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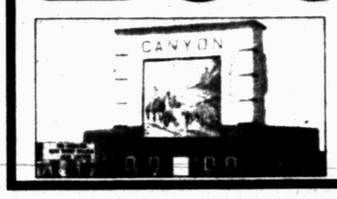

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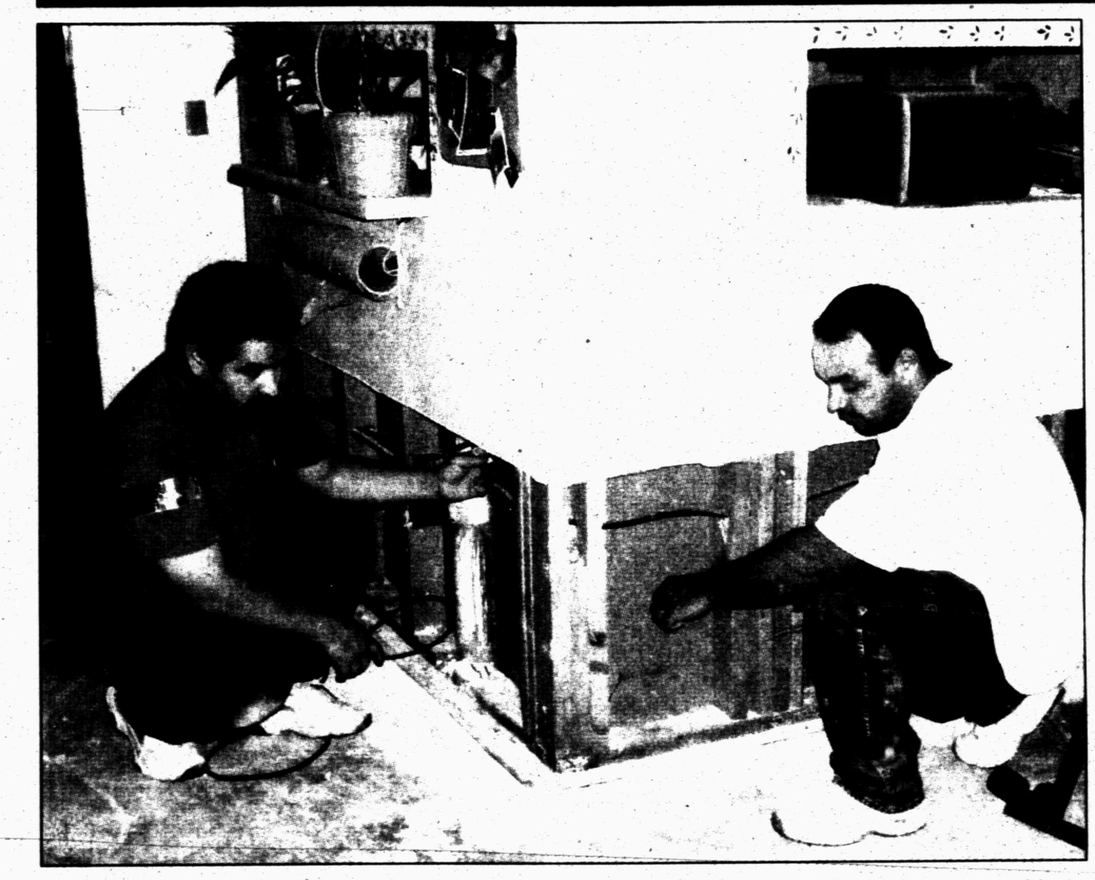

MAJOR PROBLEMS – Benny and Johnny Gonzales, from left, of R & R Construction of Lubbock view the work in progress to repair one of the units at Western Crest Apartments. At least 12 of the units suffered water and mud damage early Monday morning following heavy rainfall. (SDN Staff Photo)

Water-logged apartment units displace tenants

Clean-up operations are continuing at the Western Crest Apartments where at least 12 units were damaged by high water and mud early Monday morning and several occupants have been displaced.

"Most of the sheet rock that was damaged has been torn out, as has the carpet," said Val York, manager.

"We've had Jack's Roadboring here for four days with their equipment, including a vacuum truck, cleaning the mud out of the swimming pool," said York.

The problem occurred when mud and water washed into the complex from the area being worked on for a new drainage system as part of the College Avenue renovation work.

As part of the renovation, the storm drainage system is being built parallel to 40th Street that runs just south of the complex.

It is expected this will alleviate water accumulating and standing in the area of 40th Street and College Avenue and to prevent future flooding of the apartments.

However, the area received 1½ inches of rainfall early Monday morning in about 45 minutes and the project being built to prevent flooding was part of the problem, as there was a considerable amount of loose dirt.

Right now, seven of the 12 apartments have had to have wallboard cut out approximately 24 inches off the floor. All the carpet in the affected apartments also has been removed.

"We find new damage every day," said York. "It's going to be interesting this spring when we turn on our sprinkler system and they are all filled with mud."

Several residents had property damaged by the water.

She declined to answer any questions about liability.

"Our attorneys are handling the legal aspect," said York.

This is not the first time the units have been flooded, but this time is the most extensive.

They were constructed around 1985, and flooded shortly thereafter. Some of the units were flooded in 1998.

"It's been a mess, but we'll get through it," said York.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The past can be altered only by historians."

This weekend is a special occasion. The White Buffalo Festival is underway, and this special progress edition represents months of work by our staff and others to honor 50 years of progress brought on by the oil boom of the 1950s and 125 years of Snyder as a city.

We've had the help of many folks, including Aline Parks who was an SDN staffer back in 1953. Aline also is president of the Scurry County Historical Society, helping us keep on course with facts and events — often helping us put them into perspective.

And of course, there was help from the Scurry County Museum and previous historical books published by various folks — including retired educator Charles Anderson who now lives in abilene.

And the SDN archives — in the form of microfilm — were invaluable. Many of the articles in today's edition were copied from 1953 — a very important year in the progress of Snyder and Scurry County.

Scurry County, before the oil boom, was a laid-back community of cotton producers and stock farmers — all enduring a record drought.

Scurry County was created 127 years ago, and in 1983 Snyder was declared the county seat by the state legislature. The city was incorporated in 1907. But in 1953 — 50 years ago — residents adopted a home-rule charter and hired its first city manager.

Actually, oil was discovered in Scurry County on Oct. 9, 1923 when the J.J. Moore No. 1 blew in 1.4 miles south of Ira. It was followed by some 2,000 shallow wells, but the big change came 25 years later.

In 1948, four drilling rigs touched off a boom in the giant Canyon Reef field. It created a boom that transformed a town of 4,500 into 15,000 almost overnight.

Naturally, infrastructure was lacking. There was a need for housing to replace the cars, tents and cot houses that were cramped dwellings for the many workers.

By 1953, there was an apparent need for schools, churches, medical facilities, retail firms and screaming demands for water and sewer — and more law enforcement.

In 1953 — and not without controversy — work was begun to unitize the largest field which became known as SACROC, a field that continues to be a vital part of the Scurry County economy.

Snyder High School and Cogdell Memorial Hospital were built in 1953, as were many churches and the housing developments just south of 37th Street.

Like all West Texas oilfield communities, Snyder and Scurry County continues to evolve.

The citizens made the community what it is today, and the citizens will dictate the future 50 years from now.

Enjoy looking back...and then let's get going on the future.

On redistricting...

Vote again delayed

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House Democrats called an unexpected quorum bust of a congressional redistricting bill their "ace in the hole."

The lawmakers, lacking the support needed from other House Democrats, were banking on enough Republicans leaving town for the Texas-Oklahoma football game to thwart a quorum Friday.

When word began to spread that the Senate would block congressional redistricting until the House passed a sweeping government reorganization measure, House rebels and a few Republicans bolted before a vote was called on the bill.

The calculated move halted the final passage of the divisive congressional redistricting measure, again.

"We may have done it for a fourth time, that's our goal," said Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, one of the boycotting Democrats.

The third special session ends Tuesday.

The House approved the House-Senate compromise redistricting plan by a vote of 76-58, earlier in the day. The government reorganization bill was not eligible for consideration until after 8 p.m. Friday, giving Democrats ample time to disappear.

After attempts to round them up them failed, the House adjourned until 2 p.m. Sunday and the Senate voted to postpone further action on redistricting until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Deshotel said the boycotting lawmakers were not together and were scattered in various locations.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, who led the effort to force the House to vote on government reorganization before the Senate voted on redistricting, said the Democrats have broken a deal.

"We feel we had an understanding with the House that (government reorganization) would not move until redistricting was agreed to. So we are just waiting on the House to do what they promised," Odgen said.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said he was not concerned about the fate of redistricting in the Senate.

"We passed redistricting, we passed the other bills. They can do whatever," Craddick said.

Deshotel acknowledged that as Republicans trickled back into town for Sunday's session, it was unlikely Democrats would be able to maintain an effective boycott of the chamber.

Monday is school holiday

Snyder ISD students will have a holiday Monday, as it is a workday for teachers. Classes also will not be held at Ira or Hermleigh.

Western Texas College will have classes Monday, but will have a day off Friday.

Snyder's banking facilities also will be closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

City Hall and the Scurry County Courthouse will be closed, and mail will be placed in boxes but there will be no home delivery.

The county library also will be closed Monday, while the city's landfill will be open Monday.

Health unit to give flu shots

Flu shots will be given at the Scurry County Health Unit beginning Tuesday.

The cost is $15, or free with a Medicare card that must be presented at the time of the shot.

Tuesday's regular schedule is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

On Thursday, shots will be given during special hours beginning at 7 a.m. and continuing until 11 o'clock. The afternoon schedule on Thursday is 1:30 until 5 p.m.

The regular schedule will be observed on Oct. 21, 23, 28 and 30.

FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT — Glenda Glasscock polishes her Corvette that is included in the car show at the White Buffalo Festival at the Scurry County Coliseum. The festival will conclude at 6 p.m. Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—What was the appraised value of the house that the City of Snyder demolished belonging to Vernest Tippens for which she was awarded $10,000?

A—The house was valued at $1,415. The house and property were valued at $1,785.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mary Ward...

...has lived in Scurry County most of her life. Her husband, Hollis, had Ward's Butane in Hermleigh for many years. They moved to Snyder from Hermleigh nine years ago when they retired.

Mary was an R.N. and does volunteer work. She has two children, Leon Ward and his wife Rhonda of Snyder, and Sandi McDorman and her husband, Thomas, of Abilene. She has four grandchildren.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

How to succeed: try hard enough. How to fail: try too hard.

—Malcolm Forbes

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lord's Supper Church Revival

Lord's Supper Church, 119 30th St., continues its revival beginning at 7:30 Saturday evening and 10 a.m. Sunday. Prophet of God pastor W.E. Cain will lead the revival.

Fish fry

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will host a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the church. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for kids 10 and under. Buy tickets by calling the church office at 573-8596.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center.

Retired teachers meeting

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack.

SHS boys basketball booster club

The SHS boys basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center to discuss the upcoming chili supper. The supper will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria before the Merkel football game. Tickets are $5 and be purchased from any SHS basketball player or at the door. Take-outs will be available.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its stated monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. A meal will follow and as Master Masons are welcome.

Apostolic Faith concert

The Apostolic Faith Bible School Choir will give a concert at 7 p.m. Monday at the church at 2510 25th St. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 573-8115.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Impossible Commands from God" followed by "The Gospel of Peace."

American Legion meeting

American Legion Post 181 will elect a vacated officer position at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. All members urged to attend.

PLAN for SHS 10th graders

SHS 10th graders will take part in PLAN, an ACT program Tuesday, which includes academic tests and a survey of career choices. There is no charge for PLAN. For more information, contact counselor Debbie Phillips at 574-6049.

Women's Bible study

Beth Moore's Bible study, *A Woman's Heart*, will start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church with Sandra Woodward and Ellie Dryden as leaders. The book costs $13.95. For more information, call 573-3988. Everyone is welcome.

Central Elementary parenting seminar

An Apple a Day is Not Enough: Helping Children Stay Healthy" is the title of the second in a series of parenting seminars sponsored by Central Elementary. Chris Bane, SISD nurse, is the presenter. All parents are invited to the 1:30 p.m. meeting Thursday in Room 5 at Central. Childcare will be provided in the cafeteria.

Missions conference

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th, will host a missions conference Wednesday through next Sunday. Guests will include Bruce Garner from Mexico, Josh Warneke from Fiji, Jerry Abbott from Hungry and Jeremy Brann, church planter in Marble Falls. The feature speaker will be Mike Haley, pastor of Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Services Wednesday and Thursday are at 7 p.m. The missions banquet is at 7 p.m. Saturday. Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, and 10:50 for worship.

Literary evening

Literary evening at the Scurry County Library, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. Jean Everett and Jo Ashley will present a program about personalities who shaped America, including the Southwest. Everyone is invited.

Horseback riding club

The horseback riding club will begin Friday at 1368 Smith Ave. Contact Debbie Elder at 574-1622 for more information.

4-H cooking class

A 4-H cooking class for boys and girls will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Saturday at the Extension Office. If interested, RSVP by Tuesday.

Snyder missionaries to speak

Charlie and Pat Reynolds, Snyder missionaries to the police in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, will speak at Trinity United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. next Sunday.

Lord's Acre

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre is planned for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the coliseum. Booths open at 11 a.m. and a barbecue lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Activities and games for children are planned. Everyone is welcome.

Used eyeglasses needed

The Snyder and WTC Lions Clubs, in partnership with the local post office, will pick up used eyeglasses from mailboxes on Friday, Oct. 31. Eyeglasses should be bagged and hung on mailbox.

Gateway needs costumes

Gateway Family Services is in need of used Halloween costumes in all sizes as well as basic arts and craft supplies for children's holiday projects. Donations may be dropped of at the shelter or call 573-1822.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for people facing difficulties — including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County's annual home for the holidays, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. Tickets are $8 each and must be reserved by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. Call 573-5423 to reserve tickets.

Cheney rebuts Iraq war critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney argued Friday that critics of the Iraq war advocate a policy of inaction that could risk hundreds of thousands of American deaths in another terrorist attack.

Cheney offered no new evidence that ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had posed an imminent threat, as the administration contended before the war. Instead, without drawing a direct link between Saddam and the Sept. 11 attacks, he cast the Iraq invasion as a crucial component of a Bush administration-led battle to prevent even deadlier future attacks.

That strategy would include taking action against governments that could help terrorists gain weapons of mass destruction.

"That possibility, the ultimate nightmare, could bring devastation to our country on a scale we have never experienced," he said. "Instead of losing thousands of lives, we might lose tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of lives in a single day of horror."

In a week in which President Bush and White House national security adviser Condoleezza Rice also took on the administration's Iraq critics, first lady Laura Bush added her voice. Speaking Friday to a gathering of women judges who had expected her to talk about heart disease, Mrs. Bush instead focused on the end of Saddam's rule.

She cautioned that rebuilding Iraq would take time, but said great progress was being made and the country would one day prosper.

"The presence of a peaceful, stable Iraq at the heart of the Middle East will be a powerful beacon for freedom," Mrs. Bush said.

Cheney largely ignored the continuing violence around Iraq and the lack of broader international help for the U.S. mission there, mentioning only in passing in a 25-minute speech the "difficulties we knew would occur."

He offered a point-by-point rebuttal to criticisms:

—A team of U.S. weapons hunters in Iraq led by David Kay has so far found none of the suspected weapons of mass destruction that were a main Bush rationale for war. But Cheney focused on other portions of an interim report from Kay that suggested — but did not provide definitive evidence — that Iraq might have had weapons or weapons programs.

The examples Cheney cited included: the discovery of Iraqi intelligence laboratory and safe houses containing equipment suitable for biological and chemical weapons research; a prison lab complex possibly used to test biological weapons on humans; a vial of live botulinum bacteria stored since 1993 in an Iraqi scientist's refrigerator which could make a biological weapon but showed no signs of having been used; research on Brucella and Congo Crimean Hemmorrhagic Fever, neither considered traditional biological warfare agents; and design work for prohibited long-range missiles.

"Taken together, they ... provide a compelling case for the use of force against Saddam Hussein," Cheney said of the findings. "The United States made our position clear: We could not accept the grave danger of Saddam Hussein and his terrorist allies turning weapons of mass destruction against us or our friends and allies."

—Cheney mocked those who have questioned whether the danger from Saddam was as immediate as Bush claimed in prewar days. "As long as George W. Bush is president of the United States, this country will not permit gathering threats to become certain tragedies," he said.

—Despite some fears that the war stirred up more terrorism than it prevented, Cheney said that both Saddam's and terrorists' hostility to America "has long been evident."

—Cheney also responded to criticism he described as advocating that the United States "may not act without unanimous international consent" when its security is threatened — even though virtually no opponents have taken that position.

"It comes down to a choice between action that assures our security and inaction that allows dangers to grow," he said. "President Bush declined the course of inaction, and the results are there for all to see."

Those results, he said, include empty torture chambers, new schools, reopened hospitals, improving infrastructure, progress toward democracy and no danger of an alliance between Saddam and terrorists.

"There are terrorists in Iraq, yet there is no dictator to protect them, and we are dealing with them, one by one," Cheney said.

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean said the administration has "badly misled" the American people.

"We've now learned that Saddam was not involved in the September 11th attacks, that there was no strong evidence Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction that presented an imminent threat to the United States, that Iraq did not try to purchase nuclear materials from Africa, that Saddam was nowhere near developing nuclear weapons, and that the Bush administration had no real plan for reconstruction once Saddam was gone," Dean said.

Program set for migrant students at high school

Migrant students at Snyder High School will have the opportunity to learn the steps necessary to prepare for college through a Region XIV Educational Service Center program.

June McBride, advocate for migrant dropout prevention and author of *Path to Scholarships: Making Dreams Come True*, will meet with the students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the high school library.

She will provide the migrant students with information to assist them in preparing for college, including financial aide, scholarships and how to apply to colleges.

McBride has been a migrant advocate at West Orange High School in Winter Garden, Fla.; and has been in education more than 30 years.

She has two undergraduate degrees, a master's degree, and experience working/teaching in private, public, and home schooling education with students from elementary school to college.

Assault victims can remain anonymous

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — The Air Force Academy reversed course and said it will give confidentiality to cadets who report that they have been sexually assaulted.

Confidentiality has been a key issue in the school's assault scandal, with civilian investigators led by former Rep. Tillie Fowler saying it will encourage victims to come forward and help solve a problem that has plagued the academy for years.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-30-31-32. Bonus Ball: 29.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $250,000.

Number matching four of four: 12. Prize: $1,400.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 26. Prize: $79.

Number matching three of four: 1,251. Prize: $22.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 791. Prize: $23.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,189. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,219. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $375,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-13-28-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 168. Prize: $438.

Matching three of five: 5,734. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 56,175. Prize: $2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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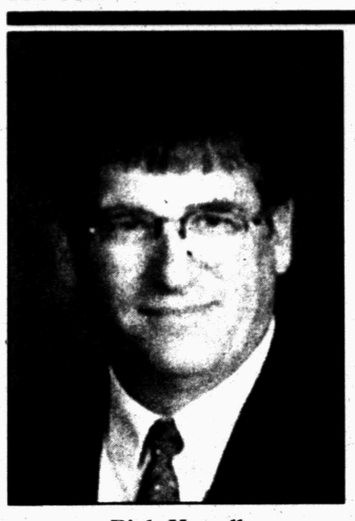

Rick Howell

Ex-resident recognized in education

Former Snyder resident Rick Howell, now principal at Bronte High School, has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as a Region 15 Outstanding Principal of the Year.

TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the 20 region Education Service Centers in the state.

School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership.

Howell, a seven-year principal has headed (or been a member of) the leadership team at Bronte since 1996. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and earned a bachelor of education degree. He attended Sul Ross University and was awarded a master of education degree in 1996.

Howell sees himself as a risk taker, a visionary and leader of learners.

He said, "My coaching background taught me many lessons that have helped in administration. I have been surrounded by wonderful, committed teachers, great parents and students who give us all hope for the future.

"In administration and coaching, you are as good as the people you surround yourself with. I have been very lucky and blessed also to work with the same administration team in Bronte for seven years."

Howell began his teaching career in Colorado City but moved to Snyder where he taught history and coached from 1982 until 1987.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Howell and is married to Snyder native Kathy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Atkinson of Snyder.

D. Mills graduates from Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to approximately 2,008 Texas A&M University graduates during summer commencement ceremonies.

Among those earning a degree was Dustin Leroy Mills of Snyder, bachelor of science in psychology. He is the son of Kent and Deanie Mills.

Task force set up

WEATHERFORD (AP) — Three people, including a college professor, have been arrested the past few months because of work by a new Parker County task force targeting child predators, authorities said.

Investigators posed as young girls and talked to men in chat rooms, where the conversation turned sexual and eventually led to arrangements to meet, Parker County District Attorney Don Schnebly said.

Andrew Spicer, an associate professor with the Texas A&M Health Science Center in Houston, is accused of arranging a rendezvous via the Internet with someone he thought was a 13-year-old.

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Limbaugh to check into rehab program

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh stunned listeners of his nationwide radio show by announcing on the air that he's hooked on painkillers and is checking himself into rehab.

"Immediately following this broadcast, I am checking myself into a treatment center for the next 30 days to once and for all break the hold this highly addictive medication has on me," he said Friday.

"You know I have always tried to be honest with you and open about my life," Limbaugh said. "So I need to tell you today that part of what you have heard and read is correct. I am addicted to prescription pain medication."

Attempts to reach Limbaugh by phone, e-mail, fax and at his Florida home were unsuccessful Friday.

Limbaugh gave up his job as an ESPN sports analyst Oct. 1, three days after saying on the sports network's "Sunday NFL Countdown" that Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

The reports of possible drug abuse surfaced at about the same time, first in the National Enquirer. The tabloid had interviewed Wilma Cline, who said she became Limbaugh's drug connection after working as his maid. She said Limbaugh had abused OxyContin and other painkillers.

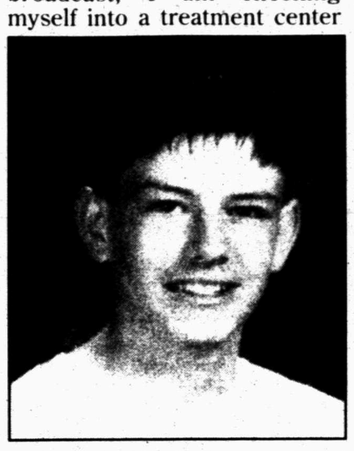
Law enforcement sources who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed to The Associated Press that Limbaugh was being investigated by the Palm Beach County, Fla., state attorney's office.

Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for the Palm Beach County state attorney's office, said Friday his office could neither confirm nor deny that an investigation was under way. Limbaugh's attorney, Roy Black, did not return a message seeking comment.

Limbaugh said he started taking painkillers "some years ago" after a doctor prescribed them following a spinal surgery. His back pain stemming from the surgery persisted, so Limbaugh said he started taking pills and became hooked.

"Over the past several years I have tried to break my dependence on pain pills and, in fact, twice checked myself into medical facilities in an attempt to do so. I have recently agreed with my physician about the next steps."

A spokesman for Premiere Radio Networks, which syndicates the politically focused "Rush Limbaugh Show" to more than 650 markets, declined to elaborate on Limbaugh's previous treatment.



Bill Terry

Terry attends youth forum

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bill Terry, a junior at Seminole High School and grandson of Snyder residents, has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy Oct. 14-19.

Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Terry will join approximately 400 other high school juniors and seniors from across the U.S. at the forum.

Terry, 16, was vice president of the Seminole High School sophomore class last year. He is a member of National Honor Society and Student Council and is active in academic UIL, advancing to regional contests last year in science, math and computer science.

Terry won second place in 10th grade science at the state championship of Texas Math Science Coaches competition in San Antonio.

Terry is on the junior varsity football team. He also participated in Space Camp and Aviation Challenge at NASA's facilities in Huntsville, Ala., in June 2002. He is very active in the youth group of West Side Church of Christ.

Terry is the grandson of Bill and Allene Terry and Juanita and Marion Cochran, all of Snyder. He is the son of Brent and Fay Terry, former residents who graduated from Snyder High School.

Brent is a high school coach and social studies teacher, while Fay is the gifted and talented coordinator and teaches enriched classes in kindergarten through 6th grade.

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Today's chuckle

Maine politician admits he is a joker

AUGUSTA, Me. (AP) — Finally, a politician who admits he's a joker.

Joey Novick, a borough councilor from New Jersey and part-time standup comic, told Maine municipal officials Wednesday that humor used effectively is power.

His golden rule to those who serve: Take your work — but never yourself — seriously.

And when you feel like a politician, it's time to get out, Novick said on the opening day of the Maine Municipal Association's three-day convention, which is expected to draw 1,500 people to the Augusta Civic Center.

Novick came to Flemington, N.J., in 1989 and has been a councilor in the borough of 4,200 since 1995.

Politics and comedy aren't as different as people think, said Novick, who has appeared on MTV and Comedy Central and opened for Jerry Seinfeld and Rosie O'Donnell.

He recalls a political rival who was quoted as saying Novick wouldn't make a good elected official because as a comedian, he wouldn't take his work seriously.

Novick quickly responded with material borrowed from Will Rogers: "I'm a comedian. When I tell a joke I make people laugh. He's a politician. When he tells a joke, they make it a law."

4-H FASHION SHOW WINNERS — Four Scurry County 4-H members won awards in the District 2 4-H Fashion Follies. The local winners are Danielle Phillips, Jodi Hamilton, Laura Ortega and Annie Stribling. (Contributed Photo)

Thread maker to lay off 150 workers

SHELBY, N.C. (AP) — A thread maker in Cleveland County will lay off 150 workers by the end of the year as it discontinues a production line there.

KoSa officials told workers at its Shelby plant of the layoffs in a meeting this week. Employees will be notified of their future on or before Oct. 17, said Erica Luongo, a KoSa spokeswoman.

Displaced workers will receive a severance package, company officials said in a news release. The plant will employ 180 workers after the layoffs.

The Shelby plant will no longer produce polyester textile filament, a yarn used in sports apparel, activewear and home furnishing.

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Prisoner escapes

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — A suspect in the murders of five people whose bodies were unearthed from his backyard escaped Friday night from the jail where he was awaiting trial, officials said.

Hugo Selenski, who was charged Monday in two of the deaths, and another inmate used bedsheets to escape from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility around 9:30 p.m., officials said.

Selenski's partner in the jailbreak, Scott Bolton, was injured and hospitalized during the escape, but Selenski remained on the loose early Saturday, said Deputy Warden Ben Grevera.

The jail is about a block from the courthouse in downtown Wilkes-Barre and across the street from the Susquehanna River, which officials say Selenski may have used to flee.

Four 4-H girls earn awards

Scurry County 4-H members won awards in the Sept. 20 District 2 4-H Fashion Follies held in Lubbock.

"Operation 4-H Fashion" was the theme. Participants and their awards include:

•Danielle Phillips, daughter of David and Rebecca Phillips, fourth place junior buying dress.

•Jodi Hamilton, daughter of Lovida Hamilton, fourth place junior embellished garment.

•Laura Ortega, daughter of Mario and Mary Ortega, third place, junior buying specialty.

•Annie Stribling, daughter of Jimmy and Janet Stribling, third place junior buying casual.

The 4-H members participating completed a clothing and textile project during the 2002-2003 4-H year.

Clothing leaders who assisted with the project include Becky Phillips, JoAnn Mayer, Jackie Russell, Janet Stribling, Mary Ortega, Tina Stansell, Esther Stansell and Carolyn Stansell.

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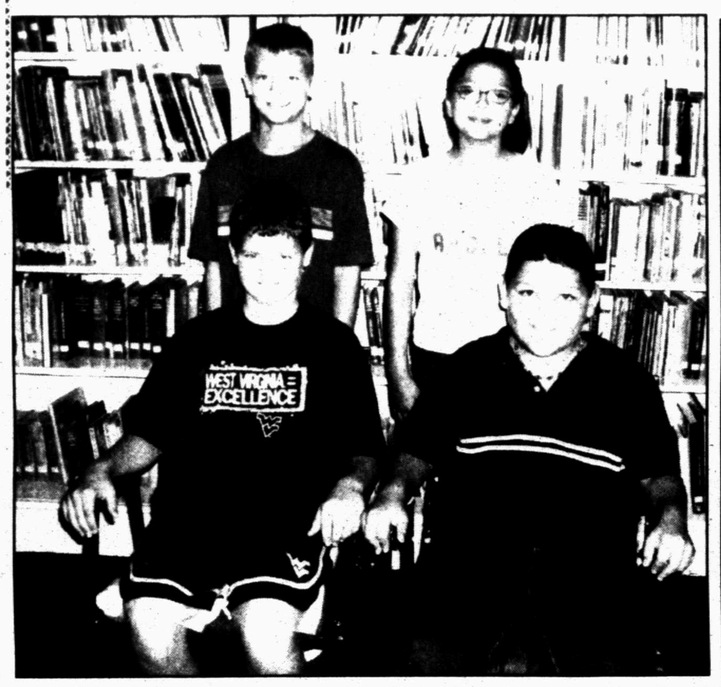
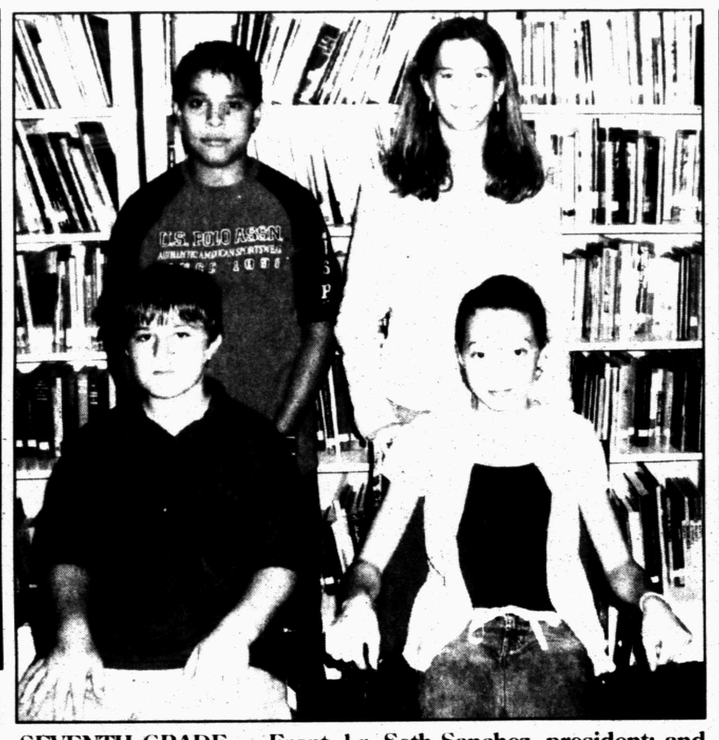


SIXTH GRADE — Front, l-r, John Martini, vice president; and Colby Barrera, president; back, l-r, R.T. Shafer, treasurer; and Olivia Juarez, secretary. (SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)



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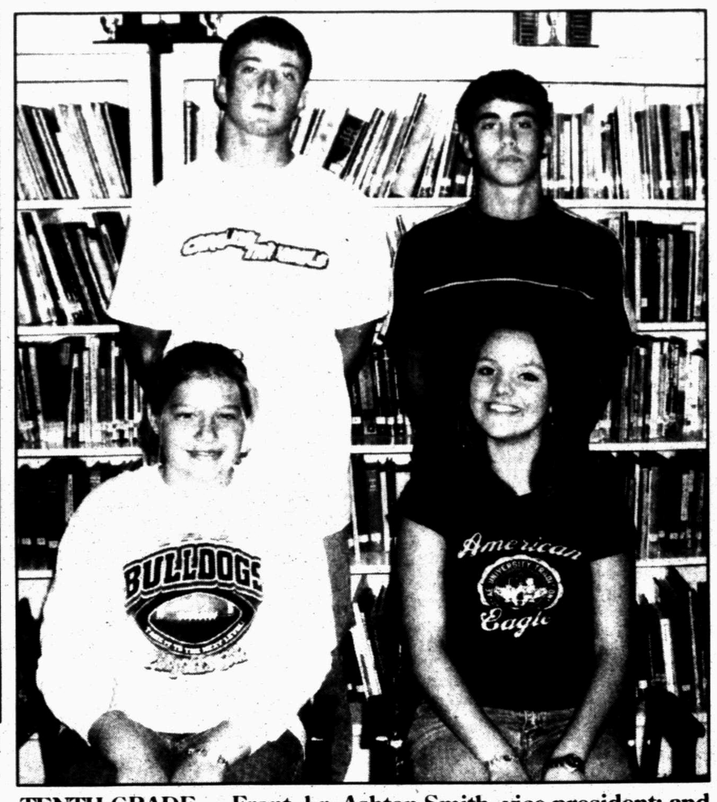

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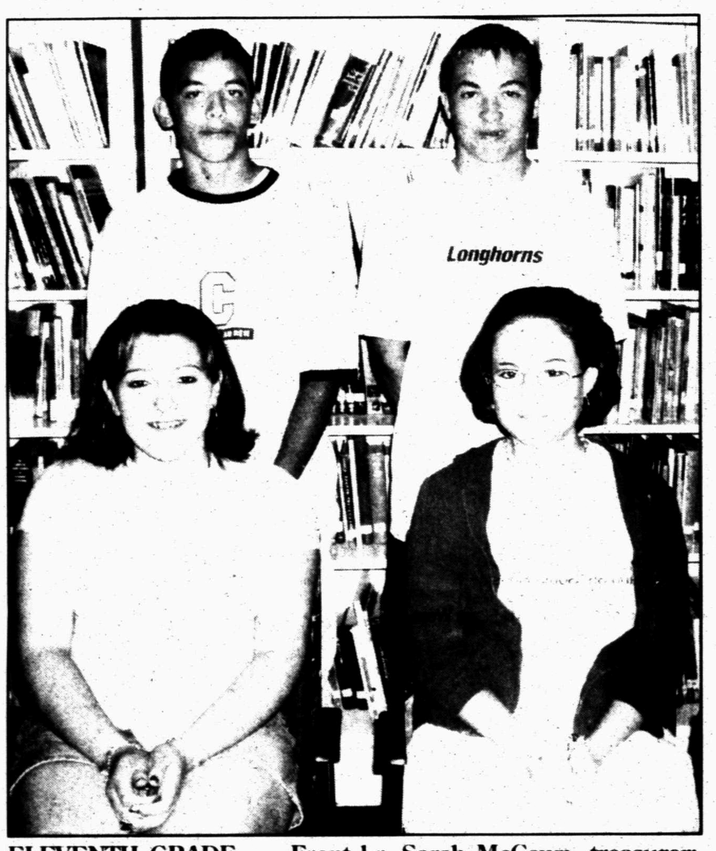

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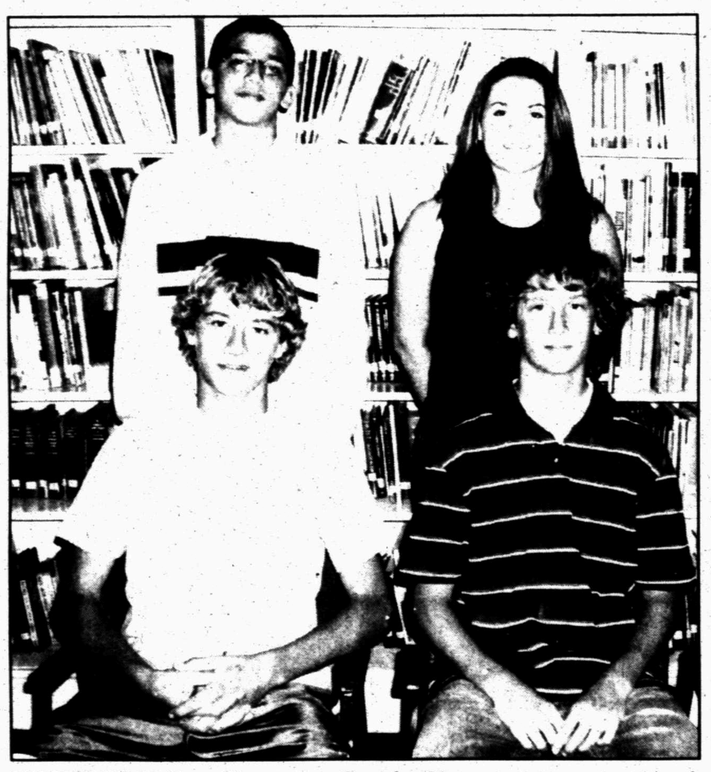

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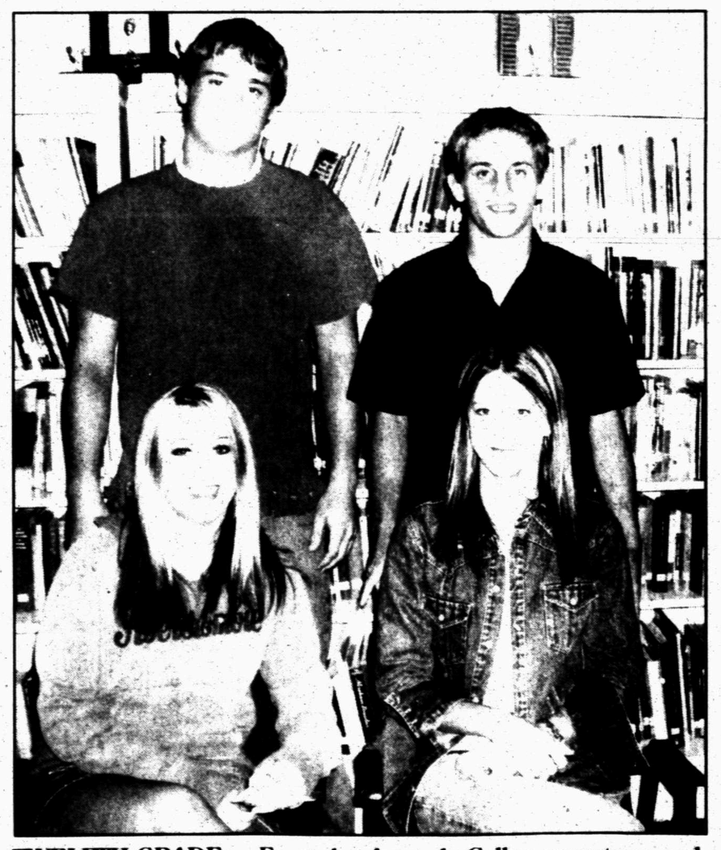

TWELFTH GRADE — Front, l-r, Amanda Calley, secretary; and Lindsey Wilson, treasurer; back, l-r, Jake Barnes, president; and Jess Wall, vice president.

Dolphins, marine mammals that are smaller relatives of the great whales, have a memory capacity matching that of humans, and they remember strings of random numbers as well as or better that humans do, says National Geographic.

Court order sought to exhume the body of outlaw's mother

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Was Wild West outlaw Billy the Kid shot dead by Sheriff Pat Garrett in 1881, or did he escape to Texas and die nearly 70 years later?

Authorities hope a court will help them find out.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, Deputy Sheriff Steve Sederwall and De Baca County Sheriff Gary Graves filed a petition Friday asking for a court order to exhume the Kid's mother, Catherine Antrim.

DNA testing is supposed to show whether Antrim, buried in Silver City, was related to Ollie L. "Brushy Bill" Roberts, who died in 1950 in Hico, Texas, and claimed he was Billy the Kid.

"You know, Texas already gets our water, they're not getting our guy. He's from Silver City," said Sherry Tippett, an attorney representing Lincoln and De Baca county authorities.

Legend has it that Garrett tracked down Billy the Kid, aka William H. Bonney, and killed him after the outlaw escaped from the Lincoln County Jail. Billy the Kid's remains are believed to be buried at Fort Sumner.

Sheriff Sullivan and his modern-day posse are also investigating whether an accomplice provided a pistol before Billy's jailbreak April 28, 1881. During that escape, the outlaw killed two deputy sheriffs — James W. Bell and Robert Ollinger.

"I think it's really important to figure out what happened in those last days," Tippett said.

Financial Focus

Invest For a Long Retirement

These days, retirement is not what it used to be. Today's "retirees" are opening their own businesses, consulting, traveling, volunteering, taking classes - basically doing whatever they want. They're finding that retirement is enjoyable - and lengthy. In fact, your retirement may last a lot longer than you'd think - so you'd better be prepared financially.

Just how many years can you expect to spend as a retiree? The answer depends on many factors: the age at which you retire, your health, your family history of longevity, etc. However, if you're interested in averages, consider these figures from the National Center for Health Statistics: At age 65, the typical American woman can expect to live another 19.2 years; for men, the corresponding figure is 16.3 years. And remember, these figures are averages, which means a lot of 65-year-olds are easily spending 20 or more years in retirement.

If you find these figures surprising, you're not alone. According to a recent survey by the American Education Savings Council, only 23 percent of respondents, whose ages ranged from 56 to 65, identified longevity risk - the danger of outliving financial resources — as the top financial threat faced by retirees.

How can you try to avoid running low on money during your later retirement years? Here are a few suggestions:

• **Determine how much you'll need** — Clearly, some people plan on more expensive retirements than others. Your neighbors may be thinking of retiring early and traveling extensively, while you'd like to stick close to home, extend your career as long as possible and then do some consulting. But whatever your vision for retirement, you'll need to set a "price tag" for it. It will be an estimate, and it may well change later on, but it's a starting point on which you can base your savings and investment strategies.

• **Identify your sources of retirement income** — After you know about how much you'll need during retirement, your next step is to determine where the money will come from. Consider your IRA, 401(k), Social Security, savings and investments - everything. Try to calculate how much you can expect from these sources, given the years you have until retirement, the various rates of return you might receive, possible earned income, etc.

• **Address potential "gaps"** — After reviewing your resources for retirement, you may identify "gaps" - areas in which you could be doing more. For example, are you contributing the maximum amount to your IRA? Are you increasing your 401(k) contributions as your salary goes up? Do you have a sufficient percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio? By looking at these types of questions, you can address the shortcomings in your investment strategies.

• **Seek help from a "pro"** — If you're going to take all the steps described above, you may well need the help of an investment professional — someone with the tools and training necessary to help you achieve your retirement goals. Make sure you work with someone who takes the time to understand your risk tolerance, your work and family situations and your investment preferences.

As you can see, there's a lot you can do to prepare yourself financially for retirement. And if that retirement turns out to be a long one, you'll be especially glad you made the extra effort.

