

# Sales Tax Figures Show Little Change

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday sent checks totaling \$125.1 million in local tax payments to the 1,038 cities that levy the one-percent local sales tax. Bullock said that payments to date were down five percent as compared to payments made in the same period last year.

Houston's check for \$20 million, brought 1987 payments to date to \$27.7 million, down six percent from last year. Dallas' payment was \$14.5 million for a 1987 total of \$20.6 million, a two percent decrease. Locally, Blossom received \$2,306.20, a 30.85% increase over the

1986 total payments to date of \$2,350.27. Deport received \$2,279.01, an 85.40% increase over the last year payment of \$1,096.08. Paris received \$297,279.98, for a 4.06% increase over the 1986 payments to date.

Bogata received \$3,850.97, marking a .49% increase over 1986. Last year's payment for the same period was \$1,833.05. Clarksville received \$31,601.65 for a 3.16% decrease over last year. Detroit received \$1,343.89 for a

2.54% increase over the 1986 payment for the same period. Mt. Pleasant received \$179,588.65 for a 5.45% increase over the 1986 payment of \$151,808.99. Talo received \$5,450.44, marking a 68.66% increase over last year's pay-

ment of \$2,711.33. February checks represent taxes collected on sales made in December and reported to the Comptroller by January 20.

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**NICHOLS' WORTH**

By: Nanalee Nichols

Oh, why do we all have to be soooooo sick? Sick with such a wide variety of illnesses...sick for so long...sick so bad?

It has been one of the unhealthiest winters in a long time. If the flu don't get ya', the virus will!

In green those two there is a complete range of variances...complete with headaches, upset stomach and fevers. All the area is afflicted with these illnesses.

Always before, I've been one of those lucky folks who never caught ANYTHING. And this year I've caught EVERYTHING that drifted into town on little germ feet. A lot of other folks usually unaffected by such things have succumbed too.

Wherever one goes there is a chorus of sniffles, sneezes, groans and wheezes. Red eyed clerks stagger and they try to make it through the day. A trip to the doctor often reveals the folks we hope will cure us have been unable to cure themselves.

What germs caused all this? New germs, old germs, Asian germs, it doesn't really matter. But while shivering and aching in the depths of a virus last week, semi-delirium took over and I began to picture the microscopic culprits as looking something like Atilla the Hun...or perhaps Genghis Khan. Evil eyes sparkle with malice, gleams of light strike from their teeny helmets, swords and spears as they mass for the attack. Unholy glee spurs their unhearable war cry as the microscopic hoards charge the body's defenses and overwhelm the "good guys".

Or perhaps they look like little gun-fighters, six guns hung low on their germ hips, black hats pulled low on vicious foreheads?

The bad thing about them, no matter what form, is that they never wear out...after devastating one victim they swarm over another...and another.

This winter it has seemed endless. A recovery from one illness simply made one ready for the next.

And throughout it all, there have been those oblivious souls who sail right along...without catching anything.

In the past I have always been one of those fortunate souls...and never, until now, realized how...how...how... DISGUSTINGLY HEALTHY they are!

## Irwin, Kent Sign For School Board

Two people have filed with the Prairiland CISD for the Number 2 place on the school board.

Liz Irwin and Bobby Kent have filed for the Blossom position.

Other places are uncontested, with incumbents having signed up to fill the positions.

The election is set for April.



Keith Reep and Dr. Gary Ballard

## Keith Reep Elected Area VI FFA President

Keith Reep, Prairiland FFA vice-president, was elected to lead the Area VI FFA organization as President for the 1987-88 school year. Keith was elected Tuesday night, February 17 in the Sulphur Springs Civic Center by the delegates of the Area VI Convention.

Keith is the first student from Prairiland High School to be elected as Area President. The last Area VI president was from one of the original schools: Dr. Gary Ballard was

elected in 1961-62 while he was a student at East Lamar High School.

Keith's duties as Area President will be to preside over all Area VI meetings. He will attend a leadership school at Trinidad this summer. With the skills he learns at Trinidad, he will help conduct a leadership school for all district officers in Avinger. He will also have special speaking engagements throughout the year.

## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive rain are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration office located at 1745 Ballard Drive in Paris, FmHA County Supervisor Billy L. Curb said today.

Lamar County is one of 31 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought and excessive rain.

Billy L. Curb said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business of \$500,000, whichever is less. For

farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FmHA emergency loan," Curb said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until September 27, 1987, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could

create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Curb said.

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

The FmHA office in Paris is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Patriots Close Season With Win

By Eric Foster

The Prairiland Patriots closed out their season on a good note last Tuesday as they defeated the Mt. Vernon Tigers 55-46.

In the first period the Pats came out on top by controlling the boards. This rebounding let the Patriots get the second shots off the first miss. The Pats were on top after one 11-6.

Mt. Vernon was able to cut the

deficit in the second period as the Patriots were unable to stop them offensively.

The period ended with Prairiland still on top 25-24.

Everyone contributed in the third period which helped extend the Patriot lead. Defensively and offensively they kept the pressure on the faltering Tigers.

In the final period the Pats played

another good quarter, both on offense and defense. While not completely stopping the Tigers, the Patriots did stay consistent.

