

# MUENSTER ENTERPRISE

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## Police Chief attacks litter problem

Muenster's city council Monday night gave its blessing to a proposal by Police Chief Helen Tompkins that would crack down on glass container litter along city streets.

In a unanimous resolution, the council voiced support for tougher penalties on the discharge of glass containers from automobiles. Tompkins said she has asked Muenster's municipal judge to impose a minimum \$100 per glass container or bottle fine for the first offense, with stiffer

penalties for additional violations. "Those signs on Ninth Street just draw the bottles," Tompkins told the council. She said last year several young men unable to pay municipal court fines were allowed by the judge to work off their penalties by picking up trash. Tompkins said litter in evidence now along Muenster streets has accumulated since that time.

Tompkins also asked that trash barrels be placed at the end of north Main for bottle collection. She said problems with litter barrels

in the past stemmed from misuse of the containers, and she asked that the city see that the barrels were emptied on a regular basis.

"Several Muenster residents have volunteered to let me hide in the garages, behind their houses, or whatever it takes to catch some of these people," Tompkins said.

"I'm not just blaming this (throwing glass bottles from cars) on the kids," Tompkins said. "Half of those we have caught in the act have been between 25-30 years old. I'm not saying we

can stop it entirely. We'll still see some bottles, but we'll slow it down."

Urban Endres, with Cooke County Distributing Company here, told the council he felt too much emphasis had been given to beer bottles in the litter issue and that a litter crackdown should be broadened to include all forms of trash.

The local beer distributor said "bottles don't litter — people are the ones who litter," and called for an overall education program on the effects of littering.

Endres then offered to pay for having litter barrels placed around town as a contribution from his firm. He suggested the barrels could be painted with an emblem like the Germanfest mural to help create civic pride, and said he would call his company headquarters in Austin for information on litter cleanup programs.

Johnny Fisher with Fischer's Market here told the council he felt area merchants could help make residents aware of the problem. He said he would

work with Muenster retailers on developing a program that would draw attention to the town's littered roadsides.

At the conclusion of the council meeting, Tompkins reported she had several adult volunteers who would plan a Saturday "litter pick up campaign" soon. She said all Muenster residents would be invited to help clean up the streets. "Why preach to the kids around here if we can't get out and set an example ourselves?" Tompkins said.

## Council approves extending fire zone

Muenster's city council Monday night approved bringing Fischerhaus Restaurant into the city fire zone, paving the way for the restaurant to apply for state and city licenses to sell beer and wine on the premises.

Johnny Fisher appeared before the council, presenting a petition including some 19 signatures from adjacent property owners indicating their consent concerning the rezoning action. Fisher told the council he first appeared before the members in December, when they agreed to "postpone any action for a month or two, and let the people see what kind of operation we had."

Paul Luke voiced the only negative voice in the matter. Luke, a Dallas resident and owner of the property just south of Fischerhaus, said he'd had problems with cars parked along Oak Street and that sometimes he had to enter the left hand lane to make a turn in that area. Luke said he felt that a business creating a holding capacity of vehicles should

provide parking to meet that capacity.

Ron Montgomery, Muenster city superintendent, agreed that parking could be a problem in the area. He suggested the Fischers remove curbing west of the restaurant and create parking space there for some 13 cars. He added the Fischers might consider having the work done in conjunction with city paving work planned for this summer.

Muenster Mayor Ronnie Felderhoff commented that the city needs new business to grow, and that second street seemed the logical place for those businesses. He made a motion to bring Fischerhaus into the city fire zone. The motion carried unanimously.

In other council action, the board voted to: —approve a bid by M&D Contractors, Nocona, on paving and curb/gutter work here. M&D was the second lowest bid, but city superintendent Montgomery said after checking references on the lowest bidder, he

gathered an opinion the company's work was not always satisfactory.

—voted against creating a mobile home park in block 64 and 65, near the intersection of Walnut and Eddy Streets.

The council heard testimony from several citizens who questioned the advisability of sanctioning the petition presented by Paul Hesse.

Several felt the property could not meet state requirements concerning availability of water, fire protection, and pointed out the property was dangerously situated in a flood plain.

Montgomery pointed out that mobile home park development should be hinged to development of proper electrical facilities, availability of flood plain insurance, and proper planning and zoning procedures.

He said haphazard development could result in "problems like we have now," referring to lack of

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## Local stock show planned this Sunday

More than fifty FFA and 4-H youngsters of Muenster are eagerly hoping that weather will favor them Sunday at their third annual junior stock show. It will be held on the parking lot of the MHS football field and will be open to the public at

2 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Edgar Dyer and Jim Vogel, advisors of FFA and 4-H chapters, say their combined lists will probably include 28 steers, 8 feeder calves, 6 dairy heifers, 6 feeder pigs, 8 lambs and a few rabbits.

As usual, the steers will dominate the show. They will be grouped in four classes according to weight and each class will be judged for No. 1 and No. 2 rating, after which the 8 top animals will be judged for best and runner-up of the show.

In addition there will be junior and senior trophies for showmanship and best groomed plus trophies for the best hog and dairy heifer. Additionally, every entry of the show will be classified by a blue, red or white ribbon.

The judge will be Jack Clark, ag teacher of Era High School. All awards of the show are donated by Muenster Wholesale Beer Distributors.

The show will be followed next week by the annual Cooke County 4-H and FFA Junior Stock Show. Most animals of this show will be entered in the county show and the market animals will be included in the annual auction of project animals, which is usually featured by handsome premium prices.



Steven Vogel presented last year's grand Champion at the local and county shows.



Best of Show ribbons were awarded to outstanding exhibits prepared by Muenster Public School students for the Arts and Crafts Show Tuesday evening in the gym. Added for the first time this year was a new Science Category. Tina Klement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klement won Best of Show in the age group in this category with this solar system exhibit. The Arts and Crafts Show coincided with Open House, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. More pictures on page 8 show needlework, string art and weaving.

## Wayne Klement seeks trustee position

A Muenster man announced early this week he will seek the Place Four position on the Cooke County College Board of Trustees.

Wayne Klement, 34, of Route 1, filed Monday for the post presently held by Urban Endres of Muenster.

Klement attended Muenster Public Schools before enrolling in Cooke County College. He gained his degree in physical education from North Texas State University, Denton.

Klement taught two years in the Muenster Public school system before moving to Gainesville State School, where he taught seven years. He is presently in the dairy business here.

"I believe that education at Cooke County College should be maximized through teacher/administration cooperation," Klement said. "Having served as a teacher, I believe I'm qualified to act as such a mediator."

Klement said he was concerned about the student population decline at Cooke County College, and the recent cancellation of the sports program there.

"I hope to challenge some of the problems at Cooke County College by furnishing stronger leadership," he said. "Cooke County offers a good opportunity for kids in this area to get started. I want to see the school stay as strong as possible."

## Texas Power & Light seeks 8 percent rate hike

Texas Utilities Electric Co. (TUEC) will file March 9 a request for an increase in electric rates of \$304.2 million, or an average of 8 percent.

The request will be filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the cities served by Texas Power & Light Co., Texas Electric Service Co., and Dallas Power & Light Co., divisions of TUEC.

Mike Murphy, manager of the TP&L district office at Gainesville, said the requested increase would raise the average monthly rates for residential customers by \$6.08 on 1,000 kilowatt hours of electrical use.

The new rates include a seasonal differential to

reflect the increased costs the company incurs for peak-use times. The summer rate for 1,000 kilowatt hours would be \$89.31 and the winter rate for that usage would be \$68.11.

The primary reasons for the rate increase request are to prevent further deterioration of the company's financial condition and to assure continuation of the company's major construction projects. The construction is necessary to meet customer electric needs while using less expensive fuels to keep bills as low as possible.

This year has brought the first downgrading ever of the bond ratings of the companies. In January, Moody's Investors Service

downgraded TUEC bonds from Aaa to A. In February Standard & Poor's Corp. lowered its AAA rating to AA Plus.

"It is absolutely essential that we receive sufficient revenue if we are going to prevent further erosion of our financial condition," Murphy said. He said any further weakening of the company's financial health would ultimately increase costs to customers and jeopardize continuation of the construction program.

"Our construction program depends upon investors to supply capital and the cost of borrowing represents a large part of our costs to serve customers," Murphy said.

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## Good News

Daniel 3:90 - 92

Bless the God of gods, all you who fear the Lord; praise him and give him thanks, because his mercy endures forever."

Hearing them sing, and astonished at seeing them alive, King Nebuchadnezzar rose in haste and asked his nobles, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" "Assuredly, O king," they answered. "But," he replied, "I see four men unfettered and unharmed, walking in the fire, and the fourth looks like a son of God."

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## Please! Help us stick to our DEADLINE

The normal deadline for news stories, events and all advertising is close-of-business, Tuesday.

## Winter phasing out

Gradually winter appears to be phasing out as daytime temperatures reach the sixties and seventies, but nights remain chilly, even dipping occasionally to sub freezing. Meanwhile moisture is moderate, the year's total now being 4.92 inches.

Low and high temperature readings of the past week were recorded as follows by Steve Mosler.

March 1	30 and 68
March 2	43 and 68
March 3	48 and 74
March 4	.08 in. rain 54 and 58
March 5	37 and 54
March 6	29 and 60
March 7	36 and 70



# Mary Rohmer, pioneer, dies Monday at 95

Mrs. Mary Helen Rohmer, 95, whose residence at Muenster pre-dates the founding of the community, died at 9:33 a.m. Monday in Muenster Memorial Hospital after a long illness.



Home with Terry, Greg, Dwayne and Billy Rohmer and James Wright and Andy Truebenbach as the pallbearers.

She came here as a child aged 16 months, almost a month before the first parish mass in the land office on December 8, 1889, the event which was recorded by pioneers as the official founding.

Funeral service for her was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church with Father Victor Gillespie as celebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial.

Others participating in the liturgy were the Sacred Heart Choral Group and a number of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren in scriptural readings and petitions, and narrations as cherished mementos were presented at the offertory procession, plus a reading entitled "Remembering Mother's Hands."

In his funeral homily Father Victor sympathized that the separation still hurts, even when death lingers for a long time. He praised Mary as an excellent patient, never demanding, a woman of courage and patience... "nothing was ever too much for her."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy-Miller.

until their retirement in Muenster 25 years ago. They had 12 children, of whom five sons and five daughters are surviving. Also they had 22 grandchildren, 18 of whom are living, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was primarily a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother, a member of St. Anne's Society and the Third Order of St. Francis. After moving to town the elderly couple were dedicated to daily rosary and daily mass. Later she looked forward to Sunday mass. She was bedfast since August 31, 1981.

She was preceded in death by her husband on December 22, 1977, also by three brothers, Joe, Tony and Meinrad, and two sisters Lena and Rosie.

Survivors are five daughters, Ida Rohmer of Fort Worth, Loretta Spaeth of Longview, Sister Fidelis and Sister Romana of Muenster, and Dorothy Wright of Irving; five sons, Victor, Emil, Alfred, Tony and Maurus, all of Muenster; 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Alois Hesse of Muenster; three sisters, Anna Walterscheid of Fort Worth, Dora Henscheid and Theresa Hesse of Muenster; and one sister-in-law, Ida Hesse of Muenster.

# Special council meeting postponed

Muenster's city council postponed until Friday night action on repealing ordinances allowing the city to finance citizens' shares of paving, curb and gutter work to be done here this summer.

City Supervisor Ron Montgomery and city attorney Chuck Bartush advised the council they would complete work on writing new ordinances this week and present them before the council Friday night at seven p.m.

Bartush told the council they would be legally required to repeal existing

ordinances that would prohibit the financing plan, adopt the new ordinances, advertise a public hearing on the matter then allow 21 days public notice after the hearing.

The council voted to also consider petitions on additional paving here during the Friday night meeting.

Montgomery advised the council he would have only about two months to do the paving already on the agenda, and urged that a timetable be established that would allow work to begin by at least the middle of July.

# Services held for Anna Shelton

Funeral service for Anna H. Shelton, 82, was held Monday morning at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church with Father Victor Gillespie officiating at a mass of Christian burial and Sacred Heart Choral Group participating.

