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Winter arrives a week early

Who was it that stated this summer during the 100° plus temperatures, "I can't wait until winter." Of course that was most obviously a misdirected wish. On December 16 winter moved in. The days progressed. One week went by and the temperatures continued to dip lower. Finally on December 24 the temperature reached an all time low for the date of 6° for a high with an unprecedented wind chill factor of -35° below 0 on the Fahrenheit scale. The weather apparently forgot winter was not supposed to arrive until the 22 of December, the first day of winter.

The people of the panhandle in Texas are used to the unpredictable weather, but much of the country is not. In the Coastal States the water lines in the homes are most generally located in the top portion of the homes. The water lines are unprotected and freeze. Dallas-Fort Worth received 6-8 inches of ice and snow which caused a panic of the inexperienced drivers. Citrus crops in South Texas, Florida and California were reported on December 25 to be covered with ice, probably destroying the crops to an irreversible stage. In contrast London, England reported the warmest Christmas in over 100 years.

Donley County was not to be excluded when records were to be broken. It is very rare for the area to experience such a severe winter this early in the season. The common cold front moves in and leaves after a few days, but this one has lingered on for weeks with little relief in sight.

The cause of the unusual weather is primarily blamed on a change of the air currents and cold front paths. The arctic air has been dipping as far south as Houston and even Hawaii, which broke a record. The most unusual aspect is the fact that the arctic cold fronts are developing as soon as the other front diminishes. Each of the cold fronts have followed each other as a big high pressure system dominates Canada which increases the cold temperatures and directs the fronts more on a southern path. This time of the year the extreme cold should be experienced in the northern part of the U.S. but now the south seems to be becoming "the North Pole".

The Clarendon Sheriff's office reported that during the two week cold spell a total of nine wrecks have occurred. One automobile rolled over while the other

accidents were minor. No knowledge of the highway patrol reports of ice and snow related accidents to this date. The Greenbelt Water Plant reported no problems except for a few air valves being frozen, but nothing has hampered the production of the water. The gas company stated there is no shortage of gas as to this date. While Pat Robertson, head of Paramedics and ambulance services, reported no major health problems except for a large number of people have experienced severe respiratory problems. "The cold is very hard on individuals with respiratory problems" stated Pat. He also went on to indicate the oxygen on the ambulance has lasted about ten days compared to the normal 4-6 weeks it usually lasts. Pat Robertson urged all to use common sense during this winter period. Keep bundled up and drink lots of fluids and eat a well balanced meal. Pat urged people to avoid alcohol in order to eliminate accidents and reduce the risk of hyperthermia. Finally Pat stated, "If it looks icy outside, just do not go out. If it is necessary to go out use extreme caution and if you have difficulty moving around call someone who can drive you to your destination. Be careful!"

The ranches are beginning to feel the effects of the premature winter. One rancher stated, "If the cold weather persists my feed supply will be terminated. I have already used up half of my supplies and winter has just begun. I feel my cattle will not make it if the

Extension

Service

Open House

The Donley County Extension Service is sponsoring an "Open House and Information Day" on Friday, December 30, 1983, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the County Extension Office in the old court house.

Refreshments will be served and there will be free pamphlets and brochures available. The public is invited to attend.

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The ranchers saw a little relief on Monday when the high was 28° which broke the two weeks of extreme cold, but ice and snow is expected for Thursday and Friday when another cold front is

Donley County Program Building

Committee meeting Dec. 30

You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Donley County Program Building Committee on Friday, December 30, 1983, at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held in the Extension Office in the old court house in Clarendon.

The basic function of the committee is to provide program direction and support to Extension work in Donley County. The membership of the committee is composed of the Executive Committee and the members of the 4-H and Youth, Family

Living, Field Crops, and Beef Cattle and Range Committees. We need your help in planning programs that will benefit the people of Donley County.

Anyone interested in planning future Extension programs that will benefit all of the people of Donley County is invited to attend.

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Economic Emergency

Loan program to be reinstated by FmHA

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will resume making economic emergency loans by the beginning of next year, according to FmHA County Supervisor, Marvin Crabtree.

"Economic emergency loans are designed for farmers who are in a cost-price squeeze or face other financial difficulty beyond their control," Crabtree said. In other words, the loans are for a financial emergency rather than a natural disaster such as a drought or flood.

The economic emergency or "EE" program was in operation from 1978 to 1981. The program expired in 1981 but was later reauthorized by Congress. It is being reopened under an order by the U.S. district court in Washington, D.C.

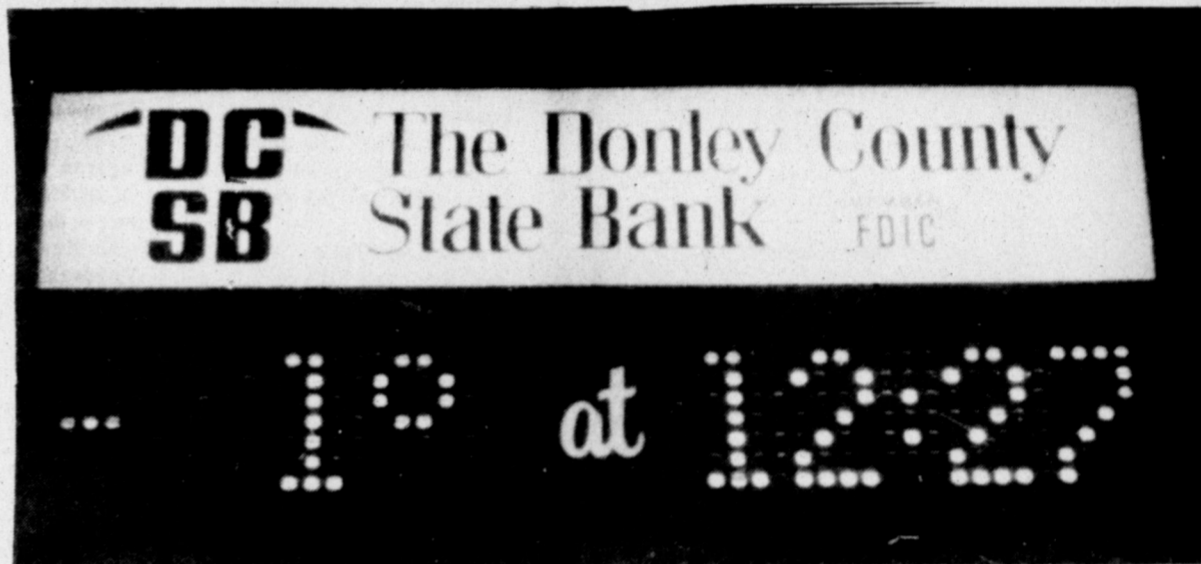
"Under the program, loans will be available to farmers who are suffering an economic emergency through no fault of their own. They must show that they have tried unsuccessfully to get a loan from another source before coming to FmHA. They must also show they can repay the loan over a period of time, depending on the use of the funds. The funds can be used to finance debts and related uses," Crabtree said.

The interest rate for direct loans fluctuates with the cost of the government of borrowing money. The interest rates for guaranteed loans, which are made by commercial lenders and back by the government, are negotiated between the borrower and the lender.

Applications for economic emergency loans will be available at the FmHA county office located at 416 South Kearney, Clarendon, phone 874-3552.

