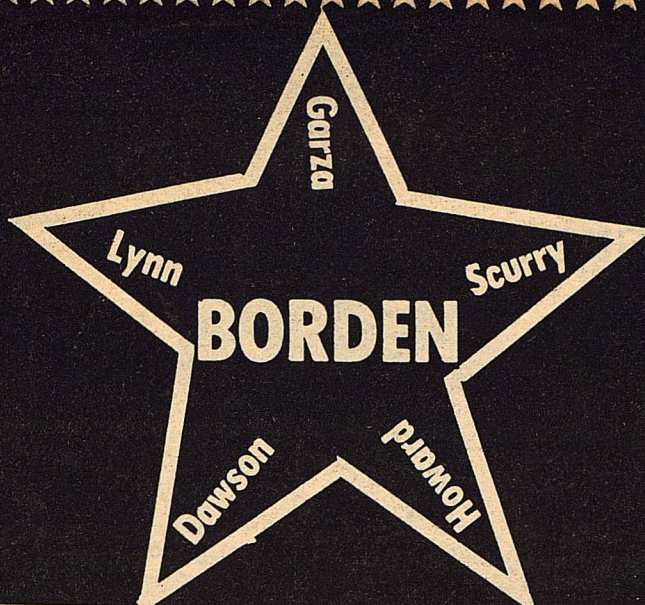


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## SEEKS ELECTION TO THE STATE SCHOOL BOARD

Lubbock businessman Monte Hasie, who has served 12 years on the board of trustees for the Lubbock Independent School District, has announced his intention to file for election to the State School Board of Education. He will seek to represent District 15, which includes a wide swath of West Texas.

Hasie, a financial consultant with Thomson McKinnon Securities Corp., served as president of the Lubbock board of trustees for seven of his dozen years in the elected position. He also was an adviser to the State School Board for two years. District 15 includes a broad expanse of West Texas and is bounded on

the southeast by Mitchell, Scurry and Howard counties, on the southwest by Ector and Andrews counties and includes all of the South Plains and Panhandle areas.

A West Texas native, Hasie will run on the Republican ticket.

Hasie attended elementary school in Tahoka and Lubbock and graduated from Lubbock High School in 1955. He also is a graduate of Texas Tech, receiving a civil engineering degree in 1959. He also did graduate work in civil engineering at Tech in 1963 and 1964. Hasie served as an officer in the U.S. Army artillery in 1956 and 1960.

An active civic leader, Hasie is an advisory member of the board of directors of Whisperwood National Bank, sits on the board of the Red Raider Club and is a member of the Century Club at Texas Tech University, is a partner in Q Properties Development, is vice

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### TO ANSWER NUMEROUS INQUIRIES:

The photo of the rattlesnake on the front page of the November 11th issue of The Borden Star was taken by a Borden County resident of a local snake. The snake measured 6'6" and didn't much like having his picture taken.







**Regular Board Meeting  
November 16, 1987 - 8:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on November 16, 1987 at 8:00 p.m.

Board members present were Bill Phinzy, Tom Ed Vestal, Joel Dennis, Kent Holmes, Jack McPhaul, and Steve Hess.

Administrators present were James McLeroy, Superintendent; Mickey McMeans, High School Principal; and Ben Jarrett, Elementary Principal.

The meeting was called to order by Jack McPhaul, President.

**Minutes**  
The minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 1987 were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Visitors**  
There were no visitors present.

**Bills**  
Bills were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report**  
1. **Financial Report and Budget Amendment**  
The Superintendent presented a year-to-date financial report and recommended the budget be amended to include the cost of two new school buses. A motion was made and seconded to amend the budget to pay for two new school buses. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Attendance Report**  
It was reported that 61 students are enrolled in high school and 157 in elementary for a total of 218 students.