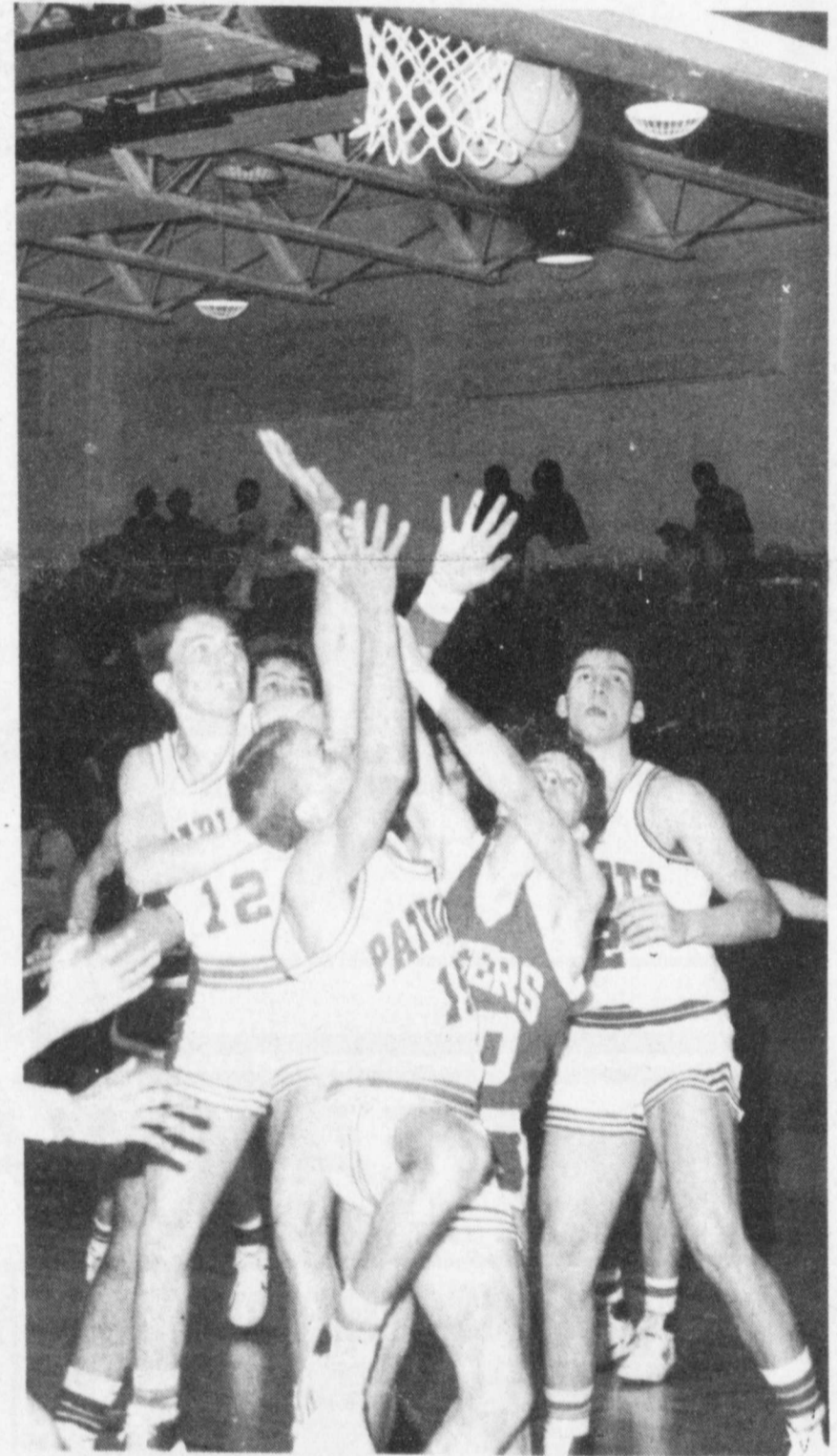
Robbie Fults was 10.6, 1; Ricky Minter 6.3, 0; Joseph Whelchel 8.1, 2; Jack Kindel 5.2, 2; Glen Dobbs, 0.3, 1; Craig Ladd 5.0, 2; David Jackson 3.4, 3; Lloyd Whelchel 0.1, 0; Steven Johnson 8.4, 1.

## Prairiland Band Plans Concert

The Prairiland Bands will be in concert March 3rd at the Prairiland High School Gym. There is no charge for the concert, which will begin at 8 p.m. The concert will be conducted by Frank Garza.

Included in the concert is the Junior High School band which is composed of 7th and 8th grade students from the Blossom and Deport campuses. They will perform a concert number entitled "Chanson" by James Ployhar and a popular tune "Theme from Hill Street Blues." They will be joined by the High School Band and as a combined group, they will play "Winchester", a concert March.

The High School Band will play a program that includes Novelty, Patriotic, March and serious concert music. In the novelty department, "Instant Concert" and "Concerto for Faculty and Band" head the list. A potpourri entitled "The Best of George M. Cohan" and "Songs of America" are in the patriotic vein while "Westwood Portrait" is more serious music. The Band will conclude the concert with a march entitled Lexington.



REBOUNDING was a key to winning the final game of the season as the Prairiland Patriots took a victory over the Mt. Vernon Tigers. Number 12, David

Jackson, Number 15, Rob Fults and Number 22, Joseph Whelchel were ready to collect the ball under the goal. (Staff Photo by Eric Foster)

## Girl Scouts Searching For Former Members

The Girl Scouts of Red River Valley Council will be celebrating their 75th anniversary in 1987. Over the years, Girl Scouting has touched the lives of over 50 million people.

