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MAR 4	65	29	-

Voice of the Caprock Canyons

# The Valley Tribune

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## Turkey Residents Warned of Nitrate In Water-Advised to Protect Infants

The Texas Natural Resource Commission has tested Turkey water samples, and found that Nitrate/Nitrite is 13.40 mg. This is a high enough level to cause concern among parents of very young infants.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards and has determined that nitrate poses an acute health concern at certain levels of exposure. Nitrate is used in fertilizer and is found in sewage and wastes from human and/or farm animals and generally get into drinking water from those activities. Excessive levels of nitrate in drinking water have caused serious illness and sometimes death in infants under six months of age. The serious illness in infants is caused because nitrate is converted to Nitrite in the body. Nitrite interferes with the oxygen carrying capacity of the child's blood. This is an acute disease in that symptoms can develop rapidly in infants. In most cases, health deteriorates over a period of days. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Clearly, expert medical advice should be sought immediately if these symptoms occur.

Letters have been sent out to notify Turkey residents of the results of the nitrate test, to encourage parents and another responsible parties to provide infants with an alternate source of drinking water. Local and State health authorities are the best source for information concerning alternate sources of drinking water for infants.

TNRCC has set the drinking water standard at 10 parts per million (ppm) for nitrate to protect against the risk of these adverse effects. It has also set a drinking water standard for nitrite at 1ppm. To allow for the fact that the toxicity of nitrate and nitrite are additive, TNRCC has also established a standard for the sum of nitrate and nitrite at 10 ppm. Drinking water that meets the TNRCC standard is associated with little to none of this risk and is considered safe with respect to nitrate.

## Turkey Museum Committee To Have Chili Supper the 8th

by Ann Coker

On Saturday, March 8th the Turkey Museum Committee will be serving up delicious home-made chili. The supper will be served at the Bob Wills Center. Serving will begin at 5:30 until 7:30, or until everyone has been served.

You may purchase your tickets at the door.

Proceeds from the supper will be used to roof the building that will be the home of the Turkey Museum, Beth Mills' building where she had her beauty shop.

All area residents are urged to attend the supper and support this very worthwhile cause. It is time Turkey had their own museum.

If you can't attend the chili supper you may donate to the Turkey Museum at the Turkey Branch Memphis State Bank.

## Caprock Public Library Receives Grant

A letter from Mrs. Laura Bush who is the Chair of the Inaugural Endowment Fund committee, informed Caprock Public Library that it was recipient of a \$3,000 grant.

The fund from which the grant was awarded was established by the legislature with money raised in excess of expenses for the 1995 Inauguration of Governor George W. Bush and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock.

The committee, composed of Mrs. Jan Bullock, Mrs. Nelda Laney, Mr. John Nau, chair of the Texas Historical Commission and Mrs. Laura Bush submitted and reviewed projects for funding. The legislation specified that monies from the fund might be used for grants in support of Texas public libraries. Caprock Public was one of the rural libraries in Texas which received the grant.

Mrs. Janice Henson wrote the grant request, which was then submitted by Mrs. Nelda Laney. Mrs. Nelda Laney is the wife of Pete Laney, our State Representative, Speaker of the House.

## Valley FFA members Attend 1997 Houston Livestock Show

Twenty Valley FFA Members and sixteen adults traveled to Brenham for the hog sift, and to Houston for the rest of the livestock show. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is the world's largest livestock exhibition with over 28,000 entries.

The Houston Livestock Show provides a unique learning forum for thousands of young FFA and 4-H exhibitors. The show annually benefits students across the state of Texas through scholarships, research projects, awards and other educational endeavors.

The stock show annually commits more than \$4 million to Texas students across the state. There are more than 11,000 volunteers that donate their time and services to produce a quality event each year.

Valley FFA members that showed hogs at Houston had to first make it through the two sifts at Brenham. There were 3,900 hogs at Brenham and only 660 were allowed to go on to Houston.

Six Valley FFA students made it through the sift. Zack Ramsey placed 3rd with his Light Weight Cross. Jamie Pigg placed 7th with her Light Weight York. Emily Woods placed 9th with her Middle Weight Duroc. Janet Ross placed 15th with her Middle Weight York.

Valley FFA students that participated in the Steer Show this year were Jarret Pigg, Briana Sperry and Jamie Pigg.