Shop Late Winners

- Rattan TV - Kay McDaniels
- Bivens - Geneva Mays and Cennett Rhodes
- Alderson Chevrolet - Linda Roberson
- Greene Dry Goods - Cennett Rhodes
- Gibsons - Billy Goodman, Brenda McConnell, Charles Blackburn and Doris Dickerson
- The Nook - Gayle Skinner
- Osburn Furniture - Doricene McAnear
- Clarendon-Auto Supply - Brenda Chamberlain
- Bob's Variety Store - Sarah Ramirez
- Stavenhagen Furniture - Linda Roberson
- Save's - Kay McDaniels
- Hensons - Eddy Eads
- J & W Lumber - Helen Woody
- Greenbelt Ford - Lennis Knowles
- LaRue's - Lita Smith
- Reynolds - Stacy Mooring
- Floyd's - Sarah Ramirez
- Mike's Pharmacy - Linda Bell
- Allsup's - Gladys Blackburn
- H & E Restaurant - Lana Bell
- Mr. Burger - Doris Braddock
- Donut Hole - Jeff Neske
- Guys & Dolls - Gladys Blackburn
- Dairy Queen - Doris Dickerson
- Sandra's Custom Draperies - Helen Woody
- Mays 66 Service - George A. Wilkerson
- Amira's - Paulette Kidd
- Bylow Food - R.A. Hay
- Kidd's Texaco - Jim McElroy
- Harlan's Flowers - Beverly Burrow
- Marv's Country Kitchen - Doris Braddock
- Braddock Shell - Janie Hill
- Senior Citizens - Katie Dvorak



1984 Farm programs to have acreage conservation reserve

Starting with the 1984 crop year, cropland removed from production to satisfy farm program acreage reduction requirements will be known as Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR), according to Edwia Campbell, CED.

"Our goal in 1984 is to encourage farmers to continue the very important conservation practice of placing their more erosive land into an acreage conservation reserve, while balancing supply with demand," said Campbell. This is a way in which farmers can control over-abundant supply situations similar to what they have just faced. He said the programs will also provide a

degree of insurance for farmers against price fluctuations and adverse weather conditions.

The 1984 acreage reduction programs will require farmers to reduce their wheat planted acreage by 30 percent and their feed grain acres by 10 percent of the established base to qualify for deficiency payments and crop loans. Wheat program participants who divert an additional 10 to 20 percent of their wheat base will be eligible for payment-in-kind (PIK).

Campbell said farmers who participate in the 1984 wheat program must limit

their planted acreage to no more than 70 percent of the farm's wheat base and devote to ACR eligible cropland equal to the PIK acreage plus 42.86 percent of their total planted and PIK acreages. Feed grain program participants must limit corn, sorghum, oats and barley acreage planted for harvest to not more than 90 percent of the farm's feed grain base and devote eligible cropland equal to 11.11 percent of the 1984 planted acreage to ACR.

Land designated for the acreage conservation reserve must have been devoted to row crops or small grains in two of the last three years

except for a summer fallow farm. Under summer fallow rules, the land must be

acres that would have been planted to a small grain or row crop in 1984 in the absence of the feed grain and wheat programs.

The ASCS official said having will not be permitted on ACR acres. However, the acreage may be grazed except during the six principal growing months.

Farmers will have the opportunity to sign up for the 1984 feed grain and wheat acreage reduction program from January 16th through February 24th.

West Texas Utilities granted a rate increase

West Texas Utilities Company has been granted a retail rate increase totaling \$12 million annually by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The overall increase amounts to 5.1 per cent, much less than the 11 per cent the Company had said it needed. The Company had asked for \$25.6 million in its request to the cities and the PUC.

The exact amounts assigned to various customer classifications and the effective date of the new rates awaits PUC approval of rate tariffs which will be filed early next week. Company officials said the rates are likely to go into effect around January 1.

The approved rate hike also is less than the interim rates WTU has charged customers in 32 of its cities since October 22, which means that those customers will be receiving refunds and will see their rates lowered slightly. The interim rates, collected under bond and subject to refund, were designed to increase the Company's annual revenue by \$18 million.

Approximate effects of the rates changes on a typical residential customer's bill are as follows, based on 600 kilowatt hours of electric usage and including fuel costs:

Proposed rate	\$46.00
Present rate	\$44.16
Increase	\$ 2.69 or 6.1 per cent
Interim rate	\$49.56
Proposed rate	\$46.85
Decrease	\$ 2.71 or 5.7 per cent

Company officials said the refund on interim rates probably will be made in the February billing. Customers due refunds who have moved out of the WTU service area should contact their former local offices.

Interim rates were placed in effect October 22 in the following communities, which had suspended WTU's

Little Miss and Master Donley

County Pageant to be Jan. 21

Alpha Upsilon Epsilon Sorority is again sponsoring the Little Miss and Master Donley County Pageant.

The pageant will be on January 21, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harnes Sisters Fine Arts Center at Clarendon College. Rehearsal night will be Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the college. Participants must be present for rehearsal to participate on pageant night.

Children ages 4 to 6 years old and residents of Donley

County are eligible for participation in the pageant. The children must be 4, 5 or 6 on December 31, 1983 to be eligible. The judges will be from out of town. Applications may be picked up at the following Clarendon locations: Hensons, The Nook and the Clarendon Public Library or from an Alpha Upsilon Epsilon member. The applications can be picked up at these locations beginning January 3, 1984 and MUST BE back in by January 13, 1984.

proposed rate increase: Abilene, Anson, Baird, Ballinger, Benjamin, Big Lake, Blackwell, Buffalo Gap, Childress, Cisco, Clarendon, Crowell, Eden, Hamlin, Haskett, Impact, Knox City, Melvin, Mundav, O'Brien, Paducah, Quanah, Rising Star, Rochester, San Angelo, Spur, Stamford, Throckmorton, Tve, Wellington, Winters, and Woodson.

Interim rates were not placed into effect in the following cities, because they denied the rate increase and their cases had been appealed to the PUC: Alpine, Aspermont, Balmoreha, Bronte, Clyde, Cross Plains, Dodson, Estelline, Hawley, Iraan, Jayton, Junction, Lawn, Leuders, Marfa, Memphis, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Presidio, Putnam, Quitaque, Rankin, Santa Anna, Shamrock, Sonora, Sterling City, Turke, Tuscola and Valentine.

Bronc and Broncette basketball to resume

The Broncette basketball games will resume on December 29 against Gruver at 4:00 and will be held on the Broncette Stomping Ground. They will confront Hedley on December 30, there and again on January 3, here. Come support your Maroon and White teams.

Tuesday, December 13, the Broncos hosted the Groom Tigers. Early in the first quarter, the Broncos took control of the court. By a tremendous show of team effort, the Broncos finished the quarter with a 14-6 lead. The second quarter was just as hot as the first as the Broncos continued to dominate the scoreboard. By half time, the Broncos had attained a 26-15 lead over the Tigers. In the third quarter the Tigers tried to pull ahead but couldn't quite pull it off. The Broncos still held a 33-27 lead at the start of the fourth quarter. The court seemed to come alive during the fourth quarter. The Broncos began to show a mighty display of offensive and defensive skills. The game ended with the Broncos leading 55-41. High point man for the Broncos was Doue

Walker with a total of 20 points.

Friday, Dec. 16, the Broncos hosted the Valley basketball team. The Broncos fell behind in the first quarter. At the end of the quarter the score was 17-12 in favor of Valley. The Broncos fell within 3 points of catching up in the second quarter. The quarter ended with Valley leading 30-27. The Broncos fought for the lead during the third quarter but ended the quarter with Valley still leading 46-42. The Broncos continued to struggle for the lead during the fourth quarter. The Broncos couldn't quite attain the lead and the final buzzer sounded with Valley leading 71-62.

Cotton Ginnings

Reports from ginnings of cotton show that 3,348,082 bales of cotton were ginned in the United States through October 31, 1983 from the crop of 1983, compared to 5,288,435 for 1982. Texas ginnings, on the same basis, totaled 729,154 in 1983, compared to 884,210 in 1982.

WEATHER

Compiled by Tommie Saxe - Cooperative Observer for National Weather Service, Clarendon, Texas

DAY	DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
MONDAY	19	12	6	
TUESDAY	20	15	5	
WEDNESDAY	21	13	1	.01
THURSDAY	22	9	-2	
FRIDAY	23	11	-1	
SATURDAY	24	15	J	
SUNDAY	25	6	1	
MONDAY	26	16	5	
Tuesday	27	34	10	
TOTAL FOR MONTH		3.5		
TOTAL FOR YEAR		19.68		

Lightning strikes the Earth a hundred times every second, from the 1,800 thunderstorms in progress at any given moment.