3. **Personnel Report**  
The Superintendent reported that Patricia Gass had left the employment of the school to move to Post, Texas.  
A motion was made and seconded to accept the Superintendent's report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Performance Report**  
Superintendent McLeroy led the Board in a review of the Annual Performance Report of the Borden County Independent School District for the school year 1986-1987. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Annual Performance report for the 1986-1987 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Textbook Committee**  
The Superintendent recommended the following personnel to serve on the 1987-1988 Textbook Committee:

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| James McLeroy, Chairman | Dorothy Gray    |
| Mickey McMeans          | Peggy Westbrook |
| Ben Jarrett             | Jan McCathern   |
| Beverly Copeland        | Rita Kilmer     |
| Doris Steadman          | Dave Briggs     |
| Ann McLeroy             | Joe Copeland    |
| Shirley McMeans         | Netta Jarrett   |

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Textbook Committee as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dual Residence**  
All persons desiring dual residence must be in full compliance by the December 1987 board meeting.

**Adjournment**  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

# LADY COYOTES CONCLUDE SCRIMMAGES

Borden County's Lady Coyotes played their final scrimmage before starting the regular season. Traveling to Tahoka, Borden showed great improvement over last week suffering just 12 turnovers and coming up with 14 steals. Shooting percentage was down but the high percentage shots just weren't falling.

Elana Himes hit in double figures for Borden with 14 followed by Lisha Sternadel with 8, Kristi Adcock with 5, and Elvira Balaque with 3. Elana led in field goal percentage with 58% hitting 7 of 12. Kristi led in free throw percentage with 50% making 1 of 2. Kate Phinzy came up with the most steals with 4 followed by Lisha and Elana with 3 each. Elvira led in assists with 3. Leading rebounders for Borden were Elana with 11 and Kristi and Lisha with 6 each. Borden led the first quarter 7-4 but fell behind 1-13 at half. Tahoka led 25-19 entering the final stanza before outscoring the Lady Coyotes 13-11 in the last quarter. For Tahoka it was a two man scoring display as Tisha Hood hit 18 points outside and 6'2" Angela Lawson hit 19 inside to account for 37 of the Bulldogs 38 points. Elvira gained the distinction by becoming the first Borden County player to connect on a 3 point attempt, a new rule this year.

The J.V. got scoring out of each of the six players as they routed the Bulldogs 33-14. Amy Lewis led with 14 followed by Rachel Romero and Julie Harris with 6. Randi Woodward hit 3 and Mary Ann and Elizabeth Garcia each had 2. Borden outscored Tahoka in each of the four quarters 6-2, 12-4, 7-2, and 8-6. Borden hit 1 of 4 free throws and Tahoka was 4 of 18.



## Borden County I. S. D. BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1987-1988

### BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1987-88 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 13	Wellman	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Nov. 17	Ira	Gail	A-B	A	5:00
Nov. 20	Loop	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Nov. 24	Loraine	Gail	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 1	Loop	Loop	A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 3-4-5	Garden City Tournament		A	A	TBA
Dec. 8	Robert Lee	Gail	A	A	6:30
Dec. 10-11-12	Sands Tournament		A	A	TBA
Dec. 15	Ira	Ira	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 17-18-19	*Borden County Tour.		A	A	TBA
Jan. 5	Midland Chris.	Gail	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 12	**Klondike	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 15	**O'Donnell	O'Donnell	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 19	**Grady	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 22	**Sands	Ackerly	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 26	New Life Chris.	Gail		A	6:30
Jan. 29	**Klondike	Klondike	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 2	**O'Donnell	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 5	**Grady	Grady	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 9	**Sands	Gail	A	A-B	5:00

\* Teams in Borden County Tournament: Borden County, Jayton, Klondike, Loop, Loraine, Sands, Wellman, & Westbrook.