## Zack Burson Show Champion At Houston

On February 25, 1997, Judge Steve Nichols, a hog producer from Indiana chose Zack Burson's Middle Weight Hamp hog named One Step as the Reserve Breed Champion of the 1997 Junior Market Barrow Show which sold for \$8,500. Zack a fourth grader from Silverton, Texas is the son of Bryan and Lana Burson. He is the grandson of James and Wilda Fuston of Turkey and Mary Tom Burson of Silverton.

Judge Nichols has been judging livestock shows for 20 years. Judge Nichols commented the first thing he looked for in a hog is shape of the top, then shape through the center of the ham. Judge Nichols said that Burson's barrow had tremendous body conformation, good production and excellent muscle expression.

"I have anticipated judging Houston for a long time," Nichols said. "It is the biggest show in the country, and it's everything I expected and more."

"I may not remember the hogs, but I'll remember the kids, and how good their attitudes were at the show."

Nichols said he had judged a lot of shows all over the country but he has never seen the quality of hogs and kids that he saw in Houston.

## Make Plans To Attend Chamber Banquet Saturday, March 15

### Calendar of Events

- March 6**  
Quitaque Sr. Citizens Business Meeting
- March 8**  
Turkey Heritage Foundation Chili Supper  
Track Meet @ Anton
- March 9**  
Attend Church of Choice
- March 10**  
Valley Board of Trustees  
Quitaque City Council  
Quitaque Firemen  
Turkey Lions Club  
Turkey Swim Club 7 p.m. @ Turkey Library
- March 11**  
Book Fair @ Valley School  
Spinal Screening @ Valley School
- March 11**  
Driver's License in Silverton  
Briscoe County Cotton Conference, 6 p.m.  
Book Fair @ Valley School
- March 12**  
Book Fair @ Valley School
- March 13**  
Quitaque Senior Citizens Lunch  
Turkey City Council  
Matador Masonic Lodge  
Book Fair @ Valley School

## Pete Laney Featured Speaker At Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will host the annual chamber banquet on Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Quitaque Community Center.

The meal will consist of grilled ribeye steak, baked potato and all the trimmings. Due to the preparation of the steaks, the serving of the meal will begin at 6:30, although the program will not begin until 7 p.m. Tickets are available from any chamber member.

Chamber President Guy Young will be master of ceremonies for the evening. Our featured guest will be Mr. Speaker, also known as, Mr. Pete Laney, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Mr. Laney is a fourth generation farmer and his roots are here in the Panhandle. As a matter of fact, his permanent home address is Hale Center, which means that he is familiar with small town life. He knows the importance of caring for family, for friends, and for neighbors. He has long been a booster of this area and is hoping along with the rest of the area that Caprock Canyons State Park will become the home of the JA buffalo herd.

Mr. Laney's wife, Nelda, has been extremely instrumental in helping Caprock Public Library acquire a \$3,000 grant to be used for internet and associated costs. The grant monies were funded by excess money from the 1995 Inauguration Fund of Governor George Bush and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock.

Chamber President Guy Young is urging everyone to make plans to attend the banquet, eat some wonderful food, and meet your state representative. Quitaque is small, but the hearts are great and the welcome is hearty--one neighbor to another.



Rep. Pete Laney

## Briscoe County Cotton Producers To Elect Director

Briscoe County cotton producers and agribusiness representatives will elect a Producer Director to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at the Briscoe County Show Barn. A meal will be served.

Announcement of the election comes from George Reed of Silverton, current Briscoe County Producer Director to the 25-county cotton organization, and Rex Johnson, also of Silverton, Business Director.

Each county in PCG's service area has two directors, one a business person and the other a cotton producer. They are elected on alternate years for two-year terms. Each is eligible for reelection every second year.

All producers and business people are invited to the meeting. However, under PCG By-Laws, only current dues-paying members of PCG will be eligible to be elected a director or to vote in the election. This provision of the by-laws will be fully explained at the meeting.

A PCG representative will conduct the election, review and answer questions about recent and planned PCG activities.

## Good Guys and Gals Award

by Louis Randell

On Valentine Day, four young people came to our house and gave me beautiful home-made Valentines. I was puzzled as to why they were bringing me Valentines. Besides the Valentine greeting, the cards read "God Bless You" and "Thank You For Serving Our Country."