They are searching for former Girl Scouts to invite them to join in the anniversary celebration, and are also looking for historic Girl Scout treasures, uniforms, handbooks,

badges and other memorabilia, to be part of an exhibit which will be displayed during Girl Scout Week in March.

Girl Scouts are asking the community to help in their search. If you were a member or know of someone who was, or if you have an item you would like to loan to the exhibit, please contact Margaret McCain at 982-6434.

## Brownies Hold Valentine Party

The Brownie Troop 54 of Deport had a Valentine's Party Feb. 14. The girls and their guests enjoyed an evening of games and dancing. The Brownies attending were: Melody Sullivan, Lindsay Wright, Beth Roach, Tammie Gibson, Misty Day, Amy Strickland, La Chrisa Woodall, Mary Hancock, Carrie Gibson, LeAnn Farris, Melanie Mazy, Pam Spears and Gina Lane.

Their guests were: Jeff Gilbert, Paul Jackson, Brad Allen, Toby Daugherty, Cory Chumbley, Jeremy Day, Jody Sullivan, Kimberly Gibson, Leah Merritt, Amber Thompson, Nikki Farris, Pat Farris, Christy Seats, Kay Hancock, Linda Spears, Melissa Spears, Sharon Sullivan, Brownie Leaders Kay Crawford, Brenda Gibson and Lynn Day.

## PEOPLE AND THINGS

The PRAIRILAND BAND BOOSTERS will meet Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the BAND HALL.....

ASH WEDNESDAY will start the Lenten Season at First United Methodist Church in Deport...on March 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. there will be a COME AND GO Communion Service...Special Music will be provided by Martha Glover and Ida Lou Read...the Public is cordially invited to come and celebrate the beginning of the EASTER SEASON.....



A crooked walking stick was lost a couple of weeks ago on Main Street in Deport. If found, there is a reward offered.....

## Editor's Quote Book

The greatest of all faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.

Carlyle

The Deport VFD will be given CPR training at the next regular meeting night, March 2 at 6 p.m. All members are URGED TO ATTEND.....



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## Price-Massey Exchange Wedding Vows

Miss Monica Lynn Massey and Kenneth Brett Price were married in a semi-formal ceremony at 3 o'clock Sunday, January 11. Leo C. Owen, pastor of the Blossom Church of Christ, heard their double-ring vows at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mathena of Blossom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Massey of Blossom. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. K.W. Price of Honey Grove.

The bride was escorted to the wedding scene by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a satin gown overlaid with organza. The full skirt with a chapel-length train was accented with lace flower appliques. The fitted bodice was fashioned with a open Anne neckline and short ruffled sleeves and lace flower appliques. She wore a pearl necklace belonging to her grandmother and white lace gloves. She wore a halo of white silk baby's breath and lavender streamers and carried a nosegay of white silk gardenias, mauve roses and baby's breath tied with white and lavender satin ribbons.

Miss Jeanna Gerring of Blossom was maid of honor.

She wore a mauve tea-length gown

of satin overlaid with lace and a matching lace jacket. Her hairpiece was of baby's breath and roses and she wore pink lace gloves. She carried a single mauve rose tied with mauve ribbons.

Phillip Price of Honey Grove served his brother as best man.

Candlelighters were Amy Tillman of Beckville, cousin of the bride, and Gary Price of Honey Grove, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents and grandparents were hosts for a reception at the Mathena home.

Members of the houseparty were Miss Traci Daugherty of Blossom, Miss Stephanie Baker of Cunningham, Mrs. John A. Mayes of Blossom, Mrs. Edward Tillman of Beckville, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Sandra Adams of Dallas, aunt of the bride. Miss Daphney Mayes of Blossom presided at the register.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Prairiland High School and is attending Paris Junior College.

The bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of Honey Grove High School and is employed at Kimberly-Clark.

The couple is making their home in Paris.

## Dr. M.R. Lawler Honored For Fifty-Five Years Service

Dr. Marion Russell Lawler, a native of Deport, received the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce's appreciation award after 55 years of service in the medical profession.

Listed among his honors and accomplishments were the words "loyalty" to family, friends, church, profession and patients.

Dr. Lawler went to Mercedes in 1931 and set up an office, in July of 1986, he completed 55 years of practice.

He received his B.S. from Southern Methodist University, his M.D. from Vanderbilt University and did his residence at Parkland Hospital.

In 1935 he was elected president of the Hidalgo-Starr Medical Society, in 1937 he was elected to the International College of Surgeons, in 1952 to the International College of Proctologists, and in 1960 elected to the International College of Abdominal Surgeons.

He was a member of the Kiwanis International for more than 40 years, and had a perfect attendance record. In 1958, he was Lt. Governor of that organization. He served on the Board of Directors of Rio Farms for 39 years and was president of an investment group that built the Rodeway Inn.

He has served as a member and chairman of the Building Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Mercedes and is now chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. He served on the Board of Stewards for five years and was a longtime member of the church's Finance Committee and still serves on it.

Dr. Lawler was born January 2, 1906, son of Norman Swaim and Rose Gladish Lawler.