Howardwick News

By ALICE HOOD



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Clarendon, Texas

No Gifts Please

Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were served and enjoyed by 92 members and guests at the Howardwick Friendship Club Christmas dinner on December 16. There was a nice crowd of young folks. Santa Clause arrived and brought them gifts. Lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Henry and Cora Bland's granddaughter presented her talents of tunes on the piano. Also Christmas carols were played on the stereo which could very seldom be heard above the laughter and joy of visiting and of celebrating

this Christmas occasion, our Saviors birthday. Our wishes are that everyone has food, clothing and shelter and above all love for Jesus who died on the cross to save us. Have faith, hope, and charity. Have a Happy New Year!

The Howardwick Volunteer Fire Dept. had fire drills Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. During this time, Fire Marshal John Nazworth had a heart attack and was taken by ambulance to Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. Last report was December 16. He was in intensive care and improving.

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Veterans Land loans can now be paid by month

Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro announced today that the Veterans Land Board will begin phasing in a monthly payment plan for all veterans participating in the Land Program.

"Veterans have repeatedly told me they would prefer monthly payments on land loans. A change from semi-annual to monthly payments will benefit many veterans who want to more accurately plan their finances, and will encourage more veterans to participate in the land program," Mauro said.

Land Loan repayments have been semi-annual since the program first started in 1949. Over 80,000 veterans have participated in the program which offers low-interest loans of up to \$20,000 for the purchase of ten acres or more of land.

The new monthly payment program will begin with veterans who obtain applications for loans after January 1, 1984. They will automatically get a monthly repayment

schedule for their loans. Veterans who obtain loan applications before January 1, 1984, and veterans who are now making semi-annual payments will be offered the option of converting to monthly payments beginning in the Spring of 1984.

If veterans wish to change from semi-annual to monthly repayment of their loans, the interest rate on their original loans will not change. Full details on this new option will be provided to all present participants in the land program beginning with semi-annual statements mailed in April and July 1984.

"The start of a monthly payment program is part of my commitment to encourage all eligible Texas veterans to take advantage of the Land Program's benefits. We are offering another service to veterans by making it easier for many to participate in the program," Mauro said.

WTSU Honor roll

Honor roll lists for the fall semester at West Texas State University named 666 students.

Included on the President's List are 84 students and the Dean's List includes the names of 582 students.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 semester credit hours with at least a grade point average of 3.25

on a 4.0 scale and President's List honorees must have earned grade point averages of 3.85 to a perfect 4.0 and completed 12 semester hours.

The students are recognized for academic achievement in the School of Agriculture, College of Arts and

Sciences, School of Business, College of Education, School of Fine Arts, School of Nursing and Graduate School.

Names to the Dean's List from Clarendon are Cara Cornell, freshman business education major and Kelli Hardin, sophomore mathematics education major.

health hints

Before the cough and cold season ends, there's a good chance your child will catch more than one cold because of children's susceptibility to upper respiratory infections.



To help relieve your child's cold symptoms, the first over-the-counter nasal decongestant with the precise dosing of a prescription product is available with a medication mild enough for children. Called Nostril™, its unique metered pump delivers a fine, even mist that gently clears up nasal congestion and helps children breathe freely.

Because it isn't necessary for the children to tilt their heads or lie down, the medication doesn't drip down their throats and cause them to gag.

Unlike squeeze bottles, the pump dispenser's one-way action prevents common cold nasal fluids from being drawn back into the solution.



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Friday-Saturday & Sunday
30-31 JAN. 1

THE BIG CHILL

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COLUMBIA PICTURES

Tom Berenger
Glenn Close
Jeff Goldblum
William Hurt
Kevin Kline
Mary Kay Place

Friday-Saturday & Sunday
6-7-8

FROM STEPHEN KING'S NOVEL COMES A CHILLING TALE OF A QUIET NEW ENGLAND TOWN AND A HORRIBLE EVIL... NOW, THERE'S A NEW NAME FOR TERROR.

DEE WALLACE

Friday-Saturday & Sunday
13-14-15

There's a time for playing it safe and a time for...

Risky Business

THE ADVENTURES OF A MODEL SON.

Tom Cruise - Rebecca De Mornay

Friday-Saturday & Sunday
20-21-22

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION

CHEVY CHASE - BEVERLY D'ANGELO
IMOGENE COCA - RANDY QUAID

Every summer Chevy Chase takes his family on a little trip. This year he went too far.

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Friday-Saturday & Sunday
27-28-29

The Man Who Loved Women

BURT REYNOLDS - JULIE ANDREWS

It's the perfect relationship between one man and half the human race.

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TROOP 213-(Back Row)-Amy Chastin, Amanda Ward, Julie Altman, Mariena Stewart, Kimberly Wooten, Shauna Carmichael, (Front

Row)-Haley Hamilton, Beth Barble, Darinda plummer, Sumer Leffew, Jamie Hutcherson, Mandy Floyd, Robble Longan

Grain Condition--Storage structure important, says Campbell

To prevent economic loss and preserve the quality of farm-stored grain, farmers participating in the commodity loan and reserve programs are required to make year-round inspections of the stored crops. Edwin Campbell CED says insect infestation and mold growth are the principal causes of wasted grain and lost profits.

"Farm-stored grain needs to be inspected for insects and

mold growth, not only in warm weather, but also during the fall and winter months. The market value of infested grain may be substantially reduced if the number of insect-damaged kernels is sufficient to lower the grade of the grain. Discounts against the price paid per bushel are often assessed by the buyer if live insects are present in the grain," said Campbell.

To minimize contaminating newly-harvested grain, farmers generally check to see that their storage structures are adequate to control insect infestation, and apply an approved insecticide to the grain when it is placed in storage. This treatment usually protects grain from insect damage for almost one storage season.

Insects in stored grain go almost dormant for the winter. Grain near the outer surfaces of the storage structure cools before that located in the center, and as the grain cools, insects will move toward the center of the bin where the grain is still warm. The larger the bin, the longer it takes the grain to cool. Stored grain also contains moisture that may shift from one location to another mainly because of temperature differences that develop within the structure when surface and perimeter areas of the grain cool. Moisture from warm grain moves to cooler parts of the structure, causing damp areas within the grain that favor insect activity and mold development.

When determining eligibility for the grain reserve program or commodity loans, ASCS considers the condition of the storage structure and the commodity stored within the structure. Farmers are responsible for any loss in quality or quantity caused by insect infestation, mold growth or rodent damage. "Storage conditions and grain quality are particularly important to producers who will use their farm-stored grain loans to satisfy payment-in-kind obligations," Campbell said.

He encourages farmers to continue using the proper storage and handling methods to preserve farm-stored grain year-round and prevent economic loss.

New Car Registration

Purchased from Chamberlain Motor Company

- 1983 Olds by Lynda L. Osman, Amarillo.
- 1984 Cadillac by Martha Dryden, Amarillo.
- 1983 Olds by Ed Manning, Clarendon.
- 1984 GMC Jimmy by Jimmy Thompson, Clarendon.
- 1984 GMC PU by Tommy Jackson, Pampa.
- 1984 Cadillac by Norma Jean Tempel, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 1984 GMC PU by George Mode, Wildorado.
- 1984 Pontiac by Lucille Mallard, Pampa.
- 1984 GMC PU by Apache Dry Wall, Amarillo.
- 1984 Olds by Orville W. Cunningham, Canyon.
- 1984 GMC Jimmy by Don Smith, Clarendon.
- 1984 Cadillac by Tommie Lou Smith, Memphis.
- 1984 Olds by Dorothy P. Cobb, Shamrock.
- 1983 Olds by Harold Houdyshell, McLean.
- 1984 Olds by J.J. Alexander, Pampa.
- 1984 Buick by Amarillo Hardware, Amarillo.
- 1984 Buick by John Terrell, Justin.
- 1984 Olds by Jim Dungan, Amarillo.
- 1984 Buick by Mike Wilson, Childress.
- 1984 Buick by John Bushman, Ft. Worth.
- 1984 Buick by Orvil Thornton, Childress.
- 1984 Cadillac by Andy Morris, Beaver, Okla.
- 1984 Buick by Sue Marshall, Shamrock.
- 1983 GMC PU by B.E. Morris, Okla.
- 1984 Buick by Mrs. Don Leary, Memphis.
- 1984 Buick by Tracy Brady, Amarillo.
- 1984 GMC Suburban by Jerry Walling, Pampa.
- 1984 Cadillac by Nell H. Stroud, Amarillo.
- 1984 Olds by Phaeton Alexander, Memphis.
- 1984 GMC Jimmy by David Pitts, Clarendon.
- 1983 Olds by David Barclay, Amarillo.
- 1983 Olds by Tal C. Tate, Amarillo.