We found out they were delivering these to all the Veterans in Turkey. I think these young people from the First Baptist Church, Cassie and Johathan Farley, Dalton Reynolds and Krystal Clinton deserve the "Good Guys and Gals" award. Also, Kathy Farley deserves thanks for driving them to the Veteran's homes. What a nice thing for them to do.

## Book Fair Will Be At Valley School

Valley School Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on March 10-13, Monday-Thursday, from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This reading event features the newest titles from over 100 publishers and presents students, parents and teachers a golden opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers.

Don't miss the Scholastic Book Fair coming to Valley!

## Vegetable And Melon Conference Will Be At Clarendon March 14

by Leon J. Church, CEA-AG

There will be a vegetable conference meeting on Friday, March 14, 1997. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. in the Clarendon College Bairfield Building. Three CEU's will be offered: 2 Integrated Pest Management and 1 Laws & Regs.

Speakers will be Dr. Rowland Roberts, TAEX, Professor and Extension Horticulturist--Melon and Vegetable Management; Dr. Harold Kaufman, TAEX, Plant Pathologist--Disease & control; Lavon Harmon, TDA--Worker Protection; Mark Stroope, a representative of the Texas Beekeepers Association--Bee Pollination for Fruits and Vegetables.

Please call the Donley County Extension Service at 806/874-2141 for more information or for cost of materials for course.

## Turkey Swim Club Meets March 10

The general meeting of the Turkey Swim Club will be held on Monday, March 10, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the Turkey Library.

It is very important that all members be in attendance at this meeting.

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**THEN & NOW!**

Guest Editorial by Delbert Trew of the Groom News

It's All Trew.....

**9-1-1 In The Good Old Days**

A telephone call I made recently required six minutes, during which I responded to instructions pushing sixteen numbers, heard three different tunes, got a message machine, left a message, and have never received a call back. Somehow this is not progress in communications.

In the old "crank telephone" days you always got at least one person to speak to you, and if the conversation lasted several minutes you had everyone on the line to visit with.

When you rang a number and no one was home, a neighbor answered and told you where your party was located. There was no need to listen to goofy machine messages and beeps.

In the past, if the phone went dead, you saddled your horse, tied on some extra telephone wire and within the hour your phone was working. Today, when our phone quits, we have to drive to town, dial San Angelo, push twenty buttons listen to a weird tune, wait patiently, finally tell our story, answer lots of questions and in a day or two, if you are lucky, your phone will be fixed at exactly 12:03 p.m.

Why do we really need a private line? Grandma Trew used to say, "Don't fuss about eavesdroppers. We are Christians, obeying the Ten Commandments, we have nothing to hide, and they are our friends and neighbors."

Strange as it may seem, we had a good 911 emergency system. If you got hurt, had a fire, or needed help quickly, just crank out a long continuous ring. When you let up the operator and everyone else on the line would be ready to help you.

You could save a lot of money on invitations and mailing. Just let the word slip and everyone on the line would be at the party or meeting.

The price back then was OK too, as our phone bill was about \$4.00 most months. And the most wonderful part of all no one ever called up wanting us to change service.

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**FLOMOT**

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**  
 Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma of the Gamma Eta observed their 59th birthday March 1 in Plainview.  
 Hostesses Carol Ann Turner of Flomot and Lindy Stafford and Chelsea Read of Matador served luncheon and cake in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, Matador.  
 Mrs. Ruby Cook of Crosbyton presented on a Birthday Tribute. Presiding at the monthly business meeting was the president, Mrs. Brenda Karr of Dickens. They attended from Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Motley, King and Kent Counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris, Dodie and Rebecca attended the boys' reguabak basketball tournament in Levelland this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended the funeral service of Fred Row Sunday in Clarendon. He is the father of their daughter-in-law Mrs. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch visited during the weekend with her partners, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, and son Warren Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock Sunday to help Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richards remodel a house they bought after losing their home to fire recently.

Making quilt blocks for Do Gooders Club quilt last week at the Community Center were Mmes. Trula Martin, Erma Washington, Wadetta Clay, Leona Degan, B. Rogers and Mary Jo Calvert.

