, Kevin Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, Wes Wimmer, Sister Genevieve McConnell is their teacher.



THE SECOND GRADE CLASS at Sacred Heart has received the World Books earned in a recent Read-A-Thon. Principal Jack Murdock inspects the books with the students and Sister Genevieve. *Jamie Hartman Photo*

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CCC offers credit courses over interactive video network

Cooke County College (CCC) will offer its first college-credit courses by interactive television this spring, thanks to a partnership struck between CCC and several area public school districts which have pioneered the technology locally.

The Era, Muenster and Forestburg school districts have already linked up by fiber optic cable to form a network which enables them, in effect, to pool instructional resources and give their students access to courses they would not have been able to offer individually. A class taught at one site is transmitted to classrooms at the other sites, with the teacher and students at all sites able to see, hear and interact with one another.

"It's an exciting, state-of-the-art educational approach," said Linda Mast, dean of CCC's Division of Continuing Education, "and we are so pleased that these schools have invited us to join them in this innovative project."

Both of the college-credit courses to be offered in the spring will be taught at Era High School and transmitted to classrooms at both Muenster and Forestburg.

Microcomputer Operating systems will be offered on Tuesdays from 6 to 10:40 p.m. Introduction to Psychology will be offered on Thursdays from 6 to 8:50 p.m.

"These courses are open to all persons who satisfy admission requirements, just as if they were regular courses being taught on campus or at an extension site," Mast explained. "Those who want to enroll may do so during regular on-campus registration January 11-12."

Mast said that a great deal of credit is due Muenster Telephone Corporation for installing the fiber optic cable which has made this interactive video network possible and for providing invaluable technical assistance and material support in equipping the special classrooms with the necessary cameras, monitors, audio equipment and transmission mechanisms necessary to instantaneously bring students and teachers together over long distances.

Still a relatively new technology nationwide, this "distance learning" technology is getting the local school systems a lot of attention around the state from both public schools and colleges who are exploring its usefulness.

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Sports



THE LADY HORNETS box in the Callisburg ball carrier. Applying defense are Audrey Knabe, Andrea Klement (35), Candise Abney and Theresa Kubis. *Janie Hartman Photo*

Cooke County Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament

Results from the tournament were not made available by deadline and, therefore, are not recorded in this week's Muenster Enterprise.



KELLY BAYER gets the rebound as Sacred Heart was dominant under the basket. Other Tigers pictured are Jason Hess, Michael Gehrig and Neil Berres. *Janie Hartman Photo*



DOBE FLEITMAN moves in for the steal from Aide Rodriguez and Beth Farrell of Era. *Janie Hartman Photo*

Varsity Basketball

Tigers 49, Gospel Lighthouse 94

Sacred Heart faced a tough team Tuesday night. "The quality of some of these 1A private schools' teams is tremendous," said Coach John Nasche. "They were the best shooters we've faced all year."

Jason Hess led the Tigers with 11 points. Neil and Aaron Berres each had 8, while Jason Hofbauer added 7, Michael Gehrig 6, Kelly Bayer 4 and Brandon Bayer 3.

SH	7	11	12	19	49
GL	32	13	21	28	94

Tigerettes 59, Gospel Lighthouse 28

Three Tigerettes scored double figures in Tuesday's win at Sacred Heart. Erica Schilling led with 15, Tiffany Fisher added 14 and Kelly Dangelmayr 13.

"The girls are improving, but we are unable to sustain intensity for the entire game," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "As soon as we can, we will be a good basketball team."

Deanna Hess put in 6, Jennie Endres 5, and 2 each for Dobe Fleitman, Nicole Endres and Donetta Hess. Kelly Dangelmayr led the defense with 8 steals.

SH	18	19	8	14	59
GL	8	4	12	8	28

Knightettes 56, Forestburg 18

The Lindsay Ladies played very sound defense and shut down the Lady Longhorns Tuesday night.

Mary Tepera and Stephany Pearson were high scorers for the night with 15 and 11 points. Christine Fuhrmann added 7 with Keleigh O'Dell and Michelle Dennis each getting 6. Christy Zimmerer shot 5. Rashelle Sharp 4 and Brandy Bezner 2.

L	12	13	9	22	56
F	3	4	7	4	18

Knights 79, Forestburg 47

Five Lindsay players scored high against the Longhorns. Jeremy Owen led the team with 18 points. George Lutkenhaus put in 16, Shane Huchton 13, Kyle Sandmann 12 and Bobby Greener 11. Also adding to the win were Toby Eberhart with 3 and 2 each for Greg Arendt, Doug Hellinger and Chris Brown.

"We were finally able to shoot from the field and not have to rely on our inside play," stated Coach John Metzler.