\*\* Denotes District Games

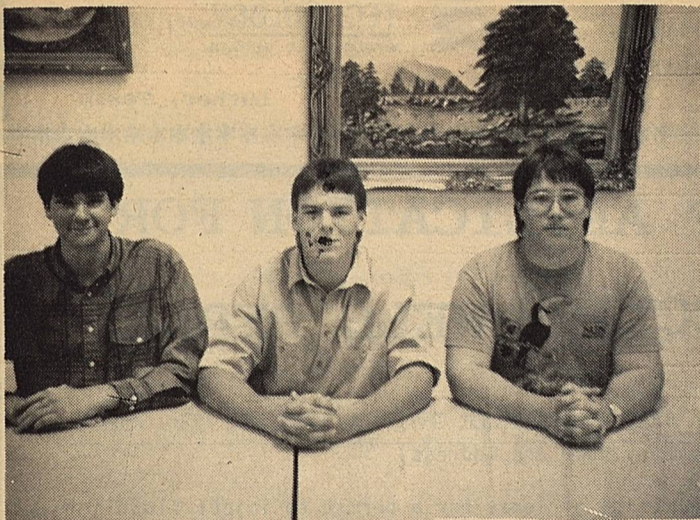
### BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH 1987-88 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 21	Sands Tournament	Ackerly	A	A	TBA
Nov. 30	Klondike	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 7	O'Donnell	O'Donnell	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 14	Grady	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 4	Sands	Ackerly	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 18	Klondike	Klondike	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 25	O'Donnell	Gail	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 1	Grady	Grady	A-B	A	5:00
Feb. 8	Sands	Gail	A	A-B	5:00

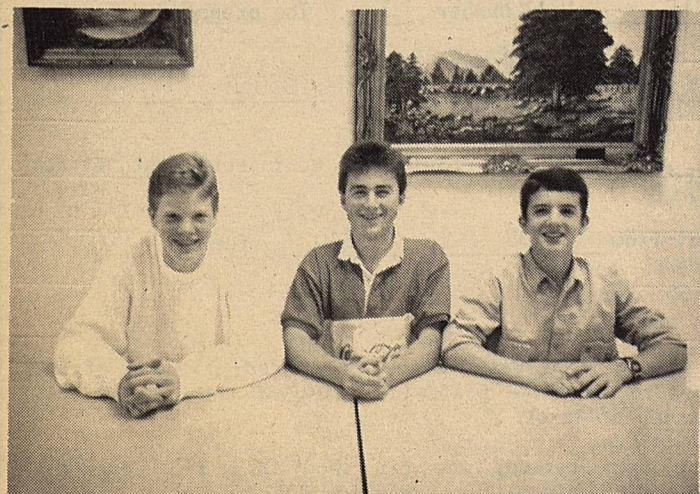
## LUNCH MENU

SCHOOL LUNCHES  
November 23 - 25, 1987

Monday	Corn Dogs Pork & Beans Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Turkey & Dressing Mashed Potatoes English Peas Cranberry Sauce Bread Milk	No Salad Bar
Wednesday	Tuna Sandwich French Fries Lettuce - Tomatoes Cookie Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday	
Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday	



SENIOR SKILLS placed 2nd. and qualified for Area: Jon Herring, James Smith and Cody Cooley.



JUNIOR SKILLS placed 1st. and qualified for Area: Cole Vestal, Shane Kemper and Eric Lusk.



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well is located North 3 miles from Vincent in Rinecke, South  
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Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata

in the subsurface depth interval from 6308 to 6340 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the  
 Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas  
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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely  
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LET ME GET MY HAT

by Dennis Poole

## BRUCELLOSIS BRANDINGS REQUIRED

### BY MORE STATES

Progress against brucellosis is being made across Texas and especially in a 13-county area where infection rates are higher than the rest of the state.

Producers should continue efforts to eradicate brucellosis, says Dennis Poole, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Texas moved up to Class B status in April and this means new regulations breeders need to be familiar with.

"It is now apparent Texas livestock producers must increase their efforts to control brucellosis,"

Seven Class Free and

Class A states are now requiring an "F" brand on certain classes of heifers imported from Class B and C states.

"In all cases, you should check with the state of destination for complete regulations on entry of cattle."

Coming up soon are two new deadlines that breeders should be aware of. They are:

1. As of October 1, 1988, heifer calves will not be moved from Class B states unless they are "S" branded or spayed.

2. After October 1, 1990, only steers, spayed heifers, "S" branded cattle or certified free herds may be moved from Class B states.

### Chlordane banned from retail sales in Texas

(AUSTIN)--Chlordane and three other termite-control pesticides are no longer available to consumers for their personal use. "After Nov. 1, 1987, it is illegal to sell chlordane, heptachlor, aldrin or dieldrin to anyone who is not a certified pest control applicator," said TDA Assistant Commissioner Rick Lowerre.