Following the funeral the deceased was taken to Dallas for entombment in Hillcrest Mausoleum directed by McCoy-Miller Funeral Home. Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel conducted graveside rites.

Pallbearers were Dan Hamric, Lee Billingsley, Ronnie Felderhoff, Dale Felderhoff, Joe Roewe and Jim Hellams.

Services preceding the funeral were the rosary at 4

and 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home chapel.

Mrs. Shelton died Friday at 8 a.m. at the St. Richard's Villa convalescent home following an extended illness.

She was the former Anna Wieler, born in Muenster, February 25, 1902 a daughter of William and Elizabeth Hessell Wieler. She was married in Dallas June 8, 1936 to Byrl Shelton, who died in 1960. She lived in Denton most of her life, returning to Muenster three years ago. She was a retired nurse.

Survivors are three sisters, Bertha Hamric of Muenster, Emma Billingsley of Ardmore and Catherine Hellams of Oklahoma City.

# Chief leads clean-up plan

Police Chief Helen Tompkins says she plans to head a volunteer committee aiming to do something about Muenster's littered streets.

Tompkins said her group will devote Saturday March 17 to picking up trash in the area of Ninth Street and N. Main, and will clean up other areas of town if enough volunteers make themselves available.

Tompkins said she already has several adult volunteers, and called upon local civic organizations, church groups, school

groups and other community organizations to help with the project.

She said the city will donate a truck and trash bags for the cleanup. Any individual or group interested in the project can call 759-2236 for additional information.

The police chief said the project will be postponed until the following Saturday if hampered by bad weather.

In other news from the police department, it's official: with the city council's blessing and approval of Municipal Judge Michael

Farquhar, of Dallas, Muenster officers can now cite "anyone throwing, pitching, rolling or setting down" a glass container within the city's jurisdiction for a minimum fine of \$100 per container.

"We can fine as much as \$200 on the second offense, and take it to county court on the third," Tompkins said.

"We hope we don't have to give a ticket for this," the police chief said. "We'd rather the people take pride in the community and not cause the problem in the first place."

She said there would be no warning tickets issued.

"I'm going to start cracking down March 24th," Tompkins said. "That will give us time to get things cleaned up and have some litter barrels placed in problem areas. After that there will be no excuses."

Tompkins said anyone witnessing someone littering with glass containers along city streets can write down the vehicle's license number and attempt to identify the driver.

"If an individual will do that, and come into the office and sign a complaint, we'll issue a citation," she said.



# Rattlesnake hunt March 17, 18 at CCC

Grizzly bears may be gone from the Texas plains, and mountain lions here have been reduced mostly to legend, but that doesn't mean a North Texan with a hankering for adventure can't still go in search of dangerous game.

The last wild critter capable of fighting back will have its chance Saturday when hundreds of snake hunters depart Gainesville when the city stages its 16th annual Rattlesnake Roundup.

Events begin at nine a.m., when hunters meet at Cooke County College's activities center.

There, those who wish will be shuttled into the countryside for guided snake hunts. Those who would rather do their rattlesnake viewing in comparative safety can hang around home base to see local Jaycees take their chances in the rattlesnake pit, witness snake handling demonstrations, and, last but certainly not least, learn first aid for snakebite.

The public is invited to a snake eating contest — hopefully not on the hoof —

and later, a dance. Snake hunters will seek prizes of \$50 for the most pounds of rattlesnake taken, \$50 for the longest snake captured, with trophies given to the second place finishers in each category.

Snake skins, fried rattlesnake meat and raw snake meat will be for sale on the grounds.

Jaycee officials said snake catchers will be charged \$5 for guide equipment or could use gear furnished by the organizers.

Jaycees asked that snake hunters wear high topped leather boots. First aid will be available to hunters, along with ambulance service.

Hunt organizers said each party should be out in snake country approximately 1 1/2 hours. They said last year, an "off year" due to uncooperating weather, area snake catchers brought in some 1,200 pounds of live rattlesnakes.

Two years ago the roundup netted some 1,800 pounds of snakes.

The winning rattlesnake, lengthwise, was near 71 inches — a roundup record.

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zoning for present trailer facilities.

Mayor Felderhoff made a motion that the council refuse the petition until Hesse could bring the area into accordance with state regulations and satisfy objections of adjacent landowners. The motion carried.

Police chief Helen Tompkins asked the council's permission to negotiate with the chamber of commerce here on providing security for Germanfest. The council passed a motion allowing Tompkins to negotiate a similar agreement as in past years.

the council turned down a request to place four way stop signs at intersections near the post office. They had received complain-

ts concerning illegal U-turns into the postal facility. The board agreed to moderate the request by initially painting double yellow stripes in front of the building, then monitoring the situation to see if it reduced illegal turns.

—voted to turn down a request for a \$25 monthly raise for upkeep of the city park and mowing of the baseball diamond. The council agreed to keep the figure at the present \$275 while they studied the situation.

—voted to keep the mayor's salary at \$90 a year, and the council member's salaries at \$4 per meeting.

The Sacred Heart Home-School Society would like to extend a gracious Thanks to all the people who donated time, talents, and prizes to make the Annual Mardi Gras Carnival a big Success. We hope you continue to support our school.

The Mardi Gras Committee Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hofbauer, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Berres, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hess, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gehrig

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# Lifestyle

## JoAnn Fuhrmann, Rudy Schumacher joined in nuptial at St. Peter's

Jo Ann Fuhrmann became the bride of Rudy Schumacher on Saturday, March 3. Their Nuptial Mass and double ring ceremony were officiated by Father Cletus Post at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic in Lindsay. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Fuhrmann and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schumacher all of Gainesville.

Before an altar decorated with baskets of white gladioli, lilac carnations, and lighted candles, in a setting enhanced with votive candles in candelabra and ivy garlands on the communion rail, the bride was presented by her father. For her wedding she chose a designer gown of white organza, with a Queen Anne neckline bordered with venise lace, tiny seed pearls and iridescents. The fitted bodice was covered with chantilly lace, matching the sheer lace sleeves, puffed to the elbow, tied with white satin ribbon and edged with a lace ruffle. Slim lace sleeves were fitted to her wrists.

The full, chantilly lace skirt fell gracefully into a chapel train. At the front inset was an inverted, V-shaped insert of lace-edged multi-ruffles continuing at the hemline to completely surround the train.

Her fingertip veil of illusion was attached to a venise lace and pearl caplet. She carried a bridal bouquet of silk roses and stephanotis, tied with lilac and white streamers. She wore a heart-shaped diamond pendant on a gold chain, a gift from the groom.

For sentiment she borrowed pearls from her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pete Block of Lindsay, who



Lemons Photography of Nocona  
MRS. RUDY JOSEPH SCHUMACHER

received them at age 18 as a gift from her future husband. The bride also carried a white linen handkerchief, gift from the maternal grandmother, and a handmade rosary, gift from the paternal grandmother, Mrs. H.S. Fuhrmann.

### Attendants

The bride was attended by her sisters, LuElla Fuhrmann as maid of honor, Mrs. Ben Fleitman, Jr. of Muenster and Mrs. Leo Lutkenhaus of Lindsay as

matrons of honor, and Annette Gruber, a friend of Denton as bridesmaid. They wore lilac taffeta full length dresses, designed with square necklines, lace bodice front, elbow length puffed sleeves, a ruffled, lace trimmed hem and a self tie at the back waistline. They carried fans of lilac and white silk flowers with matching ribbons.

Jennifer Bezner, of Lindsay niece of the groom was flower girl, dressed similar to the bride's attendants, Maurus Hacker, Jr. of Myra nephew of the bride was ring bearer.

Gene Schumacher of Gainesville was his brother's best man. Tim Schumacher of Gainesville, groom's brother, Jim Fuhrmann of Lindsay, bride's brother and Steve Cole of Houston, a friend were groomsmen.

Larry Schumacher, groom's brother, Ben Fleitman, Jr. and Maurus Hacker, bride's brothers-in-law, and Darrell Sutton, a friend were ushers. Bobby and Kenny Fleitman were Mass servers.

Assisting with the special liturgy were John Schumacher as lector and Kevin Block and Skipper

Bezner as Eucharistic ministers.

Patsy Henry provided vocal and organ wedding music. Selections included "Follow Me," "You Needed Me," "The Rose," "Sunrise, Sunset," "A Time For Us," "Wedding Song," "Ice Castles," "The Hail Mary" and the traditional processional and recessional.

Wedding bells and white satin bows marked pews in the center aisle.

### Reception

A reception, dinner and dance followed in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gainesville.

Lynn Hacker, of Myra, bride's sister and Peggy Potts of Eules, groom's sister secured guest signatures in the bride's book.

The bride's table was centered with the bride's cake. Other decorations were lighted candles and baskets of silk flowers.

Mrs. Henry Spaeth made and cut the four-tiered, white and lilac wedding cake and Diane Case made and cut the groom's cake. Reception assistants and cake servers were Janie Schumacher, groom's sister, Sheri Boydston, groom's cousin, Diana Neu and Linda Fuhrmann.

Dinner was catered by Colonial Restaurant of Gainesville.

Guests coming from a distance included Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagner and Marian and Arthur of Perry, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Looney and family of Ft. Worth, Mrs. John Loerwald of Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher of Kenton, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Holder of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harlow of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potts of Eules, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hemmi and sons of Scotland.

The bride is a 1980 graduate of Lindsay High School and is a bookkeeper employed by Gainesville National Bank. The groom is a graduate of Gainesville High School and received a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from West Texas State University in 1978. He is self-employed.

### Rehearsal Dinner

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schumacher on March 2 in their home.

## Personal

Mrs. Charlie Herr and daughter Courtney of Pit-

tsburg, Kansas were Saturday and Sunday guests of her husband's mother, Mrs. Ida Mae Herr.

Guests of the Wilfred Sickings on Wednesday were Karla Wilson and son Jeremy. Overnight guests on Friday were grandchildren, John and JoAnn Sparkman of Gainesville, children of Peggy and Sammy Sparkman. On Sunday Rose Cunningham and children Dalas and Lacey of Whitesboro came for a visit with the Sickings.

## Wanted - local Miss Texas pageant

Glenna Heller wants to see a future Miss Texas with roots right here in Montague or Cooke Counties.

Heller, owner of Secrets, a dress shop in Montague, is by avocation a follower of pageants. She sponsors and helps organize Miss Texas competition throughout the state. And she feels its time to pay attention to the girls here at home.

Heller hopes to have a Miss Texas preliminary contest somewhere in Montague or Cooke Counties some time in early April.

At the moment she doesn't have a name for the contest, nor the financial backing to really make the event a success.

But Heller feels she has the experience and the skills to make a local pageant work. All she needs is help.

"Right now we have about 80 local pageants in Texas," Heller said. "They cost the girl nothing. All proceeds go to scholarship funds for these young

women." Heller is looking for help with ideas and money to back up those ideas. "We'll need donations to cover expenses, a sponsor for each girl, a scholarship fund for the winner, possibly the donation of a car for the girl's traveling. We have lots of money needs, and I can use lots of volunteers to help me solve these problems."

So far, Heller said she knew of seven or eight girls in the area with the talent to go on to greater things like the Miss Texas Pageant.

"We need to motivate girls in this area to work on their talents," Heller said. "We may have to start our pageant in a home, or on a courthouse lawn, or whatever," she said. "But if we grow and can get a talented girl on the pageant circuit, we'll start getting the recognition we need and start having winners."

Heller said anyone with ideas about a local beauty pageant could contact her at Secrets in Montague.

## Love Run benefits St. Jude's Hospital

Beta Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, District VI will participate in the Love Run to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital on March 17.

Sponsored by ESA, the Love Run of 10 K. (6.2 miles) will start at 9 a.m. at Newell & Newell/River Bend, Loop 820 & Trinity Blvd., Fort Worth. Check in time is 7:30-8:30 a.m. River Bend.

There will be categories for male and female, ages 0-13; 14-19; 20-29; 30-39 and 40 plus. Trophies will be awarded in both categories and T-shirts will be given to the first 300 entrants.

The entry fee is \$7.00 before March 10 and \$9.00 after that date. Make checks payable to St. Jude's Love Run, Box 400036, Eules, Tx. 76040. More information and entry blanks may be obtained from Debbie Hess, 759-2890 or Wanda Flusche, 759-4876 or Dianne Richardson, Metro 268-4578.