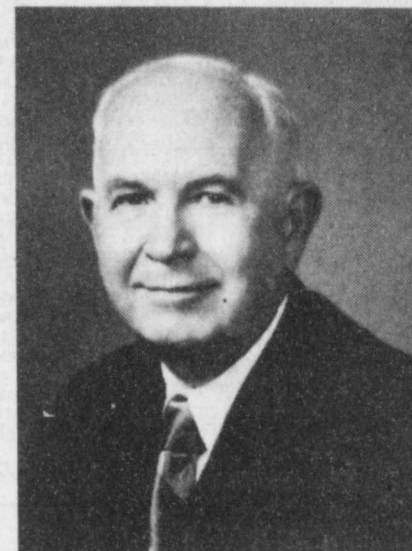
He married Mildred Fielding in Paris on September 20, 1930. She died in 1979.

He has two daughters, Mrs. Jim Kimbrell Brown (Mildred Lawler) and Mrs. Rosemary Lawler Jordan, and two sons, Dr. John Fielding Lawler and Dr. Marion R. Lawler, Jr.

He has two sisters, Mrs. Kitty Ruth Lawler Coles of Enterprise, Alabama and Mrs. Francis Elaine Lawler Lee of Arlington.

He has ten grandchildren.

He attended and graduated Deport High School, and then went on to Wesley College in Greenville before



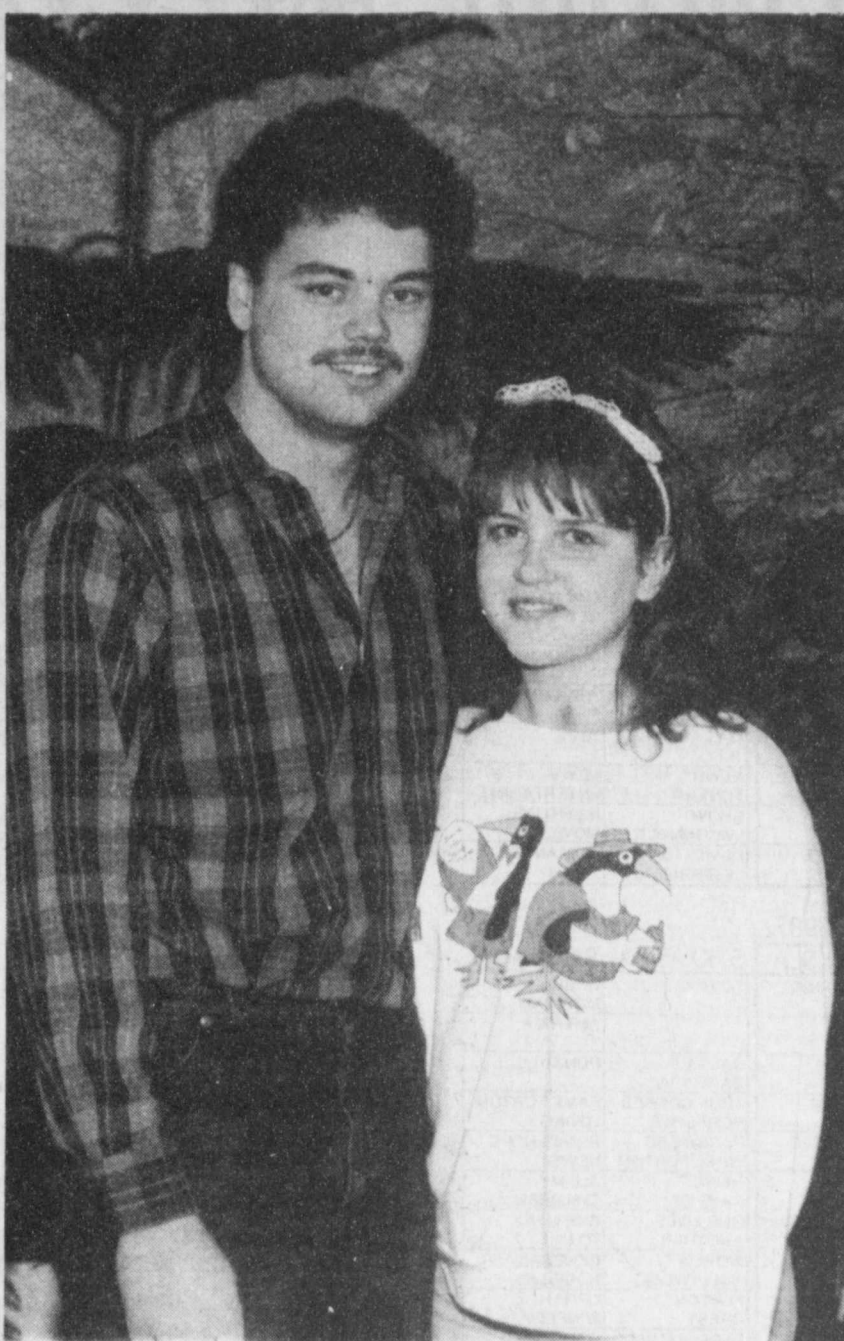
Dr. M.R. Lawler

going to SMU.

The recognition speech by Dan Morrison was closed out with these words, which probably sum up his lifetime. "We asked him to heal us...He replied "I'll try". We asked him to share our concerns...He replied "I do"; and when we asked him to be our friend as well as our physician, he replied "I am".