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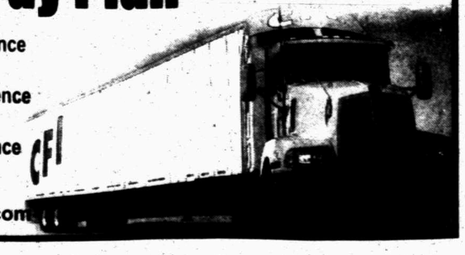

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Amarillo High 17, Lubbock Monterey 13
Arlington 48, FW Paschal 6
Arlington Bowie 40, Arlington Martin 22
Arlington Lamar 31, Arlington Sam Houston 0
Austin Akins 17, Seguin 13
Austin High 42, Austin Crockett 7
Austin Westlake 38, Austin Bowie 0
Baytown Lee 42, Baytown Sterling 13
Brazoswood 21, Clear Creek 17
Brownsville Rivera 26, Donna 21
Burleson 45, Weatherford 0
Carrollton Smith 24, Irving Nimitz 0
CC Carroll 38, CC Moody 14
Clear Lake 27, Alvin 16
Converse Judson 49, SA Churchill 14
Coppell 24, Lewisville 15
Copperas Cove 42, Bryan 36
Dallas Bryan Adams 48, Dallas Molina 26
Dallas Samuell 17, Dallas White 3
Deer Park 42, Pasadena 0
Eagle Pass 40, Laredo United South 0
Edinburg Economedes 28, PSJA North 21 (OT)
EP Americas 40, EP Hanks 20
EP Bel Air 32, EP Coronado 27
EP Coronado 40, Tascosa 10
EP Franklin 25, EP Andress 17
EP Montwood 32, EP Eastwood 26 (OT)
Euless Trinity 45, Saginaw Boswell 0
Flower Mound 17, The Colony 13
Fort Bend Austin 28, Sugar Land Willowridge 27
Fort Bend Dulles 28, Fort Bend Clements 7
Fort Bend Kempner 25, Fort Bend Elkins 18
Galena Park North Shore 62, Pasadena Rayburn 7
Galveston Ball 42, Clear Brook 18
Garland 26, Mesquite 14
Georgetown 14, Round Rock Westwood 6
Harlingen 54, San Benito 14
Houston Washington 49, Houston Sam Houston 0
Houston Westside 38, Houston Madison 0
Houston Worthing 50, Houston Westbury 12
Houston Yates 46, Houston Milby 10
Humble 39, Beaumont West Brook 25
Irving 44, Grand Prairie 13
Jersey Village 14, Cy-Fair 7
Keller 36, Colleyville Heritage 18
Keller Fossil Ridge 42, Haltom 14
Klein 46, Klein Collins 27
Laredo Martin 17, Laredo United 14
Laredo Nixon 33, Laredo Cigarroa 6
Leander 15, Pflugerville 12
Lubbock Coronado 40, Amarillo Tascosa 10
Lufkin 44, Tyler John Tyler 14
McAllen Memorial 20, Rio Grande City 6
McAllen Rowe 30, Edinburg North 0
Midland Lee 27, Abilene 16
North Garland 29, North Mesquite 17
Odessa Permian 24, Odessa 23
PA Memorial 42, Humble Kingwood 21
Pearland 35, South Houston 7
PSJA High 27, Roma 0
Richardson Berkner 31, Plano West 16
Rockwall 31, Plano 7
Round Rock 24, Cedar Park 0
Round Rock McNeil 29, Round Rock Stony Point 3
SA East Central 42, SA Brackenridge 13
SA Holmes 37, SA Marshall 36 (OT)
SA MacArthur 37, SA Lee 21
SA O'Connor 49, SA Clark 28
SA Roosevelt 17, SA Madison 0
SA Southwest 10, SA Harlandale 0
SA Warren 16, Del Rio 13
San Angelo Central 27, Lubbock High 0
San Marcos 33, Buda Hays 7
South Garland 20, Garland Naaman Forest 14
South Grand Prairie 27, Irving MacArthur 24
Tomball 32, Cypress Creek 13
Tyler Lee 18, Longview 14
Waco 6, Temple 0

CLASS 4A

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Alvarado 53, Waco Midway 33
Amarillo Palo Duro 25, Dumas 0
Andrews 42, Levelland 16
Austin Anderson 14, Austin Reagan 7
Austin Lake Travis 38, Dripping Springs 29
Austin Lanier 14, Austin Travis 12
Austin McCallum 22, Austin Johnston 21
Bastrop 14, Lockhart 7
Bay City 34, El Campo 31
Beaumont Central 20, Nederland 0
Beeville 29, SA Southside 28
Boerne 28, Uvalde 0
Brazosport 26, Angleton 14
Brenham 24, Lamar Consolidated 6
Brownsville Porter 40, Los Fresnos 14
Brownwood 49, Crowley 23
CC Calallen 49, Rockport-Fulton 16
Channelview 36, Santa Fe 6
Clint 39, San Elizario 12
Conroe Oak Ridge 38, Huntsville 9
Corsicana 24, Lancaster 20
Crosby 38, Galena Park 28
Dallas Hillcrest 49, Dallas Jefferson 0
Dallas Kimball 13, Seagoville 12
Dallas Lincoln 42, Dallas Roosevelt 6
Dallas South Oak Cliff 33, Dallas Maceo Smith 21
Dallas Wilson 48, Dallas Adamson 8
Denton Ryan 39, Birdville 6
Edcouch-Elsa 10, Weslaco East 6
Ennis 63, Mabank 0
EP Chapin 60, El Paso High 0
EP Del Valle 42, Fabens 0
EP Irvin 31, EP Austin 7
EP Jefferson 37, EP Bowie 26
EP Mountain View 21, EP Parkland 18
EP Riverside 49, EP Ysleta 3
Floresville 14, SA McCollum 7
Fredericksburg 36, Medina Valley 0
Friendswood 17, Dickinson 14
FW Arlington Heights 24, FW Eastern Hills 12
FW Dunbar 35, FW Southwest 7
FW Western Hills 67, FW Polytechnic 7
Granbury 23, Joshua 18
Greenville 56, Paris 24
Hallsville 40, Marshall 9
Harker Heights 30, Killeen Shoemaker 26
Harlingen South 31, Brownsville Lopez 0
Henderson 24, Nacogdoches 21
Houston Kashmere 56, Houston Davis 34
Houston King 42, Houston Smiley 12
Houston Sharpstown 24, Houston Furr 8
Houston Wheatley 14, Houston Sterling 12
Jacksonville 24, Palestine 20
Justin Northwest 20, Azle 14
Katy Taylor 20, Alief Taylor 13
Kerrville Tivy 33, SA Alamo Heights 14
Kilgore 63, Pine Tree 7
Killeen 35, Lampasas 7
Kingsville 27, Gregory-Portland 21
La Marque 40, Texas City 10
Lewisville Hebron 48, Frisco 14
Little Cypress-Mauriceville 16, Vidor 13
McKinney North 60, Sherman 56
Mesquite Horn 28, Mesquite Poteet 0
New Braunfels 17, Del Valle 14
North Lamar 32, Royse City 8
Pampa 37, Hereford 20
Pflugerville Connally 36, Marble Falls 7
Plainview 35, Amarillo Caprock 7
Port Neches-Groves 31, Silsbee 3
Richland 30, Denton 28
Richmond Foster 36, Montgomery 23
SA Fox Tech 38, SA Jefferson 14
SA Houston 34, SA Kennedy 3
SA Lanier 30, SA Memorial 7
SA South San 27, Pleasanton 13
San Angelo Lake View 32, Big Spring 14
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Sharyland 17, Mission Veterans 0
Springtown 19, WF Hirschi 14
Springtown 19, Hirschi 14
Taylor 40, Killeen Ellison 18
Texarkana Texas High 45, Mount Pleasant 13
Waco University 28, Midlothian 16
Waxahachie 56, Cleburne 8
West Orange-Stark 13, Lumberton 7
WF Rider 28, Burkburnett 6
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Willis 53, Caney Creek 7
Wolfforth Frenship 56, Lubbock Estacado 12
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CLASS 3A

Atlanta 56, Queen City 6
Barbers Hill 29, Splendora 7
Bellville 23, Columbus 6
Borger 46, Dalhart 14
Bridge City 29, Hardin-Jefferson 13
Bridgeport 30, Lake Worth 20
Bullard 45, Center 35
Burnet 54, Llano 0
Caldwell 24, Cameron 23
Canton 40, Kemp 6
Canyon 26, Tulia 23
Carthage 35, Chapel Hill 26
Celina 37, Pottsboro 7
Cleveland 35, Tarkington 0
Commerce 28, Bonham 0
Crandall 21, Ferris 10
Crockett 18, Mexia 0
Crystal City 21, Pearsall 20
Cuero 56, Goliad 6
Daingerfield 28, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 0
Decatur 50, Sanger 7
Denver City 20, Lamesa 0
Devine 42, Cotulla 12
Diboll 41, Huntington 0
Elgin 35, Hutto 3
Everman 34, FW Castleberry 7
Fairfield 31, Teague 20
Farmersville 21, Princeton 7
Forney 60, Dallas Pinkston 0
Fort Stockton 1, Presidio 0 (forfeit)
FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 49, FW Carter-Riverside 0
Gatesville 24, China Spring 21
Giddings 15, Smithville 7
Gilmer 41, Mount Vernon 0
Glen Rose 46, Godley 8
Graham 29, Childress 7
Groesbeck 35, Madisonville 3
Hallettsville 20, Luling 13
Hillsboro 29, Robinson 19
Hondo 23, Carrizo Springs 6
Ingram 36, Bandera 7
Iowa Park 14, Breckenridge 7
Jasper 45, Kirbyville 18
Jefferson 27, Sabine 0
Kennedale 40, Venus 12
Kountze 12, Hardin 0
La Feria 37, Progreso 0
La Grange 24, Manor 14
Lake Dallas 21, Little Elm 14
Liberty Hill 46, Wimberley 19
Lindale 42, Rains 6
Littlefield 14, Muleshoe 6
Longview Spring Hill 35, Gladewater 16
Lorena 35, Troy 0
Lubbock Cooper 42, Brownfield 19
Lyford 39, Port Isabel 20
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Marion 23, Poteet 14
Marlin 49, Rockdale 0
Mathis 25, Aransas Pass 7
Merkel 31, Seminole 18
Monahans 35, Midland Greenwood 34
Nevada Community 17, Quinlan Ford 14
Newton 43, Woodville 13
North Crowley 13, Stephenville 7
Orangefield 33, Anahuac 14
Paris North Lamar 32, Royse City 8
Perryton 28, Amarillo River Road 7
Pleasant Grove 28, New Boston 14
Rio Hondo 13, Hidalgo 7
Rusk 29, Tatum 12
Sealy 19, Stafford 13
Sinton 40, CC West Oso 7
Slaton 23, Dimmitt 6
Somerset 26, La Vernia 25
Sweeny 14, Edna 13
Sweetwater 25, Snyder 13
Trinity 45, Boswell 0
Van 41, Brownsboro 6
Vernon 35, Bowie 7
Waco LaVega 35, Whitney 7
Wharton 30, Needville 7
White Oak 28, Pittsburg 14
Wills Point 41, Eustace 0
Wilmer-Hutchins 36, Madison 13
Winnsboro 49, Mineola 14
Yoakum 17, Gonzales 14

CLASS 2A

Abernathy 25, Lockney (2OT)
Academy 38, Rockwall Heritage Christian 15
Alpine 55, Tornillo 6
Alto 55, Shelbyville 0
Anson 49, Hawley 12
Anthony 37, Fort Hancock 8
Aubrey 40, Argyle 13
Axtell 27, Moody 14
Bangs 49, Winters 6
Bells 48, Anna 21
Blanco 54, Johnson City 0
Boling 35, East Bernard 18
Boyd 28, Paradise 0
Brackett 27, Natalia 12
Caddo Mills 57, Alba-Golden 6
Calhoun 22, Columbia 15
Centerville 29, Jewett Leon 26
Chico 20, Millsap 8
Clifton 21, Hamilton 6
Coahoma 34, Seagraves 18
Colorado City 47, Stanton 13
Cooper 38, Midland 31
Corrigan-Camden 48, Groveton 21
Crane 61, Forsan 7
Crawford 40, DeLeon 6
Dilley 22, Three Rivers 15
Eastland 17, Cisco 7
Elkhart 34, Grapeland 7
Floydada 38, Friona 14
Franklin 33, Hearne 7
Frankston 15, Malakoff 10
Freer 38, George West 0
Ganado 49, Weimar 0
Garrison 39, Timpson 6
Grape Creek 25, Eldorado 24
Haskell 13, Stamford 0
Henrietta 18, Electra 12
Hico 28, Dublin 18
Hitchcock 48, Brookshire Royal 27
Holliday 47, Nocona 33
Hooks 28, DeKalb 20
Howe 38, Blue Ridge 13
Hughes Springs 33, Redwater 27
Hull-Daisetta 6, Warren 0
Idalou 48, Tahoka 8
Italy 42, Rio Vista 21
Jacksboro 33, Alvord 0
Jarrell 47, Florence 29
Jim Ned 62, Goldthwaite 6
Junction 42, Lago Vista 12
Karnes City 24, Refugio 21
Kerens 38, Cross Roads 7
La Villa 22, Riviera 15
Lexington 25, Somerville 0
Linden-Kildare 41, Paul Pewitt 20
Lone Oak 25, Grand Saline 18 (OT)
Marfa 56, Van Horn 0
Mason 15, Comfort 14
Maypearl 42, Grandview 0
McGregor 33, Mart 12
Navarro 29, Stockdale 19
New Waverly 55, Deweyville 7
Nixon-Smiley 30, Poth 27
Odem 33, Santa Rosa 0
Olton 33, Hale Center 0
Palmer 37, Blooming Grove 7
Paris Chisum 40, Honey Grove 17
Post 25, New Deal 10
Quitman 34, Edgewood 21
Rosebud-Lott 55, Bruceville-Eddy 6
SA Cole 10, SA Randolph 7
Salado 45, Little River Academy 22
San Angelo Grape Creek 25, Eldorado 24
San Augustine 41, Hemphill 0
San Saba 29, Coleman 12
Seymour 38, Olney 35
Shallowater 41, Roosevelt 26
Skidmore-Tynan 65, Bloomington 8
Sonora 12, Reagan County 0
Tom Bean 51, Leonard 35
Troup 53, West Rusk 0
Vanderbilt Industrial 28, Schulenburg 19
Wall 28, Ozona 21
Wallis Brazos 27, Danbury 7
West Hardin 35, East Chambers 12
WF City View 19, Quanah 7
Whitewright 20, S&S Consolidated 8
Yorktown 25, Kenedy 15

CLASS 1A

Anton 22, Petersburg 0
Archer City 70, Perrin-Whitt 0
Bartlett 14, Milano 8
Booker 55, Vega 13
Bosqueville 55, Valley Mills 12
Bovina 26, Hart 8
Bronte 26, Sterling City 8
Burkeville 66, Chester 26
Carlisle 27, Cushing 17
Celeste 21, Wolfe City 14
Chilton 29, Evant 15
Clarendon 20, Shamrock 14
Collinsville 22, Saint Jo 26
Crosbyton 16, Ralls 7
Cumby 35, Dallas A + Academy 13
D'Hanis 48, Sabinal 7
Era 23, Petrolia 39
Evadale 43, High Island 7
Falls City 56, Flatonia 14
Fort Davis 56, Dell City 8
Frost 19, Hubbard 13
Happy 28, Hedley 27
Harleton 28, Maud 0
Harper 21, Irion County 17
Iraan 19, Wink 14
Joaquin 54, Tenaha 14
Knox City 14, Hamlin 9
Kopperl 62, Cranfills Gap 24
Kress 55, Holy Cross 0
Lovelady 18, Bremond 12
McCamey 42, Rankin 7
Medina 32, La Pryor 7
Memphis 35, Wellington 26
Menard 21, Eden 15
Mildred 41, Cayuga 6
Morton 42, Whiteface 6
Mount Enterprise 34, Overton 21
Muenster 23, Lindsay 13
Munday 47, Crowell 0
Nazareth 36, Farwell 19
Normangee 46, Iola 6
Nueces Canyon 21, Leakey 0
O'Donnell 20, Plains 7
Oakwood 39, Apple Springs 8
Paducah 28, Rotan 13
Petrolia 39, Era 23
Prosper 33, Callisburg 8
Quinlan Boles 46, Fannindel 0
Rice 27, Dawson 0
Roby 42, Miles 6
Rocksprings 43, Christoval 20
Roscoe 42, Robert Lee 8
Runge 39, Louise 34
Saint Jo 26, Collinsville 22
Shiner 35, Charlotte 14
Stratford 42, Gruver 7
Sudan 53, Lorenzo 0
Sundown 47, Smyer 12
Sunray 63, White Deer 0
Thorndale 34, Burton 13
Thrall 52, Holland 21
Tolar 23, Ranger 13
Union Hill 51, Karnack 0
Water Valley 49, Veribest 0
Wheeler 28, Claude 14
Windthorst 42, Throckmorton 7
Wortham 29, Itasca 0

SIX-MAN

Amherst 56, Spade 6
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Benjamin 55, Chillicothe 48
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Follett 50, Lefors 14
Gordon 41, Newcastle 34
Grady 51, Dawson 6
Grandfalls-Royalty 61, EP School of Excellence 6
Guthrie 53, Rochester 6
Highland 50, Loraine 0
Jayton 83, Lueders-Avoca 52
Jonesboro 53, Iredell 0
Lohn 47, Cherokee 42
McLean 42, Fort Elliott 27
Meadow 20, Wellman-Union 14
Miami 60, Higgins 12
Milford 48, Trinidad 19
New Home 51, Wilson 6
Newcastle 34, Gordon 41
Novice 31, Blackwell 24
Panther Creek 40, Santa Anna 18
Patton Springs 56, Motley County 8
Richland Springs 80, Brookesmith 8
Ropesville 1, Southland 0 (forfeit)
Rule 72, Spur 23
Samnorwood 38, Groom 12
Sanderson 78, Balmorhea 54
Sands 48, Loop 0
Strawn 66, Woodson 20
Turkey Valley 54, Silverton 0
Valley 54, Silverton 0
Vernon Northside 48, Harrold 13
Westbrook 55, Hermleigh 22
Whitharral 63, Cotton Center 0

Sports was big in Snyder in 1953

(Editor's note: See more historyin Sections C, D, & E)

Nov. 17, 1953

The best record of athletic teams in the junior high school here, and the best won-lost records of any team ever in high school or junior high in Snyder were shattered this season by the seventh and eighth grade grid teams.

The two teams played eight games each, and the eighth grade finished the season is the only undefeated untied football team the Snyder schools have ever had. The team's new record broke that of the 1943 high school team, which was without a coach and was headed by a player, the team that won three of its four games and tied one.

The eighth grade was coached by Charlie Storrs, a coach of 12 years experience who came here this season after discharge from the Navy. The squad has scored 241 points to opponents 32. Four teams were scoreless against Storrs' squad, while Roscoe's 12 points were the most tallied against the Snyder crew all season.

The seventh grade squad, which finished the season with a 7-1 record, was coached by Jimmy Williams, who is now in his second year on the coaching staff here. Last year, Williams was coach of the junior high team, which ended the year with a 6-2 record.

Captions under photographs of the two teams gave these names:

The eighth grade football squad, coached by Charlie Storrs, is the only undefeated, untied grid team in the history of the sport in the Snyder schools. The team won all eight of its games and amassed 241 points to foes' 32. Front row, left to right, are Jimmy Cloud, Eddie Dyer, Ed McDaniel, Orville Rogers, Dickie Martin, Neil Boyd, Homer Nelson, Tommy Blakely, Wallace Vernon, Kelton Pinkerton, James Minor, Ronnie Pitner and Jerry Davis. Second row: Larry Mullins, John Ward, Billy Keen, Arthur French, Billy Amos, Jerry Springer, Charles Cockrell, Bill Crowell, Max Carey, Charles Johns, Dwaine Merritt, Arnold Dorman, and David Shepherd. Third row: Storrs, Israel Hinojos, Sammy Spikes, Maurice Ashley, Bob Brooks, Larry Page, Bobby Staton, Richard Pickett, Dean Staton, Bill Jennings, James Patterson, Bud Morgan, Bobby Pollard, all squad members, and David Hale and Bobby Brown, managers. Not shown in the picture is Earl Burleson, another squadman.

The seventh grade squad, which lost only one of its eight games this season and that one by only five points, is coached by Jimmy Williams. The team has tallied 245 points to opponents 69. Left to right, front row, are Charles Bridges, Jesse Allen, Johnny Drake, Bill England, Kenneth Drake, John Calloway, Kenneth Stewart, Dale Cates, Tommy Contella, Jerry Craig, and Harold Brown. Second row, Gene Williamson, Kenneth Yates, Mike Ridley, Wayne Jarvis, Jerry Proctor, Billy Dubose, J. D. Gray, Frank Rohr, Bob Fields, George Williams, Gene Griffin, and Don Belding. Third row, Williams, Sammy Berry, manager; Gale Courtney, Tony Anger, Roger Hensley, Billy Rinehart, Jimmy Allen, Foy Dennis, Johnny Griggs, Kenneth Elrod, Dennis Holmes, Chuck Warren, and Bobby Johnson, manager.

Nov. 29, 1953

The 1953 Snyder Tigers finished their season Thursday with a 5-5 record and a 1-8 district record. Head coach was Speedy Moffett, while Hal Battle was line coach, Horace Bostick, backfield coach, Jack Dillon, B team coach, and Gene Gibson, freshman coach. The team scored 208 points during the season to opponents 155. Left to right, front row, are Joe Baxter, Keith Pitner, Tommy Ivison, Mardell Stephens, Mike Gibson, Frankie Minton, Steve Blair, Bernie Hagins, Gerald Crawford, James Parker, Norman Grimmett, and George Jennings. Second row, Naxey Davis, Reagan White, Paul Hayes, Robert Burney, Jackie Grimmett, Douglas James, Alan Snead, Jerry Smith, Robert Hagins, Morris Hataway, Wayne Shuffield, Jack Spikes, Royce Pierce and Jimmie Rodgers.

Dec. 23, 1953

John Conley, 30-year-old head coach at Ellinwood, Kans., last night was appointed head coach of the Snyder schools by the school board of trustees.

Conley was chosen from a group of 45 applicants. The board had narrowed the applicants down to two and last night chose Conley from the two. His contract is for three years at an annual salary of $6,000.

The new coach will move here in February and will head up the spring training athletic program. His duties for the remainder of this term will be those pertaining to the next school year, while Speedy Moffett, who recently resigned the position effective at the end of the school year, will head up the remaining activities of this school year.

Moffett, who has been head of the athletic department here since 1949, will be given a teaching assignment in the schools and will probably coach baseball here when the program is started, if he so desires, according to Dr. Cecil Yarbrough, school superintendent. Moffett resigned as head coach in Nov. Yarbrough said present plans are to begin baseball this school year.

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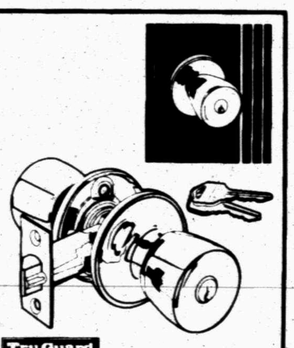

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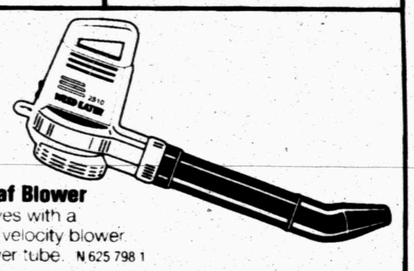

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Tigers cough up lead, game at Sweetwater

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Snyder Tigers will have to go back to the drawing board.

Snyder lost a pair of fumbles deep in Sweetwater territory early in the second half, coughing up a 7-6 lead en route to a 25-13 loss at Mustang Bowl.

Back-up quarterback Jeremy Thompson, a last-minute replacement for starter Reid Bishop, burned the Tigers for 115 yards, almost all coming in the first half, and fullback Clyde DeLao added 89 yards and a touchdown.

Sweetwater rushed for 272 yards to Snyder's 92, as the Mustangs did not attempt a pass in the second half.

"This is a true test of their character," Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said of his squad. "I told them after the game that Sweetwater lost a close one against us last year and went four rounds in the playoffs. But it's going to hurt."

Thompson opened the scoring on a 40-yard touchdown run. Sweetwater missed the extra point, and the defenses clashed to a stalemate until Snyder capped a 12-play drive with a 1-yard plunge by Boicy Martinez. Lico Castillo's extra point gave the Tigers a one-point lead.

CIRCUS CATCH — Snyder wide receiver Justin Boyd snares a touchdown catch over Sweetwater corner Seth Hatley in the fourth quarter of Friday's 25-13 loss. Snyder lost two fumbles early in the second half that resulted in two Mustang touchdowns. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Despite a shaky first half offensively — which saw them out-gained on the ground by 100 yards — the Tigers took the 7-6 into the locker room at halftime.

The lead was short-lived, as Snyder fumbled on its second play from scrimmage in the second half on a botched handoff at the Sweetwater 33.