## Party observes five birthdays

The party on Thursday, March 1 at St. Richard's Villa honored two residents and three staff members who were or would be, observing birthdays within the month.

Mrs. J.S. Hogan and Cortese Cecchini were the residents honored and three staff members, Mary Sells, Betty Gilprin and Caroline Hess were surprised with birthday greetings and good wishes from everyone.

The Cross Timbers Band played. Mrs. Anna Herr, activity director was assisted by Mrs. Eula Grace Cain and Mrs. Al Horn in serving refreshments which included a decorated birthday cake, an angel food cake made by Mrs. Cain, a chocolate cake made by Jan Cain, and punch provided by Mr. Fuson.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Betty Felderhoff showed a movie at St. Richard's and a group of volunteers hosted bingo games on Wednesday afternoon.

Also on Tuesday afternoon when residents gathered in the front lobby, to talk and visit, their conversation was guided into a discussion of "my favorite food." Later, staff members used as many suggestions as feasible to plan a special menu, and on Thursday, they surprised residents with a "favorites meal."



There are a half a million more automobiles in Los Angeles than there are people.

## Tree planting honors Jennie Schilling

When Mrs. Jennie Schilling observed her 100th birthday last summer, one of her gifts was a red oak

long member of this community, and is Muenster's only living, former "Schutzenfest Queen."

tree, to be planted near Sacred Heart Church. The planting occurred last week. Soon a marker, will be placed, designating the tree "In Living Memory."

Mrs. Schilling's 101st birthday, June 19 she will be taken to see it. Jennie Schilling is a resident of St. Richard's Villa. She is a life-

### News of the sick

Mrs. Ruth Needham was released last week Wednesday from Muenster Memorial Hospital, after being a patient for medical care for two weeks.

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# Sanders' sponsor colored gem trunk showing

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In sponsoring Kuehn's "Precious World of Colored Gems" showing, Sanders' Jewelry is one of a growing number of jewelers across the nation who are promoting natural colored

gems as an affordable alternative way to own and wear fine jewelry on a more modest scale.

"Semi-precious stones" is a phrase we don't like," Kuehn said. "There's nothing at all 'semi' about any of them. They are all precious stones made by God in nature. The difference is that they are generally more affordable because more of them are found in nature."

The gemological definition of a gem, Kuehn

added, is a stone that is durable, has the ability to sustain that durability over a long period of time and can be worn as an adornment; anything that fits that description is a precious stone, regardless of its price.

If you enjoy wearing fine jewelry and would love to have more or if you are just interested in learning more about the fascinating subject of gemstones, stop by Sanders' Jewelry, 105 South Commerce, anytime during store hours on March 9 or 10.

# St. Anne's reports and plans

A lengthy meeting that included planning for future events and reports of completed projects occupied members of St. Anne's Society during the March 4 meeting Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ida Mae Herr reported on the NCCW meeting in Pilot Point held on Thursday March 1 at St. Thomas Parish Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Five from Muenster Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Bertha Pick, Mrs. Lucille Lutkenhaus, Mrs. Dorothy Fisher and Mrs. Marie Mosman attended.

Mrs. Anne Nortman of Pilot Point presented a program on CPR. The next

NCCW meeting will be in Valley View on April 12.

Plans were made to assist in the annual supper for St. Joseph-St. Anne Societies on Sunday, March 18. Tickets for the brisket meal are \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 children. Antique tools will be used in decorations. Anyone wishing to help is asked to phone Wilfred Bindel at school or at home.

Mrs. Denis Walterscheid may also be phoned. A reception of new members for St. Anne's Society and a covered dish supper will be held on May 6. For more information call Mrs. Walterscheid 759-4457 or

Mrs. Harold Knabe 4559. The Northern District of the Catholic State League will meet in Windthorst on Sunday April 1. Joe Hoinig is president, Harold Knabe vice president, Bertha Knabe secretary and Judy Krahl treasurer.

Rev. Bob Thomas of Breckenridge will speak on his experiences in the Missions. Benediction at 1:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church will be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting of St. Anne's Society last Sunday was presided by Mrs. Denis Walterscheid.

Secretary's report by Mrs. Harold Knabe, treasurer's report by Mrs. Leo Henscheid followed. NCCW per capita tax, NCCW per capita tax and general charity fund were paid.

A get-well card was sent to Mrs. Joe Vogel.

Mrs. Johnny Otto asked members if anyone was interested in meeting once a week to learn to make rosaries. Mrs. Henscheid read "A Look At Lent." Twenty-five members were present and Cecilia Huchton won the door prize. After closing prayer, members joined St. Joseph Society for a social hour.

# Gov. White invites secession

The Lone Star Cafe in New York City, now recognized as an official Texas Independence Community by the Texas 1886 Sesquicentennial Commission, has been invited to secede from the city and state of New York and to join up with Texas for the 1986 celebration by Governor Mark White.

The famous restaurant represents the community of "Expatriated" Texans who

now live in New York, and is known for providing a "little bit of Texas" in the midst of the Big Apple.

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark has been designated as Attorney General for this newest Texas community, and in this capacity is researching the legal precedents for secession.

The Cafe community will kick off its attempts at

secession with a giant Texas Independence Day celebration.

The party will start March 1, with the presentation of Governor White's proclamation and the Sesquicentennial flag and certificate designating the Lone Star Cafe as a Texas Independence Community. Native Texan Jerry Jeff Walker will lead the list of entertainers to appear at the secession celebration.

# Ten flowering trees free from foundation

Ten flowering trees will be given to people who join the National Arbor Day Foundation during March, 1984.

The free trees are part of the foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America.

The foundation will give two White Dogwood, two American Redbud, two European Mountain Ash, two

Hawthorn, and two Flowering Crab trees to members joining during March. The six-to-twelve inch trees will be shipped at the right time for planting this spring, between March 1 and May 31, postage paid with enclosed planting instructions.

These trees were selected because they still will give a

colorful flowering of pink, white, and red blossoms throughout the spring, according to the Foundation. The trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting.

The Foundation will give the ten free trees to members contributing \$10 during March.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 1984.

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**Walterscheid Baptism**

The baptism of Toby Adam Walterscheid, infant son of Damian and Margie Walterscheid, was held in Sacred Heart Church by Father Victor Gillespie O.S.B. on Sunday, March 4, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Godparents for their nephew were an uncle, Darrell Knabe and an aunt Sara Walterscheid.

Toby wore a christening gown, cap and booties given to him by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Knabe; he also wore a silver medal, gift from his Aunt Sara.

Attending were the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Erwin Walterscheid; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Knabe; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Felderhoff and Jody and Deann; and Mrs. Ruth Wells and daughter, Audra.

Also, Tim Walterscheid; Sara Walterscheid; Darrell Knabe; Lorie Knabe; Gary Knabe and a friend John Klement.

All were guests for dinner in the Damien Walterscheid home immediately following the church service.

**KC's to host clergy of the district**

Priests, nuns, brother and deacons of the five parishes in KC District No. 47 will be the guests of the district next Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m., at the Clergy Appreciation Day dinner in the Denton KC Hall on Riney Road (old Highway 77).

Parishes included in the district are at Muenster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Valley View and Denton. The three councils are Muenster, Gainesville and Denton.

Tickets, at \$3 per person are available in Muenster from Ben Fleitman, Wilfred Bindel, and the KC Club.

# Watch for plant ripoffs

'Tis the season of green thumb itch and unscrupulous operators offering miracle plants and fantastic spring gardening buys are digging into your pocket, according to horticulturists with Texas A&M and local nurserymen.

Untold thousands are being gypped out of millions of dollars annually by shysters with their nationwide advertisements, according to experts at Texas A&M.

"By its very nature, the nursery industry often provides an open invitation to the unscrupulous," reported Everett Janne, horticulturist at A&M.

He added that after a particularly severe winter such as we had this year, people are anxious to repair their damaged landscapes, making them even more vulnerable to promoters with hit-and-run items or services.

Roger Taylor, with the Muenster Garden Center, said most nursery stock will have been exposed to the hard winter, and the true test of health won't really show up until this summer.

He stressed the importance of dealing with someone the customer trusts when selecting plants or nursery stock this spring.

"If you have any question about trees or shrubbery, simply ask the sales attendant to show proof of the plant's health," Taylor said.

He said the presence of healthy, live roots was one

way the customer could check a purchase.

Taylor said common sense should prevail when selecting mail order items.

"If the advertising claims are unbelievable, then simple don't believe it," Taylor said. He added many items shipped through the mail are bare root (without any dirt around the root system) and usually arrive dead.

Taylor said nurseries often sell plants cheaper than the spectacular advertising claims of special order houses.

"You often receive a three centimeter bulb from a mail order house when you can purchase an 18 centimeter bulb from a local nursery at a lower price," he said.

He said certain name brand roses and seeds were the few items he considered safe to order through

catalogs.

"Everyone needs to be very careful this spring when selecting plants," Taylor said. "A lot of items will look good at first, but will wane rapidly when the stress of summer arrives."

He said the larger, reputable nurseries subject plants to a stress test before shipping individual lots to distributors. Plants are placed in an artificial environment simulating summer stress conditions to see if they have been damaged by winter weather.

Officials with Texas A&M said customers should be skeptical of ads that make extravagant claims of plant materials. Such words as "amazing," "gigantic," "spectacular," "new scientific development," "prize blooms" and "free" are often used to hook the un-

suspecting reader.

University officials urged buyers to read the fine print in mail order brochures and catalogs, especially if you have never ordered from the companies before. Often the small size of the plant is a reason why the price looks so attractive. You may want to check with the local nurseryman for the price on a similar item before placing a check in the mail.

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You can bet your bottom buzzard this week is rose week - the sweet smelling variety at the Garden Center.

## Beta Kappa meeting plans for Germanfest and tournaments

Beta Kappa Sorority of ESA met on Feb. 20 in the home of Marlene Endres to hear progress reports on club projects and to complete plans for up-coming activities and to hear an Education Program.

Janet Hess led a discussion on the domino tournament scheduled for March 18, 4 to 6 p.m. in the K.C. Hall.

Details are complete for the club's participation in Germanfest, when efforts will be concentrated on the sale of strudel. Supplies have been ordered and work schedule well organized.

Martha Koesler reported

that information on application for scholarships has been submitted to both Muenster schools.

Members of Beta Kappa voted on "Outstanding ESA Member" and "Outstanding New Member."

Janet Hess, Sidney Porter and Pam Fette presented an Education program. The hostess, Marlene Endres served refreshments.

Debbie Hess presided for the business meeting.

## Mardi Gras lists winners

Winners of the prizes offered at Mardi Gras, Sunday, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Home School Society, included the following, in order given listed by amount, donor and individual.

\$300 cash, Felderhoff Bros. Drilling Co.; Mrs. Robert Knabe; \$100 Bond, Muenster State Bank, Peter McCoy; \$100 Bond, First State Bank Gainesville, David Moser; \$100 Bond,

Gainesville National Bank, Gene Klement; \$75 trade, Fischer's Market, Mrs. Henry Voth, Sr.; \$50 trade, Hofbauer's Food and Locker, Nathan Bayer; \$50 trade, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Mrs. Ed. Endres; \$50 cash, Walter and Carol Grewing, Bradley Fisher; \$50 trade, Gehrig Hardware, Peggy Walter; \$50 trade, H&W Meat Co, Caroline Hess; \$50 savings account, Sr. Cabrini Arami.

## Schedule of meetings

**Beta Kappa**  
Special attention is called to the schedule of the next Beta Kappa meeting because of change of date. Kaye Wimmer will be hostess in her home on Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month (March 13) in the cafeteria of Muenster Public School.

**Garden Club**  
The Muenster Garden Club will meet Monday, March 12 at 8 p.m. Mrs. V.L. Sparkman will be hostess in her home and Mrs. Arthur Endres will present a program on "Water Conservation."

**Muenster Extension Homemakers**  
The Muenster Extension Homemakers will meet Wednesday, March 14 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Alice Hellman will be hostess in the Dolphy Joe Hellman home. Mrs. Juanita Bright will present a "Color Analysis" program.

**VFW**  
The VFW meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 at 8 p.m.

**Bingo**  
The Knights of Columbus will host Bingo and Family Night Sunday, March 11 in the K.C. Hall. Everyone is invited.