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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

— John 3:16

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:40
Children's Worship 10:40
Evening Study 6:00
Youth 6:00
Correspondence course available [No charge].
Minister: Bruce Hofmann 874-3218

ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Jefferson & Martindale
Albert Yarborough, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11:00 a.m.
Night Service 8:30 p.m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Woman's Mission 8:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th & Jefferson 874-3667
Wm. H. [Bill] Watson
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Youth Program 7:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

5th & McClelland
Roger Gray, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Women's Missionary 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3rd & Parks 874-2231
Rev. J. Scott Turner, Vicar
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th & Parks
Dr. E.L. Manning, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Program 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Bible Study 2:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 287 & Jackson 874-3479
Gary L. Pinlon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

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A Look Back

Texas Agriculture in 1983--

By BILL BRADEN

Storm clouds were brewing for Texas farmers and ranchers and the nation's agricultural industry as a whole as 1983 got under way. Those farmers and ranchers who had survived the financial crunch of the previous year were looking for some glimmer of hope for the months ahead.

Before most people had become accustomed to writing "1983" instead of "1982", the government unveiled a new program that over the coming months would be praised by many as resurrecting the farming community and at the same time cursed by just as many as only a "quick fix" to a long-term problem.

PIK Is Born
That program was called PIK, for payment-in-kind, the brainchild of Secretary of Agriculture John Block. PIK was designed to attack the huge farm commodity surplus problem that had been plaguing the agricultural industry for the past several years and keeping a downward pressure on market prices. Its concept was to get farmers to reduce production by paying them with surplus commodities—commodities of the same kind they pledged not to produce.

This all seemed well and good at the outset, but the following months proved to be a nightmare for USDA officials involved in administering this very complex program. And its cost, initially hailed as minimal when compared to previous government programs, became an albatross at a tab of more than \$12 billion.

The jury is still out on PIK, but it did have a generally positive effect in that it reduced huge stockpiles of major farm

commodities and thereby caused some strengthening of market prices. High prices for feed grains, however, spelled higher costs for feedlot operators and livestock owners. All in all, though, PIK did keep many farmers alive financially for at least another year. But it provided no long-term solutions. Improved markets will surely encourage farmers to increase production in 1984, leading to surpluses that could again sound the death knell for many farmers.

Farmers Ready But Weather Is Not
First skeptical but then encouraged by PIK, many farmers were ready to get 1983 off to a good start. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas. She intervened abruptly at various times during the spring months, keeping farmers out of their fields by employing a host of tactics, such as late-season cold snaps and raging thunderstorms accompanied by hail and heavy rains. April was too dry; May was too wet. Farmers tried time and again to get their crops up, some replanting two or three times and wondering whether or not they would ever get a crop up.

For farmers in some western areas there was no need to wonder. They never got around to planting because of the drought that persisted. Although some areas had good planting moisture and the farm picture appeared bright, a relentless summer drought soon turned the tables. The fact that crops were already three weeks or so late due to the adverse spring weather added to farmers' woes. Many crops suffered severely from lack of moisture; some weren't even harvested. Land in western areas that normally produced three-fourths to a bale of cotton per acre struggled to yield one-sixth of a bale. But in other areas, wet weather became a problem. Several weeks of wet conditions over parts of South Texas and the Coastal Bend in late July caused some maturing corn and grain sorghum to sprout and brought boll rot problems in maturing cotton.

Two Major Calamities
Surely this was an unforgettable year for South Plains farmers. Seemingly off to a good start, the area's cotton crop was subjected to one of the earliest freezes on record (Sept. 21) that reduced yields in some counties by 15 to 20 percent. Then a few weeks later hail, high winds and heavy rains bombarded the area, leaving many cotton fields in shreds.

Farmers along the Upper Texas Coast also had their problems in 1983—a big one was Hurricane Alicia. The mid-August storm came ashore in the Galveston area, inflicting damages exceeding \$50 million to crops such as rice, corn, cotton and pecans as it moved inland. The lateness of crops due to poor spring planting conditions was a key factor in the high damage. Many would already have been harvested during a normal crop year.

The Unforgettable Drought
Texas as well as other sections of the country, particularly the Midwest, made headlines during 1983 due to a relentless drought that tightened its stranglehold as the summer wore on. Much of Texas suffered, but the effects of the drought were most devastating in about a 30-country areas stretching from San Angelo to El Paso.

This area, dominated by cattle, sheep and goats, was decimated by drought conditions that many seasoned ranchers likened to the '50s. Not only was the area without rainfall during most of the year, but the dry stretch extended back well into 1982. Some locations managed only an inch or two of rain in 18 months.

Faced with no grass on which to graze their livestock and high feed costs, ranchers started to do the only thing they could—haul their stock to market. In many cases entire herds were liquidated. Some ranchers held on to a few breeding stock, feeding hay throughout the year. The drought of '83

left a mark that few will ever forget.

News Not All Bad
Despite the vagaries of the weather and the usual battle between low prices and high production costs, many Texas farmers and ranchers managed to hold their own and perhaps even move forward a bit in 1983. PIK was the salvation of many, particularly in areas where crops suffered weather damage. And in most other areas, crops did reasonably well despite the later-than-normal planting season.

Record-breaking corn and cotton yields were reported in irrigated areas of Southwest Texas, and good crops were also

harvested in many southern, central and coastal counties. The Texas crop picture also was boosted by a good wheat harvest in the spring, an excellent peach crop and a bumper pecan harvest. A good sugar beet crop was harvested in the High Plains, and the sugarcane harvest in the Rio Grande Valley was producing good yields as the year came to a close. A good citrus harvest also was under way in the Valley.

Despite drought conditions in Western areas, most livestock made it through the year in good shape. Good hay crops were harvested in many areas and supplies should be sufficient to overwinter herds. 1983 also passed without a case of screwworms, making it as the first such year in several decades.

A Look Ahead
Still, there are many unsettling conditions surrounding agriculture, so 1984 will begin much like 1983. While there will not be another PIK, the government will try in some way to entice farmers to hold the line on production to avoid surpluses that in the past have wreaked havoc with market prices.

Farmers know that surpluses are devastating, but they also know they must gamble on the possibility that weather or other calamities could push prices up, as could sudden changes in export markets.

Cattlemen could also be in for better times as the U.S. economy continues to improve and the herd buildup phase of the cattle cycle continues. Herd liquidations in 1983 due to the drought could prolong the buildup of cattle numbers. However, the 1.5 million or more dairy cows that will be moving to market as a result of the new dairy program will have a dampening effect on cow prices.

Although some economists expect farm income to increase significantly in 1984 (10 to 15 percent over recent years), a lot of uncertainties remain about the agricultural picture in the year ahead. But then, uncertainties have become a way of life for most farmers and ranchers.

City Minutes

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Clarendon met in regular session on December 13, 1983, in the Board Room, City Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Mayor James L. Kuhm, Aldermen Richard Bell, J.G. McAnear, Lloyd McCord, and James Sharrar.

Member absent was alderman Gene White.

Others present were City Secretary Donna Edwards, Gary McKay of Barber, Brannon, Traylor and Todd, Inc., and F.A. Munden.

*Minutes of the November 22, 1983, meeting was read and approved.