Dona Browning of Rising Star visited the past week with her daughter Tommie Cruise.

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**Obituaries**

**Ruth "Jo" Persons**

Graveside services for Ruth Josephine Persons, 92, of Weatherford were at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 1997 in Rest Haven Cemetery in Quitaque with Anthony Sisemore pastor of First Baptist Church of Quitaque officiating.  
 Arrangements were under direction of Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel of Weatherford.  
 She died Sunday, March 2, 1997 at a Weatherford nursing center.  
 She was born May 16, 1904, in Motley County and lived in Quitaque before moving to Weatherford four years ago. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Norma Hewett of Weatherford; a son, Tad of Richardson; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Eula Merrell**

Memorial services for Eula Merrell, 89, of Clarendon were at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3, 1997 in the First United Methodist church of Quitaque with the Rev. Les Hall, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Wellington, assisted.  
 Cremation was under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Quitaque.

She died Friday, February 28, 1997 in Clarendon.  
 She was born November 8, 1907 in Haskell County. She married Leonard Merrell on October 21, 1927. He preceded her in death in 1939 as well as their son, Jack in 1979.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, Order of the Eastern Star and the Donley County Senior Citizens.  
 She worked for the Green Thumb Program for 10 years.  
 Survivors include grandsons, Bruce Merrell of Iowa park and Billy Merrell of Perryton; great grandchildren Monica Merrell, Stefanie Merrell, Cody Merrell, Jennifer Merrell and Bo Merrell; a sister, Ruth Boswell of Littleton, Colorado.

**Virginia Harden**  
 Services for Virginia Ellen Garrison Hardin, 59 of Silverton will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jess Little and Wendell Hardin officiating.  
 Burial will be in Silverton Cemetery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.  
 She died Monday, March 3, 1997 in Lubbock.  
 She was born in Silverton. She graduated from Silverton High School, and she was active in home demonstration work. She was a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church. She married Buck Hardin on June 6, 1954 in Silverton.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Wendell of San Antonio; three daughters, Ann Payne of Kyle, Linda Vernon of Silverton and Marilyn Cordell of Amarillo; two sisters, Jerry Sculley of Albany, Georgia and Kay White of Amarillo; a stepbrother, Brad Wilson of Costa Mesa, California and nine grandchildren.

**Happy Anniversary**  
**March 10**  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mullin Jr.  
**March 11**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith  
 Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Tripp  
**March 13**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Hill

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**Jerry Frank Garner**

Graveside services for Jerry Frank Garner were at 2 p.m. February 27, 1997 in Llano Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Larry Stone of Hillcrest Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle.  
 Jerry Frank Garner, 58 of Amarillo died Friday, February 21, 1997.  
 Mr. Garner was born in Turkey, Texas and had lived in Amarillo for 32 years. He was a delivery driver for L&R Produce. He was a Baptist and an Arm y veteran.

Survivors include four daughters, Lisa Hartsell, Sandra Garner, Kim Harris and Mandy McDonald, all of Amarillo; a brother Dale Garner of Amarillo; and 11 grandchildren.

**Amye Jewel Light**

Graveside services for Amye Jewel Light, 85 of Panhandle, were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at the Panhandle Cemetery with Rev. Jim Perkins, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Panhandle officiating. Interment was in Panhandle Cemetery under the directions of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.  
 Mrs. Light died Sunday, February 23, 1997.

Mrs. Light was born in Silverton, Texas and had been a Panhandle resident for 62 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Panhandle and was a homemaker. She was also a member of the Fifty-Five Plus Club and a longtime member of the B&PW Club. She married O.Z. Light on May 28, 1930 in Portales, New Mexico and he preceded her in death on February 4, 1984.

Survivors include a son, Don Light of Amarillo; two brothers, Max Burson of Plainview and Jerry Burson of Mineral Wells, Texas; a sister, Jesse Weeks of Plainview; two granddaughters, DeVonn Thomas of Amarillo and Dianne Longcor of Amarillo; and four great-grandchildren.

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**Bob Wills Meeting Held In Turkey**

Nine members were present for the Bob Wills Foundation Meeting where they began to formulate the plans for the upcoming Bob Wills Day in April.

The group voted to give donations to the Quitaque EMS, Turkey EMS, Turkey Museum and the Gem Theatre.