Five plays later, the Mustangs had a lead they would not relinquish.

After Josh Jackson dove in for a 2-yard score, Sweetwater failed on the two-point conversion and held a narrow, 12-7, advantage.

Snyder went three and out, and the Mustangs finished a 9-play drive with a 2-yard plunge by DeLao to make it 18-7.

After Delao's touchdown, Isaac Ramon and Malcom Wells got mixed up on the kick-off, and Wells coughed it up at the 7-yard line.

Sweetwater immediately took advantage, as Jackson barreled in from a yard out to finish up the scoring for the Mustangs:

Snyder gained just 15 yards on the ground in the final 24 minutes, as the Tigers were forced to play catch-up after giving Sweetwater great field position throughout the half.

"You can't give a good team like that a short field," Rogers said.

The Sweetwater defense teed-off on the Snyder passing game in the second half, sending waves of linebackers and blitzing on nearly every play.

"They are the fastest defense we have faced," quarterback Boicy Martinez, who rushed for 20 yards and threw for 91, said. "They had backers coming from every angle and they knew the snap count. I was really surprised at how many they brought (on the blitz)."

Rogers said the blitz-happy Mustangs disrupted the Tiger offense.

"They were bringing everybody and caught us out of rhythm," he said.

Snyder showed signs of life at the end, with Martinez hitting wide receiver Justin Boyd — who made a spectacular, leaping grab for a 12-yard touchdown reception with just over two minutes left in regulation.

"They stacked eight guys at the line, and we couldn't pick it up. We have to come out and do what we did last week (against Levelland) and get closer as a team," Boyd said.

"We didn't pick it up until the end, but we have to do it from the beginning," Martinez added. "We have to turn it around, and forget this."

Rogers said the team has always played better after a disappointing contest.

"These kids have always responded well," he said. "They aren't giving up. We have four games left and we will see what we can do. We'll go watch film on Saturday, and start working on Merkel Monday."

Merkel thumped Seminole, 38-18, in its district opener.

The Merkel defense has allowed just 43 points in running its record to 6-0 on the season.

The Badgers outgained Seminole, 467 to 163, recording 20 first downs to Seminole's nine, despite losing four fumbles.

Denver City blanked Lamesa, 20-0.

Game Summary

Snyder	00	7	07	06	—13
Sweetwater	6	00	00	19	—25

First Quarter

Sweetwater — Jeremy Thompson 40 run, (Kurt Hale kick blocked), 8:07.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Boicy Martinez 1 run, (Lico Castillo kick), 6:08.

Third Quarter

Sweetater — Josh Jackson 2 run, (two-point conversion failed), 9:17.

Sweetwater — Clyde Delao 5 run, (two-point conversion failed), 2:51.

Sweetwater — Jackson 1 run, (Hale kick), 1:56.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Justin Boyd 12 yd. pass from Martinez, (two-point conversion failed), 2:40.

	Sny	Swt
First Downs	12	16
Rushes-yards	33-92	51-272
Passing yards	91	20
Comp-Att-Int	8-20-1	2-4-0
Punts	5-23.6	5-23.8
Fumbles-lost	3-2	5-0
Penalties-yards	5-50	8-52

RUSHING — Snyder: Malcom Wells 15-51Martinez, 12-20. **Sweetwater:** Jeremy Thompson 14-115, 1 TD. Clyde Delao 13-89; Josh Jackson 13-36.

PASSING — Snyder: Martinez 8 of 20 for 91 yards, 1 int. **Sweetwater:** Jeremy Thompson 2 of 4 for 20 yards.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Boyd 3-29; Demetrius Brandon 1-10. **Sweetwater:** Alan Copeland 1-13.

Martinez, Clemens face off in historic day at Fenway Park

BOSTON (AP) — This figures to be a day that will stick out in the history of Fenway Park.

Roger Clemens, pitching on the Fenway mound for one final time, opposed by Pedro Martinez in Game 3 of the AL championship series, tied one game apiece.

Ali and Frazier fought each other three times, but the Rocket and Pedro are going at it for the fifth.

Martinez won the first, a 13-1 rout of New York at Fenway in Game 3 of the 1999 ALCS, then led Boston over Clemens 2-0 the following May 28 when Trot Nixon hit a two-run homer in the ninth at Yankee Stadium. Neither got a decision when they met in New York on June 14, 2000, and in Boston on April 14, 2001.

Clemens, who plans to retire after this season, just doesn't want it to be the final start of his 20-year career. If the series goes to seven games, he'd probably face Martinez again. And Clemens wants to pitch in another World Series.

"I know as we march through these playoffs that my starts are coming towards an end," he said Friday. "You just don't want it to be the next one."

It's not clear what Martinez thinks about the high-profile matchup. He's been boycotting the media for months.

"When he got into this mode about the middle of the season was about the time he started getting really good results on the mound," Boston manager Grady Little said. "I think the day is coming that he will again speak with the press, but right now he wants to continue doing what he has been doing and try not to break his karma."

The Yankees were angry at Martinez this summer. He hit Alfonso Soriano and Derek Jeter with pitches on July 7, two days after Clemens hit Boston's Kevin Millar. Both pitchers denied the hit batters were intentional, with Clemens saying: "Guys don't get out of the way of the ball anymore."

Clemens doesn't appreciate the way batters come to the plate these days with protective gear.

"Some of these guys are wearing stuff now that, I mean, they'd feel safe in Iraq," he said Friday.

Boston players are proud of the way Martinez protects them. That's part of what makes him a leader.

"If he felt it was on purpose and you need someone to go down, he'll take care of that," Millar said. "He's asked me situations, and I said 'No' and I said 'Yes.' That's the kind of guy he is. There's a lot of pitchers that wouldn't do that. They'd be scared to do that."

Martinez did admit two years ago to having the urge to throw at one Yankee in particular. After ending a five-game winless streak against New York on May 30, 2001, Martinez proclaimed:

"I don't believe in rivalries. I don't believe in curses. Wake up the damn Bambino, maybe I'll drill him."

The next time these two meet, it might be at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Clemens, 41, finished his regular-season career 310-160, 17th on the career wins list, with a 3.19 ERA, 4,099 strikeouts and six Cy Young Awards.

Martinez, who turns 32 in two weeks, is 166-67 with 2,426 strikeouts and three Cy Young Awards.

Not including the playoff meeting four years ago, Clemens is 8-5 against Boston, including 2-3 this year, and Martinez in 9-8 against New York.

LEFT BEHIND — Marcus Villarreal leaves a Sweetwater defender in his wake on a punt return in the second quarter Friday. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

TCU defense steps up; Horned Frogs unbeaten

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — TCU coach Gary Patterson couldn't say enough about his defense.

The 18th-ranked Horned Frogs beat South Florida 13-10 Friday night for their eighth straight victory, limiting the Conference USA newcomers to 126 yards of offense and finishing with 10 sacks.

"We threw the kitchen sink at them," Patterson said of the array of blitzes his team used to frustrate the Bulls' explosive attack.

The victory also stopped the nation's second-longest home winning streak at 21 games. South Florida hadn't lost at Raymond James Stadium since November 1999, and the Bulls' first home game against a ranked opponent drew a crowd of 33,368.

"Our kids played a very smart football game," Patterson said. "I talked to them all week, understanding how we have to come into this ball game, how it was going to be a loud crowd.

"What gave them the most help was the Arizona game. A lot of our young guys hadn't played in front of a large crowd. We did not have wide eyes tonight. We were disciplined about what we needed to do. There's a reason why we struggled. They are pretty darn good."

Cory Rodgers scored on a 43-yard reception in the first quarter and Nick Browne added a 37-yard field goal just before half-time and a 17-yarder late in the third quarter to give the Horned Frogs (6-0, 3-0 Conference USA) a 13-3 lead.

South Florida (3-2, 2-1) rallied behind Brian Fisher, an elusive wide receiver who is just as exciting as a punt returner and when he's moonlighting as a quarterback in the shotgun formation.

Fisher broke a tackle at his own 30 and returned a punt to the TCU 32 to give the Bulls the spark they needed to get back into the game. Six plays later, he scrambled left, then back to his right before throwing to a wide-open Elgin Hicks for a 19-yard TD, trimming South Florida's deficit to 13-10 with 9:27 remaining.

"That No. 5 is a very good football player," Patterson said. "You can't see him, he's 5-foot-7. For once, I wasn't the shortest guy on the field. He has strong legs. They do a lot of things with him. I'm surprised he didn't throw a pass to this point. We were fortunate."

Fisher directed one more drive, but couldn't get his team past midfield. South Florida, held to 126 yards total offense, punted with 3:23 remaining and didn't get the ball back.

"We didn't execute good enough," South Florida coach Jim Leavitt said. "We made too many mistakes, that's the bottom line."

Sorenstam qualifies for Hall of Fame after opening round

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — At some point, Annika Sorenstam will sit and reflect on her accomplishments. Now is not the time.

Sorenstam qualified for the LPGA Hall of Fame on Friday but was two shots off the pace set by Se Ri Pak at the Samsung World Championships. Pak finished the long rain-delayed 36-hole day at 7-under 137, two strokes in front of Sorenstam and four others.

"I'm very pleased and excited, now I've got to turn around and play again," Sorenstam said between rounds. "It's a little different feeling. I was thinking the last couple of holes 'Let's don't fall in a hole or anything.'"

Sorenstam needed to complete 18 holes as the last step in adding the Hall of Fame to her illustrious career. She got that with a 2-under 70 in the first 18 holes and followed with a 69 at the TPC at The Woodlands.

"When I came out here (the LPGA Tour) I didn't know that I could win one tournament and here I am 47 later," Sorenstam said. "The competition is tough and gets tougher every year. For some reason I've played better every year. I just kept pushing myself."

Sorenstam finished her second round just as darkness fell and entered Saturday's third round tied for second with Rachel Teske, Daniel and Grace Park.

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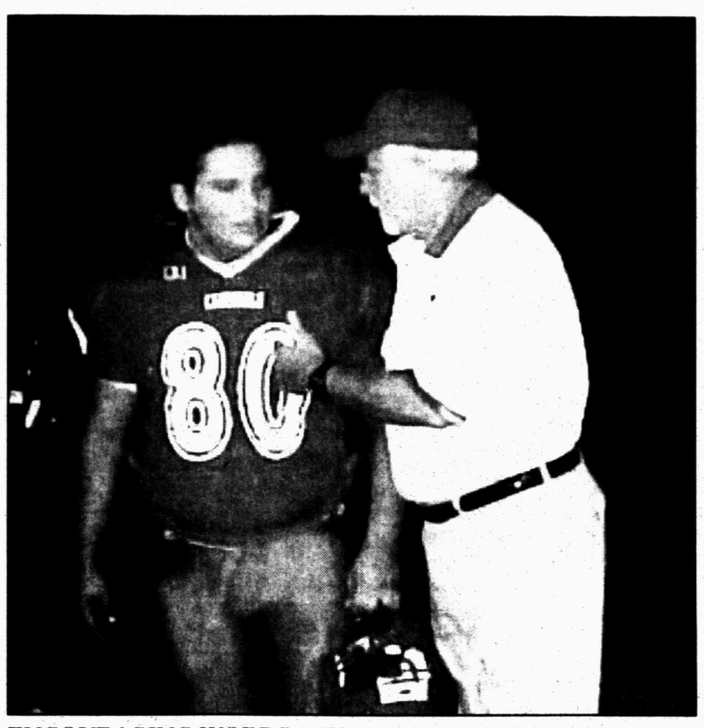

ENCOURAGING WORDS — Hermleigh head coach Don Jones talks with Jose Granados during the first half Friday. Hermleigh led early in the first half, but critical mistakes helped Westbrook claim a 55-22 victory. (Contributed Photo)

Westbrook upends Hermleigh, 55-22

The Hermleigh Cardinals and the Westbrook Wildcats held a pitched battle for two quarters Friday night, but the Westbrook defense stepped up in the second half to down Hermleigh, 55-22.

Quarterback Jonathan McClure had a hand in three touchdowns in the first half, as Hermleigh took an early lead on a 15-yard scoring strike from McClure to Shane Berry.

The teams traded scores, with McClure taking it into the end zone on a 5-yard sprint.

Hermleigh held a 22-21 edge after a 1-yard dive by McClure just before halftime, but Westbrook responded with a touchdown of their own to take a 27-22 advantage into the locker room.

"That last touchdown before the half gave (Westbrook) tremendous momentum and we could never get back on track," Hermleigh head coach Don Jones said.

The Cardinals hurt themselves in the second half, dropping three passes that Jones said would have resulted in scores.

The Cardinals also fumbled on the Westbrook one-foot line, negating a long drive.

"The kids played hard — we just had some bad luck," Jones said. "We had a good game plan. It was a good game, but we just came up short. Westbrook's defense did a good job in the second half."

The Cardinals were limited to 248 total yards, the bulk of which came in the first two quarters.

Jones said the team was "very, very disappointed" with the loss.

"We'll regroup and get ready for next week," Jones said.

The Cardinals will face undefeated Highland at home Friday. Highland, which sits atop District 8, crushed Loraine, 50-0 in its district opener.

Glanville triple lifts Cubs in 11th inning

MIAMI (AP) — Doug Glanville waited a long time for his chance. When it came, he delivered.

Luis Castillo waited a long time, too — and it cost him dearly.

Glanville, the last player added to the Cubs' playoff roster, lined a pinch-hit triple in the 11th inning Friday night and Chicago then trapped Castillo on a crazy play to end a 5-4 victory for a 2-1 edge in the NL championship series.

In a tense duel at Pro Player Stadium after two homer-filled games at Wrigley Field, Glanville added his name to baseball's list of unlikely October heroes.

"Coming off the bench, anything can happen," he said. "Every second was unbelievable. I've never played in the postseason, and it's everything it's cracked up to be."

The win left the Cubs two wins short of making their first World Series appearance since 1945. And it made them 5-0 this postseason when Wood or Mark Prior starts; they've 0-3 in other games.

Yet on a wild night where Wood, Sammy Sosa and Ivan Rodriguez all took turns as a star, there was still a twist left after Glanville's hit-and-run liner.

Castillo struck out with one out in the 11th against Mike Remlinger, but reached base when the ball skittered through catcher Paul Bako's legs for a wild pitch. Castillo reached second on a groundout, then Derrek Lee hit a grounder to third baseman Aramis Ramirez.

Castillo started running, expecting Ramirez to field it cleanly and throw to first. But Ramirez fumbled the ball, and Castillo hesitated.

Ramirez quickly recovered, and Castillo was trapped in a rundown. Ramirez threw to second baseman Ramon Martinez, who threw back to Ramirez.

Castillo tried to reverse direction, stepping on the infield grass as he headed back to second base. He was called out for leaving the baseline.

"I should've waited for him to go to first," Castillo said. "I didn't have to run."

Marlins manager Jack McKeon didn't blame Castillo a bit.

"If he had kept running, he probably would have made it easy," he said. "But you can't fault him. You're stuck in no man's land."

Said Cubs manager Dusty Baker: "I'm just glad it happened the way it did."

Game 4 is Saturday night, and features a neat subplot. All-Star rookie Dontrelle Willis of the Marlins and Chicago starter Matt Clement were traded for each other a few days before the 2002 season began.

Acquired from last-place Texas in late July, Glanville was still on the Cubs' bench for Game 3 as the clock ticked well past midnight. He was only there because backup Tony Womack was injured and left off the 25-man roster.

Kenny Lofton singled — his eighth hit in three games — with one out in the 11th off Michael Tejera. After Braden Looper relieved, Glanville batted for winning pitcher Joe Borowski.

Lofton was running when Glanville came through in just the second postseason at-bat of his 13-year pro career.

Glanville could recall only one hit that brought him as much joy.

"In Little League, I got a big hit off Mike Wilkins. He was the big bully," Glanville said.

The Marlins threatened in the bottom of the ninth, loading the bases with two outs against Borowski before little Mike Mordecai flied out.

After 13 balls sailed out of the park in two games at Wrigley, starters Wood and Mark Redman put the emphasis back on pitching in these playoffs. The bigger dimensions and still air at Pro Player Stadium helped keep the ball in play, too — Sosa and Florida's Alex Gonzalez hit shots that clearly would have cleared the ivy-covered walls.

The 14th home run of the series tied the NLCS record for two teams, set by San Francisco.

Cowboys poised for potential breakthrough against Philly

IRVING (AP) — Only four games into the Bill Parcells era, the Dallas Cowboys already have reached a potential breakthrough.

Beat the Philadelphia Eagles at home on Sunday and the Cowboys will be 4-1 for the first time since 1995 — their most recent Super Bowl-winning season. They'll have a four-game winning streak and firm control of the NFC East.

And with lowly Detroit up next, Dallas would be in position to match the win total of its three previous non-Parcells seasons long before Halloween.

Such talk is foolish to Parcells. Players aren't looking ahead dreamily either, although they do realize they've already started generating the kind of momentum last seen when Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin were suiting up.

"We've just got to keep it going," receiver Joey Galloway said. "It's early, very early."

No team is more accustomed to sending the Cowboys crashing back to reality faster than the Eagles (2-2).

Philadelphia has beaten Dallas six straight times and seven of eight, starting with a 13-10 win in 1999, when the Cowboys were 3-0. That was the last time they started a season this strong and their last three-game winning streak. Irvin's career ended in that game and the franchise hasn't been the same since.

The Eagles consider that track record ancient history, a nod to the impact Parcells has had as well as to their own early season struggles.

Philadelphia is on the upswing, though, having won two straight since losing the first two.

A win Sunday would give the Eagles a winning record and put them back in the thick of the race for their third division title in a row. Should they win and Washington lose, Philadelphia would at least be tied for first.

But if the Eagles lose, it could turn into a big step backward, especially if Dallas proves to be for real.

"We're hungry," Philadelphia safety Clinton Hart said. "We're so close to getting this thing really cracked open like we want it. This will put us at the top. If we go in there and win this thing, we're tied for the top of the division and that's going to drive us even more. ... The snowball is rolling now. Once it gets going, it's hard to stop."

Going into this matchup of strong-armed, mobile quarterbacks, Dallas' Quincy Carter is surprisingly outplaying Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb so far this season.

Michigan mounts comeback

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Michigan Wolverines needed just one quarter to turn their week, and perhaps their season, around.

Garrett Rivas kicked a 33-yard field goal with 47 seconds left to cap the biggest comeback in school history as the Wolverines rallied for a 38-35 victory over Minnesota on Friday night.

Six days after a disappointing loss to Iowa, No. 20 Michigan (5-2, 2-1 Big Ten) found itself down 28-7 entering the fourth quarter against the 17th-ranked Golden Gophers with a quarterback who was 0-6 on the road against ranked teams.

That's when the Wolverines had a little revelation.

"We made up our minds that we've got to win this game," quarterback John Navarre said. "We kept on the roll and got some good breaks with our defense and special teams. We made up our minds and were not denied."

The comeback eclipsed Michigan's rally from 17 down for an 18-17 victory over Virginia in 1995. The win was the Wolverines' 15th straight over the Golden Gophers in the 100th anniversary of the game that began the series for the Little Brown Jug.

"It just speaks to the human spirit," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "And those kids showed tremendous spirit."

In the only other Top 25 game, No. 18 TCU beat South Florida 13-10.

The emotional win came a week after the loss to Iowa dropped the Wolverines from No. 9 to 20. That loss dashed their national title hopes, but the players are now focusing on the Big Ten title and a shot at the Rose Bowl.

"We could either get knocked out or come out swinging," defensive end Larry Stevens said. "It's our season and we have to fight for what's ours."

Minnesota (6-1, 2-1), meanwhile, looked like they were on their way to their first win over Michigan since 1986.

The Gophers' collapse wasted a great rushing effort and the most points the Gophers have scored against Michigan since 1937. Minnesota outgained the Wolverines 424-94 on the ground.

"This was a devastating loss," running back Laurence Maroney said. "We played well and just did not come out on top today."

Marion Barber III ran for 197 yards on 21 carries and set a school record in the first quarter with his 14th rushing touchdown of the season. Maroney ran for 81 yards and two scores.

Sports Briefs

WTC GLT tournament

Western Texas College will host the golf and landscape technology tournament Saturday. Format is nine-hole lowball-daylight and nine-hole select shot glow ball-dark with tee-off at 5 p.m. Cost is $70 per team with cash prizes. Contact the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Basketball booster club

The boys basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center.

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The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room.

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Sunday
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Monday, Oct. 13
New York at Boston, 7:18 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 15
Boston at New York, 3:18 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, Oct. 16
Boston at New York, 7:18 p.m., if necessary

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(FOX)
Saturday
Chicago (Clement 14-12) at Florida (Willis 14-6), 7 p.m.
Sunday
Chicago (Zambrano 13-11) at Florida (Beckett 9-8), 3:40 p.m.
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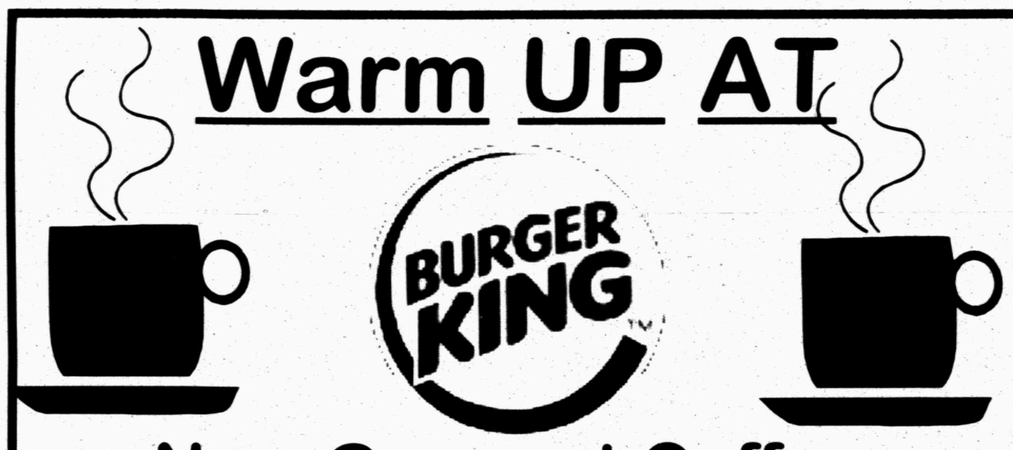

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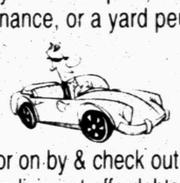
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OPEN HOUSE — Big County Electric Co-Op employees Tammy Sloan and David Boyd visit during the company's open house Friday in Snyder. Sloan is the director of member services, while Boyd is the district manager. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Update on anti-aging cosmetics

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's the latest word on cosmetic anti-aging treatments?