**Chamber of Commerce**  
The Chamber of Commerce meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month (March 13) at The Center for luncheon at noon.

**Hospital Notes**  
Dismissals from Muenster Memorial Hospital this past week are as follows.  
Sun., Feb. 26 - Ira Pempleton, Gainesville.  
Mon., Feb. 27 - Michael Lutmer, Ben Fleitman, Muenster; Bruce Scott (expired), Saint Jo; Eric Lee Garrison, Gainesville; Cody McMahan, Nocona.

**4-H Club**  
The Community 4-H Club

Tues., Feb. 28 - Etta Gregory, Nocona.

## Good Samaritans...in Muenster

The story of the good samaritan seems to be a Muenster standard.

Several days ago an elderly gentleman was stricken with the broken car brakes in front of the bank here.

The problem was diagnosed as a rundown bat-

tery and flooded carburetor. Before he could ask for assistance, it arrived on the spot.

A bank president, the chief of police, a local carpenter, a restaurant manager, an insurance agent and dairyman were suddenly on the spot and willing to help a fellow in distress.

Through the combined efforts of all that varied experience, the car was soon

running and the elderly man was feeling much better about life.

It was a simple case of someone caring. Several seemings. Try to find that kind of combination of individuals rushing to the rescue of an old gentleman and a broken down car in Dallas. We'll bet you a link of Helmut's sausage it'll make the evening news...

## Bluebirds visit police station

Police Chief Helen Tom answered questions for the Funtime Bluebirds on Mon., March 5 following a tour of the police station and fingerprinting of each of the girls.

The tour proved to be very educational and informative bringing out questions from the girls ranging in interest from "Do you really feed prisoners bread and water?" to questions about the death penalty as a form of punishment.

Attention of the girls was never lost as Police Chief Tompkins explained the purpose and helpfulness of fingerprinting, the jail cells and how prisoners are treated while there; how children who break the law are dealt with; drugs and what to guard against and avoid. Because of all the questions and answers that were being presented, the

session could have been described very well as a mini lesson on the Do's and Don'ts of the law.

Other activities of the group during the month of February included time and energy spent on promoting the Camp Fire Candy Sales Project. The Funtime girls set up shop Sat. Feb. 18 at Fischers Meat Market for their direct sales project, which proved to be a good experience for the girls in developing some self confidence.

Their remaining energies were turned towards completing projects, which in a large part have been helping and learning projects done on their own, leading to the Star Bird and Solo Bird Recognition Emblems, which will be awarded when the entire project is completed. Mrs. Gary Gieb is leader and reporter for the Funtime Bluebirds.

## Cub Scout News

Muenster cub scouts held their regular monthly pack meeting at the VFW Hall here February 27, with Cubmaster Lupe Evans presiding.

Two cubs were advanced to the rank of Bear. Jason Biffle and Kenneth Walterscheid were awarded that honor during special ceremonies.

The boys were reminded that May 7 is the date for graduation and that plenty of time still remained for completion of achievements. Parents were urged to encourage these projects.

A rally will be held March 15 at the VFW for recruiting new members in the 8-10 age bracket, according to cub-

master Evans.

Day camp dates were posted and applications will be made available during the next week, Evans said.

Webelos scouts will attend day camp at Hills and Hollows in Denton June 11-15. Cubs will attend day camp at Muenster City Park June 18-22.

Staff members are needed at both camps, Evans said.

Pinewood Derby rules were passed out to all cubs during the meeting. Pack 664 will hold its Pinewood Derby on Sunday, March 18, at two p.m. at the VFW Hall. Mothers are asked to bring two dozen cookies.

March pack meeting will be the 26th.

## Cub Day Camp

"Scouting Under the Big Top" will be the theme for this year's cub scout summer day camp.

Camp director Lupe Evans, program director Loretta Felderhoff and Vicky Elieson of Sanger recently returned from a weekend of training at Camp Sid Richardson. These activities resulted in full Boy Scouts of America sanctions for running a day camp here later this summer.

Camp dates are: Frontier Trails, which includes Muenster, June 4-7 at Hills

and Hollows for cub scouts, June 11-15 webelos scouts, June 18-21 for cubs of Cooke County at Muenster City Park.

Director Evans said day camp is summer fun with a purpose. She said activities are planned around requirements needed for advancement, the purpose of cub scouting being the teaching of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and sportsmanship.

Activities are staffed with parents of cub scouts and interested scouters, Evans said.



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# Forestburg News

by Myrt Denham

Rev. Bob Ellis, pastor of Forestburg First Baptist Church has announced a special Bible Study program Sunday evening, March 11 through Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Rev. Ray Ellis of Abilene, father of the Forestburg pastor will conduct the study on First Corinthians. Everyone is invited.

Willy Sandusky came home from Midwestern State University Friday, Feb. 24, 1984 and joined his brother Steve and wife Susie and his sister Jeanne Talley and their mother Faith to watch his nephew, Randy Talley play in the Bi-District playoff game between Saint Jo and Paradise held in Decatur. Saint Jo lost by seven points but put up a very good showing. The next morning Willy and his mother motored to Houma Louisiana to visit with his sister Liz Cook and her family. While there they attended the opening Mardi Gras parade. They flew home via Delta Airlines Sunday night. The plane was delayed taking off from New Orleans because of rain and high winds. The plane

also was delayed from landing at DFW because of rain and high winds. While driving home from DFW they encountered one of the worst snow storms they had ever driven in. The whole trip was very eventful but the best time, according to Faith, was seeing all of her Louisiana kids.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 1984 for G.W. Butler, Sr., 88, of Bowie.

He was born September 10, 1895 in Forestburg and was a retired retail groceryman. He died Feb. 26, 1984 in a local nursing home.

Services were held at the Pecan & Sanders St. Church of Christ. Interment was in Mallard Cemetery under the direction of Owens-Brumley Funeral Home of Bowie.

He is survived by 4 daughters, Sylvia Camp of Amarillo, Joyce Kelly of Shawnee, Ok., Eudell Harrelson of Tulsa, Okla. and Mary Sue Littell of Oklahoma City; one son, G.W. Butler, Jr. of Wichita Falls; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Faith Sandusky sends word that her daughter Mrs. Charles (Liz) Cook of Houma, La. was honored recently at the annual Tearebonne Parish Banquet to honor Scout leaders and units. Liz is a volunteer Adult leader in this Parish and was bestowed with the District Award of Merit. She was praised as "a driving force to build our district committee" by James Young, district executive. Liz also won the Arrowhead Award as she was involved in training, a day care center and all kinds of projects. Liz is a teacher at Houma Elementary School and she graduated from North Texas State at Denton with honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and children of Austin spent the weekend of Feb. 25-26 with Mrs. Martin's parents, Kenneth and Charlene Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Baird, Jr. of Newport visited with us Denhams, Friday p.m. March 2.

The Forestburg United Methodist Church had its monthly Fellowship Supper Wednesday night, Feb. 29, in the Church Annex. The supper was followed with a program on "Methodist Heritage" presented by Rev. George A. Thompson.

Millie and Webb Reynolds motored up to Wichita Falls Thursday March 1. Little Millie has been "under the weather" for sometime now — has a cold that keeps "a hanging on."

Mrs. Jewell Dill and Mrs. Beth Dill and Keisha were Sherman visitors Thursday March 1.

The Forestburg United Methodist Women had their "World Day of Prayer" program, Friday March 2, at their Church from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mrs. Cleo Lanier was in charge of the days program on Prayer. The program was followed with a covered dish luncheon. Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Rickert of the Prairie Point Nazarene Church, Rev. George A. Thompson, Pastor the Forestburg, Saint Jo Methodist Churches, and Mrs. Cleo Lanier, Laura Belle Jackson, Vera Mae McGee, Lucille Littell, Esther Shears and Betty Reynolds.

Word has been received that Mrs. Lizzie Gardner, has fallen once again and is confined to bed. Mrs. Gardner resides in Muskogee, Okla. with her daughter and husband, Joyce and George Montgomery.

J.W. White is a patient in the Muenster Hospital as of Thursday March 2. Mrs. Shelia (Huckaby) Pomeroy is a patient in Wichita Falls General Hospital.

Nine ladies attended the second session for the Ladies Bible Study Tuesday a.m., Feb. 28, in the home of Mrs. Charlene Rickert.

Last we heard Mrs. Lenora Moore is a patient in the Bowie Memorial Hospital.

Bart Sirman is a patient in a Denton Hospital as of Saturday March 3rd following an accident at the Bowie cattle sale barn. Bart is the son of Sue and L.D. Sirman and the grandson of Mrs. Minnie Sirman.

"Dude" and Bula Mae Berry were in Bowie Sat. the 3. From there they went on to Alvord where they visited and had lunch with Bula Mae's aunt, Mrs. Attie Scott. Bula Mae says her aunt is 90 years of age and so very spry and chipper.

Sorry, that news is on the short side this week. However, as I now have a Tuesday deadline to meet, I must send my news items in no later than on Monday's mail. Therefore, if you enjoy this column and would

like to have it continue I will have to have you, the readers, help. So I urge you to call me, or send your news items to me as they

happen. I might add that the news items for this column are not near as easy to get and compile as it is for you the read them.

## Forestburg honor roll

Honor rolls for the fourth six weeks at the Forestburg school have been announced as follows by Principal Dan Hamric.

GRADE 7  
A honor roll: Tommy Bonner, Lisa Hamric, Tara Romine

GRADE 1  
A honor roll: Chessica Bell, Tammy Sicking, Tonya Sicking, Natalie Wilson.

GRADE 8  
A honor roll: Leres Greenwood, Danna Hamric, Brent Holland, Beth Holzbog.

GRADE 2  
A honor roll: Nathan Boucher, Jennifer Scott.

B honor roll: Carmen Robertson, Carmen Tompkins.

B honor roll: Bryan Huckabay, Dale Lively, Cindy Martinez, Nikki Willett.

GRADE 9  
A honor roll: Amy Bonner, Page Sirman, Tommy Souther.

GRADE 3  
A honor roll: Tracy Moore.

B honor roll: Tracy Greenwood, Mark Forrester.

GRADE 4  
A honor roll: Nickie Moseley, Mistey Matlock, Traci Rickert.

GRADE 10  
A honor roll: Michelle Reed, Gina Wade.

B honor roll: Adrian Wilson, Buck Moseley, Greg Tompkins.

B honor roll: Toni Duncan, Jeff Stevens.

GRADE 5  
A honor roll: Cassandra Rickert, Jamie Lively.

GRADE 11  
A honor roll: Laticia Bell, Kendall Holland, Lorene Romine, Brent Shults, Kerry Jacobs, Nancy Trayler.

B honor roll: Vanessa Covington, Melanie Griffin, Anne Mims.

B honor roll: Rosa Vega.

GRADE 6  
A honor roll: Cheryl Landers, Krista Shults, Dale Reed, Micki Moore.

GRADE 12  
A honor roll: Douglas Edwards, Mashelle Hudspeth, Christy Reed, Dee Dee Williams.

B honor roll: Vernon Forrester, Ricky Landers.

B honor roll: Scotty Duncan.

## Judging teams travel to Houston

Forestburg FFA's senior and junior grass judging teams won fifth place trophies in the Houston Livestock Show range and pasture plant identification contests in Houston, Saturday. Members of the senior team were Douglas Edwards, Laticia Bell, Kendall Holland, Dee Williams and Brent Shults. Junior team members were Shelle Perryman, Mark Forrester, Tracy Lanier and Tommy Souther.

were Snyder 1000, Callisburg No. 1, 933, Callisburg No. 2, 916, Stanton 772, Forestburg 768. Top individuals included Shannon Odum, Callisburg, No. 2 with 348, Darrel Baucum, Callisburg, No. 3 with 345, Douglas Edwards, Forestburg 6th with 310.

Top five teams and their scores in the senior division

The top five teams of the junior division included Callisburg 3rd and Forestburg 5th. Cash prizes to each Forestburg team were \$25 to the team and \$15 to the adviser.