*Mr. Gary McKay of Barber, Brannon, Traylor and Todd Engineering Company discussed with the Board the services his firm provides. Of particular interest to the Board, was the work the firm does in aiding cities to obtain grants for improvements to low to moderate income areas at no cost to the City. If a grant is obtained, the engineering fee would come out of the grant money. The services of this firm for a period of three years during which time they will work on grant applications for the City providing that the City advertise for engineering services in the newspaper first, and this firm is still found to provide the most satisfactory offer was accepted.

*Mr. F.A. Munden, retired from the construction business, discussed with the Board the possibility of performing inspections for the

City. It was decided to table this item for the time being pending further study.

*The need to increase the cost to the customer for new sewer and water taps were discussed as the current charge does not cover the cost involved in making the taps. Increasing the price of each tap for sewer and water by \$50.00 was accepted. The new charges for taps will be: Sewer tap, \$115.00; 3/4" water tap \$160.00; 1" water tap, \$275.00; 1 1/2" water tap, \$375.00; 2" water tap, \$460.00.

*The necessity of raising the water rate was also discussed. The current rate is \$9.00 minimum for the first 5000 gallons, then \$8.80 for the next 5000 gallons, and \$7.70 for each 1000 gallons thereafter. The minimum will remain \$9.00 for the first 5000 gallons, but will increase the charge to \$9.90 for each 1000 gallons thereafter.

*Bills incurred by the City in the month of November, 1983, were presented and ordered paid.

*There being no other City business at this time meeting adjourned.

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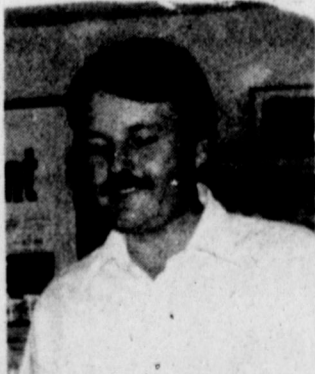
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It is estimated that about one-half of the two-million Americans who have epilepsy can be adequately maintained with conventional treatment procedures. It is also felt that a large part of those remaining can experience a reduction in the frequency of seizure attacks with such treatment. What role do drugs play in control of seizures? As it turns out, prescription drugs are the mainstay of nearly all seizure treatment efforts.

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New Director for Senior Citizens

Waldon Moore, President of the Donley County Senior Citizens Association, announced the selection of Jean Baten as Director of the local Senior Citizens Center, effective January 1, 1984. Jean will replace Katie

Dvorak who is awaiting orders for an active duty assignment with the United States Navy. We have all enjoyed working with Katie and wish her the best of luck in the future. "I'm pleased to be selected as the Director for such a worthwhile association" said Jean. "My desire will be to continue the good nutrition program we now enjoy five days a week", Mrs. Baten continued, "and to keep the other programs active and possibly add new ones". Mrs. Baten hopes to have the entire community's continued cooperation and support.

Jean stated that the activities of the Donley County Senior Citizens Association was a big factor in making our decision to return to Clarendon. This program is a great asset to Clarendon, our neighboring communities and residents of Donley County. We want very much to keep it alive and healthy.

A native of Donley and Hall counties, Jean Baten and husband Barney have returned to Clarendon after Jean retired from a twenty-seven year career with General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

Jean and Barney were united in marriage December 23, 1944 in Clarendon where Barney was engaged in farming. The couple have one daughter. The family moved to a farm west of Memphis, in 1946 and remained in and around the Memphis area until 1968 when Jean began to follow her career with the Telephone Company. They were located in Guymon, Oklahoma at the time of her retirement.

Jean will be remembered by many by her maiden name "Gregory" and worked as a waitress in several local Cafe's before her marriage, a daughter of Emma Gregory who was a cook at Mutt's Cafe for over twenty years.

Jean stated "The purpose of the Senior Citizens Center is to have a place for we senior people to meet and enjoy each other and the various programs offered". We all need to get out of the house from time to time --A N D-- the Center is a perfect place to meet your friends, neighbors and relatives just to visit while eating lunch; eat and enjoy music and sing-a-ling at our Birthday/Anniversary Supper held the last Tuesday of each month; bring a friend and come every Monday night for



JEAN BATEN, new Director of Senior Citizens Center.

Dance Practice, which I prefer to call exercising to music, or just come to watch and visit; We have morning and evening exercise classes; There is Arts and Crafts; Domino games and lots of

visiting. We welcome you one and all to come get acquainted and become a part of our largest family in Clarendon. Our door is open, we welcome each of you and want you to visit with us".

Who's New



Nicole Anne Weatherly

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weatherly, of Irvine, Calif. are the proud parents of a daughter who arrived on Christmas Eve.

Nicole Anne, was born December 24, 1983, at 8:20 p.m. in a Tustin hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christensen, of Irvine, Calif. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Weatherly of Pullman, Washington.

Proud great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherly of Clarendon.

Santa Letters arrived late were sent on to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I am 7 years old. Please bring me a great big bean bag chair, a video game, and a guitar. This is all. Please bring my baby brother Greg a musical toy. Thank you, Kimberly Wootten

Dear Santa Claus, I am 3 years old. Please bring me a Mickey Mouse talking telephone, a choo choo train and a big bean bag chair. Please bring my baby brother Greg something to play with too. Thank you, Christina Wootten

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Alive, Speak-N-Spell, Cheerleading Suit and pom-poms, ski clothes size 7 and anything else you would like to bring me. I love you, Santa. Please remember all the other boys and girls. Love Many Floyd

P.S. I will leave you the card you sent me by the tree.

Dear Santa, My name is Nathan John and I am almost 1 1/2 years old. I would like a truck, a gun, and a telephone. I like to play with my sisters dolls, so I would like to have a My Friend Mikey Doll. Thank You! Nathan Floyd

Dear Santa, I am a 4 year old girl that would like to have a Baby Skates, tape recorder with tapes, games, cheerleader suit with pom-poms, ski clothes size 5. Please remember my sister Mandy and my little brother, Nathan.

I love you! Stephanie Floyd P.S. I will leave you the card you sent me to fill out, by the Christmas Tree.



What does the "glee" in glee club mean? Glee is unaccompanied songs for three more solo voices.

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1983			
1984 Basketball Schedule			
Dec. 30	Wellington-G Allison R	Here	6:00
Jan. 3	Clarendon	Here	6:30
Jan. 5,6,7	Clarendon	There	6:30
Jan. 17	Claude Tourney		
Jan. 20	McLean	Here	6:30
Jan. 24	*Silverton	There	6:30
Jan. 27	*Lakeview	Here	6:30
Jan. 31	*Valley	There	6:30
Feb. 3	*Silverton	Here	6:30
Feb. 7	*Lakeview	There	6:30
Feb. 7	*Valley	Here	6:30
*District Games			

Hedley Jr. High			
Basketball Schedule			
Jan. 5	Lela	here	6:00
Jan. 9	McLean		
Jan. 12,13,14	McLean Tournament		
Jan. 16	Silverton	here	
Jan. 19	Lakeview	here	
Jan. 23			
Jan. 26, 27, 28	Lakeview Tournament		5:00
Jan. 30	Clarendon		
Feb. 2			
Feb. 6			
Feb. 9	Kelton	there	6:00

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The Lions Tale

By GENE ALDERSON

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular meeting at noon on Tuesday, December 20 at the Lions Hall. Twenty-three members and eleven guests braved the snow and cold to attend the meeting.

Following the regular opening ceremony, Lontamer Messer introduced Jo Baldwin who was the guest of her husband Jack, and David Smith who was the guest of his father, Don. Program chairman Billy Ray Johnston introduced Mrs. Mary Beth Nelson who had brought a Choral group consisting of: Doug Shelly, Triva Denney, Jill Kidd, Mike Shelly, Sharla Leeper, Jody Kidd, Katrina Leathers, and Bryan, who favored us with

some Christmas songs.

Following the program, Boss Lion Henson called on Mark Winsor to finalize plans for distributing the Christmas groceries to local persons.