DEAR READER: To answer your question, I have summarized the following information from a review in the July 2003 issue of the medical journal Postgraduate Medicine.

The effectiveness of creams and lotions varies. Hydroquinone, a bleaching agent, can neutralize age spots and blemishes. It is often marketed as a compound with herbs and vitamins, but these additives probably have no benefit. Products containing alpha-hydroxy acids, salicylic acid, vitamin C, vitamin E or copper have not been proved effective. Retinoic acid may improve skin texture, but its relatives (retinol and others) do not. Creams containing lavender, olive leaf, bear berry, thyme, coenzyme Q or peppermint are ineffective.

Microdermabrasion uses tiny crystals that are applied under pressure and then immediately vacuumed off. This technique shows promise in improving skin texture. Multiple treatments are required.

Chemical peel is when a mild acid is applied to the skin, causing the outer layer to peel off. Its effectiveness is inconsistent, and regular treatments are necessary.

Botulinum toxin (Botox and other, similar products) causes a temporary paralysis that smoothes out wrinkles when injected into facial muscles. The effects last for three to four months.

Dermal fillers are collagen from cows that are injected to "fill in" creases and wrinkles. A single series of injections lasts up to four months and is often combined with Botox.

Intense pulsed light can help shrink tiny blood vessels in the skin surface, and may improve blotchiness and discoloration. Light therapy is frequently combined with botulinum injections and microdermabrasion. Three to five sessions are ordinarily needed.

The costs of these therapies vary, and are usually not covered by health insurance. Botox can cost up to $200, and microdermabrasion may be as much as $250.

Because the results of the therapies vary unpredictably, consumers must maintain realistic and reasonable expectations about the outcome. Some dermatologists advise using plain, old-fashioned petrolatum (Vaseline), which is inexpensive, effective and has withstood the test of time.

DEAR DR. GOTT: It is not necessary for patients with gout to take expensive prescription medication. I simply keep a can of dark cherries or cherry pie filling on hand when my husband has painful, gouty attacks. The cherries work immediately; all he has to do is eat several portions. I realize there are always problems that cannot be cured by home remedies, but this one really works.

DEAR READER: I am glad to learn that your husband's gout attacks are helped by such an inexpensive and delicious remedy as dark cherries.

However, I cannot endorse this approach because gout, the abnormal accumulation of uric acid in the body, can also affect the kidneys — painlessly and without concomitant arthritic discomfort.

In my view, your husband should follow his doctor's advice about more appropriate preventive therapy for gout, such as allopurinol or ColBenemid. These drugs reduce the production of uric acid and aid its excretion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I believe my husband has a severe drinking problem. He drinks more than a half-gallon of wine a day, indicating that it's good for his heart. During his "drinking time," he is verbally abusive, swears and is generally unpleasant. At other times, he looks and acts pretty good. How can I protect my family from his outbursts?

DEAR READER: Your husband's drinking has progressed to the point where it is affecting your family. Therefore, I think it is fair to assume that he is an alcoholic. Once you are able to accept this probability, you are in a position to make important choices -- and obtain needed help.

No person should have to live with an abusive spouse, whether the form of abuse is mental, emotional or physical. Many alcoholics behave normally when they are sober; however, after a few drinks, they may turn from a Dr. Hyde to a Mr. Jekyll, the literary character created by Robert Louis Stevenson — one minute a responsible citizen, the next a malevolent monster. Eventually, your husband may come to realize that his problem drinking needs to be addressed, and he will seek help.

Meanwhile, you don't have to put up with his antics.

First off, don't confront him when he has been drinking. Wait for a calm time, when he is sober and in a "normal" phase. Then quietly explain your concerns and indicate to him that although he is the only one who can take steps to deal with his over-indulgence, you no longer feel obligated to ignore it. Do not — I repeat, do not — verbally label him an alcoholic to his face. This is a conclusion that he will make when he comes to grips with his problem. Begin the process of taking care of yourself and your family.

During such a (sober) give-and-take, you and your husband may be able to achieve an understanding. In my opinion, an avowal on his part to moderate his alcohol consumption is fruitless; he needs professional help and, probably, a 12-step program to begin and maintain sobriety. This is where your family physician would come in handy, both by assessing whether your spouse needs detoxification and putting him in touch with appropriate out-patient resources.

Now, to you. Check the yellow pages for an Al-Anon group in or near your community. This support group is composed of adults whose spouses or loved ones abuse alcohol. You will gain tremendous support, encouragement and knowledge by attending Al-Anon meetings. Most importantly, you will learn ways to avoid "enabling" your husband to drink.

You do not need to be part of the problem.

Finally, if your husband is really abusive to you and/or your children, you can obtain necessary assistance from police, a counselor or a women's shelter. Or, if necessary, you could leave your residence and stay with a friend or family member until the situation has been resolved.

In your discussions with your husband, you can point out that alcohol is NOT good for his heart. In fact, it poisons the cardiac muscle when consumed in excess.

Show him my response to your plea; this may confirm that you are serious in your resolve.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Arafat tries to end disputes with PM

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held closed-door meetings with his prime minister and officials from his Fatah faction on Saturday to try to resolve a political dispute over a new Cabinet.

The wrangling has held up parliamentary approval of the new government, dealing a major blow to Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, whose success is crucial to efforts to salvage the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan. The stalled plan outlines a path to ending three years of fighting and creating a Palestinian state by 2005.

On Thursday, the legislature canceled a vote of approval for the new Cabinet amid intense arguments over its composition and size. Those arguments remained unresolved Saturday. Another dispute between Qureia and Arafat over the authorities of the interior minister, who would control the security forces, appeared to have been settled this week.

After Thursday's meeting, an angry Qureia suggested to Arafat that he no longer wanted to be prime minister, just four days after taking office, and walked out of Arafat's office.

Arafat had appointed an eight-member temporary "emergency Cabinet" last weekend, and a vote in the legislature would have turned it into a normal government.

Meanwhile, violence continued Saturday in the southern Gaza Strip, where Israel's military was battling gunmen for a second straight day in a refugee shantytown and searching for tunnels used to smuggle weapons and drugs into Gaza underneath the border with Egypt.

Seven Palestinians, including two children, were killed and 62 were wounded on Friday as Israeli forces moved into the Rafah camp, along the Egyptian border. Gunbattles raged for more than 10 hours.

The military has said it might stay several days, and at least one Palestinian official said he feared the operation could be prelude to a re-occupation of the Gaza Strip.

"We believe these are clear-cut crimes," said Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat.

Schwarzenegger's win seen as rejection of Democratic policy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As they fought the recall of Gov. Gray Davis, Democrats portrayed the drive as a right-wing Republican conspiracy to undermine elections they couldn't otherwise win.

Tuesday's election results showed neither that argument nor Davis ever had a chance, as 55 percent of voters — including a quarter of Democrats — bounced Davis in favor of Republican actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Democrats are now left wondering if anything could have helped them keep the top job in the nation's most populous state, and have already started engaging in the usual post-defeat finger pointing.

"Sometimes, the Democratic strategy seemed to be blaming the people who signed the recall petitions," said Jack Pitney, professor of government at Claremont McKenna College. "It was very evident that this was a broad-based movement, and the attempt to tie it to some sort of Republican conspiracy triggered a backlash."

Davis campaign strategists defended their decision to frame the election as a Republican hijacking, saying Davis' deep unpopularity left them little choice.

It worked to a certain extent, said Davis pollster Paul Maslin, as almost 45 percent of voters voted against the recall even though exit polls showed only 27 percent of voters approved of Davis' job performance.

Maslin and others said that what really hurt was the decision by some leading Democrats to encourage Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante to become a replacement candidate.

Surgeons to begin surgery on twins

DALLAS (AP) — After more than a year of preparation, a team of 18 doctors began the delicate surgery Saturday to separate 2-year-old twins from Egypt joined at the crown of their heads.

The surgery, expected to last 18 to 24 hours, is risky — one or both of the boys may die. If they survive, some brain damage is inevitable.

However, Dr. Jim Thomas, director of critical care at Doctors at Children's Medical Center Dallas, said ethics boards at two hospitals had reviewed the case and felt it was worth attempting.

"Nobody goes into this lightly," said Dr. Dale Swift, one of five pediatric neurosurgeons who will operate on the twins. "At this point, we think it's the right thing to do."

Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim were born June 2, 2001, by Caesarean section to Sabah Abu el-Wafa and her husband, Ibrahim Mohammed Ibrahim, in the southern Egyptian town of Qus, near Luxor.

Dallas-based World Craniofacial Foundation, a nonprofit group that helps children with deformities of the head and face, arranged to bring the boys to Dallas in June 2002 for an evaluation for the separation surgery.

A team of specialists determined that the boys could be separated; though they share an extensive attachment of blood vessels, each boy has his own brain.

The boys' father told doctors he felt it was worth the risk, saying he wanted to give them a chance at a normal life.

"If they're left this way, they're not going to be normal," Ibrahim said through a translator earlier this year.

There have been at least five surgeries around the globe in the past three years to separate twins joined at the head. Three were successful; one resulted in one twin dying and in another both twins died.

Swift said the neurosurgery team reviewed several separation surgeries so they could learn from the successes and mistakes. The Texas team most closely looked at two successful separations of twins joined at the head — Guatemalan twins separated in Los Angeles last year and Nepalese twins separated in 2001 in Singapore.

Using those lessons, Swift said the team prepared for their surgery, which will include 50 to 60 medical personnel in all.

"The planning is the most important part of the surgery and takes much, much longer than the surgery itself," said Swift, an associate clinical professor of neurosurgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Arrests top police blotter

Arrests

Officers arrested Rudy Solis, 23, of 905 30th St. at the adult probation office Friday morning on an outstanding felony warrant for probation revocation.

Outstanding warrants landed a number of individuals in jail Friday night and early Saturday morning.

A 38-year-old female was arrested Friday night in the 1500 block of 27th St. on outstanding warrants for no driver license, fictitious license plates and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 38-year-old woman at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the sheriff's office on outstanding warrants for allowing a dog to roam at large and failure to appear.

A 30-year-old male was taken into custody Friday night in the 4400 block of Avenue U on misdemeanor warrants for no driver license and failure to appear.

A 25-year-old woman was arrested at 12:07 a.m. Saturday in the 2800 block of Avenue E for outstanding warrants for no driver license and failure to appear.

At 1:27 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 22-year-old female at 1913 Coleman on warrants for speeding, no liability insurance, failure to identify and failure to appear.

At 2 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 26-year-old male in the 2500 block of Towle Park Rd. for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

• **Assault**

A woman told officers at 8:20 a.m. Friday that her son had been assaulted while waiting for a school bus at Central Elementary. The incident was handled through proper school channels.

• **Theft**

Officers are investigating a report of a theft at Grimmett Bros. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

• **Reckless drivers**

Reports of reckless drivers were made Friday from the 2100 block of Avenue M, 2200 block of Avenue E and 4000 block of College Avenue.

• **Gas drive off**

A report for a gas drive off for $10.75 was made shortly after noon Friday from Town & Country East.

• **Illegal dumping**

Deputies found trash dumped on FM 1606. The person was identified and made to pick up the trash.

• **Loud music**

Reports of loud music were made at 11:31 from the 2900 block of Avenue L and at 11:57 from the 2600 block of Avenue Z.

• **Livestock on highway**

A report of livestock on the highway was made Friday morning from CR 1114 off Ennis Creek Rd.

Obituaries

Felicita Gallegos

1926-2003

MIDLAND — Felicita Flores Gallegos, mother of three Snyder residents, died Thursday, Oct. 9, in a Midland hospital.

Rosaries for Mrs. Gallegos, 76, will be held Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. in Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Born on Nov. 20, 1926 in Bastrop, she lived and worked in various cities during her youth. She married Manuel Gallegos on Oct. 4, 1963 in Colorado City. They moved to Midland in 1967 where she worked for Snowhite Cleaners for 20 years before retiring. Mrs. Gallegos was preceded in death by her parents, Atanacio and Martina Flores; her husband, Manuel Gallegos; one brother; one sister; and two daughters.

Survivors include seven sons, Manuel Hererra, Lupe Flores and Frank Garcia, all of Snyder; Jessie Mirelez of Amity, Ore., Gilbert Gallegos of Midland, Manuel Gallegos Jr. and Greg Gallegos, both of Dallas; six daughters, Felicia Gallegos of Midland, Celia Martiniz, Alice Ramirrez and Juanita Ramirrez, all of Dallas, Maria Nava of Plano and Peggy Marquez of Grand Prairie; and three sisters, Maria Flores, Irene Flores and Teresa Flores, all of Dallas.

Dyann Davis

1945-2003

Dyann Davis of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Davis, 57, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Dunn Cemetery. The Rev. George Cooper of Grace Temple Baptist Church in San Angelo will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 7, 1945 in Colorado City, Mrs. Davis was reared in the Dunn area and moved from Snyder to Big Spring 35 years ago. She a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Choya Davis of O'Donnell, Heath Davis of Brownfield and Barry Davis of San Angelo; seven sisters, Nancy Ashley of Andrews, Claudia Anderson of Throckmorton, Louise Burt of Knox City, Mary Christian of Big Spring, Janice Clark of Haskell, Cynthia Coal of West Columbia and Cynthia Palmer of Austin; three brothers, Jerry Bob Johnson and Mike Collins, both of Knox City, and Robert Adams of Hobbs, N.M.; eight grandchildren; and a lifelong companion, Carroll D. Calvert of Big Spring.

Family visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Dunn Cemetery Association, Box 512 in Dunn, 79516.

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71/57	67/57	76/55
Cloudy in the morning with scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 50s.	Cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise 7:44 AM, Sunset 7:16 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM, Sunset 7:15 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 7:13 PM

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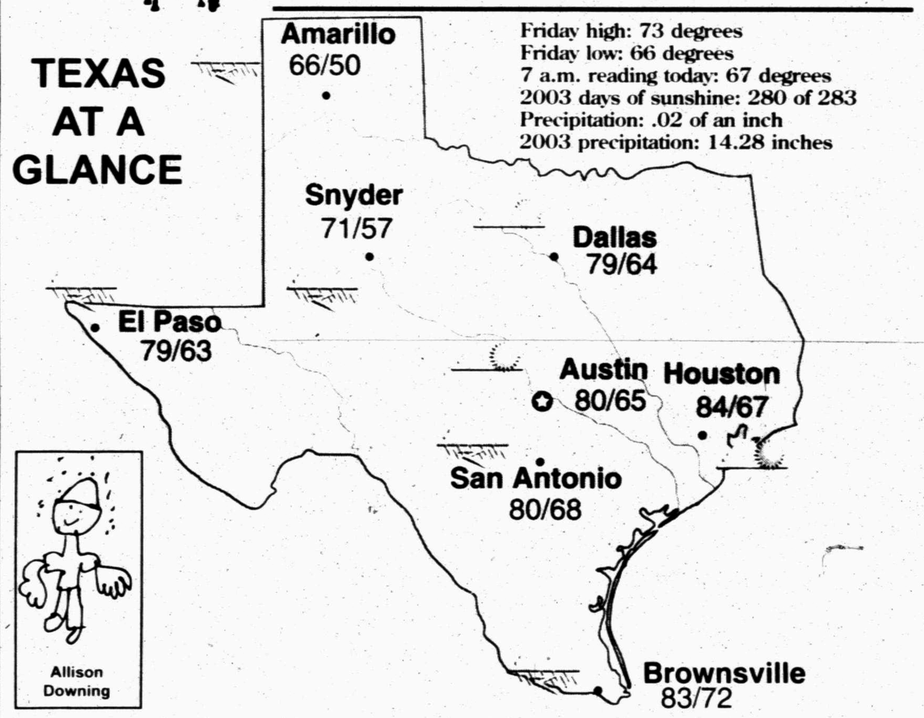
2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches



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Austin	80	65	pt sunny	Gainesville	78	58	pt sunny	Rosenberg	84	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	83	65	pt sunny	Greenville	80	61	pt sunny	San Antonio	80	68	t-storm
Brownsville	83	72	t-storm	Houston	84	67	pt sunny	San Marcos	80	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	80	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	82	67	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	80	60	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	80	69	t-storm	Livingston	83	63	pt sunny	Sweetwater	75	60	t-storm
Corsicana	81	63	pt sunny	Longview	81	62	pt sunny	Tyler	81	64	pt sunny
Dallas	79	64	cloudy	Lubbock	71	56	t-storm	Weatherford	78	59	pt sunny
Del Rio	79	70	t-storm	Lufkin	82	65	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	78	59	cloudy

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Boston	69	55	pt sunny	Los Angeles	77	62	mst sunny	San Francisco	69	55	sunny
Chicago	78	51	pt sunny	Miami	85	74	pt sunny	Seattle	54	48	rain
Dallas	79	64	cloudy	Minneapolis	64	46	rain	St. Louis	78	57	pt sunny
Denver	60	39	mst sunny	New York	72	59	pt sunny	Washington, DC	70	62	rain

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1

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Sat 10/11	Sun 10/12	Mon 10/13
5	6	6
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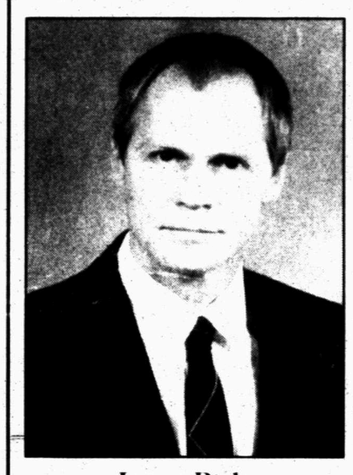
Jazz concert to mark 50th anniversary

First Christian congregation celebrates five decades in present building

Sunday will mark the 50th anniversary for the First Christian Church building located on 37th Street.

The anniversary celebration will include a jazz concert by James Bode of San Angelo. A jazz percussionist for 30 years, Bode will be in concert at 1:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

In addition to Bode, the concert will also feature an electric bass player and piano player.



James Bode

Bode is the founder and director of the newly-formed West Texas Jazz Orchestra, a 17-piece big band based in San Angelo, and drummer for Jazz Concho, a jazz quintet also based in San Angelo.

An active arranger and composer of band and percussion music, Bode has written more than 30 arrangements for school groups. A bagpiper as well, he is a member of the Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums of Austin.

Bode holds degrees from the University of North Texas and the University of Texas at Austin.

After several years as a freelance jazz musician in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and Austin, Bode began an 18-year teaching career at Angelo State University in 1985.

From there, he has directed bands in San Angelo, Fredericksburg and Mertzon.

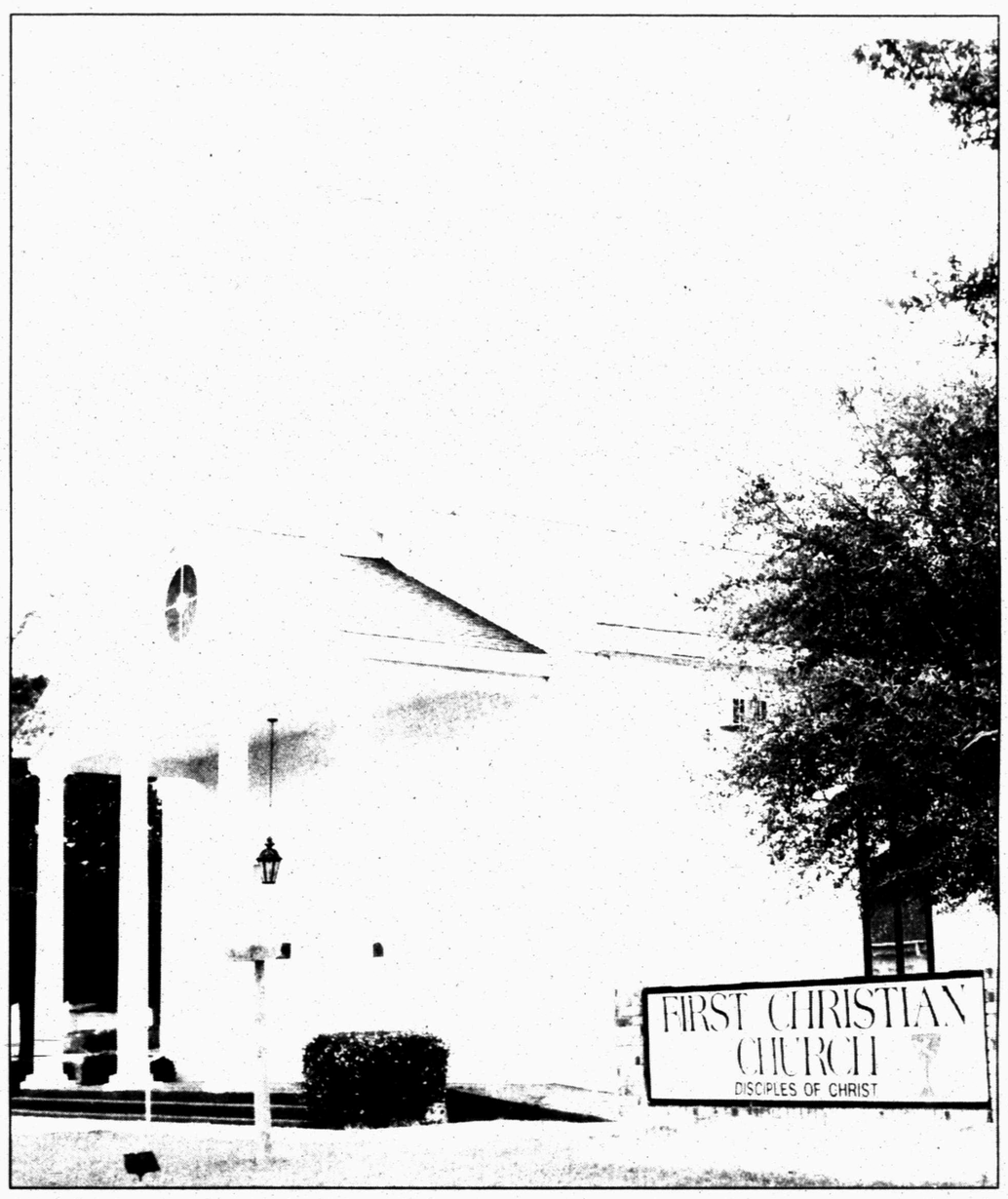
His jazz ensembles at Central High School in San Angelo have been considered among the finest in the state, having won competitions in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Colorado.

The Snyder Christian Church was organized in 1898 when members from eight families met regularly in the courthouse. Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Baze, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Wilmeth, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. German, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Dodson, Miss Clare Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Wasson, Mrs. W.B. Stanfield, Mrs. Nannie German and Miss Lola Morris.