L	18	12	16	33	79
F	13	7	11	16	47



Muenster KCs prepare for Free Throw Contest

Muenster Knights of Columbus will sponsor the annual Free Throw Contest for ages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 as of Jan. 1, 1994. It will be held Jan. 16 at Muenster High School's old gym at 3:30 p.m.

No entries will be accepted after 1:30 p.m. Entrants must have the official form signed by a parent. Forms may be obtained from Tops & Teams or your basketball coach.

For more information, call Bobby Hermes at 759-2540.

MGA hosts golf tourney Jan. 9

The Muenster Golf Association will sponsor a golf tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course on Sunday, Jan. 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

CALLISBURG'S Derek Alcuin loses control under the pressure of Hornets A.J. Knabe (21), Cory Knabe, Darrell Charles (50) and Jay Hennigan. *Janie Hartman Photo*

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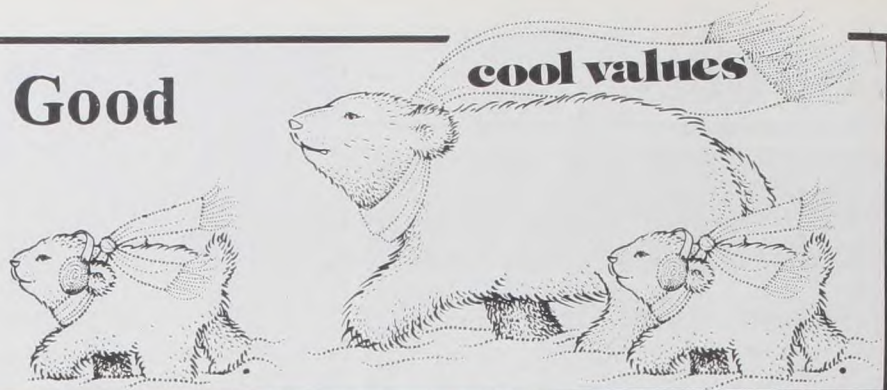
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 The residence of the Independent Executor is in Tarrant County, Texas, the post office address is: 4840 Hartford Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 DATED the 27th day of December, 1993.
 Chuck Bartush Jr.,
 Attorney for the Estate. 17-1L

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS
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 /s/ David Gerard Zimmerer, Executor. 1701L

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Country Tidings
 by Ruth Smith
 Services for Mrs. Essie Leoria Agee, 93, of Saint Jo were held Thursday, Dec. 30, 1993 in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Ricky Kerr, pastor of Missionary Baptist Church of Saint Jo, officiated. Interment was in Mountain Park Cemetery at Saint Jo.

Mrs. Essie Leoria Agee passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993. She was born Nov. 20, 1900 in Pauldin County, Georgia. Her parents were J.C. and Mollie Crowley Embry. Essie Embry and Tom Agee were married Jan. 1, 1925.
 Mrs. Agee was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; her parents and 11 brothers and sisters.
 She is survived by nieces and nephews and cousins and a host of friends.
 In the funeral service, Rev. Kerr read Scriptures from the New Testament. He described Mrs. Agee as a very pleasant and happy lady, kind and helpful to everyone.

Mrs. Agee ("Essie") as she was affectionately known) was a good neighbor and always willing to lend a helping hand in time of need.
 Pallbearers were Brad Hutson, Julian Walterscheid, Herbert Richardson, Larry Don Hutson, Jake Hodge and Dan Rhodes.
Word was received Saturday of the fatal one-car accident of James Bossart, age 17, of Montague. James Bossart was enroute from Gainesville to Montague about 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning, when the pickup he was driving hit a utility pole and some metal fencing on FM 1630 near the Lindsay Road.
 At this writing, services were scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, in St. William's Catholic Church in Montague. Interment will be in Rosston Cemetery.
 James is survived by his mother, Mrs. Carol Jakke of Montague; his father, Mr. Bossart; grandmother, Mrs. Joyce Hanson of Prairie Point; and other relatives.

At this writing, services for Mrs. Ova Mann of Saint Jo were scheduled for Monday at the United Methodist Church in Saint Jo. Mrs. Mann's husband was Starr Mann, who preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters and one son.
Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry were Jerry McKown and daughter Kimberly of Valley View, Michael Stone of Portland, Oregon, and Matt Lyons of Era.
 Mr. and Mrs. Berry had lunch Sunday, Dec. 26, with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur DeBorde of Era. Faye and Lee McKown met the Berrys at the DeBordes' and came home with them to spend the night.
 Jerry and Marilyn McKown and Casey of Valley View visited the Berrys Friday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bullard and Jamie of Daingerfield were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maberry's holiday guests Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Louise Shults had as her holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Koen lund of El Paso from Friday to Monday. Saturday, they went to Denton and visited Bill and Ginny Shults, then by Gainesville to the mall.
 Mrs. Shults had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Dorothy Penton in Gainesville.