The Boss Lion then read a Christmas card to the club from our cooks Norma Corgill and Clara Mae Carter and asked them to join us while the members sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Meeting adjourned.



We speak of a herd of cattle, we have an army of frogs, a clutter of cats, and a skulk of foxes.

Colby Bret Croslin

Jennifer and Randy Croslin of Canyon are proud to announce the arrival of a new baby boy, Colby Bret born December 14, 1983. The young man weighed 6 lbs. and 10 ounces.

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Ashtola-Martin News

By NAOMI GREEN

Lily Knox was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wallace and daughter last week when they were in Clarendon for the Wallace Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hardin spent Christmas day with Lane, Paula, Brooke and Kurby Garvin in Silverton.

The Burl Hollar family was in Paducah Saturday to visit Albert, Janice and Annie Sue Hollar. They traveled to Amarillo on Sunday to have Christmas with Carlene's parents, the Carl Taylors.

Frankie Alexander of Amarillo spent Christmas

eve with the Joe Neal Shadle family. Christmas day the family went to Memphis to have Christmas dinner in the home of the Van Howards. Monday another celebration was in the home of the Tom Shadles.

Beth Payne visited Sunday with her parents enroute to Fritch from Christmas with the Doerrie family and Charlotte at Booker.

The Skeet Browns entertained the following guests for Christmas dinner: Kay and Harold Green of Stinnett Gary, Marcie, Cary Sue Davis of Stratford, Boyd and Shelly Maulding of Borger.

Jim Maulding of Lubbock, Fred and April Fink of Lubbock, Ed and Wynell Fink of Groom, Mike and Cherele Grant of Amarillo, Lloyd and Sandy Bowen of the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray, Scott, and Cameron, Groy, Amy and Amber Taylor of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Tittle, Teri, Dusty and David of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown, Jason, Roxene and Rhealene of Floydada, Larry Gray of Smyder, Okla. joined Vance, Ismanell and Buster Gray to celebrate Christmas in Clarendon.

John and Linda Collins of Drumright, Okla. came to spend Christmas with mother and grandmother, Pat Scroggins and Mary Land. The family was joined by Jerri and Jiggs Land, Allen and Darline Ring, Jeff and Shannon of Enid, Okla., Gipa and Lyn McKinney and Timmy, for Christmas Sunday.

Through the holidays the Claude Spiveys enjoyed a pre-Christmas visit from

Brodus Spivey of Austin, a Christmas visit from Becky, Jerid, David and Oleta Lane of Turkey and Johnnie, Kay and Claudette Marie Spivey of Ralls.

Jackie Land has been moved to the convalescent home at Claude. Pat Scroggins and Mary Land were there for the Christmas party Christmas eve.

Those who know and remember the R.Y. King twins will be happy to know that Rebecca and her family spent Christmas in Austin with Ruth Ann and Brodus Spivey.

The Land family enjoyed Christmas at the home of Bill and Helen Land. Those to attend were: Steve, Debbie and Mark and Kirk Land of Panhandle, Montie, Caroline and Amanda Land of Kress and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land.

Horace Green visited with his father, Joe Green, Friday in Canyon.

Hazel and J.R. Brandon crept homeward over icy roads through Abilene and Throckmorton last week.

Wild geese have enough gumption to stay gone till spring. However it warms our hearts to know that the Brandons think Clarendon is the only place to be at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Green and children celebrated Christmas with the Haskel and the Billy Talley families in Memphis Sunday.

Bob Havens family entertained Vera Havens and Gus and Milton-Havens families Sunday for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bently had driven from Durham, Okla. the day before. Sunday evening Jimmy, Virginia, Jimmy Joe and Dean Gene Phillips of Walsh, Colo. visited the family.

Jonna Naylor visited with Ellen Patterson and Naomi Green and the Royce Hall enroute to Thalia to spend Christmas with the Duane Naylor's. She was traveling with Santa Fe and a water bed.

Tom and Mary Hickman of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Porter of Bor-

ger were guests during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. ... Christmas day the children of Lloyd and Melba Risley were home. Those present were: Lloyd Virgil, Marie, Miles, Teresa Risley of Amarillo, Jim, Linda, Amy and Alison Risley of Denver City, Martha Jo, Chris and Connie Schollenbarger of Palisades and Queton, a friend of Connie's from Amarillo and Leane, Richard Patricia and Seth Thornberry from Memphis.

Shirley and Mickey Thlomas and children of Laredo spent the night Sunday with the Charlie Hearn's. Danna Perdue and Kathryn Scott of Amarillo came Saturday to the home of the Dane Perdues. They were joined Sunday by Steve Scott of Amarillo and the Don Mooring family.

The Jitter Graham family had Christmas with Winne and Allen Graham at Panhandle. Lena Mae Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hermesmeyer of Groom, Gary

and Sharon White of Amarillo were also in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett had Christmas with the Lonnie Parrs in Amarillo. Keith Parr came home with them to spend several days of his holiday.

Edna Perdue will enter St. Anthonys Hospital for some tests this week.

Richard and Vici Naylor visited with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Green enroute back to Amarillo from a Christmas visit with the Duane Naylor family.

Steve, Dorothy, Wayne and Flossie Reynolds spent Christmas with Lawrence and Dorothy Scott at their home in Amarillo. Cindy, Greg, Jason and Kelly Bunyon also attended the gathering.

Bobby and Cathy Jewett entertained his family Christmas Eve. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jewett, the Jimmy Bagrick family and the Danny Mason family from Amarillo, Jackie

Minsen, Aleen, Robbie and Sammie of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jewett spent Christmas in Amarillo at the home of the Bagrick family. About twenty relatives and friends were present. Enroute they visited -Hubert, Ruth and Loren Rhoades.

Clarendon

School Menu

Jan. 2-6

Monday Christmas Holiday

Tuesday Salsbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday Pigs in blanket, blackeye peas, tator tots, jello with whipped cream and milk.

Thursday Beef pot pie with vegetables, cream potatoes, tossed salad, brownie and milk.

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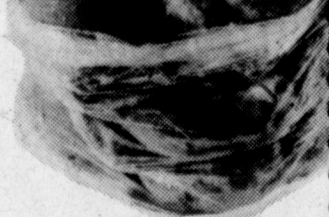
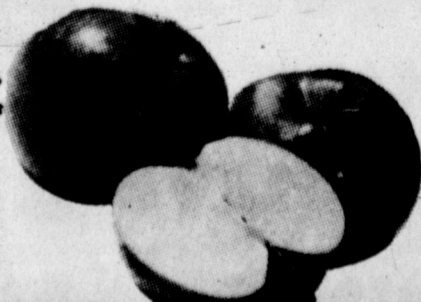


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CCC-owned grain quality in Texas found stable

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng said that nearly 23 million bushels of Commodity Credit Corporation corn stored in Plainview has been found to be in stable condition after completion of extensive testing by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The "deep-probe" analysis, a highly accurate method of determining the quality of stored grain, was initiated in early November by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block following earlier reports that the grain was deteriorating. "This federal inspection refutes any charges to the contrary," Lyng said. "Those charges were based on the results of an unofficial, less sophisticated testing procedure."

"It is important to remember that this grain was never intended for human consumption," Lyng said. "It

was livestock feed grain when it went into storage, and the results of our re-examination indicate it is holding its normal condition. This grain is not deteriorating."

Specific results of the testing show that 333,077 bushels have a U.S. Yellow Corn Grade 1 quality; 4,299,383, Grade 2; 7,962,991, Grade 3; 6,124,837, Grade 4; 1,969,302, Grade 5; and 2,107,978, Sample Grade. The lower grades (4, 5 and Sample) relate to broken kernels which do not affect the nutritional value for feeding purposes.

The inspection also determined that the grain is currently stored under acceptable conditions. The complete report will be provided to the Congress and made available to the public during the week of Nov. 28.

Grant Awarded to WTSU Nursing School

A federal grant for \$234,455 has been awarded to the School of Nursing at West Texas State University for continuing nursing education in the Texas Panhandle region.