After meeting for several years in the courthouse, the congregation moved to an upstairs hall on the north side of the square.

A short time later, feeling the need for a church home, A.C. Wilmeth donated land where the Snyder city hall now stands and the first church building was erected. It was octagonal in shape and was known as "the little round church." A Sunday School was organized at this time with J.H. Hamlett Sr. as superintendent. The Ladies Aid Society was organized in 1903 with Mrs. Nantz as president.

In 1909, due to the growth in membership, a larger place of worship was needed. The congregation bought the corner lot at 27th St. and Avenue S (now College Ave.). The church building was moved to this location and completely remodeled.



FIFTIETH YEAR IN BUILDING — On Sunday the congregation of First Christian Church will celebrate 50 years in their current building . The church was actually founded in 1898. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

In the spring of 1910 the first services were held in the new church. The educational annex, consisting of a basement and first floor, was added in 1925; and the baptistery was completed in 1928. In 1949 the educational section was remodeled, adding the second floor which was used entirely for classrooms.

By 1950, due to the discovery of oil in Scurry County, the membership of the church had doubled. Under the leadership and guidance of the minister, Clifford Taylor Jr., plans were made to build a new church, and land was purchased at 37th Street and Austin Avenue.

Early in 1953 the lot at 27th Street was sold, the building there was razed and work began on the new building. During the next seven months the congregation met for worship at West Elementary School. The new church home was dedicated on Sept. 20, 1953.

The church is of the Brotherhood of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Ministers who have served this church in are McElhany, Nantz, Perne, Arnold, Dale, Mills, Vance, McPherson, Fife, Hardison, Broadfoot, Plunkett, Ragle, Sparks, Martin, Ament, Benjamin.

Also Clifford Taylor Jr., Glenn Ricketts, John Reaves, Alan Lynch, Bill Parkey, Robert McArthur, Otto Schaufele, Gary Dudder, Kendall Coffey, Tim Griffin, Brenda Wilson and at present, the Rev. Jim Hill.

Four young men — Almon Martin, Rodney Glasscock, Johnny von Roeder and Freddy Harrison Johnston — have gone out from the church as ministers.

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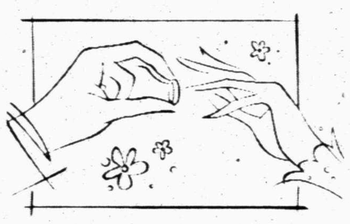
DECEMBER WEDDING PLANNED — James and Ozane Beaver of Sweetwater, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Becky Pylant Eaton, to Mark Cypert. Mark's parents are Jack and Kaye Cypert. Becky is the daughter of the late Billy Pylant. The wedding is set for Dec. 20 at the First Baptist Church. Becky is a graduate of Snyder High School and the University of North Texas. An SHS graduate, Mark also graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. (Contributed Photo)



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Friday, Oct. 3

1. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
2. Bette Byrd, Coleen Palmer.
3. Gracie Craig, Charles Blakey.
4. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd tied with Dorothy Rosson, Nona Morrison.

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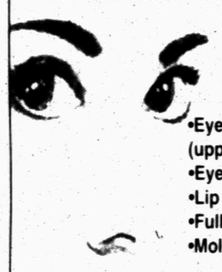

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By Phillip Alder

North
♠ A K 9 8
♥ 2
♦ A Q J 4 3
♣ K 8 6

West
♠ 5
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A Q 7 4 2

East
♠ 7
♥ K 7 5 4 3
♦ K 9 8
♣ J 10 9 5

South
♠ Q J 10 6 4 3 2
♥ A 8 6
♦ 10 5
♣ 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003

From printed page to computer screen

By Phillip Alder

There has been a minor trend in bridge recently. First comes a book, then comes a CD-ROM — but don't wait for a movie!

The book can be read almost anywhere and is much cheaper. The disk requires a computer, but it supplies a more realistic scenario. When presented with the dummy and declarer's hand, you are taken through the play trick by trick. Also, the programmer can ask multiple-choice questions, and you cannot cheat by peeking at the full deal on the next page.

The latest example is "Topics in Declarer Play at Bridge" by Eddie Kantar (Master Point Press). The book appeared last year, the CD-ROM this year. The card-play level is intermediate, the bidding modern tournament, the text light and amusing — both products are highly recommended.

What would you do as South on this deal? Partner pushes you into six spades, and West leads the heart queen.

North's slam move is optimistic because even five spades might be in jeopardy. But at least, unlike some authors, Kantar gives auctions.

At first glance, you need the diamond finesse to work, but there are two chances. After drawing trumps, first play a club toward dummy's king. If West has the ace, your diamond loser disappears on dummy's club king. However, if East has the club ace, you will need the diamond finesse. So, you make the slam if West has either the club ace or the diamond king.

Both products are available directly from Kantar at 2700 Neilson Way, Apt. 334, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The book is $21.50 and the disk $45.00 postpaid.

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Man's feet are his destiny: they lead him to where he is wanted.
—Hama

I never let schooling interfere with my education.
—Mark Twain

Jones, Arnwine pledge vows

Vanessa Danielle Jones and Chad Allan Arnwine, both of Lubbock, were wed in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on May 24 at East Side Church of Christ.

George Cooper, minister in San Angelo and the bride's great-uncle, officiated.

The bride's parents are Joe Dan and Linda Jones of Snyder. Her grandparents are Glenna Jones of Snyder, and the late Charles Jones and Eldon and Loyce Thompson.

The groom's parents are Allan and Genia Arnwine of Roby and Peggy Rasberry, also of Roby. His grandparents are Hugh and Margaret Longino of Crowell, Dorothy Arnwine of Merkel, and the late Durward Arnwine and Mike Rasberry.

Pews were decorated with greenery and lights with white butterflies. White tulle bow arrangements were placed at the area designated for parents and grandparents.

An altar table was covered with a satin cloth and held the unity candle and tapers that the mother of the bride and groom lit during the ceremony. An arch of tulle and lights, and spiraling fern with butterflies was the background for the couple's vows.

Kara Gowin sang "Then You Look at Me," by Celine Dion. Mary Castillo's singing "You" was cancelled due to a sudden illness.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father as she wore an elegant gown of white Italian satin from the designers of Demetrios. The sleeveless bodice featured a scoop neckline delicately embroidered in a scroll pattern. The empire waistline was accented with a double band and small tuxedo bow.

Princess seams allowed the soft A-line skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a mid-cathedral train. The deep V-line back was accented with covered satin buttons and tuxedo bows down to the hemline that was finished with a band to echo the look of the bodice. To complete her ensemble, the bride chose a satin headband with the same embroidery and finished with soft illusion edged in two strands of satin ribbon. The bride wore complementary pearl necklace and earrings.

She carried a bouquet of confetti roses and assorted fresh flowers tied with purple ribbon and white lace and a handkerchief that belonged to her maternal grandmother, the late Loyce Thompson.

For the reception, the bride's train was arranged into a bustle that transformed the gown to floor-length.

Maids of honor and bridesmaids were her three sisters, Tiffany Rodgers of Temple, Alicia Jones and Melissa Jones, both of Lubbock.

Tiffany wore a two-piece, floor-length amethyst gown with double straps. Alicia wore a matching sage colored gown. Melissa also wore a golden yellow matching gown. They each wore matching pink pearl jewelry given to them by the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Allan Arnwine (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Each attendant carried a bouquet of assorted fresh flowers containing confetti roses tied with purple and white ribbon. The bride and bridesmaids wore no shoes to give the feel of a garden wedding.

Flower girls, Emily and Raven McCowen, third cousins to the bride, both wore floral dresses of amethyst, sage and yellow, along with pink and off-white. The dresses featured an empire waistline and were accented with a double band of amethyst fabric. The V-line backs were accented with covered buttons down the back and two tuxedo bows.

Emily and Raven each carried a white lace basket. Glenna Jones, the bride's paternal grandmother made both the dresses, and the baskets they carried.

Ring bearer Blair McCowen, sister to the flower girls, carried a matching white lace basket containing a ring-bearer satin pillow decorated by Glenna.

The best man and groomsmen were his best friends and a brother — James Arnwine, his brother from Midland, Ramsey Castillo and Chris Terry of Rankin. Ushers were Josh Rodgers, brother-in-law of the bride from Temple, and Jesse Conner.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a silver vest and tie and a confetti rosebud boutonniere. Groomsmen wore black tuxedos with silver vests and ties and matching rosebud boutonnieres. To accent their outfits, the groom and groomsmen all wore Converse tennis shoes.

Whitney Owen of Lubbock registered guests at a table decorated with a lace cloth, wedding book and a decorative lamp.

The reception was held in the multipurpose building beside the East Side Church of Christ.

The bride's table was decorated with a white lace tablecloth and bouquet of fresh flowers. Each layer of the three-tiered wedding cake was a different color that matched the bridesmaid's dresses. Each layer also had a white lattice icing on it. The cake was topped with fresh flowers and butterflies.

Serving at the bride's table were Stoni Riggan and Holly Goebel, both of Lubbock, and Sara Ashley, cousin of the bride of Slaton. Cynthia Kuehler, second cousin of the bride, was the reception coordinator. Wedding photographer was Karen Wadleigh and Friendly Flowers was in charge of decorations.

The groom's table had a single layer chocolate cake topped with chocolate covered strawberries, nuts and coffee. The table was decorated with an iris lily and Kim Anderson's "Pretty as a Picture" figurines. Serving were Sandy and Kayla Kaiser, stepsisters of the groom from Roby.

The couple's honeymoon trip was to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and they have made their home in Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1999. She attended Texas Tech University, graduating in May, 2003 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She is employed as a fourth grade teacher in the Lubbock ISD.

The groom graduated from Roby High School in 1996 and attended both Western Texas College and Howard College in Big Spring. He later transferred to Lubbock to continue his education at Texas Tech University to major in special education. He will graduate in May, 2004.

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Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, director

The Scurry County Library is closed this weekend for Columbus Day and will also be closed Monday. We will reopen Tuesday at our regular hours.

There will be no Storytime this week for the preschoolers.

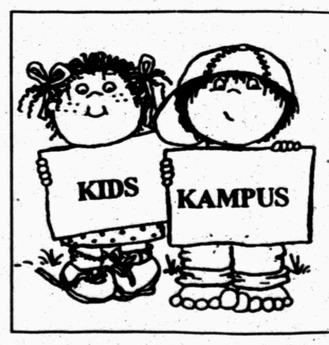
Everyone knows about Columbus, George Washington and Sam Houston, but do you know about some of the other personalities who have shaped our country?

There are many personalities who shaped our Revolution, who shaped our Constitution, and who shaped Scurry County. Do you know about these persons? How have they influenced your life?

Come join us Thursday for a Literary Evening and find out about some of these people. Jo Ashley and Jean Everett will be speaking about persons who have shaped our lives as Americans and as Texans. You will find the program informative and will enjoy both speakers.

If you have ever heard either lady speak, you know you are in for a real treat. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the library reading room and will be over by 8.

There will be displays of current and past bestseller biographies and history books available for checkout. Come join us Thursday at 7 p.m. for a Literary Evening at the Scurry County Library.



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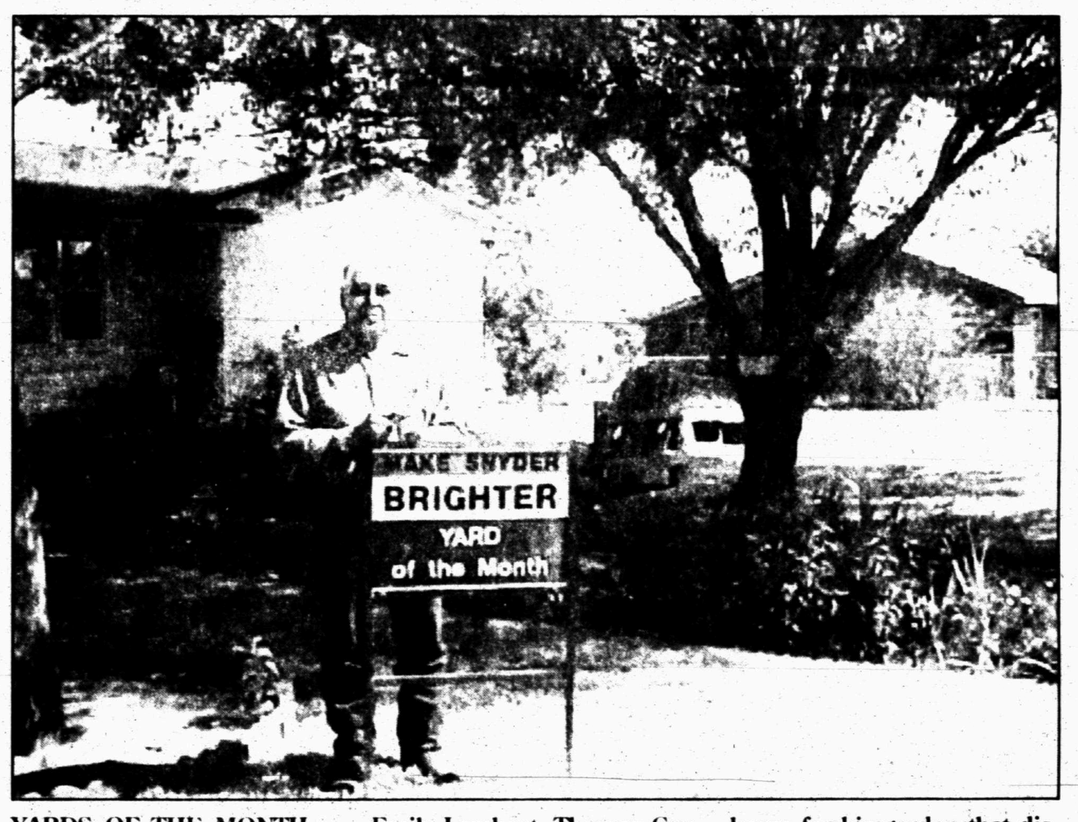

YARDS OF THE MONTH — Henry Clark of 112 Elm received the small yard of the month, for the northwest area of Snyder; he enhances his yard with buffalo grass and yard art. In the middle photo, the Texas Transportation Department at 111 N. Ave. V, received the most improved business of the month. Pictured second from right is Jean McCommas, judge; another judge, Pam Marisch is not pictured. Employees from left are Ronda White, Emily Lambert, Theresa Conner and Paz Elizondo Jr. In the bottom photo, Mario Herrera received the large yard of the month. With a lot of hard work, Mario uses soaker hoses for his garden that displays native plants not shown. The Snyder Garden Club sponsors the Yard of the Month project. (Contributed Photos)

Closest election

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — In a state known for close elections, the mayor's race in Ponce Inlet came down to the tightest of margins — one vote.

A recount Wednesday broke a tie in the race, ending an election that started the day before.

Incumbent Mayor Bill Hoak won by a single vote, earning 465 votes to challenger Frank Vitale's 464.

"That's democracy, you know, at its best," said Vitale, whose political advisers have not yet ruled out a challenge.

Hoak, declared the winner by Elections Supervisor Deanie Lowe after a recount of all ballots, said he had hoped to win a third term by a wider margin.

School Menus

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All meals are served with choice of milk; breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
No School
Tuesday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
WEDNESDAY
Biscuit & Gravy
Sausage
Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls
Friday
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH
Tuesday
Chicken Enchilada Casserole
Cheese Nachos
Salad
Refried Beans
Crackers
Spice Cake
Wednesday
Biscuit & Gravy
Sausage
Thursday
Pig-n-Blanket/Cheese Bun
Baked Beans
Potato Wedges
Bananas
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti/Sloppy Joe
Mixed Vegetables
Italian Bread
Orange Jell-O w/Fruit

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All meals are served with milk pouch; breakfasts are served with juice and cereal & toast.

ALL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
Tuesday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Thursday
Mini Corn Dogs
Friday
Cheese Toast

LUNCH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Monday
No School
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas
Barbecue Chicken w/Roll
Refried Beans
Santa Fe Rice
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
All American Chilidog
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
French Fries
Golden Kernel Corn
Hot Rolls
Thursday
Chicken Pot Pie
Chef Salad
Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Chocolate Fluff
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Bean & Rice Burrito
Buffalo French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Hot Peach Cobbler

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Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas
Barbecued Chicken w/Roll
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Refried Beans
Santa Fe Rice
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All American Chilidog
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
French Fries
Golden Kernel Corn
Fresh Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Pot Pie
Chef Salad
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Chocolate Fluff
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
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Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Buffalo French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Hot Peach Cobbler

HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday
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Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Refried Beans
Santa Fe Rice
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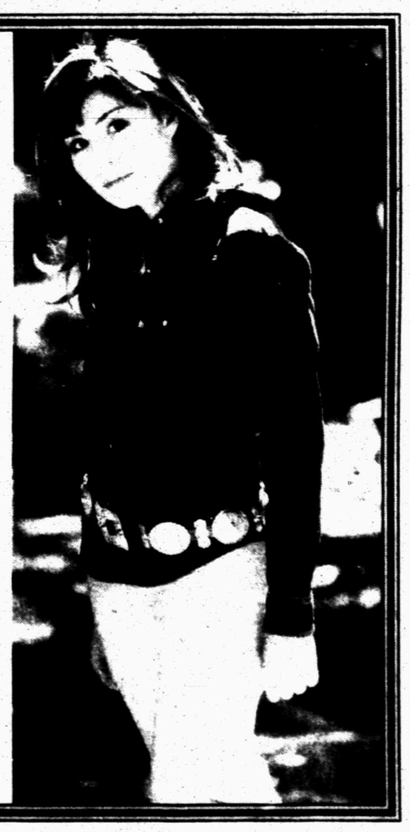
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; woman's club; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course Monday and Tuesday evenings; community room at Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College; for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

DAR; Snyder Country Club; book review by Millie Sentell; hostesses, Helen Hatter, Virginia Clark; 11:30 a.m.

Atheneum Study Club; antiques program by Billy Haynes; hostesses, Gayle Burleson and Doris Spikes.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-7668 or 573-7625 for the meeting place; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; Betty Courtney's home; program "Fall Decorating," by Terrisu Mann; hostesses, Mary Lois Wilson, Durelle Gorman; 4 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; boardroom; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

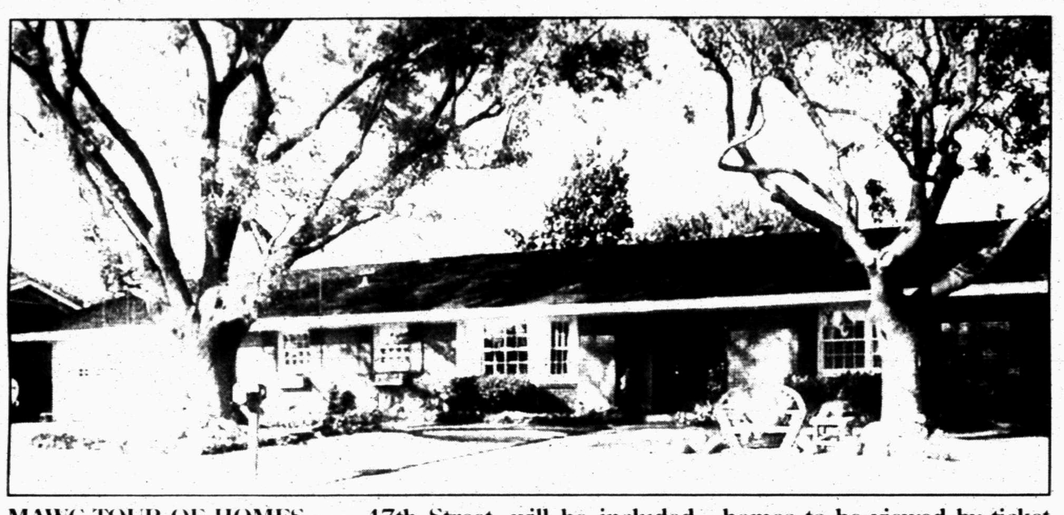
Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.



MAWC TOUR OF HOMES — The large, spacious home of David and Nila Harrell, 2801 47th Street, will be included in the Martha Ann Woman's Club fall tour of homes. Other homes to be viewed by ticket holders on Nov. 2 are Fran Farmer of Ira; Clarissa Alaniz of 3504 44th; Jim and Carrie Richardson, 2708 28th Street; and Ben and Christy Smith, 2663 Denson Road. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-3427, 573-6443 or 573-5586. Other activities include a holiday style show set for Oct. 18 at MAWC and tickets are also $10. A garage-bake sale is set for Oct. 25 at Towle Park Barn. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

PALETTE CLUB OFFICERS — Serving as officers for the Snyder Palette Club include Myrtle Joiner, president; Lila Guinn, treasurer; Ann Walton, parliamentarian, from left. Not present were Paul Hudgins, vice president; and LaVerne Lee, secretary. In the bottom photo, Virginia Lowrance, shown standing, presented the program on fused glass. She is pictured with Walton, left, and Guinn. The club meets every second and fourth Thursdays, September through May, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Winston Field Airport. Artist Hugh Campbell will give a demonstration at the Oct. 23 meeting. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Shared inhalers is cause for expulsion

CONROE, Texas (AP) — For asthmatics, taking the inhaled drug Albuterol is as commonplace as popping aspirin for a headache. So what's a little puff shared between wheezy sweethearts?

For one high school student, it's grounds for arrest, expulsion and possible drug charges.

Last month, 15-year-old Brandon Kivi's asthmatic girlfriend was having trouble breathing but had forgotten to bring her inhaler to school, so he let her use his.

But Albuterol is listed as a dangerous drug in the state's health and safety code, and delivery of any such drug is a mandatory expulsion offense. Kivi was arrested the next day and released a few hours later.

The teen and his mother will find out at an expulsion hearing Friday whether the Conroe school district chooses to press third-degree felony charges.

"That's just how my son is," said Kivi's mother, Theresa Hock. "He'll give the shirt off his back. He doesn't do drugs. They would much rather she had died than him help her."

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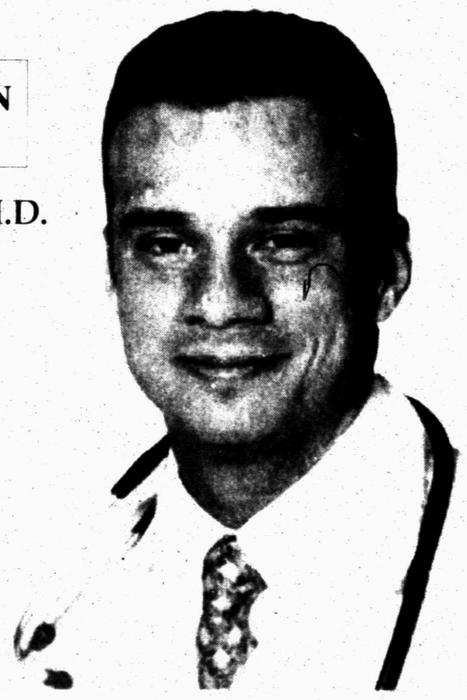

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In the marriage of Elisello Usevio Dela'o and Norma Dela'o, divorce granted.