Plans being made for additional events for Bob Wills Day on April 26, 1997 are for the Lions Club to serve breakfast on Saturday morning and a Coimmunity Church Service Sunday morning on April 27 at the gym following Bob Wills Day.

Maintenance work was scheduled for Bob Wills facilities. Dusty Hill is in charge of the parade this year.

The next general meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and the group needs all the help they can get. It is very important that all the committee chairmen attend.

Retired is being tired twice, I've thought—first tired of working, then tired of not.  
 —Richard Armour

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 Potatoes  
 Hot Rolls  
 Milk

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 Beef-Vegetable-Soup  
 Cheese & Vegetable  
 Mixed Fruit  
 Cornbread

Wednesday  
 Pinto Beans  
 Wheat Rolls  
 Chocolate Cake

Thursday  
 Baked Chicken  
 Blue-eyed Peas  
 Peaches

Friday  
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News From and about Valley School

**School Menu**

- Monday**  
 Beef steaks Corn on Cob  
 Potatoes Brown Gravy  
 Hot Rolls Honey  
 Milk
- Tuesday**  
 Beef-Vegetable-Soup  
 Cheese & Vegetable Sticks  
 Mixed Fruit Crackers  
 Cornbread Milk
- Wednesday**  
 Pinto Beans Smoked Sausage  
 Wheat Rolls Stewed Potatoes  
 Chocolate Cake Milk
- Thursday**  
 Baked Chicken Squash  
 Blackeyed Peas Hot Rolls  
 Peaches Milk
- Friday**  
 Hamburgers French Fries  
 Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles  
 Fruit (1/2) orange Milk

**All District Selections**

by Coach Saul  
 Valley placed two individuals on the District 12 All-District Team. This team was selected by the coaches of the district. Andre Gaddis and Jeremy Taylor were selected from Valley for this team.

Also being recognized by the coaches were Matt Abram, Shawn Stephens, Jason Payne and Cory Chandler. These four individuals were selected as All-District Honorable Mention.

**Patriots Fall To Rotan**

by Coach Saul  
 The Valley Patriots ended their season at the Regional Tournament when they were defeated by Rotan by the score of 62-75.

Valley led 17-11 at the end of the 1st quarter and 31-30 at halftime. Valley trailed by the score of 43-51 going into the final quarter.

Valley featured a balanced scoring attack led by Jeremy Taylor with 15 points.

Also scoring for Valley was: Matt Abram--14 points, Cory Chandler--14 points, Andre Gaddis--13 points, Jason Payne--4 points and Shawn Stephens--2 points.

Valley finished their season with a record of 24-10.



**Galen Smith Received #1 Rating In Contest**

Galen Smith recently received a 1 rating in the solo contest held in Lockney in January. Galen is a 6th



**Senior Spotlight Letty Ortiz**

**Best Physical Characteristic:** My smile  
**Favorite Pastime:** Partying with friends  
**Style of Dress:** Casual  
**Hobby:** Listening to music  
**Pet Peeve:** People smacking their gum  
**Favorite Food:** Anything chinese  
**Best Subject:** Speech  
**Favorite Sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite Movie:** Gone with the Wind  
**Last Good Book Read:** Sweet Dreams by V. C. Andrews  
**My Hero:** My parents  
**I Always Fall For:** Younger guys  
**Someday I Want To:** Be successful in all I do  
**A Great Night Out:** Spending time with friends  
**If I were President:** I would strengthen the justice system  
**My Favorite Memory:** Is Sophomore year of hauling wood  
**My Worst Habit:** Biting my nails  
**Nickname:** Lou Lou  
**My Most Valued Possession:** My car  
**If I Could Change Something:** It would be my height  
**If I Could Do Anything I Wanted I Would:** Travel to Europe  
**Best Advice:** Keep your head up and you will go far  
**Worst Advice:** Do it anyway, no one will find out!  
**Greatest Fear:** A car accident or drowning  
**What I Like Most In High School:** The teachers  
**What Makes Me Mad:** Someone who talks about themselves ALL THE TIME!  
**My Future Plans Are:** To further my education by going to Frank-Phillip Junior College and then later transferring to a University. The major that I will be studying is physical therapy.

grade band student in Lockney. He plays the french horn and is 1st chair.