Charles Collins is the project director of the grant. "The purpose of the grant is to provide continuing education for nurses in North-west Texas as well as licenses vocational nurses," Collins said.

The WTSU School of Nursing received the grant approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services following the submission of a grant application which included a needs assessment of nursing education in the Panhandle, said Collins.

Delores Williams, a former nursing faculty member, conducted the needs assessment by sending questionnaires to nurses in the Panhandle area and asking them if they would participate in a continuing education program.

"The program is funded for three years and one of my tasks is to seek out funding so we can perpetuate it," Collins said.

Nursing faculty members at WTSU and Amarillo College, in addition to instructional personnel from area hospitals, will offer workshops and courses at hospitals and health centers in the 25 counties of the Panhandle.

Funds from the grant will be used to supplement in-

dividual instructors who teach and to pay travel costs, said Collins.

"We also hope to generate money from the hospitals." Stress and burnout, professional ethics, patient education, medications, intravenous and chemical therapy and emergency room care will be among the subjects discussed in the program, said Collins.

He said there will be a minimum of four topics in four locations during the first year and six topics will be provided the second year.

"Each nurse who attends the program will receive a certificate from the Continuing Education Approval and Recognition Program and the Texas Nurses Association," he said. "We hope we attract people from Oklahoma and New Mexico, also."

Collins has been traveling in the area to inform hospital personnel about the program and to plan workshops. He said he will meet with the area small hospital council and directors of several of the larger hospitals in January and plan workshops for January and February.

Collins was graduated from the University of Texas System's School of Nursing and received a master's degree in psychiatry from the University of Texas at El Paso. He taught nursing at Angelo State University at Sa Angelo for three years until he became director of the Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital for physical injuries at Gonzales.

Three things are almost certain to be a part of the season: homes and apartments will be filled with gifts; families taking trips to be with loved ones; and the crime rate goes up.

Major Cawthon offered the following suggestions as precautions you can and should take to avoid turning the joyous time into an unpleasant memory. Make sure you keep all doors and windows locked, even though you may be at home. Do not make your affluence known.

If your holiday plans include a trip, have home deliveries stopped and ask a friend or neighbor to look after your home. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and take a break every two hours to avoid fatigue. Above all, do not mix alcohol and driving.

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Clarendon Clowns--4-H Newest Project

Wayne and Michael Chambliss, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Chambliss, Tish Robinson, daughter of Jim Robinson and Mrs. Connie Pitts; and Scott Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards all have one thing in common: Their clothes don't fit! That's because they all are clowns of the newly formed 4-H Clarendon Clown Crew!

These clowns have developed their own make-up designs and costumes with the help of Otis Day and Katie Dvorak, and have begun to learn some basic clown skills such as magic, falling down and, in one case, the art of sitting on laps with a very huge hinney!

The clowns made their debut on the late night shopping evening as they helped draw names and hand out the prizes. They appeared that evening at the 4-H bean supper and the basketball games.

Their next public appearance was as Santa's helpers at the Senior Citizens Christmas party where they played the piano, handed out gifts and helped create an air of joviality.

The clowns will be taking further training from both novice and expert clowns in the immediate future. They are available as entertain-

ment for children's parties, adult gatherings, groups of folks just having fun, parades, reunions, whatever. We will be developing skills and skits. In fact, our next

Sororities

ornament exchange held

Alpha Upsilon Epsilon hosted an Ornament Exchange Country Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13, 1983 at the Patching Club House. Special guests were sister chapter Xi Lambda Xi members.

The club house was decorated from top to bottom with a gumdrop mesquite tree, cones, fresh evergreen candles and bows which filled the air with the Country Christmas spirit. Chicken strips, baked beans, cornbread, salad and desserts were served from black iron skillets and pans adorned with red bows. The tables were topped with red checkered cloths. A.U.E. members brought door prizes and all members drew numbers to exchange the ornaments. Denise Grady made everyone apple ornaments with Beta Sigma Phi printed on them. Thanks to Denise. Everyone seemed to

scheduled date is part of the entertainment for the beauty and brawn pageant next month.

Think about us next time you plan on having a good time!

have a great time and got in the Christmas Spirit. A.U.E. would like to thank Sandra Lonan at Amiga's Cafe for cooking the chicken for us.

Toy drive huge

success

Alpha Upsilon Epsilon members, Fuzz Mooring, Terri Floyd, Patsy Leffew, Denise Grady and Judy Bland met Tuesday night and divided up all the toys for the children. A.U.E. would like to really send a big THANKS to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Dept. for getting the toys out to the children's homes in time for Christmas. Again thanks to the Floyds for building use and to Judy Bland for allowing us to use her shop to divide the toys and store them until the Fire Dept. picked them up. Also thanks to all those who brought toys or wrapping paper. The A.U.E. members who cleaned up the toys and wrapped them also did a beautiful job.



L-R-Albert Moore, Scott Edwards, Nadine Martin, Trula Moore, Wayne Chambliss, Cennett Rhode, Michelle Chambliss, Tish Robinson, Raymond Hinkle.

Sales tax up 2.64 percent in Clarendon

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday sent checks totaling \$52 million in local sales tax payments to the 980 cities that levy the one percent city sales tax.

For the second straight month the city checks came earlier than usual, thanks to taxpayers meeting the state's new earlier-reporting deadline of the 20th of the month.

"This payment is up 23.3 percent over the payment we sent out last December," Bullock said. "Part of this increase comes from our continued economic recovery and part comes from the cooperation Texas Taxpayers have given this office in making earlier tax payments and that way avoiding a state tax increase."

Clarendon: New payment this period: \$5,228.01, comparable payment prior year \$4,816.55, 1983 payment \$85,709.27, 1982 payment same date \$83,505.03 which gives Clarendon a 2.64 percent increase over last year.

Hedley: 1983 to date \$5,243.92 same day 1982 was \$4,933.14 with a 6.30 percent increase.

Howardwick: 1983 payment to date \$7,122.89 same date 1982 \$9,131.47 making them with a -22 percent decrease. Bullock said any talk about how much money the state will have in 1987 is "speculation, pure and simple."

"There is no change in my estimate of current state revenues," Bullock said. "There is no financial Santa Claus in Austin and there is no more money available now than there was when I issued the latest revenue estimate two months ago."

Bullock said forecasts of any growth that might be expected in state revenues three to four years in the future would have to be based on the modest economic recovery now underway in Texas. "I hope and pray that recovery will continue and we'll have more money for the next state budget, but there's no way I can guarantee that happening," Bullock said.

"I will issue an estimate forecasting state revenues 30 months in advance the next time the Legislature meets. I've got a pretty good record of accuracy in these forecasts -- three percent on the conservative side -- but I'm not ready to start looking in my crystal ball four years into the future. That's counting chickens from eggs that haven't even been laid yet."

A.U.E. Christmas Fiesta

Christmas time may not seem the right time for a Mexican Fiesta, but Alpha Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi members and their husbands had a fiesta of a time on Saturday, December 10, 1983 at Ray and Kitty Proctor's home. The A.U.E. members contributed decorations, some from down Mexico-way and some for Christmas, that filled the Proctor home with a Christmas Fiesta Spirit. Each member also brought an item of food to add to the Mexican Pile-On Meal. After the meal everyone gathered around the fire-

place and Mrs. Santa (Kitty) handed out presents to members and their spouses from Secret Sisters. Leslie Schnauer's grandmother, (Mom Decker) from Tulla made each member a yellow crocheted rose ornament. Thanks, Mom Decker.

After meal and packages were all enjoyed a game similar to T.V. Tattle-Tales was played. The triumphant winning couple was Ken and Kayla Cates. All members and their husbands had a wonderful time. A special thanks to the Social Committee and Kitty Proctor for a wonderful Christmas Party.

Jerry "Butch" Holcomb

services held in Dimmitt

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Anderson and Wil, Mrs. Glen Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pittman were in Dimmitt Saturday to attend funeral services for Jerry "Butch" Holcomb, husband of the Pittman's granddaughter, the former Jaci Johnson.