Ira Independent School District vs. Margie M. Newman-Peen, attorney-in-fact for James C. Hensley, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of James Michael Merrill and Melinda Dawn Merrill, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Amber Eve Lyle and Ciro Guadalupe Escalera, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Misty Ladawn Huff and David Wayne Huff, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Michael Ray Herring and Theleca Gay Herring, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lezli Susanne Guerrero and Johnny Ray Guerrero, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lorie Williams and Bradley Williams, divorce granted.

The State of Texas vs. Alvin Leonard Ollison, agreed judgment.

Deed Records

GMAC Mortgage Corporation to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 13 in Block F of the Towle Place Addition.

David D. Strickler, attorney-in-fact for Jack F. and Oma Dean Strickler, to Jackie L. West, 1.162 acres out of a 15-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

E.L. Farmer and Co. to Stanley L. Clark, Lots 4 and 5 in Block 21 of the W.L. Gross subdivision of the Scarbrough Addition.

E.L. Farmer and Co. to H.H. McDonald, Lot 6 in Block 21 of the W.L. Gross subdivision of the Scarbrough Addition.

Evelyn Fay Dorman, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Ida Mae Clark, to E.L. Farmer and Co., Lots 4-6 in Block 21 of the W. L. Gross subdivision of the Scarbrough Addition.

Scurry County to Kinder-Morgan, 7.328 acres in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Alice F. Daniels to Jose L. and Antonia Rodarte, Lot 21 and the south 7 feet of Lot 22, both in Block E of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Paul N. Gray, individually and as trustee of the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, to Kinder-Morgan SACROC, 219.6 acres in Tract 24 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands.

Billy E. and Jacquelyne A. Box to Dale and Bonnie Whitaker, tract one being 12.307 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 2.999 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being 10.21 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Louise White to Santiago and Maria G. Jaimez, the south one-half of Lot 2 in Block 36 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Gayle and Arlene McDonald, trustees of the Gayle and Arlene McDonald Living Trust, to Felicita Gallegos, Lot 6 in Block 26 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Bobby Joe and Ola Throys Nachlinger to Jackie D. and Cyrena Nachlinger, the northwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Juanita Hart and Kinney Hart, trustees of the W.C. Hart Estate Trust, to Troy Smith and Heather Kelley, 23.391 acres in Section 130, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Shirley Jones to Susan Carol Jones Miller, a 6.52124 percent interest in the south one-half of Section 46, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Alisa A. Alvarado, custodian for Adam Diaz, and Daniel Alvarado, to Valerio and Renea Hernandez, the south 50 feet of the west 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 47 of the Blankenship Addition.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

Parenting Skills:
21 Tips and Ideas to help you make a difference.
(Part 1 of 2)

What's the biggest deterrent to your kids' using drugs and alcohol?

It's *you*.

Look at the facts: Kids who learn from their parents or caregivers about the risks of drugs are 36% less likely to smoke marijuana than kids who don't. 50% less likely to use inhalants. 56% less likely to use cocaine. 65% less likely to use LSD.

Still think there's not much you can say or do? You are the most powerful influence in your child's daily life. But anti-drug parenting strategies rarely are instinctive, even for the best of parents. The 21 tips that follow can help you turn your child away from the drugs that seem almost inevitable nowadays. You *can* do something. And you can start right now.

GET INVOLVED

Kids who are close to their parents are least likely to engage in risky behaviors. The more involved you are in your children's lives, the more valued they'll feel, and the more likely they'll be to respond to you.

Establish "together time." Establish a regular weekly routine for doing something special with your child – even something as simple as going out for ice cream.

Don't be afraid to ask where your kids are going, who they'll be with and what they'll be doing. Get to know your kid's friends — and their parents — so you're familiar with their activities.

Try to be there after school when your child gets home. The "danger zone" for drug use is between 4 and 6 p.m., when no one's around; arrange flexible time at work if you possibly can. If your child will be with friends, ideally they have *adult* supervision — not just an older sibling.

Eat together as often as you can. Meals are a great opportunity to talk about the day's events, to unwind, reinforce, bond. Studies show that kids whose families eat together at least 5 times a week are less likely to be involved with drugs or alcohol.

LEARN TO COMMUNICATE

Do you know your kid's favorite music group? What's cool at school? The more you communicate, the more at ease your child will feel about discussing drugs and other sensitive issues with you.

Be absolutely clear with your kids that you don't want them using drugs. Ever. Anywhere. Don't leave room for interpretation. And talk often about the dangers and results of drug and alcohol abuse. Once or twice a year won't do it.

Be a better listener. Ask questions — and encourage them. Paraphrase what your child says to you. Ask for their input about family decisions. Showing your willingness to listen will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you.

Give honest answers. Don't make up what you don't know; offer to find out. If asked whether you've ever taken drugs, let them know what's important: that you don't want them using drugs.

Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, news or school discussions about drugs to help you introduce the subject in a natural, unforced way.

Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion. If your child makes statements that challenge or shock you, turn them into a calm discussion of why your child thinks people use drugs, or whether the effect is worth the risk.

Role play with your child and practice ways to refuse drugs and alcohol in different situations. Acknowledge how tough these moments can be.

These tips were provided by the National Clearinghouse.

Our new office is located at 1904 37th Street.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Teacher, aide arrested for child abuse

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — A teacher and her aide were arrested on child abuse charges for allegedly punishing first-grade students by binding them with tape.

Five students said volunteer teacher's aide Ivonne Nieves bound the children at various times, and that teacher Vonda Christie saw what happened but did nothing, police said.

The first complaint to police was made Sept. 11. All five 6-year-olds said their ankles were taped together, their arms taped to their lap or their heads taped to the blackboard. One girl said her mouth was taped shut.

It was not immediately clear what type of tape was used.

Nieves and Christie, both 38, were arrested Thursday on five counts each of child abuse. Nieves was also charged with five counts of false imprisonment. Nieves was jailed on $75,000 bail and Christie on $25,000 bail. Both women have court hearings Friday.

Yery Marrero, an attorney for Nieves, said the allegations "are simply untrue and they are being motivated by people who simply want money out of it."

Kristi Kassebaum, an attorney for Christie, said her client is "100 percent innocent" and would be pleading innocent.

During the investigation, Nieves was told not to return to work. Christie was placed on administrative assignment. Miami-Dade school officials said Thursday they were still determining what action to take.

Odorizzi wins subscription

Ben Odorizzi, 3607 Avenue U, is the September winner of a free subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Central

Central Elementary School students received the following awards for the first six weeks.

Super Kids

Third grade: Vanessa Ornelas, JJ Falcon, Austin Forbes, Kylie Bell, Marie Hernandez, Aby Sanchez, Kellie Sanders, Bryce Roberts, John Lujan, Kimberly Hagins, Ashley Kincheloe, Reid Pinson, Courtney Pollard, Logan Perry, Tito Rodriguez, Avery Wirsching, Jessica Goodger, Blaine Proctor, Tana Holley and Penny Holdren.

Kindergarten: Estafanie Cabrera, Matthew Molinar, Yulissa Rios and Jose Jimenez.

First grade: Elias Medrano, Moesha Taylor, Anthony Jaimes and Lucero DePaz.

Ninety-two students also earned 15 or more points in the Accelerated Reader Program. For their treat, they attended Snyder's pep rally Friday.

Students include: McKinsey Ellis, Selena Guerrero, Amanda Luecke, Ashlie Moon, Vanessa Ornelas, Deseray Rivera, Shelbi Ruiz, Sabrina Salinas, Jorge Falcon, Nikko Garcia, Zachery Inman, Ramiro Medrano, Frank Morin, Shane Robbins, Mike Rodriguez, Christopher Sescil, Jeffrey Stewart and Dylan Vilas.

Others are Rebecca Alarcon, Taylor Barerra, Kylie Bell, Priscilla Casarez, Stephani Hart, Alyssa Rowe, Crystal Sandoval, Daniella Vasquez, Austin Forbes, Brandon Hernandez, Nicholas Hernandez, Riley Jenkins, Drew Moncevias, Luis Silva, Stephan Vasquez, Andrew Velasquez and Hunter Wickline.

Also Benjamin Alvarado, Alma Cabrera, Maria Hernandez, Claudia Islas, Israel Islas, Jose Torres, Kacie Baker, Brandon Davis, Allison Downing, Taylor Duzan, Larry Huddleston, Megan McWilliams, Hayden Meek, Megan Murdock and Jacinda Payne.

Others include Kaleb Presley, Bryce Roberets, Kellie Sanders, Will Stephens, Stephanie Wallace, Averey Wright, Georgette Gunderson, Kimberly Hagins, John Lujan, Orlando Murillo, Robyn Thompson, Darren Escobedo, Reid Pinson, Dillon Randolph, Allie Hollingworth, Ashley Kincheloe, Heather Medrano, Faith Overton and Carli Trout.

Also, Rebecca Valdez, Dakota Frazier, Ajay Garcia, Brenon Rhodes, Leslie Avila, Courtney Pollard, Ivana Valadez, Mekayla Duzan, Hayley Taylor, Ashten Wilkinson, Tanner Cooley, Gavian Hernandez, Blaine Proctor, Alexis Bernal, Nolan Duzan, Alex Hernandez, Brandon McCann, Austin Morris, Tana Holley, Loran Perry and Ashley Silva.

Pastor arrested on indecency with child charge

BALCH SPRINGS (AP) — A North Texas pastor has been arrested on charges of indecency with a child in a case that police say is unrelated to an indictment that accuses the pastor of aggravated sexual assault.

Police said Thursday that Thomas James Davis, 36, is accused of having periodic inappropriate contact with a teenager who worshipped at Greater Apostolic Tabernacle, where he is pastor.

The victim, now in her 20s, told police that the incidents occurred from 1994 to 1997, according to an arrest affidavit.

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Lawyers for sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo to argue insanity

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Defense lawyers for sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo say their client had been brainwashed — a victim of "indoctrination" by older co-defendant John Allen Muhammad — and plan to use the argument to propel an insanity defense.

In previous motions and hearings, Malvo's attorneys have argued their client was "under the spell" of Muhammad. For the defense to work, lawyers must show jurors that Malvo could not tell right from wrong at the time of the shootings.

Lawyer Craig Cooley will rely on privately retained mental health experts who have examined Malvo, not the expert appointed by the court. Cooley called indoctrination a form of mental illness and said it will be up to the jury to decide if it amounts to insanity.

"This case is so bizarre in its facts, and the degree of indoctrination is so severe, that we would be remiss if we failed" to put the sanity issue before a jury, Cooley said at a hearing Thursday.

Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert E. Horan Jr. said the reports of a court-appointed mental-health expert working for the defense team suggest no signs of insanity or mental disease.

"It says absolutely nothing about insanity," Horan said. "Apparently it's a late-blooming insanity."

Cooley emphasized that the insanity defense is not an admission that his client participated in the shootings.

Virginia law requires that Malvo now submit to another mental-health examination, this time by an expert selected by prosecutors, if he wants to present the insanity defense to jurors.

Also on Thursday, in nearby Manassas, a judge ruled that Muhammad will not be permitted to present any mental-health evidence at his trial because the suspect refused to submit to an examination sought by prosecutors.

Malvo's lawyers also said Thursday that they believe a confession Malvo gave to police in November when he was transferred to Virginia custody was designed by Malvo to protect Muhammad.

"There are a number of instances (in Malvo's statement) in which it is clear he was protecting Mr. Muhammad," Cooley said.

Malvo's lawyers have filed a motion to have the confession tossed out, based on enhanced audiotapes on a portion of the interrogation that the defense team says suggests Malvo was revising his statement in order to protect Muhammad. A hearing on that issue is set for Oct. 22.

Malvo, 18, is scheduled to go on trial Nov. 10 in the slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store. She was among 13 people who were shot, 10 fatally, during a three-week spree in the Washington, D.C., area last fall.

Muhammad, 42, goes on trial Tuesday in the slaying of man who was pumping gas near Manassas.

Both trials were moved 200 miles to southeastern Virginia.

Along with the 13 shootings in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., the two are suspected in or charged with shootings in Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Arizona and Washington state.

Luther Vandrous is singing, talking again

NEW YORK (AP) — Since the removal in late June of a tracheotomy tube, inserted while he battled meningitis and pneumonia, Luther Vandross is once again talking — and singing, People magazine reports.

On a recent visit with Vandross — who suffered a stroke on April 16 — Patti LaBelle says that when they sang a duet, he corrected her on a lyric. "His voice is the same as it ever was," LaBelle tells People in its Oct. 20 issue.

Vandross, 52, is undergoing therapy at a New Jersey rehabilitation facility, the magazine says.

Date Books

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003

Today is the 284th day of 2003 and the 18th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1811, the first steam-propelled ferryboat ran between New York City and Hoboken, N.J.

On this day in 1986, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met in Reykjavik, Iceland, to discuss curbing their missile arsenals in Europe. The talks fell apart, however, around Reagan's "Star Wars" missile plan, and U.S.-Soviet relations took a giant step backward.

On this day in 1988, a network of hundreds of computers in Europe, the United States and Australia enable mathematicians to factor a 100-digit number for the first **time.**

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), first lady; Jerome Robbins (1918-1998), choreographer; Daryl Hall (1949-), singer and songwriter, is 54; Joan Cusack (1962-), actress, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, National Football League commissioner Bert Bell suffered a fatal heart attack during the final two minutes of a game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "So I took an interest in politics, but I don't know whether I enjoyed it!" — Eleanor Roosevelt

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 10) and last quarter (Oct. 18)

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003

Today is the 285th day of 2003 and the 19th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in the "New World." After mistaking a Bahamian island for East Asia, Columbus then quickly claimed the land for Spain in hopes that he had found a new trading route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia.

On this day in 1940, cowboy actor Tom Mix was killed in a car accident near his ranch in Florence, Ariz.

On this day in 2000, a U.S. Navy destroyer in Yemen, the USS Cole, was bombed in an apparent act of terrorism.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dick Gregory (1932-) comedian and activist, is 71; Luciano Pavarotti (1935-), opera singer, is 68; Chris Wallace (1947-), TV news correspondent, is 56; Kirk Cameron (1970-), actor, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, Cleveland Indian Stan Coveleski pitched a shutout against the Brooklyn Dodgers, helping his team win the World Series in game seven. The Indians won 3-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "America will tolerate the taking of a human life without giving it a second thought. But don't misuse a household pet." — Dick Gregory

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 10) and last quarter (Oct. 18)

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Stanfield

These Stanfield Elementary students were not absent during the first sixth weeks.

They include Rodney Martinez, Kelby Roemisch, Rowdy White, Cameron Archuleta, Elisa Alcala, Samantha Bloom, Miko Campos, Miranda Flores, Morgan Gamble, Jesse Jones, Sandy Leal, Chris Morin, Christian Nakamarra, Nathan von Roeder, Sidney Whitaker, Nathan Castillo, Victoria Diaz, Madison Edmonds, Evelyn Egan, Jashea Flores and Arian Gutierrez.

Others are Ezmeralda Hernandez, Malory Hunter, Bobby Jackson, Cassidy Lee, Logan Morris, Hannah Smith, Max Westlund, Riley Arnold, Joe Angel Cabrera, Justin Cifton, Jeremy Garza, Adrianna Hernandez, Brian Hernandez, Reagan Lee, Josh Molter, Amber Moon, Gabrielle Munoz, Dakotah Neff, Jakiya Pruitt, Chance Rogers, Shiv Bhakta, Racheal Bernard, Sloan Boren, Andrew Chavarria and Suzanne Daniels.

These students also were not absent: Anthony Castillo, Ashley Lindsey, Savannah Marricle, Makayla Moore, Gabriella Sanchez, Brandon Sutton, Josalyon Smith, Ezequiel Silva, Leia Chester, Ryan Houghton, Carson Edmonds, Bobby Martinez, Shyanne McBeth, Xavier McGaha, Aileen Molinar, Braydin Moreland, Blake Redman, Samantha Rodriguez, Tanner Shifflet, Joel Torres and Kyle Ward, Miccah Wesley and Taylor Brumley.

Others are Tony Casillas, Allison Claxton, Sierra Garcia, Cyrus Hernandez, Andee Leal and Rowdy Mhoon, Madeline Moreno, Levi Platero, Jordan Rinehart, Cassandra Romero, Dakota Sawyer, Timothy Sifuentes, Brett Sorrells, Felicity Alarcon, Katrina Aviles, Kelsie Barrerra, Lane Carroll, Kyle DeLoera, Jonathan Garcia, Xavier Jaramillo and Jasmin Martinez.

Others are Veronica Diaz, Clancey Grueben, Kelbie Herrley, Logan Hopper, Matthew Lara, Heather McFatridge, Zakary Rodriquez, Mason Tabor, Kaprice Block, Talon Carroll, Colton Claxton, Christian Drum, Miranda Espinoza, Jordan Gaines, Tara Harlan, Alexxus Jackson, Cameron Lopez, Ashley Martinez, Chris Sands and Lucio Solano.

East Side will host simulcast of marriage conference Oct. 24-25

BRANSON, Mo. — Dr. Gary Smalley, Dr. Greg Smalley and the Smalley Relationship Center will host their fall 2003 marriage conference, *Love, Romance and Sex: It's All God's Idea*, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25, live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Churches across the nation, including one in Snyder, will be linked via satellite to join the conference as it unfolds.

East Side Church of Christ and Colonial Hill Baptist Church are sponsoring the conference in Snyder. However, the sessions will be available at East Side, 201 31st, only. Times include from 6:30 –9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Tickets are $20 per couple. Childcare will be available. Reserve tickets by calling 573-3583.

World-class speakers, will include Gary Smalley, Kevin Leman, Wellington Boone, Joyce and Clifford Penner, and comedian Ken Davis.

Award-winning Christian music artist Steven Curtis Chapman will perform and share the stories behind the songs on his latest album, *All About Love*.

Each of the sessions will feature a speaker in their individual area of expertise:

- The marriage mission: Pastor Wellington Boone;
- Understanding your mate: Gary Smalley;
- Building intimacy "Keeping the Door Open:" Greg Smalley;
- Romancing your mate: Kevin Leman;
- The gift of sex: Dr. Clifford and Joyce Penner;
- God's Perfect Plan For You: Dr. Greg Smalley and Dr. Gary Smalley.

In addition to the Friday night and Saturday simulcast, there will also be a Thursday night student simulcast, *Don't Date Naked: Put On God's Armor*," hosted by the speaker and author of the book by the same title, Michael Smalley, and Joe White, author of 18 books including the best-seller *Pure Excitement* and owner of Kanakuk Kamps, the largest Christian camp in the world.

Dove Award-winning music group By The Tree will also perform.

Son born to Spencers

LONDON (AP) — Earl Spencer, Princess Diana's brother, has announced the birth of a son with his second wife, whom he married two years ago.

In an announcement on his Web site, Spencer said, "Earl and Countess Spencer are delighted to announce the birth of their son Edmund Charles," early Sunday morning.

There was no additional information except that "mother and baby are both well."

Spencer and former schoolteacher Caroline Freud were married in December 2001 at Althorp, the Spencer family estate.

Spencer has four children from his marriage to Victoria Lockwood — three daughters and a son. Freud has two children from her previous marriage.

Princess Diana was buried at Althorp following her fatal 1997 car crash in Paris.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen worries that grandma is not grieving as she should

DEAR ABBY: My grandfather died nine months ago. He and my grandmother were married for more than 40 years, but they were not happy for the last four or five. A couple of weeks ago an old family friend called my grandmother. She's known him since she was a teenager.

Out of the blue, my grandmother invited this man to visit over the weekend. He stayed in a hotel and she claims nothing romantic happened. But she took him to some of my grandfather's favorite places — places we all went together as a family. This is so out of character for her. When she asked how I felt, I lied and said I was OK with it.

Now my conversations with my grandmother are strained. Should I tell her how I really feel and risk her ending something that is making her happy? — **WORRIED 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL**

DEAR WORRIED: I understand your feelings, but my advice to you is to keep your negative feelings to yourself. Although you still perceive your grandmother to be part of a happy couple, your grandfather is gone and the marriage was not a happy one for a long time. Your grandmother has had a lot of time to grieve. Try to be happy for her and wish her well. If you cannot do that, grief counseling for you would be helpful.

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DEAR ABBY: I have lived with my boyfriend, "Earl," for eight years. During that time I have moved out twice. We are not kids — I am 47; he's 62.

Earl owns a bar and admits he is an alcoholic. He drinks every day and never gets mean, but in his drunken state he's apt to do stupid things. Earl thinks he "controls" his drinking by not imbibing at home or during the day — only at night when he drinks with his customers.

One time Earl came home at 5:00 a.m. and told me he'd been with friends, but later that day I discovered some semi-nude Polaroid pictures of him and a faceless female. I moved out that same day.

Earl and I stayed apart for several months, but we missed each other, so I moved back. Another problem is we haven't had sex in seven years. We sleep together, but our physical contact has diminished to a quick goodnight kiss. When I mention the subject, Earl says he doesn't want to talk about it. When he's at home alone, all he does is watch porno videos. I should add that I am attractive and other men find me desirable.

You must be wondering why I stay with Earl. Well, it's comfortable. He never gets mad, and for the first time in my life, I don't have to struggle financially. I know I could make it on my own, but it's easier this way. However, I don't like the feeling I've "sold out."

In my heart I know he's going to die. I fear the drinking will kill him one of these days. Earl hasn't been to a doctor since his discharge from the service in 1962. Please tell me what to do. I'm not happy with him, but I'm not happy alone, either. — **LOVELESS IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR LOVELESS: Not only are you loveless, but you also appear to be depressed, listless and have low self-esteem. It seems you are sleepwalking through life. There is far more to life than having a place to live and a roommate who "isn't mean." Please try counseling with the goal of learning why you deserve more from a relationship than you're getting from this one.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old single father of a beautiful 13-month-old little boy. His mother took off with my best friend when our son was only 2 months old. I have a good job, my own place and don't depend on anyone, but I wish I could go back to school so I could provide my son with an even greater future.

I would like to get my high school diploma, go on to college, and become a police officer and mentor young fathers like myself. I don't have any support from my parents as far as my education goes. My mom says to be happy with what I have and stop being selfish.