## Forestburg FHA girl qualifies for state contest

The Forestburg Chapter of Future Homemakers of America is proud to send Mashelle Hudspeth to San Antonio on April 11-13 to compete at the state level in the Illustrated Talks division of FHA Proficiency events. Mashelle qualified for the state contest by winning first

place at the Area IV FHA meeting February 10 at Stephenville. The subject of her speech was Child Abuse.



Winners of the fifth place trophy in the senior division of plant identification at the Houston Livestock Show were the following Forestburg FFA members: Kendall Holland, Douglas Edwards, Laticia Bell and Brent Shults.



The following Forestburg FFA members won the fifth place trophy in the junior division of plant identification at the Houston Livestock Show: Mark Forrester, Tommy Souther, Tracy Lanier and Shelle Perryman.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Open House Arts & Crafts Show



**Staff Photo**  
Brian Kleiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kleiss won a Best of Show ribbon for the weaving and string art picture he made for the Arts and Crafts Show Tuesday evening. Guests at Open House saw an outstanding show in the gym, and were invited to visit throughout the school.



**Staff Photo**  
In observance of Public Schools Week, Muenster Public School hosted Open House Tuesday evening. The Arts and Crafts Show was outstanding. One of the Best of Show winners in the Industrial Arts category in her age group was Kristy Stelzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Stelzer. She is shown demonstrating the weaving loom she built.



**Staff Photo**  
Michelle Hennigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hennigan won a Best of Show ribbon for her entry in the needlework category, in her age group. Guests at Open House saw hundreds of examples of student Arts and Crafts. They also visited classrooms, conversed with teachers and were served refreshments in the Homemaking Rooms.

## Spelling Bee Winners



Selected as winners during Sacred Heart School's recent Spelling Bee was Julie Rohmer, Grade Eight, and alternate Jason Gehrig, Grade Seven. Julie will represent Sacred Heart School in the County Spelling Bee at Cooke County College Thursday March 15 at 2 p.m.

## Jumping for Pledges



It took a little warming up, but these boys were willing at Muenster Public School's Jump Rope For Heart event. Both boys and girls jumped for as long as possible attempting to earn pledges by local residents. The money of course went to a worthy cause — The American Heart Association in Texas.



The gap was more than a generation wide recently when Nicki Shotwell and Chris Kubis, fourth graders under the tutorage of Barbara Robison, faced off across a wide expanse of official looking table from Mayor Felderhoff. The kids asked career questions, the mayor imparted some words of wisdom, and both sides went home visibly impressed.

**Staff Photo**

## Rate hike Continued from page 1

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## Jeff Fisher honored at A & M

Jeffrey S. Fisher, freshman chemical engineering major, and a graduate of Muenster High School, has earned "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University.

Recipients of the "Distinguished Student" honor must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0, during the most recent grading period. The student must also be registered for 15 semester hours.



**Renate Hess**

Renate Hess, 18, of Route 1, Muenster, is the daughter of Pat and Tommie Sue Hess.

Renate has served as class officer three years. She has been Honor Society President two years, Student Council representative, Drum Major one year, Drum Majorette three years, and a member of the Spanish Club one year. Renate was also state qualifier, solo and ensemble twirler, during her sophomore year.

Renate said she had "enjoyed high school, but was really looking forward to going to the college."

She plans to attend Texas Women's University, Denton, where she will study nursing. She presently works as a nurse's aide at Muenster Memorial Hospital.

## Spotlight on the Seniors



**Kent Reiter**

Kent Reiter, 18, of 610 N. Pecan, Muenster, is the son of Norman and Joyce Koelzer.

Kent, who transferred to Sacred Heart from Muenster High School this year, enjoys hunting and fishing. He was in the public school vocational agriculture program three years.

Kent has worked at "The Ranch," the Texaco gas station here, and C&W Car Wash.

Kent said he found high school enjoyable, but as yet is undecided about his future. He is considering college and a full time job.



**Gus Reiter**

Gus Reiter, 18, of Route 2, Muenster, is the son of Gerald and Rosalie Reiter.

Gus has been a member of the National Honor Society one year, and a member of the Spanish Club two years.

His main interest is in his own home computer. He is presently attempting to design and build a computer modeled after a micro processor No. 1802.

Gus said he has always considered school just another opportunity to learn. His plans include attending North Texas State, Denton, and coursework in computer science.



**Pam Hermes**

Pam Hermes, 17, of Route 4, Gainesville, is the daughter of William and Mary Euelyn Hermes.

Pam was Head Majorette one year, played basketball four years, participated in track four years, and for three years has been a regional track meet contestant in the mile relay, 800 relay and discus throw.

Pam was a member of Spanish Club one year, of Future Homemakers of America four years, and a class officer one year.

"I really enjoyed high school, but I'm looking forward to moving on to doing something else with my life," Pam said.

She plans to attend Cooke County College for two years, then transfer to Texas Women's University, North Texas State or M.S.U., where she will work toward a degree in physical education. She hopes to manage or work in a health or exercise club.



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## From the Principal's office

by Eddie L. Green



Now we come to the single most important group which affects public education: the local school district. As we discussed last week, the state of Texas guarantees a minimum amount of money to each school district. Each local district which, of course, has authority to tax its citizens, raises money locally to supplement the state financial aid.

There are three major questions that the local school district must ask itself: (1) What do we want? (2) What do we have? and (3) What can we afford? The answers to these three questions will most certainly determine the quality of the education in the local school district.

What do we want? This is a loaded question. We have to separate our wants from our needs. Most school districts do an in-depth self-study to determine their needs. Many times the Texas Education Agency comes and does an evaluation of the district. Once every few years, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visits schools and evaluates them. One of the more important results of these visits and studies is a list of recommendations. These are things that the school district needs to improve the quality of their instructional program. These needs are usually addressed in a 5-year plan. How about wants? Do we want to go beyond the mere meeting of needs? Do we want to provide extras for our youngsters?

What do we have? Here we have the most extreme inequity in the area of public school finance. The thousand or so school districts in Texas differ greatly in the amount of taxable wealth. It is unfair for District A to have \$500,000,000 in tax valuations and District B to have \$25,000,000. But this is a fact of life. Who can blame District A for providing their kids with lots of educational niceties? District B will have to fight for everything it has. A school district will always be a direct reflection of its populace. A wealthy area will have a rich school and a poor area will struggle for its educational life. A look at Cooke County school districts in terms of taxable wealth per student clearly shows this extreme difference:

Walnut Bend	1982-83	\$1,441,037/student
Sivell's Bend		\$1,382,757/student
Muenster		\$211,867/student
Callisburg		\$201,049/student
Era		\$128,473/student
Lindsay		\$111,827/student
Gainesville		\$108,372/student
Valley View		\$84,462/student

But do not be misled by these figures. Even though Walnut Bend has 17 times the taxable wealth per student as Valley View, it does not necessarily imply that each student in Walnut Bend receives 17 times as much educational money. This would only be true if all tax rates were identical. It is blatantly obvious that Walnut Bend can provide a lot of education money with a very low tax rate. On the other hand, Valley View must have a high tax rate to provide money for its schools.

What can we afford? When a school district has a list of wants and needs, they must decide how high the tax rate must be in order to bring in the needed monies. The people in the poor districts must decide how important their children's education is and how willing they are to sacrifice for it. The citizens in a rich district have decisions to make also. They need to be certain that they do not spend taxpayer money frivolously.

There has been much discussion about the inequities of school finance and no one can deny them. One popular idea is what I call the "Robin Hood Approach". Some say that all districts should send tax money (local) to the state and the state will redistribute it in a more equitable manner. While this sounds good at first, something about it just doesn't sound right. It smacks a little of socialism to me. Of course, I admit to a bad case of ultra-conservatism at times. Let the state help the poorer districts by some form of state revenue. But I will never be pleased with the idea of Muenster taxpayer school taxes helping to educate a child in Valley View.

What about citizens who do not have school-age children? Why should they have to pay school tax? I admit this doesn't sound fair, but what is the alternative? The parents of the school kids cannot carry the burden alone. Again, an educated citizenry helps everyone, not just the parents.

No one has ever claimed that school finance is totally fair. But it is the American way and I, for one, prefer for it to stay that way. Let local people finance the type of education they want and need.

## FHA members show baking skills

A baking contest on Monday of FHA Week resulted in 31 entries of delectable cakes, breads, cookies, rolls, pies and three candies.

All were judged by Mrs. Anne Poole, Mrs. Pam Dangelmayr and Principal Eddie Green. They obviously enjoyed their assignment, especially the sampling.

Faced with this assortment of goodies, who counts calories!



## FHA Horizons



All Photos by Phyllis Coffey

Officers of the Future Homemaker chapter at Muenster High School are shown here during FHA Week. I to r in front row: Tricia Reiter vice president; Jean Pagel reporter; Cindy Tisdale president; Karen Wolf secretary; Connie Klement sgt. at arms. Back row: Jana Hamilton song leader; Kim Eldred historian; Paula Russell parliamentarian; Donna Wolf song leader; JoEll Hellman treasurer.

## Lunchroom Menus

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**Sacred Heart School**  
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 Tues. - Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple, bread, milk.  
 Wed. - Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit salad, bread, milk.  
 Thurs. - Chili Mac, nachos, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, bread, milk.  
 Fri. - Tuna Casserole, mixed vegetables, salad, cookies, bread, milk.

## Muenster Public School

Mon. - Tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, beans, pineapple cake, milk.  
 Tues. - Fried Chicken, rice and gravy, peas and carrots, fruit, cookies, milk.  
 Wed. - Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, lettuce salad, homemade bread, milk.  
 Thurs. - Hamburgers, trimmings, fruit, brownies, milk.  
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 Aug. 23 - Faculty Inservice  
 Aug. 24 - Faculty Workday  
 Aug. 27 - First Day Classes for Students in 1984-85 School Year  
 Sept. 3 - Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)  
 Oct. 15 - Faculty Inservice at Birdville (No Classes)  
 Nov. 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving Holidays (No Classes)  
 Dec. 20 - Dismiss Students at 2 p.m. for Christmas Vacation  
 Dec. 21 - Faculty Inservice  
 Jan. 2, 1985 - Resume Classes  
 Jan. 11 - Faculty Workday (No Classes) End 1st Semester  
 1984-85 School Year (87 Instructional Days plus 2 Workdays plus 4 Inservice Days equals 93 Days in 1st Semester)  
 Jan. 14 - Start 2nd Semester Classes 1984-85  
 Feb. 25 - Faculty Inservice Special Education  
 Mar. 7 & 8 Mini Break (No Classes - Make up days in case of any ice days)  
 April 4 & 5, 8 & 9 - Easter Vacation (No Classes)  
 May 24 - Final Day Classes 1984-85 School Year, Senior Graduation 8 p.m.  
 May 27 - Faculty Workday (No Classes - Last Day 1984 - 85 School Year) (88 Instructional Days plus 1 Inservice Day plus 1 Workday equals 90 Days 2nd Semester)

## Honor Student

Steven John Luke, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Luke, was included in a list of 1,024 honor students at North Texas State University with a grade of 3.9 in a possible 4.0 in the fall semester.

## Sixth Grade CCD has Feb. 29 liturgy

The sixth grad CCD class taught by Sister Monica Swirczynski assisted in preparation of the liturgy for the CCD Mass in Sacred Heart Church Wednesday evening.

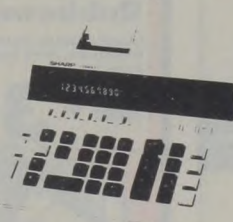
Father Victor Gillespie was celebrant and Jason Walterscheid, Charles Hermes, Jeff Hellman, Steven Fisher and Randy Fleitman were Mass servers.

Dana Wimmer gave the first reading and Denise Anderle read the responsorial psalm.

Dianne Vogel and Marcie Mullins read prayers of the faithful. Keith Vogel, James Hennigan and Donnie Boydston presented Offertory gifts.

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# SPORTS

First meet of season

## Red River Relays



Janie Hartman Photo  
Sharon Russell hands off the baton to Paula Russell in the 1600 m relays of Red River Relays. Muenster won the event.



Janie Hartman Photo  
The good news inspiring this cheering was the report that Muenster girls won the champ trophy in the Red River Relays.



Janie Hartman Photo  
Sondra Hess is on the way to taking first place for Sacred Heart in the 100 m hurdles at Red River Relays.