Mrs. Josephine Berry had her Christmas dinner, tree and gift exchange Sunday, Dec. 26. Members of her family came from Lubbock, Gainesville, Denton, Austin and Rosston. Her last guest left Wednesday. They all enjoyed visiting.
 Mrs. Berry visited Mrs. Ruth Ferguson Saturday. Mrs. Barbara Holley was also a visitor in the Ferguson home.
 Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian had lunch Dec. 25 with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hughes and Mrs. Vena Settle in the Hughes home.

The Christians drove to Springtown Sunday to spend their Christmas holiday in the home of Jimmy and Sandy Christian. Their home was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thirty-two people came - all the great-grandchildren were there. Guests came from Fort Worth, Stephenville, Dallas, Lewisville, Rosston and Cincinnati, Ohio.

On Dec. 27, Tip and Ruth had what some call the "IT".
 Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth had all their children and grandchildren and relatives home for Christmas Saturday, Dec. 25, and Sunday, Dec. 26.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky drove to Iowa Park to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lehman and family and their guests, including Rev. and Mrs. Andy Stowe and daughter of Fort Worth. They spent the night in the Lehman home and attended church Sunday, then came home.

Guests during the Christmas holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson were Brad and Betty and Kenda Hutson, Rickie Gaston and children of Saint Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ferguson of Gainesville visited Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Sunday afternoon.
 Ruth Smith was a Christmas guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Vowell at Valley View. Other guests were their children and grandchildren and friends. Their home was beautifully decorated. All kinds of snack foods and a very delicious dinner were served. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and visiting.
Happy New Year to everyone and may you and yours have a good 1994!

Farm & Ranch

Dangelmayrs and Zimmerer honored

Owners of 120 agricultural operations will be inducted into the Family Land Heritage Program during ceremonies that will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the agricultural honor roll. Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will present certificates to the 1993 honorees Jan. 21 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Family Land Heritage Program recognizes families with farms or

ranches in continuous agricultural production for at least 100 years. Qualifying from Cooke County are the Dangelmayr Brothers Ranch - Albert and Joe Dangelmayr of Muenster, and the Zimmerer Farm - William J. Zimmerer of Lindsay.

"It is a great honor to be able to recognize our longstanding farm and ranch families," Perry said. "This program has been a testament to the endurance and tenacity of the Texas agricultural producer."

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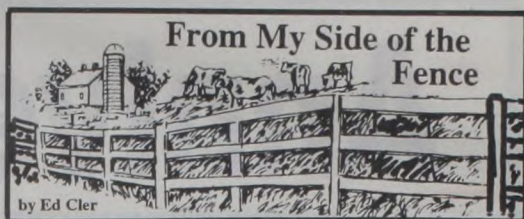
State Veterinarian Terry Beals is polishing a well-worn bullet used in the war against cattle brucellosis. "Simply put," he tells cattle producers and veterinarians, "if it's too late, don't vaccinate."

For years, in the battle against brucellosis, we've urged ranchers to have female calves vaccinated to build disease resistance. I still encourage this practice, but I'm campaigning against vaccinating heifers that are too old or already pregnant," explained Dr. Beals.

During fiscal year 1993, ranchers had about a third of Texas heifers vaccinated to protect them against brucellosis. This bacterial infection can cause cows to abort, deliver

weak calves or produce less milk.

National and state livestock regulations allow female calves to receive the calfhood vaccination dose when they are four to 12 months old. (Male cattle aren't vaccinated, as it can cause sterility.) Dr. Beals noted that, for best results, heifers should receive the one-time injection when they are between four and eight months old. Because the Strain 19 vaccine contains "live" bacteria, its use is restricted to trained veterinarians. In all but the few counties where the TAHC is conducting area- or county-wide brucellosis testing, ranchers pay for the vaccinations.



by Ed Cler

During a conversation with a friend yesterday, I was told the following story.

It seems there was a Rhodes Scholar, a man whose name my friend thinks was Clinton, who was furthering his education at a prestigious English school.

This Mr. Clinton usually moved about the campus, and from one building to another, by jogging, or more often by bicycle. One morning his bike was missing and he was unable to locate it. After sometime he told of his problem to a campus minister who was sympathetic and wished to be of help. He told Mr. Clinton that oft-times he was able to tell who was guilty of a misdeed by bringing up the subject before his congregation and watching the eyes and faces of his flock for some sign

of guilt.

Maybe, he suggested, Mr. Clinton would like to be a guest speaker in his church and give a talk about the Ten Commandments and, just maybe, an unwary thief would give himself away. Clinton thought he could handle that so, at the proper time, he made his appearance and began his talk. He skipped lightly over one Commandment after another until he came to the seventh, "Thou shalt not steal."