JANEE' JACKSON is a sixty grade student at Deport who won in the annual Hoop Shoot Competition at Deport School recently. (Staff Photo)



## Westbrook-Wright Wed

MONICA WESTBROOK, daughter of Ronnie Westbrook of Blossom, and Mike Wright, son of Ronnie and Sue Wright of Deport announce the marriage of their

children. The couple were married on Saturday, February 14, at Morris Chapel with Rev. Jim Spikes officiating. They will make their home in Deport. (Staff Photo)

## Van Noord-Tisdell Wed

Rebecca Van Noord and Ted Harold Tisdell were married in an informal ceremony at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, January 31 at the 3T Ranch home. The Rev. Jay McCollum heard their double-ring vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerritt Van Noord of Blossom. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tisdell of Paris.

The couple was attended by Mrs. John Bassano, sister of the bride, and Michael Tisdell, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, forty family members enjoyed a dinner and reception at the ranch home. Hosts were the bridegroom's parents and Mrs. Bassano and Mrs. Byron Malone, sisters of the bride.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of North Lamar High School and a 1985 graduate of Paris Junior College. She will continue horticultural studies at DePage Horticultural School, Chicago, IL. She is employed by Pine Mill Nursery.

The bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of South Salina High School, Salina, KS. He is a 1979 graduate of Hutchinson Community College in Kansas and is employed by Kimberly-Clark.

The couple is making their home at the 3T Ranch, Paris.

## Brownies Have Slumber Party

Brownie Troops 54 and 66 had a slumber party at the home of leader Kay Crawford. The girls had snacks and movies, until early morning. Those attending were: Maryann Hancock, Melody Sullivan, Amy Strickland, LaChrisa Woodall, Misty Day, Tammie Gibson, Melanie Mazy, Pam Spears, Gina Lane, Leann Farris, Kimberly Gibson, Brenda Gibson and Lynn Day.

### Comfort

Most healthy people are comfortable in a house when the temperature is 71 to 77 degrees.

## Tuesday 42 Club Meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Dortha McDowra on February 17.

Mina Kyle was a visitor. Audrey Baker was high scorer for members and Mina Kyle for visitors.

The hostess served a salad plate for refreshments.

The next meeting will be with Alma Scaff on March 3.

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TUESDAY MARCH 3, 1987. Grid listing TV shows for stations 3 KTBS, 6 KTAL, 11 KTVT, 4 KDFW, 7 KLTV, 12 KSLA, 5 KKAS, and 8 WFAA.

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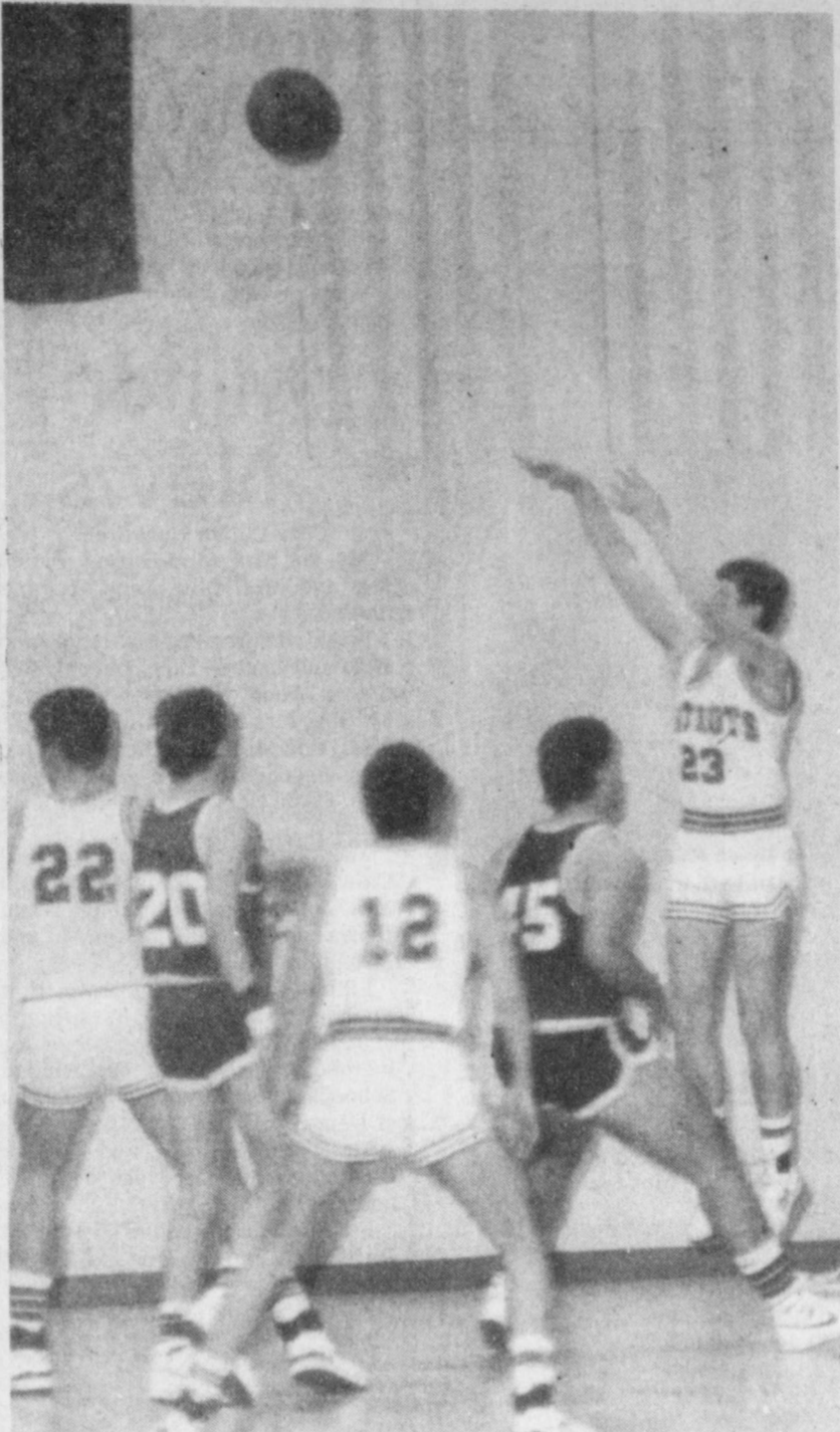
### East Post Oak News