Lowerre said TDA's actions were taken after months of discussions with the manufacturer, with pest control applicators, with consumer groups and with persons who have been victims of misuse of termite-control chemicals. TDA's plan for restricting sales of the chemicals to consumers was first announced in April.

"We are convinced these steps are in the best interests of the health of Texans," Lowerre said. "The potential for misuse of these pesticides is great. The potential for harm is even greater, because these pesticides are used in our homes."

Actions taken recently by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will further limit the use of chlordane, Lowerre said.

Velsicol Chemical Corp., the manufacturer of chlordane, has agreed to stop production of chlordane products. Under the agreement reached with EPA, any products still on the market can be sold or used, but after Nov. 1, they will be available only to applicators who are licensed and

trained by TDA or the Structural Pest Control Board.

Chlordane has been the most commonly used termite-control chemical. It remains persistent in the soil for 30 years or more. EPA considers chlordane to be a possible cancer-causing agent, based on laboratory testing.

Lowerre urged consumers who need help with a termite infestation to ask licensed applicators for information on all alternatives for termite-control methods before making a decision.

### BONDS RATE

### SET

The semiannual market-based interest rate for United States Savings Bonds, in effect from November 1987 through April 1988, has been set at 7.17 percent, the Treasury Department announced last week. The rate is 85 percent of the average market yield on five-year Treasury marketable

securities during the preceding six months, 8.44 percent.

Bonds must be held five years or longer to receive market-based rates. Series E Bonds, Savings Notes, and Series EE Bonds issued through April 30, 1983, begin receiving market-based yields--retroactive five years--as they reach their semi-annual interest dates on and after November 1, 1987. The yield on these Bonds, held through the first five years of the market-based interest program, is 8.75 percent.

Yields at redemption are the average of semi-annual market-based rates during the time held rounded to the nearest quarter percent and compounded semi-annually, or a minimum rate--whichever is greater. The current minimum rate is six percent. EE Bonds held less than five years earn interest on a fixed, graduated scale.

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law Resident Engineer, Snyder, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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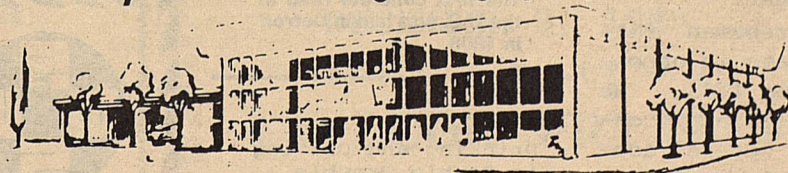
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## HOSPITAL NOTES OF COMMUNITY

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856-4363. He will pass the information on to the paper. No mention of the illness will be made.

Christine Cunningham is out of the hospital and is staying with a sister in Lubbock.

D.L. Poston has been in the Snyder hospital but should be home soon.

L.D. Smith is in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth.

Pat Telchik is home from the hospital.

Chad Williams is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Congressman Charles W. Stenholm led a bipartisan revolt against a \$12 billion tax bill that, despite impassionate speeches and often bitter exchanges, eventually passed the House of Representatives with the aid of unusual parliamentary procedures.

By a vote of 206-205, the House approved legislation that includes spending cuts of \$2.5 billion but also raises taxes by \$12.8 billion as a means to reduce the federal deficit. One section of the bill included a three percent pay raise for Congress, which Congressman Stenholm particularly opposed.

The area congressman did not support the bill for several other reasons as well. He said voting on this bill during the precarious Wall Street situation was bad timing, that the domestic economic summit between the President and Congress deserved a chance and that the divisive floor action would hurt the bipartisan efforts to balance the federal budget.

The congressman rallied Democrats in opposition to the bill. He said Congress must confront the severe economic problems facing this country. In a floor speech, Congressman Stenholm rose to say, "This package is not a response to Black

Monday. In my judgment this is the partial cause of Black Monday because it is business as usual in the worst possible way. Surely we can do better than that. Surely we can find more than \$2.5 billion in spending cuts."