After talking glibly on this subject for sometime and finding no sign of guilt in any of the faces before him, he finally quoted the ninth and tenth, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his house, nor his wife, nor his _____ and then he suddenly remembered where he had left his bike.

Cowboy Wisdom

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County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

Corn Production Seminar

A Corn Production Seminar will be held Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op in Muenster. Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Corn and Grain Sorghum Specialist from Texas A&M, will be present to discuss various topics. The seminar will focus on Corn Herbicide Selection along with New Proposed Herbicides, and Use and Restrictions, Planting Dates and Seeding Rates are also an important topic for dryland areas that we are in. In addition to these topics, a session on Aflatoxin and Its Effect on Corn Production for North Texas will be discussed. Aflatoxin is always a consideration when evaluating corn production in many areas of the state.

One Continuing Education Unit for pesticide applicators will be offered those attending the seminar.

Blackland Meeting and Mid-Tex Farm Show join with Texas Farm Bureau for January Conference

The first joint meeting of the traditional Blackland Income Growth Conference and Mid-Tex Farm and Ranch Show with the Leadership Conference of the Texas Farm Bureau has been set for Jan. 18-19 at the Waco Convention Center.

"We'll be focusing on the many demands facing farmers, ranchers and agribusiness leaders today," said Ken Davis, president of the B.I.G. Conference. "Joining forces in this conference strengthens the efforts of each group to provide new ways to meet those demands. Farmers and ranchers attending this

conference and show should find effective tools and techniques to make the tough decisions that will keep them earning a living in agriculture."

Keynote and luncheon speakers will be nationally-known Farm Broadcaster Orion Samuelson of WGN in Chicago, Dr. Jerry Parsons, San Antonio Horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and Dr. Joe Townsend, Director of Student Development for Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"Last year, we had such a tremendous response to the first-ever sessions on emus and ostriches, we've scheduled another. More than 200 attended that session. Two live animal demonstrations prior to the opening of the conference will feature cow dogs and horses on Monday evening, Jan. 17, at the Red Horse Barn at the Heart of Texas Fair Grounds.

Also, the two-day joint conference expands the commodities covered bringing together leaders in all agriculture commodities, including cotton, grain, beef, forage, horses, poultry, rice and commercial horticulture," said Davis.

Other groups meeting in conjunction with the B.I.G. Conference include the Texas Family Forum, the Texas Ag Forum and the Blackland Cotton and Grain Association. The 32nd B.I.G. Conference is sponsored jointly by the Blackland Income Growth Conference and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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Extension evaluates natural pesticides for fire ant control

Some so-called "organic" pesticides may perform as well as conventional insecticides according to a recent study by entomologists with Texas A&M University.

Dr. Bart Drees, Professor of Entomology with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and author of the study on organic fire ant control methods, reported that a plant-derived pesticide, known as pyrethrin, controlled fire ant mounds as well as the popular synthetic pesticide, Orthene®.

"These results mean we can add pyrethrins to the list of recommended products for fire ant control," says Dr. Mike Merchant, Urban Entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Service in Dallas. "To my knowledge this is the first experimental evidence of an effective 'organic' control for fire ants."

Pyrethrins are among the oldest household insecticides. Manufactured by plants to provide protection from insect attack, pyrethrins are found within certain types of chrysanthemums. When these chrysanthemums flower heads are dried and crushed they produce an effective insecticidal dust called pyrethrin. Pyrethrin powders were used in the nineteenth century during the Napoleonic Wars, to control body lice.

Today purified forms of pyrethrins, are gaining popularity as insecticides because they kill pests rapidly, are relatively low in toxicity to people, and break down quickly to non-polluting substances.

Although pyrethrin was the only treatment to kill fire ants within a matter of hours, two other "organic" products produced significant control after one to two weeks. These included rotenone, a botanical pesticide derived from the roots of certain legumes, and a mixture of pine, linseed, and mint oils. All products were mixed with water and applied as drenches to fire ant mounds.

Diatomaceous earth, frequently praised as an effective, natural insecticide by organic enthusiasts, did not fare so well in the study. Although diatomaceous earth was a component of the effective

pyrethrin product, when applied to mounds by itself, without the pyrethrin, it failed to reduce mound numbers. Diatomaceous earth is believed to kill some insects, particularly those living in dry environments, by scratching their external skeletons and causing them to dehydrate.

A quick check of local retail stores indicates that pyrethrum-containing products for fire ant control are still not widely available. This should change soon, however, as retail garden centers look for less toxic pesticides to sell to a more environmentally discriminating public.

Persons wanting more information about fire ant control around homes and landscapes should contact their local county extension office and request fact sheet L-5070, *The To-Step Method: Do-It-Yourself Fire Ant Control*.

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