Janie Hartman Photo  
Mike Corcoran of Lindsay gets off a heftily heave of the shot in the Red River Relays.

Muenster track teams had a pair of nip and tuck contests ending with near even scores in the Red River Relays Saturday at Saint Jo.

The end result was that they were No. 1 and No. 2 in the girls division of the meet. The Hornets had 98 points, the Tigerettes had 91. These are the scores revealed by their coaches. Figures on other participating teams were not received up to the time of this writing.

The story was about the same in the boys division, except both teams were far short of the top honor, which was taken by Lindsay. Muenster had a total of 41 points, Sacred Heart had 38. Word has not been received concerning the teams between them and the top.

Regardless, here are the individual records as reported by the local coaches.

### MHS Hornets

Mile relay, Muenster 1st, Paula Russell, Sharon Russell, Dana Dankesreiter, LeAnn Sicking.  
800 m relay, Muenster 2nd, Judy Biffle, LeAnn Sicking, Paula Russell, Sharon Russell  
400 meter relay, Muenster 3rd, Judy Biffle, LeAnn Sicking, Paula Russell, Sharon Russell  
Discus, Pam Hermes 2nd, Rita Walterscheid 6th  
Shot, Pam Hermes 4th  
Highjump, Sharon Russell, 6th  
Long jump, Dana Dankesreiter 4th, Paula Russell 6th  
Triple jump, Paula Russell 5th  
3200 m run, Tonya Fisher 5th  
1600 m run, Tonya Fisher 4th.  
800 m run, Dana Dankesreiter 2nd  
400 m run, Rhonda Trubenbach 6th

200 m run, Dana Dankesreiter 5th  
100 m hurdles, Tracey Walterscheid 3rd, Laura Hess 6th

### MHS Hornets

Scores for the Muenster Hornets were earned as follows.  
Mile relay, Muenster third, Ronnie Fisher, Jeff McAden, Doyle Lewis and Kevin Wolf  
300 m hurdles, Ronnie Fisher 1st  
2 mile, Keith Klement 5th, Kevin Owen 6th  
100 m hurdles, Ronnie Fisher 4th  
400 m dash, Kevin Wolf 3rd  
Mile run, Keith Klement 3rd

### SHHS Tigerettes

Tigerette scores were earned as follows  
400 m relay, Sacred Heart 2nd, Anne Felderhoff, Sandy Taylor, Carmen Sicking and Marilynn Hartman  
800 m relay, Sacred Heart 3rd, Sondra Hess, Anne Felderhoff,

Carmen Sicking and Marilynn Hartman  
Mile relay, Carmen Daugherty, Rose Felderhoff, Carmen Sicking and Marilynn Hartman  
Anne Felderhoff, 3rd in long jump, 5th in triple jump  
Gail Fisher, 3rd in 3200 m run  
Sally Stoffels, 6th in 3200 m run and 6th in mile run  
Rose Felderhoff, 4th in 800 m run  
Sondra Hess, 1st in low hurdles  
Marilynn Hartman, 1st in long jump  
Carmen Daugherty, 3rd in 400 m run

Sandy Taylor, 4th in 200 m run, 6th in discus

### SHHS Tigers

Points for Sacred Heart's Tigers were made as follows.  
Ron Dangelmayr, 2nd in the 3200 m run and 2nd in the 1600 m run  
Bret Walterscheid, 2nd in shot, and 3rd in discus  
Jim Barthus, 2nd in 400 m run  
Sacred Heart boys will be in a meet at S&S this week. Both Muenster High teams will be at the Henrietta meet.



Janie Hartman Photo  
Ready, get set, GO! They're off in a prelim of the 100 m dash at Red River Relays. Doyle Lewis of the Hornets has the center position.

## Knights far in lead at Relays

Lindsay dominated the Red River Relays last Saturday, earning the champ trophy with a score of 108 points. Sixty of those points were scored on four first places... in the 400 and 1600 relays along with 400 and 800 runs. The scoring was recorded as follows.  
400 m relay: Lindsay 1st; Michael Hermes, John Dieter, Kenneth Fuhrmann, Doug Anderle.  
1600 m relay: Lindsay 1st; Kenneth Fuhrmann, Michael Hermes, John Dieter, Doug Anderle.

Knights dominated the Red River Relays last Saturday, earning the champ trophy with a score of 108 points. Sixty of those points were scored on four first places... in the 400 and 1600 relays along with 400 and 800 runs. The scoring was recorded as follows.  
400 m dash: John Dieter 1st.  
800 m run: Victor Schmidkofer 1st; Glenn Block 3rd.  
100 m dash: Doug Anderle 3rd; Kenneth Fuhrmann 6th.  
200 m dash: Glenn Block 2nd.  
300 m hurdles: Tim Carpenter, 4th.  
1600 m run: Victor Schmidkofer, 5th.  
Shot: Gary Dankesreiter, 4th.  
Discus: Mike Corcoran, 6th.  
High Jump: Pat Bezner, 4th.  
Pole vault: Pat Bezner, 2nd; John Dieter 4th.

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Game Wardens compare the small size yet large whallop of the "pacemaker," a device used to illegally shock catfish.

## Game fish populations being devastated by "pacemaker"

The device is so small it can fit into a Skoal can. Yet local game wardens know it is deadly beyond belief when used as an illegal tool by commercial fishermen. They call it, for want of a better term, a pacemaker. But instead of giving life, this particular pacemaker is devastating game fish populations in Lake Texoma and Red River.

John Welch, Cooke County warden, is concerned about this new twist in the ageless poacher's art. And he's vowed to fight it. Yet he admits that the unique size of the illegal shocking device poses problems — as many ways of concealing it exist as there are everyday containers the size of a skoal can.

Welch said parts for the fish shocker — deadly particularly on catfish and most effective in waters over 60 degrees — can be purchased for less than \$10 from any electronics store.

Schematics for construction cost around \$40, he said, and the completed unit can be purchased for some \$200 or less.

Of course the device is

illegal to manufacture, sell or use. In Texas, fish taken in such a manner can cost the violator \$200 per fish.

On the other hand, Welch says he's heard of poachers taking some 1600 pounds of catfish with the pacemaker, fish valued on the market at as much as \$1.25 per pound.

Welch said game and fish law enforcers started hearing of the pacemaker about five years ago.

"We've even heard that at one time they were having shocking tournaments on Texoma," Welch said.

Now he said violators can order the pacemaker from nationally circulated outdoor magazines.

Welch mentioned one poacher that allegedly caught 200 pounds of catfish in two hours — and would have taken more except for running out of gas.

Welch and other north Texas game officials will join forces with Oklahoma conservation officers to stop the shocking on Texoma and Red River. "We'll use helicopters, airplanes, boats — whatever it takes to stop it," Welch said.

Violators on the Oklahoma side not only face

a fine, but can have their equipment confiscated also, Welch said.

The game warden said some 17 arrests have been made in the area this year for illegal shocking violations. So far, he said, the conviction rate has been 100 per cent.

He said Texas sportsmen could help by reporting any suspicious boat activity on area lakes and rivers.

"You'll usually notice one boat doing the actual shocking, one boat pickup the fish with a net, and possibly one boat keeping watch with binoculars,"

he said. Welch said to be on the lookout for boats making large sweeps with a net. If such activity is spotted, the information — hopefully with craft registration, or "T.H." numbers — can be turned in to the local warden by calling the Cooke County sheriff's department.

Concerned citizens can report violators by calling the number 800-792-GAME toll free, Welch said. All information will be held confidential, he said. Anonymous callers will also be eligible for a reward following a conviction.



The Pacemaker...closeup.

## Wardens apprehend Poacher

It took local game law enforcers just over two hours Sunday to nab a Denton man who helped himself to some roadside venison, according to Cooke County Game warden John Welch.

A passenger in a car on Hwy. 82 east of Muenster noticed a man backing a pickup to a deer carcass beside the highway, Welch said.

"He got most of the license tag number as he passed by," Welch said. "The man called us, we checked the tag, and found it belonged to an individual in Denton. I radioed Warden Ken Nevins, who worked Denton County, and he drove by to check it out."

What Nevins found was the carcass of a doe — partially quartered — still in the back of the pickup. He cited

the man for possession of freshly killed deer out of season.

The individual can possibly pay a fine for as much as \$121.50 for his error. Nevins confiscated the doe, which eventually ended up at a school for the mentally retarded in Denton.

For Welch, the case went the way it should — for once. And as he says, it couldn't have happened except for the fact that somebody cared enough to call.



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## Golf tournament dated March 18

Members of the Muenster Golf Association will have a tournament on Sunday March 18, 9 a.m. at the Gainesville Municipal Course...if weather permits. All golfers of the area are welcome to come and join the fun.

Winners of last Sunday's tournament were announced as follows. First place, with 5 under par are Ken Har-

man, Cal Wells and Bobby Hermes. In second place, with 4 under par are Ola Roberg, Tom Flusche, Ed Schneider and Kevin Pels. In third place, with 3 under par, are Mark Hess, Adam Wolf, Brent Hess and Mike Hesse. Also, Bob Hermes had the longest drive and Adam Wolf had the shot nearest the pin.

## Campground user fees to be collected in 1984

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin its 1984 User Fee Collection Program on March 1, Col. Theodore G. Stroup, Fort Worth District Engineer, announced today.

Where economically feasible, fee collection is required by law at all Federal campgrounds which have tent or trailer spaces, drinking water, sanitary facilities, access roads, reasonable visitor protection and other facilities. In addition electrical hookups are available in some Corps' parks.

Basic camping fees, which have ranged from \$3 to \$6 per day since 1981, will remain unchanged for the 1984 season. Rates for campsites with electrical hookups will be \$2 more than the basic fee. However, there is at least one free camping area, without electrical hookups, at each Corps' lake. Group camping fees will vary from \$15 to \$45 per day.

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# Lindsay News

Patty Eberhart / Lindsay Correspondent

## Basketball teams have 12 grads

A year-end note on basketball seasons at Lindsay: The Knights, who played 26 games, will lose five players by graduation. They are Doug Anderle, Aaron Hoenic, Glenn Hermes, Linus Fuhrmann and Kelly Zwinggi. Knightettes, who played 31 games, will have seven graduates: Shannon Fleitman, Gina Hellman, Beverly Neu, Beverly Hermes, Anita Fangman, Kathi May and Cindy Neu.

### School Menu March 12-16

Monday - Lasagne, buttered peas, bread, lettuce salad, pineapple chunks, milk.  
 Tues. - Chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced peaches, milk.  
 Wed. - Beef and cheese taco, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pinto beans, applesauce, cinnamon rolls.  
 Thurs. - Hamburgers with trimmings, French fries, cat-sup, ice cream sandwich, milk.

### Family and Friends

Proud new owners of a 1984 Chevrolet Caprice Classic are John and Edna Hess of Lindsay.

## City Council Report

Members of the Lindsay City Council met Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norb Mages. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Lone Star Gas is asking for a \$10.20 rate increase. However the council has tabled any action pertaining to this matter for 30 days.

The next item of business discussed were street repairs. The council decided to advertise for sealed bids to seal-coat 9th St. They will also advertise for sealed bids for one mile of fog-seal. As of Monday evening

Norb Mages is the only candidate for mayor. However, there are now three who have filed to run for alderman. These include Sonny Black, Danny Zwinggi and Nel Hess.

### Tourney deadline

Basketball enthusiasts of Lindsay are reminded that Friday, March 9, is the deadline for entering the basketball tournament sponsored by the Lindsay Boosters Club March 19-24. Others wishing to enter are asked to contact Gene Hermes, 665-0992 or Edna Hermes 665-0432.

## Essay contest winners announced



Essay contest winners of the senior division: left to right: Third place, Victor Schmidkofer; second place, Laura Fuhrmann and first place, Linus Fuhrmann.

Each year the Catholic State League and the Catholic Life Insurance Union co-sponsor an essay contest, in two divisions: junior high and senior high.

The title for this years essay was, "The Holy Year of Redemption 1983."

Local essay winners were announced and acknowledged at the St. Anne's dinner Sunday evening. All winners were present.