For the third time this year, Congressman Stenholm voted against a measure giving Congress a pay increase. He said such a move is inexcusable and called for repeal of the increase. Late last week, the House leadership gave signals that it would allow a separate vote to revoke the increase. "Since coming to Washington, I have voted against every pay raise Congress has given itself and I'll vote against it again," Congressman Stenholm said. "This time, I hope the majority understands the hypocrisy of this action and votes the right way."



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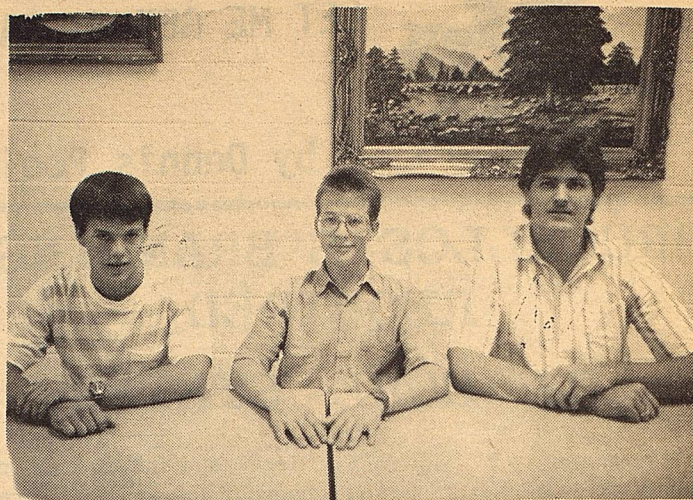
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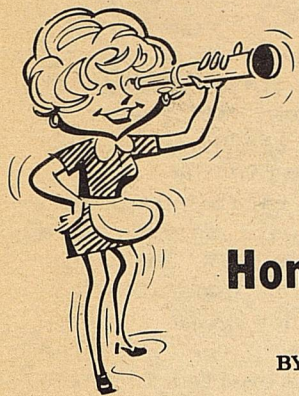
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### Home Economics News

BY DENNIS POOLE, COUNTY AGENT AG.

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There are two simple rules to follow when figuring out how much you can afford to charge. First, your credit bills -- including car payments, credit card bills and other installment credit, but excluding your mortgage payment -- should be kept to under 15-20% of your take-home pay each month. Second, be sure you are able to pay off everything in 18-24 months.

Interest rates on credit cards depend upon the rates set by the issuing financial institutions. Credit cards, such as Vias or MasterCard, aren't all the same. Interest rates and terms and conditions of computing interest rates can differ.

Depending upon how you use your credit cards, lower interest rates can be beneficial. If you pay your credit card bills in full each month, you don't have to worry about paying a finance charge so the interest rate wouldn't matter. You're using your credit cards for convenience, not credit.

But a true credit user may benefit by shopping around for a credit card with low interest rates. Because true credit users regularly use credit, and always carry over an outstanding balance, they pay a finance charge each month.

If your current credit card charges 19%

interest and another credit card company charges 14% interest, that's a 5% difference. Now, if you usually have a monthly balance of \$800, multiply that figure by 5% and you come up with \$40. That's the amount you'll save each year by switching to the credit card with a lower interest rate. If you have several credit cards at high interest rates, the savings could be substantial.

There's one catch to this, however. There may also be a difference in the annual fee charged by each company. Subtract the annual fee from the amount you calculated to see the real savings. If, for example, the card with 14% interest has a \$17 dollar annual fee, you are actually saving \$23 (\$40 - \$17 = \$23) by changing cards. Lower

interest rates may mean a high annual fee, which could cost you more in the long run, depending on the balance you carry over each month.

### CONSUMER DEBT

Consumer debt stands at an all-time high. Since the average consumer has two bank cards and seven other credit cards, and an average balance of about \$800, it's no wonder. Last year, consumers charged \$70 billion worth of purchases, \$10 billion between Thanksgiving and Christmas alone. That's nothing compared to this year's craze. As of July 1987, consumers owe \$600 billion or \$2400 per capita on credit purchases, excluding home mortgages.

## GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

November is National Smokeout Month, and the American Cancer Society has declared November 19 as the Great American SmokeOut.