Galen is the 12 year old son of Scott and Susy Saul and Rodney and Denise Smith all of Lockney.

He is the grandson of Bobby and Glenda Pinner of Lockney; Jim and Barbara Saul and Twila Clark all of Quitaque.



**Senior Spotlight Joe Warner**

**Best Physical Characteristic:** Smile  
**Favorite Pastime:** Rodeo  
**Style of Dress:** Boots & Jeans  
**Hobby:** Cowboy  
**Pet Peeve:** Smacking  
**Favorite Food:** Steak  
**Best Subject:** Ag  
**Favorite Sport:** Football  
**Favorite Movie:** Lonesome Dove  
**Last Good Book Read:** Beowulf  
**My Hero:** John Wayne  
**I Always Fall For:** Redheaded, blue eyed women  
**Someday I Want To:** Be a successful businessman  
**A Great Night Out:** Friends and dancing  
**If I were President:** Bring back the hanging law  
**My Favorite Memory:** My senior year  
**My Worst Habit:** Arguing  
**Nickname:** Jose  
**My Most Valued Possession:** Pickup  
**If I Could Do Anything I Wanted I Would:** Own a Ranch  
**Best Advice:** Don't spit in the wind  
**Worst Advice:** Spit in the wind  
**Greatest Fear:** Spiders  
**What I Like Most In High School:** Ag  
**What Makes Me Mad:** People who talk behind your back  
**My Future Plans Are:** To manage a successful ranch or feedlot

**Valley High Offers One Act Play**

The Valley High School's One Act Play group will present Pat Cook's *Rest In Peace* on Monday, March 17, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valley School Cafeteria. This will be a dinner theater and a meal of brisket, baked potato, salad, dessert, and tea will be served. The play will follow.

There will no tickets sold at the door, so be sure to purchase tickets between March 4-14 from any one of the one act play group. The cast members are: Shawn Stephens, Cara Powell, Brandi Price, Janet Ross, Matt Abram, Briana Sperry, Walt Henson, Micah Stark, Mandy Pigg, and Jessica Ortiz. Mrs. Michelle Pointer and Mrs. Gail Jeffcoat are play sponsors.

Come out and support this fine group of students who will be entering the play in UIL competition on Tuesday March 18.

**Valley High School Varsity Girls On Team**

by Coach Jeffcoat  
 All-District Teams were recently voted for. Valley Lady Patriots which were on the team are as follows:  
**1st Team All-District**  
 Cara Powell and Briana Sperry  
**All-District Honorable Mention**  
 Brandi Price  
 Congratulations to each of these young ladies.

**Turkey News**

**THINGS SEEN OR HEARD**  
 by Ann Coker  
 While Janice Russell and I were in Plainview last Friday, we decided to eat at Furrs. As we were carrying our trays in we saw the Valley Boys Basketball Team and their coaches enjoying their lunch. They were on their way to Levelland. Such a nice looking bunch. Also Ida Hill and June Montgomery were doing some shopping in Plainview.

We ate lunch last Sunday at the Line Shack in Memphis and visited with the owner, Lavon Gafford. Lavon reported his last medical check-up was great, no sign of cancer.

While there Imogene (Melton) Molloy and her mother, Lois Melton, came in to eat. Lois was a patient in the hospital but was able to leave to eat lunch with her daughter.

The joys of country living--we were serenaded last Monday night by a pack of coyotes--sounded quite near.

The Fire Department was quite busy on Monday because of people burning off their yards. The Fire Boys were called to help control a fire at the Green's house behind Stacy Price's house.

Later they were called again to the Charles Daniel's home to another yard fire.

Keith and Bettie Green spent last week-end in Levelland with Cathryn and Elgin Conner. They also attended the Valley basketball game.

We were happy to hear that Coach Kenny Chandler's boys basketball team from Sweetwater will be playing at Austin for state.

Visiting with her parents, Gene and Fredia Fuston last week-end was Kacey Fuston. Kacey is a student at Texas Tech.

I enjoyed a phone call from Barbara Eudy last week. Barbara and Jay are enjoying their retirement in Levelland. Jay has some abnormalities in his arteries and is on heart medication. Their oldest son, Steve and family live in Kalispell, Montana and their daughter is a patient at Mayo Clinic with Crohns disease. Their son, Scott and family live in Florida and Jay and Barbara spent some time there when their fourth boy was born.