## Lindsay Knights - Season Basketball Stats

### Knightettes

PLAYER	Field Goal Att.	Field Goal Made	Field Goal %	Free T. Att.	Free T. Made	Free T %	Re bounds	Steals	Assists	Total Points
Shannon Fleitman	211	130	62	110	59	54	261	35	31	319
Gina Hellman	326	126	39	93	50	54	133	76	89	302
Beverly Neu	257	134	52	43	28	65	152	19	31	296
Beverly Hermes	269	109	41	88	55	63	173	63	91	273
Anita Fangman	209	78	37	36	22	61	79	41	62	178
Kathi May	155	66	43	33	15	45	27	20	49	147
Brenda Haverkamp	109	37	34	35	13	37	78	20	22	87
Cindy Neu	35	14	40	25	6	24	28	14	27	34
Deana Nortman	24	8	33	3	2	67	11	2	0	18
Julie Myrick	17	5	29	4	1	25	22	3	4	11
TEAM TOTALS	1613	707	44	470	251	53	965	294	406	1665

### Knights

Doug Anderle	375	151	40	84	40	48	133	79	84	344
Aaron Hoenic	245	116	47	89	47	53	221	29	20	289
Glenn Hermes	312	99	32	47	31	66	115	36	67	229
Jeff Hellman	245	94	38	63	39	62	200	65	93	225
Kevin Fuhrmann	135	51	38	44	30	68	99	26	32	132
Linus Fuhrmann	54	21	39	33	13	39	68	4	15	56
Leroy Hermes	28	9	32	16	7	44	40	10	8	25
Tim Carpenter	23	4	17	2	0	0	11	2	3	8
Kelly Zwinggi	15	3	20	4	0	0	6	6	15	6
TEAM TOTALS	1436	548	38	384	209	54	904	258	338	1316



Essay contest winners, junior division boys l to r; third Bobby Fleitman; second Ashley Fuhrmann; and first Brad Metzler. First place girls Jacqueline Sandmann; second, Lucy Fuhrmann; third Donn Lutkenhaus.

## Silent Picnic is big success

Saint Anne's Society's "Silent Picnic Raffle" was held Sunday, March 4 at the Lindsay Parish Hall. Many attended the turkey and dressing supper-party.

Following supper, winners of the raffle were drawn, including: Jerri Geray, a quilt donated by Margaret Koerner and Mrs. Julius Sandman; Joanie Schad \$100. cash donated by the St. Anne's Society; Alice Gruber \$50. cash donated by St. Anne's Society.

An electric burner, range and broiler donated by

Vera Conrady were won by Gay Sandmann. A gallon of shelled pecans donated by Mrs. Ed Schad was won by Pat Neu, and a multicolored afghan made by Mrs. Norbet Zimmerer was won by Leon Fleitman.

Alice Gruber was the winner of a second afghan donated by Mrs. Lawrence Zimmerer; and a third afghan donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Bezner was won by Erna Arendt. Two \$25. cash prizes donated by St. Anne's Society were won by Edward Sandmann and Jeff Neu.

Cathy Schindler won a figurine donated by Fuhrmann's Jewelry. Agnes Hellinger won a crocheted tissue set donated by Marcella Metzler. A smoke alarm donated by Walter Lutkenhaus was won by Amy Hoerber.

A hand mixer won by Karen Hoerber, a bottle of whiskey won by Bernie Beyer, \$10. cash won by James Bengfort and another \$10. cash won by Leon Fleitman were all donated anonymously.

## Visitation

Father Thomas Gardner, O.F.M. Associate Provincial Spiritual Assistant from Sacred Heart Province, Oak Brook, Illinois arrived in Lindsay and Muenster on Feb. 27 for Visitation with the members of the Secular Franciscans from St. Peter's Fraternity and St. Bonaventure Fraternity in Muenster. He was a guest for four nights at Sacred Heart Rectory in Muenster.

Father Thomas Gardner O.F.M. celebrated Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday February 28 in St. Peter's Church, Lindsay with members of both Fraternities present. Veronica Klement was the Lector and read the liturgy. Mrs. Mary Stoffels read the Petitions.

In his homily Father Thomas said, "Love one another as God has loved you, Do for another as God has done for you. Be concerned for the welfare of others and serve in the spirit of contentment and gratitude. That is real love. Love is the greatest of all virtues."

Mrs. Angela Haverkamp accompanied on the organ for the singing. The "St. Francis Song" was sung before the Mass. Closing song "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Following Mass all met in the Parish Hall for the noon meal. All members from both Fraternities brought covered dishes which made a delicious meal, that was enjoyed by all.

Immediately after the meal Father Thomas spoke. The conference opened with the Canonical Visitation prayer from the New Ritual. He introduced himself and

said he is a native of Minnesota. He explained the "New Rule" and the life of St. Francis and the establishment of the Secular Franciscan Order. Meeting closed with the Canonical Visitation Prayer.

On Friday March 2 at 2:00 p.m. Father Thomas met with the members of the St. Peter's Fraternity Council in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Flusche. After the

meeting Mrs. Elvira Flusche served strawberry cake and coffee. He left for Oklahoma City on Saturday March 3 for Visitations in that area.

Father Thomas celebrated Mass in Muenster on Wednesday and Saturday. He met with Muenster members Wednesday afternoon for their council meeting held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer.

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# BUSINESS

## Bayers succeed with a flair for merchandising

When a couple named Bayer buys a business from the Swirczynskis, eventually naming it Kolonialwaren und Backerei, I'd bet a jalapeno chicken pepper against an apple strudel that particular business is either somewhere north of Munich or right here at home in Muenster, Texas.

Of course anyone who's been to the east end of town on Highway 82 and stopped to sample the great baked goods — or jalapeno chicken pepper, for that matter — knows that Kolonialwaren und Backerei is a Muenster business, baked up by home folks with a flair for merchandising and some mighty fine food.

Charles and Carolyn Bayer bought the business back in 1978. At the time weren't even in the city limits, so they went to work to remedy that, and the legalities of obtaining a beer license.

In 1980 Charles started baking doughnuts to sell in the store. The following spring, just before Germanfest, he brought forth a line of bakery goods.

"I'd been a farmer all my life," Charles said. "I was used to longer hours than just making doughnuts.

So I bought an oven and some other equipment and

started making bread, struedel, cookies, rolls and such."

In the meantime the store was moving into the fried chicken business. Now the Bayers have a full deli line — feasting, of course, the jalapeno chicken pepper. They say it's a big seller.

"Germanfest was just getting started, and we wanted a name, and a theme, that would be around awhile," Carolyn said. So they looked up Sister M. Theresina, a former teacher here and native of Switzerland. She wrote down about 14 original names. The winner: Kolonialwaren, when the bakery was added, the und Backerei was tacked on.

"It's an old German word, hardly even used there anymore," Charles said. "It means something like groceries and wares. We thought it fit."

The Bayers rounded up bakery recipes from Muenster locals, visitors from Germany who have stopped in, and from library research.

A German doctor and his wife, after a stop at Kolonialwaren, shipped the Bayers a batch of recipes from the old country — a great gesture, the Bayers say, although a bit hard to

translate.

The Bayers are presently furnishing rolls and buns for Fischerhaus Restaurant, adding both flavor and authenticity to that establishment's renowned wares. The Fishers sell the Bayer's bread, the Bayers sell the Fishers' cheese and sausage. A kind of ethnic togetherness, they say.

Charles' famed apple strudel hasn't been on the bakery shelves for some time, the reason being a bout with back surgery has separated him from the rolling pin for a spell.

The last batch of that mouth-watering stuff was baked around Germanfest time last year, and Carolyn relates the strudel will remain on the back burner until her husband heals. The employees just cannot duplicate the techniques that originated — and remain — firmly entrenched in Charles' imagination.

Charles says the bakery may soon have some new equipment that will render the strudel making process simpler, and is so, he'll have his specialty back on the production line.

Until then, the baking burden will continue to rest on the shoulders of the Bayers' "right hand man" Diane Walterscheid.

The Bayers are still keeping up a 2:45 a.m. rising schedule, but the back surgery three months ago has limited the length of each work day. Diane, who has worked for the Bayers since June, has taken over admirably, according to Charles.

The future of the business is an exciting one, according to the Bayers. "My plan is to get even more German in our bakery product line," Charles says. "We're going to expand that aspect of our business. We plan to forever have something new."

The Bayers say that people are constantly trying to get them to move the bakery.

"Everyone points out the benefits of having this operation in a bigger town," Charles says. "And I guess they have a point. But I just really like it here in Muenster."

Building a business upon pride in one's heritage is not bad business at all in a community like Muenster. The bakery makes wonderful products. But then, the Bayers work hard at seeing that it does. And that combination — community pride and dedication — seems to be the secret of what makes Kolonialwaren und Backerei work so well.



Charles Bayer and Diane Walterscheid

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## Gehrig adds collector items to product mix

"If you look at them in a certain way, you can almost hear them breathe..."

That's the description one collector gave of M.I. Hummel figurines, interpretations of religious and children's sketches by famed German artist Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel. And now they're here, at Gehrig Hardware.

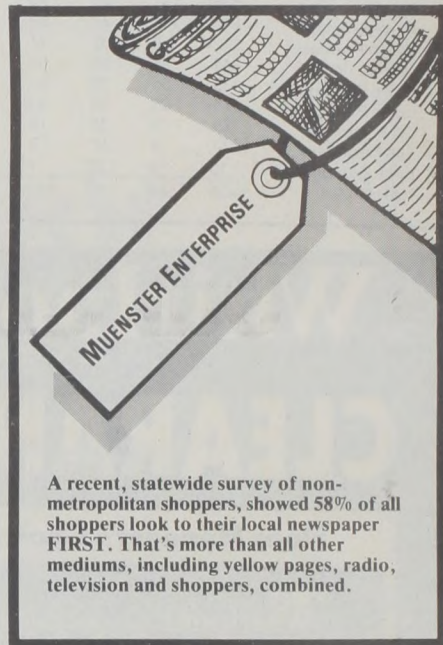
According to Cindy Gehrig, Sister Hummel's sketches were viewed favorably by a W. Goebel, proprietor of an art studio in Rodental, West Germany. He asked for, and received, permission from the artist to interpret the sketches as sculpture.

Goebel hired three sculptors to do the design, and, working under the personal guidance and assistance of

the artist, began production at Porzellanfabrik Studios. Sister Hummel died in 1946 at the age of 37, yet her work remains to this day.

Cindy said the figurines are considered especially valuable by collectors here. She said she decided to handle the Hummel figurines after several years of contemplation. She received several requests during Christmas, and went ahead with making the applications that would bring them to Muenster. Cindy has already received a starter collection of 19 pieces. Prices range from \$39 to \$55.

As Cindy says, "a young life full of spirit and love came to a tragic end, but the youthful loving spirit lives on...in her work — the Hummel figurines."



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## Texans concerned about effects of developing natural resources

Texans are concerned about the environment but have mixed opinions about the economic and social effects from developing the State's natural resources, according to a survey by researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A&M University.

Texas has been a national leader in developing its extensive natural resources and as a result has experienced rapid economic and population growth, during the last decade.

Because of the importance of natural resources for the State's continued prosperity, this survey asked the general public a series of questions about the State's natural resources and the effects their development might be having on communities and their environment.

When asked about several potential problems in the State, a majority of the public considered industrial disposal of chemical waste (62%), loss of Texas farmland to residential developments (58%), loss of wildlife habitat (54%), city growth (51%), and pollution of underground water (50%) to be moderate or serious problems, according to Drs. John K. Thomas and Don E. Albrecht, TAES research scientists, who were involved in this study of Texans' concerns and attitudes.

Respondents were also asked if they had observed any particular environmental problems in the counties where they lived. Although most people said they had not, 43 percent had observed industrial air pollution; 38 percent had noticed polluted streams, lakes, or rivers; but only 23 percent reported observing unsuitable drinking water.

While many thought chemical waste disposal was a major problem in Texas, less than a quarter of the respondents had seen chemical waste dumping sites in their counties.

Finally, in response to a question regarding soil erosion on farms, 29 percent said it was occurring in their counties. Thus, while most Texans perceived the existence of several environmental problems, the majority thought these were problems mainly in areas outside their home counties.

It's recognized that the development of Texas' natural resources, particularly energy and land related resources, has played an important part in the State's growth and that continued development of our resources will have both advantages and disadvantages.