**By Mrs. Howard Crawford**  
The weather has been cold for a week. We have missed the snow but plenty of rain and wind.  
Reginal Crawford fell and broke his wrist Thursday morning and is in St. Josephs Hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.  
Mrs. James Pratt is home from the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.  
Several people still in from colds and sore throats and allergies.  
Mrs. Howard Crawford attended the luncheon at the Blossom Housing units last Thursday and enjoyed a good dinner there with friends.  
Mrs. Fred Ramsey is doing fine and will be home from St. Joseph Hospital.  
Mrs. Opal Penn is home from McCuiston Hospital and improving.

The Blossom Garden Club and their husbands attended a play in Paris Thursday night at PJC.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens of Dallas came to their place at Red Oak this weekend and visited his sister, Lamon and George Farrens.  
Shawn Shannon of Ft. Worth, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sutton, has come to live with them. Mrs. Dale Sutton of Ft. Worth visited her parents here over the weekend.  
Mr. and Mrs. Butler Stevens have been in with colds.



have a nice weekend...



NUMBER 23, Jack Kindle shoots from way outside against the Mt. Vernon Tigers in Prairiland's last game of the 1986-87 season last week. The Patriots closed out the year with a win over the Tigers. (Staff Photo by Eric Foster)

### Blossom Housing Happenings

**By Aileen Herron and Lossie Vickers**  
The monthly luncheon was held Thursday and attended by these residents: Carl Westmorland, Rhoda Lee, Mabel Parker, Mildred York, Morene Bradley, Cecil Carter, Ione Woodard, Lossie Vickers, Aileen Herron, Leona McDowell and these guests, Amanda Sturgeon from Ft. Worth, Mary Jo Vickers, Jeannie Tucker, Inez Lutterell, Ruby Crawford, Mary Smart, Pauline Weddle, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vickers and April, Bro. Jerry Hollowell gave the devotion which everyone enjoyed, also Mr. Al Stewart.  
Sue Bradford, Francis Ray, Pat Hailey, Mary Helen Allen visited Dorothy Wilson Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Stone, Jennifer and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith visited Georgia Clark, Wanda and Trisca Reves, Mary Smart visited Georgia last week.  
Tommy Woodard visited Carl Westmorland Monday night.  
Carl Westmorland visited Dorothy Wilson Saturday night and they played 42.

Billy Lane visited his mother, Mildred York Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Herron from Paris visited Aileen Herron and Lossie Vickers Sunday and they visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vickers in Detroit Sunday afternoon.  
Chad Johnston spent Saturday night with his grandmother, Aileen Herron.  
Annie Warren, Ethleen Green and Lelia Green from Dallas visited Virgie Jernigan over the weekend.  
Ione Woodard with the WMU ladies visited Cherry St. Nursing Home last Thursday.  
Mrs. Cecil Carter is visiting Mrs. Mae McDowra at Pattonville this week.  
Morene Bradley's company last week was Leona McDowell, Ruby Crawford and Eleanor Green.  
Roy and Larry May visited their grandmother, Ruby Dickerson Friday.  
Mabel Parker and Melita May visited Fay Shores Wednesday. Polly Burman attended church Sunday with Mabel Parker.  
Rhoda Lee visited her son and family at Woodland Sunday. Billie Bates visited her mother, Rhoda, Friday.

### Blossom Locals

**By Mrs. Marvin Bruce**  
Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Eddins visited Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of the Midway community Sunday after church.  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bruce spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Houston Goddard of Ft. Towson, OK.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charly Booth of Hugo, Ok visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Weddle last Saturday and had dinner with them.  
Jeri Shelby spent the weekend with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evers and family of Van Alstyne.  
Earl Crenshaw of Tomball, a cousin

of Grover and John Crenshaw of Blossom, died last Monday. We extend sympathy to the family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garrett Sunday and had lunch.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett visited Reginal Crawford in the hospital in Paris last Friday.  
Mrs. Margaret Parks, who has been in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, is home. Her son, Bobby of San Angelo, has returned home after visiting her last week.  
Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of Mrs. George (Anna) May, who died Sunday, Feb. 22.  
Mrs. Ruby Ray and Mrs. Belinda Lott went to the doctor Monday to have exrays made.  
Visiting Mrs. Ruby Ray was her cousin, Mrs. Flo McCormack of Honey Grove from Thursday through Saturday.  
We understand Mrs. Garth Crawford underwent minor surgery last Friday morning but is doing very well at this time.  
Jerry Skidmore of Hobbs, NM visited his mother, Mrs. Ruby Skidmore Saturday and Sunday.