The 29 year old Dimmitt cowboy died Wednesday afternoon when he was thrown from his horse and dragged across a pasture 12 miles southeast of Dimmitt. Butch Holcomb was pronounced dead at the scene.

Holcomb was born in Lubbock and was a cattleman. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1973.

Services were held Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife, Jaci, a daughter, Brandi and a son, Sky, all of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. "Buzz" Holcomb of Boonville, Ark.; four sisters, Rita Emmons of Dallas, Carolyn Pittman of West Helena, Ark., Johnnie Holcomb of Little Rock, Ark., and Dawn Holcomb of Boonville; and a brother, Ben of Dimmitt.



Senior Citizens Menu
Mon. Jan. 2 Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, ayocado and orange, tossed salad, pudding, rolls, milk choice veg. juice.
Tues. Jan. 3 Chicken casserole, fried potato and onion, carrots, 3 bean salad, vanilla pudding, rolls, milk choice fruit juice.
Wed. Jan. 4 Fried fish, cheese grits, green limas, carrot and raisin salad, cherry pie, corn bread, milk choice fruit juice.
Thurs., Jan. 5 Steak, rice, green beans, tossed salad, fruit salad, corn chips, milk choice fruit juice.

We will be closed Jan. 1, Sunday for New Years Day. There will be no home delivered meals on Sunday, Jan. 1.

Our Christmas party was a great success. The Clarendon Clowns were there to play Santa and entertain us all. We hope you will plan on being with us next year. Brenda Chamberlain won the doubled sized bedspread at The Thursday, December 22, drawing.



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12-18-83 Ivie Holman, 82 of Clarendon no transport from residence. Medical.
12-18-83 Pauline Heath, 64 of Clarendon no transport from residence. Medical.
12-19-83 Pauline Heath, 64 of Clarendon no transport from residence. Medical.
12-19-83 Pauline Heath, 64 of Clarendon from residence, Clarendon to Gilkey Clinic, Clarendon then to St. Anthonys Hospital, Amarillo. Medical.
12-20-83 Lois Morris, 41 of Clarendon no transport from Donley County Courthouse, Clarendon. Medical.
12-20-83 Nelda Jackson, 53 of Clarendon from Medical Center, Clarendon to Gilkey Clinic, Clarendon. Trauma.
12-23-83 Alta Spradlin, 89 of Clarendon from Good Samaritan Center, Amarillo to Medical Center Nursing Home, Clarendon. Medical.
12-23-83 Ivie Holman, 82 of Clarendon from residence to Hall County Hospital, Memphis. Medical.
12-24-83 Lela Clifford, 90 of Clarendon from Thomas Nursing Center, McLean to a Clarendon residence. Trauma.
12-25-83 Harry Allen, 32 of Pampa no transport from a Clarendon residence. Medical.

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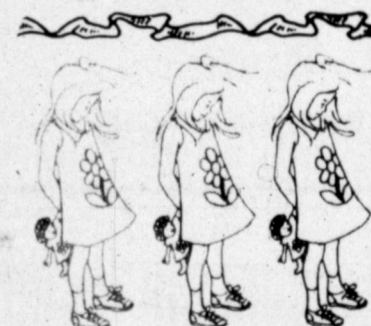
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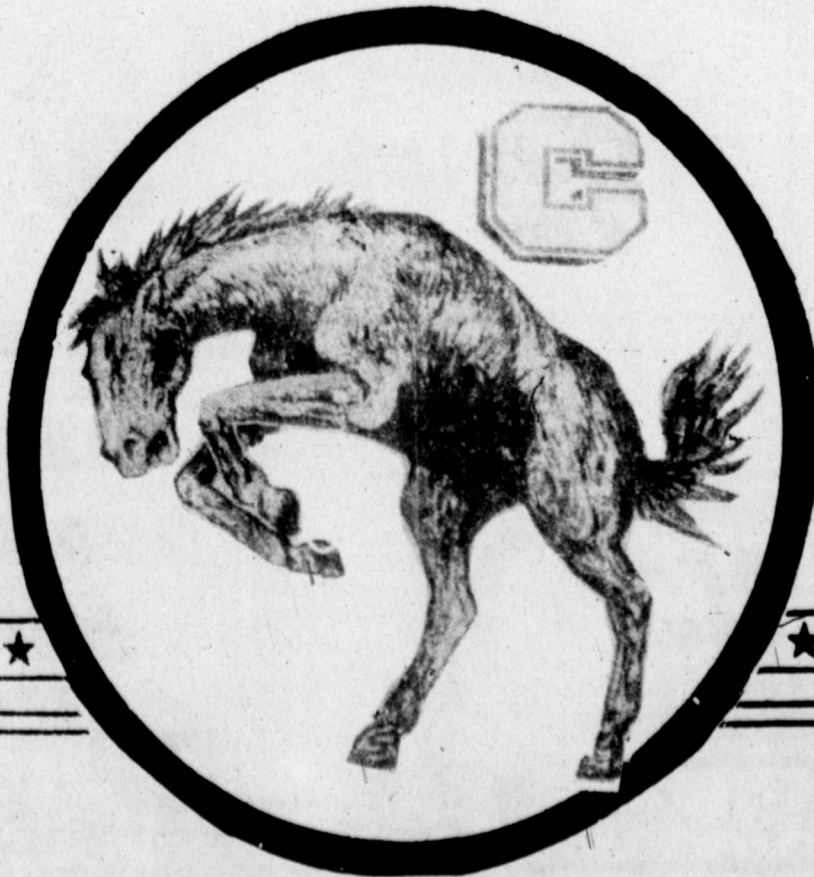


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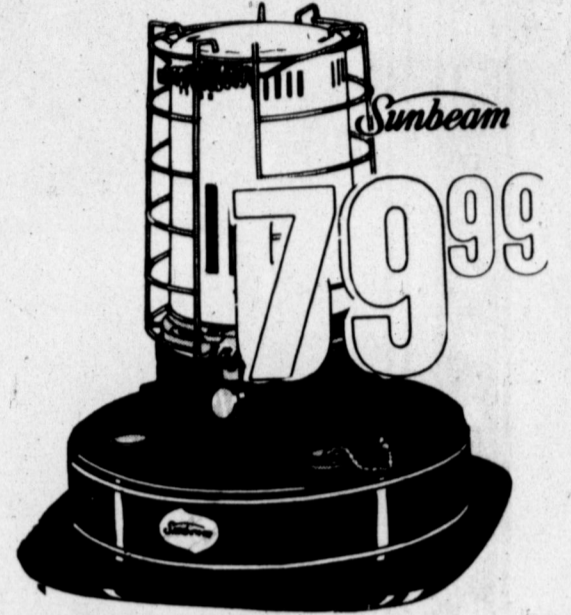


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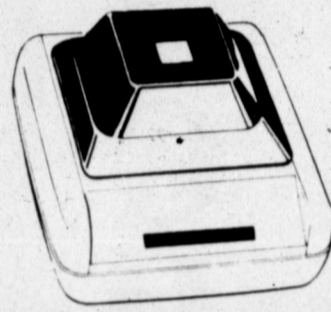
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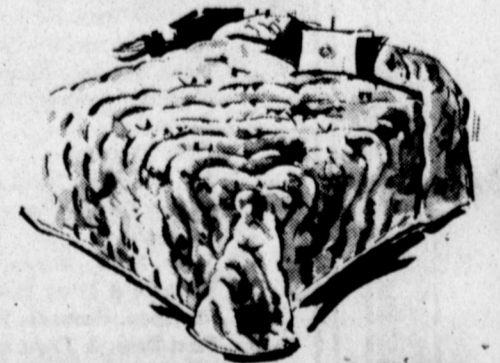
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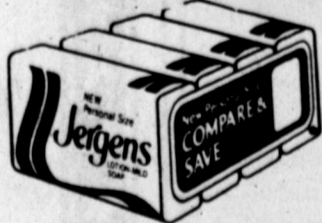
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