In this survey of the Texas Public, researchers asked respondents to consider whether or not they would favor development of our natural resources when given both a benefit and a possible disadvantage of doing so. Responses favoring and opposing development were generally mixed.

The public was almost equally divided in its support when more businesses

would be established and local roads improved versus those opposing development, if it also meant a high cost of living and more traffic.

Concern for the environment surfaced again as 63 percent of those surveyed said they opposed natural resource development where it would pollute air and water, despite its creation of more jobs and businesses.

If development created better community services but also led to higher taxes to pay for such services, 47 percent favored it compared to 38 percent who opposed.

Finally, almost half of those responding opposed (vs. 36% favored, 15% undecided) development, if population growth caused changes in their community's way of life. This was particularly evident when 81 percent said they opposed the growth if it meant more crime and delinquency.

"Overall, the Texas public seemed to take a cautious position regarding natural resource development and its possible environmental and social consequences for their communities," concluded Thomas and Albrecht.

## 391 Texas Charolais flown to Korea

Three hundred ninety-one head of Charolais cattle were flown to Korea through the Texas Department of Agriculture livestock export facility in Houston Feb. 4, part of the Korean government's program to upgrade cattle production.

According to export facility manager Harry Foresman, the shipment was valued at \$136,850.

The animals, all heifers, were purchased at auction in

Texas. The Korean government planned to distribute them to farmers and ranchers participating in the national breeding program.

Foresman said 1,050 heifers have been shipped to Korea since May. Four more shipments have been scheduled this year.

Korea has also bought cattle from Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Most of the animals have been Charolais though some have been Herefords.

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## Chamber members note

**From The Chamber:**  
Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

If you could not attend the February luncheon you missed a good meal and a very fine program by Mrs. Bright. Her program or slide show about the Texas Sesquicentennial was very informative to all who saw it.

I thought this saying I found might be appropriate for this time of the year. "There was an important job to be done and everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody could do it, but nobody realized that everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when actually nobody asked anybody."

Alvin and Wayne still need volunteers to work at Germanfest. If you can serve please contact one of them.

P.S. You have been asked.

President,  
Don Abney

**Calendar**  
Mar. 7 - Board meeting 9 a.m.  
Mar. 13 - Luncheon meeting, noon, The Center  
April 4 - Board meeting, 9 a.m.  
April 10 - Luncheon meeting, noon, The Center  
April 27, 28 & 29 - Germanfest

## Telephone Sham

You don't always get what you pay for. That message was made loud and clear this week by Muenster Police Chief Helen Tompkins after she received several complaints concerning unethical telephone solicitors.

Tompkins said Muenster residents have complained of telephone offers for merchandise that turned out to be a sham.

In each case, the police officer said, the callers asked for payment "up front."

She said that anyone agreeing to accept merchandise after a telephone solicitation should be never to send payment until the merchandise is received and inspected.

What meets the eye oftentimes is nowhere near what greeted the ear, according to the police chief.









# Farm & Ranch



Craig Rosenbaum

## County Agent's Report

We are at that time of the year when 4-H and FFA boys and girls are busily grooming and pampering their animals for the 1984 Cooke County Junior Livestock Show. Activities begin next Wednesday and conclude with a Premium Auction on Saturday, March 17.

This year we are fortunate in that all shows will be held at the new livestock facility at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. We want to first thank the many volunteers, both adult and youth, who worked Saturdays, Sundays, and nights picking rocks, painting, welding,

erecting bleachers, hauling debris, etc., etc., to get the new facility ready for the show.

We want to encourage everyone to attend the show and sale next week. The boys and girls have spent many hours with their project since early last fall, and I know they would appreciate your support.

A schedule of the judging follows:

Mar. 14 - 1:00 p.m. - Breeding Show, County Fair Grounds, - Broiler Show, County Fair Grounds.

Mar. 15 - 10:00 a.m. - Steer Show, County Fair

Grounds, 5:30 p.m. - Market Sheep Show, County Fair Grounds.

Mar. 16 - 5:30 p.m. - Market Swine Show, County Fair Grounds.

Mar. 17 - 12:00 noon - Sale of Market Animals, County Fair Grounds.

4-H clubs from over the county along with FFA chapters from Muenster, Gainesville, Lindsay, Callisburg, Valley View, and Era will be participating.

The new fair grounds is a county project for the people of all Cooke County. We look forward to seeing you at the 1984 Cooke County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

# Preservation of the Buffalo

It's hard to imagine that only a little over 100 years ago the vast grasslands of Texas were grazed by buffalo numbering millions strong. The "great southern herd," the one most romanticized in tales of Kiowa and Comanche raiders, hide hunters and bone pickers, was also the last to succumb to relentless policies of extermination. In fact, it was famed Texas cattleman Charles Goodnight that was instrumental in the preservation of the few remaining wild buffalo left on the Southern Plains.

The former range of the buffalo corresponds with the vast cattle range of today. Although subspecies of buffalo could be found from the eastern seaboard into Canada and even into Old Mexico, it was the rolling grasslands of the central United States that produced herds early naturalists estimated at some 60 million strong — the greatest numbers of any single species ever known to inhabit the world.

Considering the vastness of this territory and the mind-staggering populations, it's depressing to realize that extermination was accomplished in the span of several decades.

But we have to remember that natural mortality among buffalo, or bison, before white men came onto

the southern plains was the taking of the extremely young, old or sick by predators such as buffalo wolves or possibly plains grizzlies, hunting by small bands of wandering Indians, and occasional losses to fire or disease. However, the buffalo was wonderfully adapted to its environment and remained remarkably disease free and was equipped to withstand all but the severest winter weather without discomfort. The buffalo had become such an integral part of the ecological order that its demise affected the natural patterns of hundreds of support plants and animals.

The earliest bison calves are dropped in late April following a 9½ month gestation. Most calves are born by mid-May, although stragglers appear in July and in rare cases, October.

At birth, calves weigh between 30 and 70 pounds. Single births are the rule.

As the hotter summer months approach, the cow-calf groups are again joined by the older "loner" bulls as the breeding season approaches. Bulls generally prefer solitude or the company of other bulls except during the rutting season. Mating usually subsides in late August and September, and the bulls once again go their own way, to join with the cows only by chance.

During fall, buffalo finish growing their heavy winter coats once so relished by the hide hunters. The animals then have a sleek blackish appearance.

Cow-calf groups split into herds of about 30 animals and remain as such throughout winter.

Winter storms find the animals facing into the wind and continuing to graze. Bison are often seen in unprotected areas seemingly paying little attention to frigid temperatures and blizzard conditions. When snow covers the ground, buffalo root through it with their noses instead of pawing at horses or deer may do. They swing their heads from side to side with their noses acting as snow shovels, pushing the snow aside. When ice at watering areas becomes too thick for the animals to break, they will eat snow and may go for weeks or even months without open drinking water. Winter mortality is generally never high.

During most of the year buffalo feed mainly during five periods of the day... just before dawn, just before midday, in mid-afternoon, several hours before sunset and again around midnight. This feeding pattern loses its regularity during the rut and in winter.

Watering areas are visited at least once a day during

the summer, especially by cow-calf groups. When temporary waterholes dry up in early August, bison groups tend to remain in the vicinity of more permanent ones. Grasses in the area of these permanent waterholes show heavier use than in surrounding range, and trails like those seen in domestic cattle pastures converge.

A drive to save the buffalo from extinction was mounted early in the century, and one of the original bison ranges established for that purpose was in the Wichita Mountains near Lawton, Oklahoma, about 70 miles north of Wichita Falls.

Now several major buffalo ranges exist across their former domain, and many large private herds are building.

Stockgrowers are experimenting with buffalo-cattle hybrids, and science is studying this historically significant and truly "Texan" mammal, discovering a list of assets that may someday see its return as a benefactor to man. Bison are remarkably disease resistant, have rich meat with minor cholesterol content, and utilize native forage more efficiently than imported cattle breeds.

## Rain good for farmers

Some two inches of rainfall that fell across Cooke County this weekend "left everything looking good for area farmers and ranchers," according to Craig Rosenbaum, county extension agent.

Rosenbaum said the rainfall shouldn't make any difference in the small grain disease situation, although some rust spores have been showing up this spring.

"This rainfall should prove detrimental to certain spiders and greenbugs," the county agent said. "It came

at just the right time of the year. Winter annuals in our pastures are really greening up following the rain."

Rosenbaum said good farming practices by area farmers have kept erosion to a minimum during heavy spring rains. "We've built a lot of waterways and done a good job of terracing in this area," Rosenbaum said.

"You're not going to have much loss due to erosion if throughout the years you follow a sound conservation program. Where the losses occur are where conservation is practiced on a year-to-year basis, instead of as a lifetime commitment."

All in all, Rosenbaum said, it was a good, slow rain.

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Absentee landlords are also a factor in soil erosion, notes Harris. Farmers leasing cropland often cannot afford soil conservation practices. And, unless a lease has a long-term agreement, he has no guarantee that he will obtain adequate benefit from soil conservation work.

"Improving land management practices is the key to solving soil erosion problems," believes Harris. "If farmers believe they must continue to farm erosive land, they should follow farming practices

# Conservation or Economics

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Soil erosion by both wind and water is a major problem in Texas and is continually aggravated by some current farming practices and economics.

"The economics of modern farming, larger equipment, high interest rates and careless conservation attitudes have all led to excessive soil erosion in recent years," says Dr. B.L. Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Many farmers are faced with a tough choice — practicing conservation or economics — with the result being biased towards economic out of a basic sense of survival, notes the specialist.

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needed conservation methods. Many are in extreme financial straits, so economics determine to a great extent what they can or cannot do, regardless of the recommended conservation practices," says Harris.

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technical expertise for installing practices, says the specialist. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service provides some "cost-share" funds for selected conservation practices, and the Farmers Home Administration provides loans to assist with conservation programs.

All of these agencies and more work together to assist landowners and users to protect their basic resources while they reap realistic profits from their production operations. Harris encourages farmers and ranchers to make extensive use of assistance from these state and federal agencies.

"Conservation must first be a well-ingrained attitude in landowners before any long-term improvement in soil resources occurs," contends Harris. "All users of land are encouraged to give serious thought to the quality and condition of lands they will leave to future generations."

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### Market Report

by Bill Hamer

Yearlings have continued strong and active this past week, according to Hamer. Cows were steady to \$1.00 lower. Calves continued steady to strong.  
Last week's sale tally: 1025 cattle, 37 hogs.

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE**

Yng. hf. type cows	45 - 50
Util. & Comm. cows	42 - 45.50
Can & cutter cows	38 - 42
Md. - Gd. bulls	50 - 52

**STOCKER & FEEDER YEARLINGS**

Good-Choice steer yrsl.	66 - 71*
Med. - Good steer yrsl.	62 - 67
Good - Choice Hf. yrsl.	61 - 64.50
Med. - Gd. Hf. yrsl.	59 - 61
Plain - Med. yrsl.	50 - 59

**STOCKER COWS**

Gd. - Ch. Cows	400.00, 535.00 Per A.P.
Gd. - Ch. Pairs	600.00, 675.00

**STOCKER & FEEDER CALVES**

Gd. - Ch. str. calves	200 - 300 lbs. 85 - 90
Md. - Gd. str. calves	200-300 lbs. 80 - 85
Com. Med. str. calves	200-300 lbs. 65 - 75
Gd. Ch. str. calves	300 - 400 lbs. 70 - 75
Md. - Gd. str. calves	300 - 400 lbs. 67 - 72
Gd. - Ch. steer calves	400 - 500 lbs. 68 - 72
Md. - Gd. steer calves	400 - 500 lbs. 66 - 70
Com.-med. steer calves	400 - 500 lbs. 58 - 65
Gd. - Ch. Hf. calves	200 - 300 lbs. 62 - 65
Md. - Gd. Hf. calves	200 - 300 lbs. 60 - 63
Com. - Med. Hf. calves	300 - 400 lbs. 58 - 63
Gd. - Ch. Hf. calves	400 - 500 lbs. 60-63.50
Com. - Med. Hf. calves	400 - 500 lbs. 48 - 55
Holstein st. calves	200 - 400 lbs. 55 - 58
Holstein st. calves	400 - 600 lbs. 52 - 55

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