According to the ACS, an estimated 150,000 new cases of lung cancer will be reported this year. The incidence rate in white males

dropped from 82.7 per 100,000 in 1982 to 79.3 in 1983. However, the incidence rate in white females and in black males and females continues to rise.

The symptoms or warning signals of lung cancer are a persistent cough, sputum streaked with blood, chest pain, recurring attacks of pneumonia or bronchitis. However, early detection of lung cancer is often a problem in lowering the risks.

Lung cancer is very difficult to detect early because the symptoms often do not appear until the disease has advanced considerably. If a smoker continues the habit, cells may form abnormal growth patterns that lead to cancer.

The survival rate of lung cancer is also devastating. Statistics from the ACS show that only 13 percent of lung cancer patients (all stages, both blacks and whites) live five or more years after diagnosis. The survival rate is 33 percent for individuals who detect the cancer in a localized stage. However, only 24 percent of lung cancers are discovered that early.

## GAIL BAPTIST HAPPENINGS!

The First Baptist Church's Jr. High and High School Sunday School classes will meet at the church, Wed. at 6:00 p.m., Nov. 18 for the first Christmas Program practice. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE AND LOOSE YOUR HAIR!!

## THE FOUR "D's" of DATING

A movie named "The Four 'D's' of Dating" will be shown in the Blue Room, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Gail and all youth in grades 6-12 are invited.

Rich Wilkerson, a youth counselor, talks about God's design and human desire for male/female relationships and addresses many questions concerning dating. Rich stresses that it is God's will that we decline immorality and delight in a life style lived according to biblical principal. It is powerful teaching for today's youth.

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# A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Perry Brown

Grandpa Miller spoke first, as usual. The Miller household tradition required that before Grandpa carved the turkey or anyone spooned cranberry sauce onto their plate, each person around the Thanksgiving table had to share one particular blessing.

"Well," started Grandpa, "I've gotten through another year without too many more aches and pains, so I guess I'm thankful for my health."

"I know what I'm thankful for," chimed in Susie. "I'm glad I made so many new friends at my new school. I'm thankful for them."

What are you thankful for? Maybe that's an easy question. But then again, maybe that's the wrong question! Let me explain.

Thanksgiving evokes mental pictures of Pilgrim men in their wide-brimmed hats and wives in their flowing skirts around a long, wooden table loaded with roast turkey, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. And it was on Thursday, November 29, 1623 that Governor William Bradford called together the residents of Plymouth, Mass. for one of the first celebrations of Thanksgiving. Listen to Governor Bradford's proclamation:

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest...and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and...has spared us from pestilence and disease, [and] has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims..render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

This early Thanksgiving after which we pattern our holiday was not intended merely to

express thanks for something, but primarily to voice gratitude to Someone—the Almighty God.

How foolish it is to acknowledge the gift and ignore the Giver. But it's not just foolish..it's dangerous! The Bible explains that "although [men] knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor GAVE THANKS TO HIM, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21). Ignoring thanksgiving to God is the first step on a path away from Him, and that path's end is disaster.

Will you spend this Thanksgiving only giving

thanks for God's gifts without giving thanks to God? Maybe you haven't ever received His greatest blessing: forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Jesus Himself said that "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40). You see, "Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus paid the debt that you could never pay, then rose from the grave, and now asks you to trust in His sacrifice for you. Have you asked Christ to save and forgive you?

If you do know Christ as your Savior, your prayer of thanks could be like the Apostle

Paul's: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

This Thanksgiving give thanks for all your blessings, physical and spiritual to our God who "richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment"(1 Timothy 6:17).

## SEEKS ELECTION

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president of the Lubbock County Club and chairman of the Basketball Congress International West Texas Region.

He has received numerous awards from school associations and civic organizations, including the Roy Bass Memorial Award for community service contributions, presented earlier

this year. The State Board of Education will revert to an elected board in 1988 after a binding referendum to retain an appointive board failed by a wide margin in the statewide general election Nov. 3. Previously, the elected board prevailed in Texas from 1949 to 1985.

## \*\*POSTPONEMENT\*\*

Due to a scheduling change, the Mike Warnke Concert to be held November 21, has been postponed to Thursday, March 10, 1988.




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