Barbara said she and Jay stay busy helping daughter Jill with her private school.

**On The QT**

Mrs. Shryee Mayfield, great niece of Hattie Lois Carter, along with her two daughters, Dru and Bryn of Texico, New Mexico visited Sunday with Hattie Lois and Ralph Carter. They joined them for church and lunch before returning to their home in New Mexico.

Wilburn and Zeldia Leeper drove to Corinth, Texas on Wednesday of the Spring Break at Valley School to visit with their son and family, Scott, Karen and Katy. They reported a very good visit. They returned home on Sunday.

Joyce Price is hospitalized at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock at press time. She was flown there by helicopter on Monday after being transported to the Lockney hospital earlier in the evening. Her condition is reported as stable.

Janice McBee has been hospitalized in the Lockney hospital this week.

The first electric razor was marketed in 1931.

**1997 Valley Lady Patriots Track Schedule**

Track Meet	Date
Anton (Amherst)	March 8
Springlake-Earth	March 14-15
Claude	March 22
Jayton	March 28
Groom	April 4-5
District @ Spur	April 11
Regional Qualifiers	April 18
Regionals @ Levelland	April 24-25
State @ Austin	May 9-10

**1997 Valley Patriots Boys Track Schedule**

Track Meet	Date
Anton	March 8
Spring-Lake Earth	March 14-15
Claude	March 21-22
Amarillo-Jayton	March 27-28
Spur	April 5
District (Spur)	April 11
Regional Qualifiers	April 18
Regionals (Levelland)	April 25
State Qualifiers	May 2
State (Austin)	May 8-10

**1997 Valley Patriots Junior High Track Schedule**

Track Meet	Date
Anton	March 8
Spring-Lake Earth	March 14
Claude	March 21
Knox City	March 27
Groom	April 4
District (Motley Co.)	April 17

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## THANK YOU

*I thank my family for the first birthday party in my life. Thank my neighbors and friends for coming. Thanks for the gifts and many cards. A special thank you for the beautiful flowers.*

*Thanks again and bless you all,*  
Viola Calvert 38 1tp

*I want to thank all the EMT's who came to my 911 call last Thursday night and for Don, Steve, Jimmy and Travis for taking me to the Lockney hospital.*

*Thanks so much because of the bad weather we were experiencing at that time.*

*Folks, we have some of the nicest men in this town to be willing to sacrifice their time and sleep in such wretched weather to help another person in time of distress.*

*I shall always be grateful for the help you gave me.*

*Sincerely,*  
Glady Wilson 38 1tc

## THE TURKEY WHO FLEW IN FOR DINNER

### A Happy Depression Story

by Frances Louise Hicks  
(courtesy Plainview Daily Herald)

Recent publicity about the Quitaque Trail celebration featuring two guineas who each had a \$100 bill fastened to one leg to be pushed out of an airplane for some lucky person caused me to ask myself: "Quitaque can have a guinea story, why can't Plainview and area have a turkey story?"

Here it is! Can you handle another Great Depression story?

In about 1938 my husband and I and our two sons lived in Muleshoe, Bailey County. The weekly Muleshoe Journal had been ballyhoing a merchandising project in which six live turkeys were to be released from an airplane to what was hoped lots of prospective catchers.

I read about it and knew that with two toddlers I wouldn't have a chance to catch a live turkey. I wasn't on the track team back in PHS anyway.

On the morning of the Muleshoe turkey pitch, Earl and the boys were in the chicken pens feeding chickens and as I heard the airplane overhead, I looked out the back door.

I saw a large fowl or bird, outside the plane. We were more than a mile from the proposed dispersal point and I thought: "No, this can't be a turkey!"

I continued to watch the bird's progress, scarcely daring the boys he would land in our pen! Will he! Can he! Yes! Yes, he can and he will and he has!

A few feet in front of Earl and Louise, a surprised turkey landed and looked his situation over. He wasn't any more surprised than we were.

What was he thinking? Maybe he remembered his mama's words: "Tom with your adventuresome personality, you are going to wind up somewhere, sometime, somehow into something you can't get out of."