### Deport Housing Authority News

**By Mary Westbrook and Lelia Westbrook**  
Billy Wayne Joplin and family of Powderly, Georgia Bell Burton of Atlanta, Patsy Perkins of Negley and Linda Sue Williams of Clarksville visited Mrs. Charley Joplin over the weekend.  
Greg Jones of Waco visited Mrs. Rosa Holley on Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnard of Houston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bryant and Ruby and Peggy Parsons of Pattonville visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks on Sunday.  
Kathryn Guyon of Shreveport, LA came with her father, Don R. Guyon to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Blanche Guyon on Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Tidwell of Summitt, MS visited his sister, Lelia Westbrook Friday. They were here to attend the funeral of her sister,

Florence Duncan. They also visited other relatives in the area.  
Roy Wright has returned home after visiting his children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright of Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Seamon at Whitney and Mrs. Judy Wilder in Dallas.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hurst of Greenville visited Saturday with her mother, Willie Mae Speirs.

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# Deport Nursing Home News

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giusti of Blossom, Mr. and Mrs. Elb Stewart of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Proctor of Paris visited Mrs. Novella Allen on Sunday.

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3990 of Reno sponsored bingo in Mon-

day afternoon. They brought prizes for the game. Afterwards cherry pie was served to everyone in honor of President's Day.

The February birthday party was held Wednesday afternoon. The ladies from the Church of Christ in Patton-

ville were hostesses. Those honored were Agnes Chessire, Fannie Belle Guest, Jack Bell, Miriam Shannon, Dixie Walker, Haskell Roberts, Carl Currin, Floyd Slusher, Thisis Robinson and Reedy Hall. Cake and punch was served to everyone.

The Gene White Concert was held on Thursday afternoon. A special thanks to all the businesses who supported this program.

Bennie Hinsley of Dallas visited Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Novella Allen.

The Gospel Teen Choir from the House of Prayer in Deport entertained on Sunday afternoon.

Billy Clark of Clarksville visited Mrs. Laura Mae Clark.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walker visited during the week with Dixie Walker.

Mrs. John Savage from Quitman, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Savage from North Adams, MI and Bob Crews of Paris visited Mrs. Johnette Reed.

Ester Cunningham from Roxton visited Lizzie Lee Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. David Currin and son of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Currin and Mrs. Julia Wadley.

Lucille Nash of Paris visited Mary Mathews.

Eddie and Sherry Clements and Whitney of Minden, LA visited Mrs. Johnnie Warren.

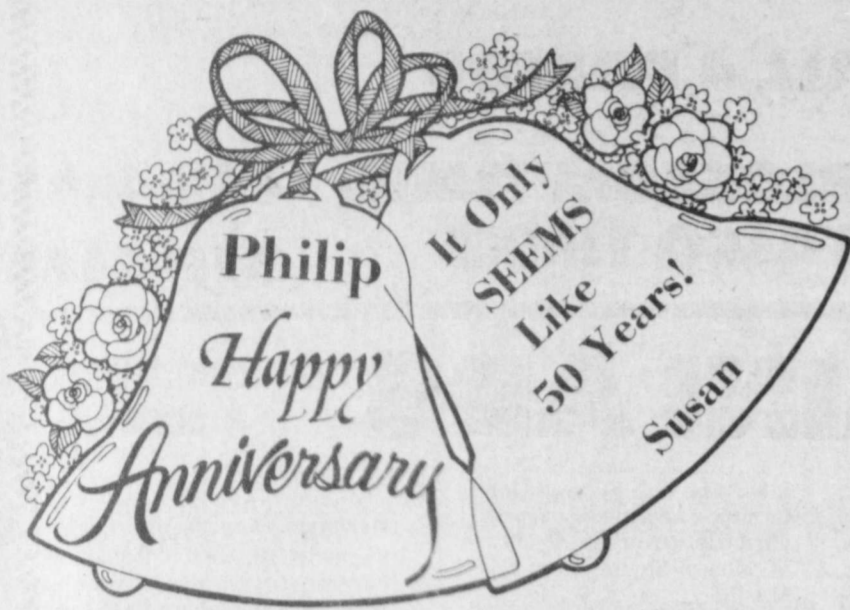
Blanche Moore of Paris visited Maud Reed.



**HOOP SHOOT WINNERS**-Deport elementary hoop shoot winners competed at Deport school recently. From left to right are: 8-9 year olds, Gearl Keys, LeAnn Farris,

Kevin Griffin and Shanna Denison, 10-11 year olds, Lonnie Elrod, Georjeana Oats, Paul Jackson and Angie Dawson. 12-13 year olds; Shane Morton, Sandra Davison

and Mike Fox. Sandra Davison won the Hoop Shoot Competition held in Paris Saturday, and will continue on in further competition. (Staff Photo)



## The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be

**By Mollie Williams**

One of the things I think I miss most from my younger days is the capability of being limber. Once you pass the awkwardness of adolescence and are able to adequately control your motor muscles, there's a whole world of things you can do, such as cartwheels and back flips.

Somewhere around the age of 13 or 14, I learned how to do the backbend. Now, this was before kids around here knew about gymnastic classes and cheerleader camps. I thought I really had a unique ability. I had learned it from my older sister. My cousin and I would practice our backbends for hours. We always did an exhibition of it at our girlie get-togethers. It was so easy back then. No cramps, no sweat, just stiffen the legs, lean back and touch the floor.