Maybe he hummed a few bars of "Mamma Tried." I've gotten carried away--this was before Haggard's day.

I asked myself today what was I thinking? "Manna from Heaven?" I don't think so. I think I took one look and said: "Hello Thanksgiving dinner."

### StateWide Screening Program Offered

The Legislature passed a law in 1985 that requires all sixth and ninth grade students to be screened for spinal deformities. Early detection of abnormal spinal curvature can prevent serious health problems.

This is a problem that may begin during the early adolescent years (from 10-14 years of age), with an estimated 1 in 10 adolescents having some degree of abnormal curvature. Curves that are detected early may only require periodic observation by a specialist.

Moderate curves may require the wearing of a brace, which is usually supervised by an orthopedic specialist. In most cases, the need for major surgery for this deformity can be eliminated through early detection.

Spinal screening for Valley School children has been scheduled to begin on Monday, March 10, 1997.

Children will be screened for two types of spinal deformities: Scoliosis and Kyphosis. Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine is twisted, causing misalignment of the upper body or lower back. This condition can worsen and lead to much pain, as well as complications of the heart and lungs.

Kyphosis is an exaggerated rounding of the spine. Progression of these two conditions can often be arrested if detected early.

sent in by Annetta Helms

To that point in our married life we had always had thanksgiving dinner with my dad's sister Minnie Tipton and her husband, Dow. She raised turkeys for spending money. So Aunt Minnie always baked a turkey, made cornbread dressing and assorted aunts, uncles, cousins and a grandma fixed the rest and we had a feast.

Suddenly I saw a chance for the Earl Hickses to have their own baked turkey and fattened this dude up. This was before fat was a no-no. At the proper time, Earl, who was raised on his grandparents' farm in Floyd County, knew how to kill and dress this bird. He handed it to me with a "you're on your own" look.

I'd never baked a turkey before but I had watched. I baked him a nice and golden brown and prepared the traditional dishes and of course, the pumpkin pie. A feast!

Maybe you'd have had to live in those days to properly appreciate my pride.

I related this story once in the hearing of our son Jim. He said, "Mama, this is so unreal, even weird, nobody will believe it!" Frankly, I could see he didn't!

OK Jim, I saw him land. Dad killed and dressed him. I baked him and you helped eat him!

## Yesteryear

Taken from The Turkey Enterprise Thursday, March 4, 1948

### Did You Know That

(by Coy Jane)  
Easter Sunday will come on Sunday March 28th this year.

Spring will begin (Central Standard Time) on March 20th at 10:57 a.m.

Mineral sources of Hall county include pumicite, burning and brick clays, dolomite, caliche and volcanic ash.

Hall county, organized in 1890, did not have a public school in the city of Turkey until 1908, when one was organized with Miss Lillie Vanderslice teacher, assisted by 15 year old J. Lee Gilmore.

According to the Texas almanac the population of Turkey has not varied in the past five years, the number being 930.

### Surprise Birthday Dinner For Leap Year "Child"

Mrs. Luke Lane was honored with a surprise birthday dinner Sunday, February 29, when she celebrated her 11th birthday. This was quite an occasion for Mrs. Lane for it is not every year she celebrates a birthday. The dinner was given in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lacy.

Chicken and dressing, boiled ham, salads, vegetables, pies, coffee and a big birthday cake with 11 candles was served to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Lane and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Smith of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Guest and Shelia, Mrs. Albert Lacy, Mrs. Betty Wynn of Memphis and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lacy.

Burl Pierce has purchased the Pinkerton farm located south of town on Turkey creek from Mrs. Eva Pinkerton of Plainview. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pinkerton who have been living there are moving to Plainview.

Miss Gloria Cagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cagle of Flomot, who has been ill the past two weeks, has recovered and is now back in business college at Lubbock.

Mrs. Ernest Young of Memphis was a guest of Mrs. Lewis Eudy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilmore visited with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mosley of Flomot Sunday night.

## March Immunization Clinics Slated

Immunization Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type b).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income, size, and the ability to pay.

Immunization will be available at Tulia on March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health Clinic at 219 S. E. 2nd Street.

Immunization will be available in Memphis at the Hall County Hospital on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Immunization will be available in Clarendon on March 18 at the Texas Department of Health Clinic at the Medical Center on Highway 70 North from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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