Through the years, I would, at times, rehearse my little "act", and for a while was able to do it with some, but very little difficulty. I was always pleased when my daughter would bring her friends who were visiting her into the room where I was and say to me, "Show them, Mom. Show them you can still do the backbend." After a little persuasion, I would proudly position myself into the acrobatic stunt, realizing that with each time it became a little harder.

I've tried the backbend now since I've been several years now since I was in the News Office the other day and had all my work done for the day. It was almost going home time and I was thinking about how I needed to try and get more exercise, when I remembered that time in my life when I could boast of being limber. Well, I was never one to quit, so I decided why not try it once again, just for old time's sake? I moved a few chairs out of the way, making sure that if I fell, I'd land on something soft, and proceeded to do the backbend. Holding my hands on the back of my thighs, I slowly began to bend backwards. If anyone had been close enough to hear, I'm sure they would have thought I was eating cereal by

the sounds of snap, crackle and pop. Down, down, down I went. I wasn't at all sure I could make it, but I was very sure that there was no way up from this position, so I just kept carefully reaching for the floor. Finally, my hands touched the heavenly feel of the soft carpet beneath me. The ceiling which I was now looking at from my position, was beginning to swirl a little, but I had made it. I had actually performed the backbend after all these years. I was ecstatic.

Now, came something I had not thought about. How to get up. To perform the trick properly, you are supposed to raise back up and stand erect. I decided that maybe I'd just bend my legs and arms and let myself fall, but I couldn't seem to get them to relax enough to fall. I was stranded in a most ridiculous position. My first thought was what if somebody came in and caught me in this predicament. My next thought was what if someone didn't. Would I have to stay in this position all night? Would my husband come looking for me or would my kids miss me enough

to come see what had happened to me? I figured if worse came to worse and no one looked for me til the next day, at least Mr. Nichols would find me upon coming to the office the next morning, but that would certainly bring repercussions. I mean, what would you do if you came into your place of business and found your employee in such a state?

By this time, my hands had turned blue and my muscles were screaming for relief. Disregarding all sense of pain, I took a deep breath and used all the strength I could muster up and a quick prayer to God who gave me better sense, I jerked myself from the agonizing position. It took a while for the blood to find its way back from my head and I was dizzy for a spell, but I was quite anxious to get home and tell my family that I was still able to do the backbend. They were a little surprised and asked me if it was hard. I just smiled and said, "No sweat." I was sure glad they were thoughtful enough not to ask me to prove it.

## Deport Locals

**By Lelia Westbrook**

Mrs. Derwin (Dean) Wright of Eules is visiting her sister, Mrs. Al Parks and family after Mrs. Parks has had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Westbrook and granddaughter Callie Kilpatrick of DeKalb visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Westbrook Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nation of Paris.

Mike Jones of Commerce visited last Wednesday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Alsbrooks.

Linnie Bailey is recovering from eye surgery and is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bailey of Reno visited Marshall and Linnie Bailey Thursday night.

Helen and Richard Nance and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols ate Sunday lunch in Paris.

Elmer Lee Braly Jr. and girlfriend from Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Parks Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Derwin Wright from Eules is spending a few days with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parks from Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Braly from Eules and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Parks of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Parks over the weekend.

Terry Johnson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Al Parks.

Visiting Raymond and Edith Crawford for the weekend were their granddaughters and great-grandchildren, Lori Parvin and daughter Ashley of Ft. Worth and Christie McLendon and children Patrick, Willie and Michelle of Eules.

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## Time For Garden Weed Control

**By Paul D. Payne**

There is no one herbicide that can be used on all of the major vegetables in the home garden for control of all weeds and grasses. Chemical researchers have done an excellent job of developing many new herbicides, but we still do not have one that can be used where a wide array of different vegetables are planted.

However, with a little planning, one may partially retire the hoe. By concentrating in one area vegetables that can be safely planted where a herbicide is used a gardener can make a dent in the weed population.

The first step is to identify the weed and/or grass problem in your garden spot. It makes no sense to use a herbicide if it will not control the particular weed problem in your garden. Try to identify your major weed problem as it is often difficult to control many of the weeds and grasses with just one herbicide.

The next step is to determine what season of the year the weed is a problem. For instance, if the weed is already up and growing when one applies a pre-emergent herbicide such as Treflan or Prefar 4-E, your money and time has been wasted. Remember, pre-emergent herbicides work on the seed at the time of germination and not on already emergent plants.

The next step is to make a list of the vegetables planned for your garden. Then select a herbicide.

Treflan is a pre-emergent herbicide that controls a number of weed and grass problems. They include crabgrass, cheat grass, foxtail and most of the annual grasses that are a gardening problem. It may be used on the following vegetables prior to planting: beans, English peas, Southern peas, carrots, okra, mustard and turnip greens. It may be used on ground where the following transplants are to be planted: tomato, pepper, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussel sprouts. It may be used on the vine crops of watermelon, cucumber and cantaloupe but only after those plants reach the three to four leaf stage.

Prefar 4-E is another pre-emergent herbicide that will control crabgrass, pigweed and goosegrass but not ryegrass nor cheat grass. It may safely be used where the following vegetables are to be planted or transplanted: cantaloupe, cucumber, watermelon, squash, tomato, onion, carrots, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage and lettuce.

There are other herbicide possibilities. The above information was taken from bulletin B-1368. One should always read the label and follow those suggestions. Individuals needing specific information on a vegetable not listed might want to call us at 785-4513. Happy gardening to you.

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### American Viewpoints

The nearer the dawn the darker the night.  
Longfellow