Is it selfish to want more out of life? Right now I am just living paycheck to paycheck. — **SINGLE FATHER IN HOUSTON**

DEAR SINGLE FATHER: Selfish? Quite the opposite! While I agree with your mother that a person should be happy with what he or she can't change, I don't think that philosophy applies when it comes to furthering one's education.

Pick up the phone, call the high schools in your area, and ask about adult education programs so you can get your GED — the equivalent of a high school diploma. With that in hand, you will qualify for entry into a community college. There is no reason why, in time, you cannot fulfill your dream. Others have done it; go for it! You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a wife and mother of two boys. Last year I left my job of six years to start my own business. Unfortunately, my business has not generated the income my family and I need. I am now looking for work, along with thousands of other people.

My problem is, I have a criminal record that stems from two small but painful incidents when I was 18. My husband knows about my record, but no one else does.

When going on job interviews, I have been honest and up-front about my past, but it seems I'm put on the "ignore list" once the interviewer hears about my record. They can't see the years that have passed without so much as a traffic ticket; how I solved my problem through therapy; the stable environment my husband and I provide for our boys; nor the years of hard work I devoted to my previous job and current business.

How can I find someone who will hire me while my growing business takes off? Should I lie about my record? I know it's hard to trust a stranger, but I'm a hard worker, an honest and faithful employee — and I am desperate. — **LOST IN TEXAS**

DEAR LOST: You should not lie. However, it would be helpful if you can provide letters of recommendation from previous employers, your clergyperson, and respected people in your community who will vouch for your honesty and the success of your rehabilitation.

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DEAR ABBY: For my birthday, I was given a gift certificate for a day of beauty services at a high-priced spa.

Am I supposed to tip each person who works on me that day, or has that been included in the price of the gift certificate? — **NEEDS TO KNOW IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: What a generous gift! Tips are not included in the cost of a gift certificate. Therefore, each person who renders service should be tipped 15 percent — or more if the service is exceptional. (Ask to see a price schedule when you go in, so you know the value of each service.)

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91-year-old man pleads guilty to robbing area bank in August

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 91-year-old man, leaning on a cane and wearing a headset to listen to the judge, pleaded guilty Thursday to robbing an Abilene bank.

J.L. Hunter "Red" Rountree pleaded guilty in federal court to taking $1,999 from a bank in August, his third such robbery in less than five years.

Rountree initially responded "not guilty" when U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings asked for his plea.

"Not guilty?" Cummings said.

"I mean, 'Guilty,'" Rountree said. "I'm sorry."

Rountree faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine. A sentencing date has not been set.

The bespectacled and gray-bearded Rountree had shackles around his ankles Thursday and appeared somewhat stooped. He sat attentively in Cummings' courtroom, about 150 miles west of Abilene, as several other offenders entered their pleas.

His attorney, Shery Kime-Goodwin, declined to comment.

In August, Rountree handed a First American Bank teller an envelope with "Robbery" written on it in red marker, said federal prosecutors in Dallas. He gave her a second envelope and told her to put money in it.

Twice the teller asked Rountree if he was kidding. After the first time, Rountree said, "Hurry up or you will get hurt," authorities said.

A bank employee and some customers got Rountree's license plate number as he left the parking lot, and he was stopped by authorities 30 minutes later about 20 miles from Abilene.

Rountree's crime spree began in December 1998, a week before his 87th birthday. He was arrested in Biloxi, Miss., minutes after he robbed a bank. He was eventually given three years' probation, fined $260 and told to leave Mississippi.

Less than a year later, in October 1999, he was arrested outside a NationsBank in Pensacola, Fla., after giving a teller a note that said "ROBBERY" written in red ink and telling her, "Give me the $100s." He was convicted of bank robbery and sentenced to three years in prison, becoming the oldest inmate in the Florida prison system.

In an interview with the Orlando Sentinel in 2001, Rountree was asked what he would do when he got out of prison.

"I might rob another bank," Rountree said. "I'm not saying I will or I won't. But, hey, I might need to."

Bobby Rountree, the elderly man's great-nephew and city manager of Goldthwaite, did not immediately return a call for comment Thursday.

A relative has said that J.L. Rountree once was a successful businessman who made his fortune in Houston by building Rountree Machinery Co. About a year after his wife's death in 1986, Rountree, 76, married a 31-year-old woman and spent $500,000 putting her through drug rehabilitation programs, he has said.

Sometime after they divorced, Rountree robbed his first bank.

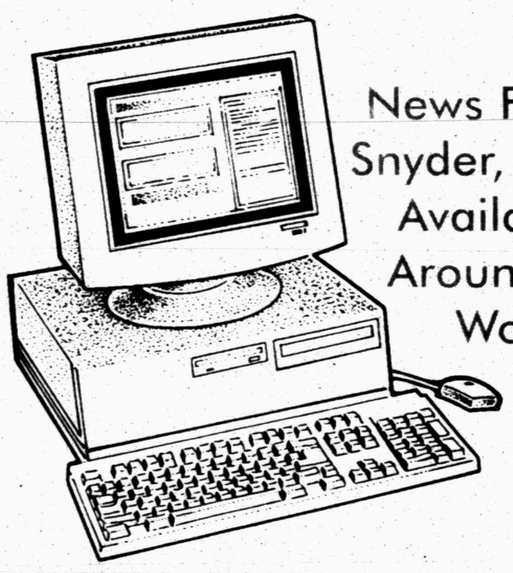
He told the Florida newspaper that money and revenge were his motivation. A Corpus Christi bank that he'd done business with had forced him into bankruptcy, he told the newspaper, and he had not liked banks since then.

Ali greets crowd

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Raising his fists in a fighting pose, Muhammad Ali greeted an adoring crowd at the Frankfurt Book Fair as he presented a book chronicling his life.

Ali, 61, walked slowly around a boxing ring set up for the event, posed for photographers and waved to several hundred fans chanting his name Thursday before signing a copy of the 800-page book.

The book, titled "G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time), A Tribute to Muhammad Ali," weighs 75 pounds and sells for $3,545.



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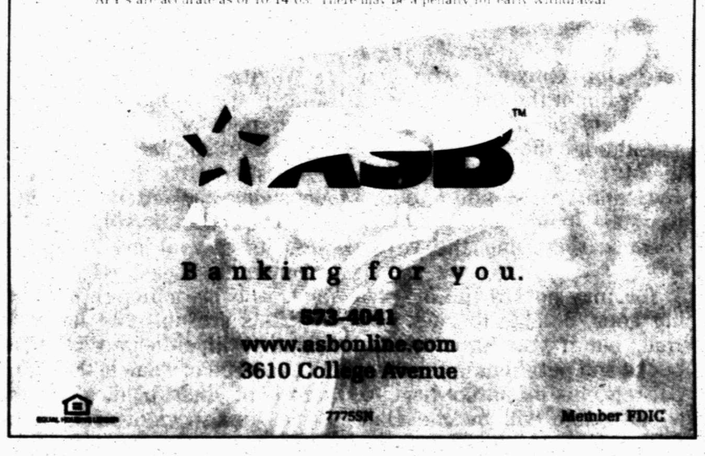

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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Must I so often be the heavy? Doesn't this newspaper have staffers willing to confront the truth? Perhaps not — many of them subscribe to the Clint Eastwood theory of truth-telling.

I must do what I must do. It is my solemn duty to remind you that fewer than 1,900 hours remain between now and Dec. 25. That includes hours for working, sleeping, loafing and Christmas shopping.

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Now calm down. This bit of information is offered not to frighten, but to offer a bit of a nudge. Now, let the subject be changed.

Is this not a remarkable statistic? Officials of the State Fair of Texas confirm that the number one reason most folks come to the fair is for food. Like theme park moguls who feel like new rides are needed each year.

State Fair folks contend that new food items must be introduced and described to a fair-thee-well by the media. New items are added each October. Somehow, deep-fried Snickers and key lime pie on sticks don't cause me to salivate, but people are standing in line to lay down money for them.

Look at the offerings carefully, then add up the ones you figure would make it on the menus of your favorite restaurants. I don't think you'll need a calculator.

Maybe the calorie-counting and cholesterol fairies like vacations, too. They take hikes en masse in October, freeing fair-goers to indulge in foods that once eaten are "mighty apt to swell."

Go figure.

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During college years I learned that the folks who write the catchy advertising jingles for banks are not the same ones who make the loans. One day while I was on the signing-side of the loan desk, a phone call interrupted. "No, no, no, no, no, no, yes, no, no," the loan officer droned.

"I thought I heard a 'yes' in there," I quizzed. "Yeah, he wanted to know if I was still listening," the loan guy responded.

That said, it was notable a few days ago that some city banks are taking hard lines about accepting deposits of coins brought in by wheelbarrows, buckets and jugs.

"It's just too much hassle," one depositor said, "I spent most of one morning wrapping 30 rolls of coins worth $125, and the teller insisted that I write my account number on each roll. That didn't go over well with the folks lined up behind me in the drive-through line."

Perhaps this explains why more coin-counting machines are popping up in supermarkets — for a fee, of course. The bank tellers I know are a patient lot, happy to mess with the coins if I'm willing to mess with bringing them in.

If they continue to be nice to me, I'll continue to refrain from leaving fish in my safe deposit box. But I admit to missing piggy banks as much as I do wringer washing machines.

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Over the years I've gotten a lot of stuff backwards — you know, like "fire, aim, ready!" Some friends claim that I have ADDD— that's Attention Deficit Disorder — deliberately!

Well, I've done it again. A dream for many years has been to see Garrison Keillor and his crew work two hours of live radio magic on Prairie Home Companion, the showcase of National Public Radio. This delightful show airs Saturdays on stations across the land, usually from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn.

A few days ago, the wife said, "Let's go." I quickly found a nice air/hotel/rental car package to the Twin Cities, then decided to call the box office. "The October performance is sold out," the attendant said. "Get here early and you'll likely be able to get stage seating."*

That sounded reasonable to me. I'll take a yard chair and a good book — perhaps one of Keillor's — and it will be worth whatever time it takes to see this talented bunch yuck it up, sing it up and ham it up.

I want to see sound effects being made, watch the guy who sounds ever so much like George W., learn who in the audience is from where and which anniversaries are being observed. I want to savor Keillor's yarn about a "quiet week in Lake Wobegone" and to hang on every syllable of what happened — or what might have happened — in his magical hometown.

And finally, I want to see him "sign-off" with his patented, "That's the news from Lake Wobegone, where the men are strong, the women are good-looking and the children are above average."

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If we don't get in, I figure my wife will make good on one or more threats (all idle ones at this point, to be sure) issued over the past 37 years. If we're left on the outside, we can hear it on the radio, of course. But we can do that at home.

If such occurs, I plan to picket the place, contending that informed sources have told me that Keillor's trademark line is mere spoof. It will then be my duty to inform my Texas readers that all the stuff we've heard about Minnesota's hard-working men, good-looking women and above-average kids must immediately be downgraded to average at best. And my Texas friends can handle the truth.

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**The box office voice sounded amazingly like the man who claims to be "from the government and here to help you."*

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, is now an author/speaker/columnist in Fort Worth, a few miles south of senility. He invites reader response at 817-447-3872 or by e-mail at newbury@speakerdoc.com

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	10
Hermleigh ISD	7
Ira ISD	7
City of Snyder	5
DCOS	4
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	1
Scurry Count	0

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

Letters to the Editor

Consider options

Dear Editor:

As we approach a vote by the citizens of Scurry County on the establishment of a hospital district, I think we may need to consider a number of items.

A hospital district may be a good way to go but we have to remember that this is a gift basket never looked into that could easily go from 15-20 percent to 40 to 50 percent in seven or eight years. Once you open Pandora's Box it is going to be awfully hard to close.

If a hospital district is established the county could lower their tax rate by a nickel but this is not a given. The county raises some $4 million in tax revenue and now we are being asked to raise an additional $1.5 to $2 million to begin with, they think.

Taxes are raised from some 12,000 taxpayers of which half are out of county taxpayers. We have 10,499 voters on the rolls out of a population of 18,980. The taxes on a $100,000 home will cost the taxpayer an additional $150 to $200 depending on the tax rate of 15 to 20 percent.

I think we should consider getting rid of the reverse lease we now have with Covenant and hire our own administrator. When we asked St. Mary to come and help us years ago, we needed somebody badly. However, that time has come and gone. Convenant has bled Cogdell and the medical community for so long that we can no longer tolerate this. Covenant, being a business, cares not for Cogdell or Scurry County but for the bottom dollar, which being a business they have to look out for themselves first, which is understandable.

Let us remember that in 1998, Community Health System offered to pay $12 million and do all the renovations we wanted and then some. This would have put $12 million in the bank and saved us an additional $5 million we have had to borrow for renovations, money which Jeff Reecer stated was already available with no obligation from the county.

Since 1998, Covenant and Jeff Reecer had run off four doctors, two being surgeons who were real money makers for the hospital. Covenant did not want any new doctors in Snyder who would not work under their umbrella. Their clinical offices were full. CHS in Big Spring has been bringing in a new doctor every three to four months.

I have personal knowledge of three doctors who wanted to come to Snyder, but if they had come it would have diluted Covenant's patient base — since they would have come as individuals not Covenant employees. Covenant in Lubbock directed Reecer to cut off talks with them.

We now have three entities interested in leasing or buying the hospital — we should at least hear their proposals. This may be the best we can do.

Think carefully before you cast your ballot.

Bob Bell

Poor Rix's Almanac by Rix Quinn

Hey, Poor Rix: Since you claim to be a sports expert, who is the world's greatest athlete? – Jerry

I am not a sports expert. I am an athletic supporter.

But seriously, Jerry, the world's greatest athlete may be the spittle bug, who's jumpier than a pickpocket at a police station.

The adult spittle measures only one-fourth inch long. But this guy possesses remarkable leg strength, and if you loaned him a toothpick he could probably pole vault.

This powerful dude can leap two feet. No, not jump over my shoes, but actually bound 24 inches, or 96 TIMES its size!

That's like a six-foot man clearing a 48-story building. I never saw anybody do this, but one time my friend Tom jumped to the wrong conclusion, and his girlfriend told him to take a flying leap.

Actually, Jerry, the animal kingdom's filled with great athletes. A cheetah can run nearly 70 mph. A millepede can walk on 1,000 legs without stepping on anyone's toes. And the ant can lift 50 times its weight, much more than its insect counterpart, the uncle.

When it comes to endurance, few can top those amazing birds, the arctic terns. In the course of a year, some migrate up to 22,000 miles.

But one flock member misjudged his altitude, collided with a dizzy eagle, and landed on a sheep.

That's how he became the first "ill eagle ewe tern."

Poor Rix offers bad advice to good questions. E-mail him at rixquinn@charter.net.

Favors for sale or rent by Joe Klock, Sr.

As regular readers of this column (certifiable masochists in the view of some) know, I have long been bathroom-sick of the way our government at all levels is run by self-serving politicians, special interests and the lobbyists/influence mongers who operate the whorehouses of power.

I refer not exclusively to any political party, nor only to those currently running the show. There is more than enough sleaze to taint every partisan banner, and those drooling hungrily outside the gates of control offer little promise of improvement.

I exclude only those few truly dedicated public servants found here and there from local precincts to the District of Calumny, our political Hall of Chumpions.

Hooray, by the way, for these rare Don Quixotes who genuinely honor the trust that goes along with positions of authority. Although they may flunk Politics 101 and are unlikely to survive until pensiondom come, they are true heros, unsung because they sing the wrong tunes.

You may not, as the old saying goes, be able to buck City Hall, but if you have enough bucks and put them in the right pockets, you might not have to, so favorable will be the Hallmarks therefrom.

Please don't ask me to believe that the gazillions of dollars shelled out to both candidates and incumbents, as well as to PACs, hacks and partisan causes are anything more than ill-concealed bribes, given at best to win access to influential ears and at worst to effect donor-favorable legislation and/or lavish banquets of pork.

Trot out all the euphemisms you'd like, but money makes the political world go 'round, and them as ain't got it or can't get it can neither ascend to power nor long remain there these days.

Worse still, those who catch the electoral brass ring must thereafter devote a substantial portion of their time (they and God alone knowing how much) to raising new money to stay in office and ward off the "outs" working equally hard to get in.

Worst of all, the "ins" are joined at the hip (pocket) to their benefactors, for whom they must deliver satisfactory results or face their backers' departing backs as they defect to more accommodating pols.

At its visceral level, our government is based on bribery and payback, although the participants are no more likely to identify with either word than to find a shred of value in the utterances of their political adversaries, or a speck of soil on their own snow-white wings. (That's another of my rant-inducing peeves, but not the subject of this particular tirade.)

While their rhetoric is focused on the best interests of "the people," their ears are attuned to the lobbyists who swarm around them like flies on horse-poo (an inelegant simile, perhaps, but not entirely inapplicable).

These influence peddlers claim to serve the worthy cause of "clarifying" proposed and existing legislative matters for the elected officials, who are presumably too busy to do so for themselves, despite the support of their full-time staffs. Such impartial guidance is not to be found this side of a used car lot or singles bar!

The likelihood of ridding public life of quid pro quo in campaign financing in the cloak-and-dagger-rooms of government is about on a par with stamping out simulated copulation on television, which has also become embedded in our national structure.

Bribery is not only an evil thing, but a cancer that is growing out of control, and our so-called campaign finance reform movement is no more realistic a solution than that of the fictional Dutch boy whose finger in the dike saved Holland from becoming a second Atlantis.What is needed is recognition by the public and admission by the practitioners that the present system stinks something awful, and can't be sprayed away by platitudes, half-measures and spin-doctoring.

Could public affairs be run without indecent tidal waves of tainted cash and highly-paid influence peddlers? And could our elected officials be freed from the harlotry imposed on them by the harsh reality of political life?

I may be wrong (difficult as that is to contemplate), but I'm pretty sure that's more like what those grand old men in Philadelphia had in mind a little over two centuries ago than is the dirty business that nas evolved.

What can we, the aforementioned "people," do? Well, to create a little bit of heaven, we'll just have to raise a lot of hell.

History has proven that the thing most dreaded by politicians is an informed and energized electorate.

And recent events - like the "no call" uprising, 50 million strong - proved that government of the people can also be by and for them, unless the hen house is left to the foxes. Your move, brethren and sistren!

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Politics-entertainment convergence

Should Californians dump Democratic Gov. Gray Davis today and choose action movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him, it won't signify the end of days. The line between entertainment and politics always has been a thin one after all, and Schwarzenegger wouldn't be the first actor to cross it.

Hoofer George Murphy represented California in the U.S. Senate, and actor Ronald Reagan leveraged the California governorship into the presidency. More recently, Jesse Ventura wrestled his way into the governor's mansion in Minnesota.

Though the punditocracy will try to read much meaning if Schwarzenegger wins, despite damaging accusations about his conduct toward women, it really all boils to this: He has great name ID. Politicians and political consultants treasure high name identification and work hard to cultivate a positive image. So do entertainers, although the definition of "positive" is a little slippier in entertainment than it is in politics.

Successful politicians have a star quality to them. Historical examples abound. Franklin D. Roosevelt was a spellbinding orator and quick wit. The TV cameras loved John F. Kennedy's smile and bravura performances at news conferences. Reagan wasn't called the Great Communicator for nothing.

To be successful in either politics or entertainment, people have to learn to please a crowd. Before television and even before radio, political rallies were good diversions from the drudgery of daily life and chores.

David Crockett is a great example of the blend between popular hero and politician. Crockett rode the celebrity that his frontiersman persona garnered to a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from Tennessee in 1827. Defeated in a bitter congressional campaign in 1835, Crockett struck out for Texas.

In Texas, W. Lee O'Daniel, a successful hillbilly band leader, parlayed his popularity into a winning campaign for governor in 1938 and kept his show business persona alive by broadcasting Sunday concerts from the front porch of the Governor's Mansion. That must have worked because he was later elected to the U.S. Senate.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Ills in Texas Capitol

"Troublemakers."

That's what House Speaker Tom Craddick's press secretary called Texas House Democrats on Sunday. Not "loyal opposition." Not "honorable but misguided colleagues from the other side of the aisle."

The word choice isn't accidental, nor is it likely that it was just Bob Richter's opinion. Official spokesmen rarely use words that haven't first been uttered by their bosses.

"Troublemakers" was just the latest verbal example of the deterioration in relations taking place in the Legislature over the issue of midcycle congressional redistricting.

The decay infecting the state's political bodies, however, is not restricted to the R's and D's in the House. Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst took a shot last week at the House GOP leaders, likening them to "Iranian cabdrivers" in their efforts to reach a compromise map with the Senate. Dewhurst said that House leaders exhibited "a style of negotiating in which they wait to the last minute and then try to pile on additional requests."

The obligatory apology was quick in coming from Dewhurst spokesman Dave Beckwith. Iranian-Americans didn't deserve the comparison.

Is it any wonder that voters have become cynical about politicians and their promises? Texans are arguably observing the greatest leadership vacuum in nearly 158 years of statehood.

Signs pointing to that as a truism abound:

— Spurred by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Gov. Rick Perry, the Republicans initiated the divisive debate on midcycle redistricting during the regular session, when many other pressing issues faced the state.

— Perry has called an unprecedented three special sessions — and has hinted at a fourth — on the completely unnecessary issue of redrawing congressional lines.

— Democrats twice fled the state to halt the redistricting debate, stalling or killing votes on other legislation important to Texans.

— The Republicans inexplicably did not reach agreement among themselves on a redrawn map during the weeks they sat around Austin, waiting for the Senate Democrats to return from Albuquerque, N.M.

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WTC News
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Rodeo Team is Half Way There and Looking Good

Team Members
Not Pictured are:
Sam Spredborough
Shawn Childs
T.Jake Marshall

The WTC Rodeo Team is in Vernon, TX this weekend at their third rodeo of the season. Rodeo coach, Greg Rhodes, said "We have had two good Rodeos and I am excited about the last two this semester." The Men's and Women's Teams are in second place in the region and are just out of first place. "The Team is doing a great job. Sam Spreadborough has won the last two rodeos in bronc riding and Sabrina Lay has won first or second in barrel racing the last two times. There are a number of others that are doing great!" Rhodes said. To view rodeo records and results go to the WTC web page, www.wtc.cc.tx.us and click on rodeo program.

Arron Koster is a freshman from Mayerthorpe Alberta. He is a graduate of Mayerthorpe High School. Arron's parents are Norm Koster and Joanne Johnson. Arron is involved in saddle bronc riding.

Ashley Hadley is a sophomore from Plain City, UT. She is a graduate of Fremont High School. Ashley's parent is Frances Hadley. Ashley is involved in barrel racing, breakaway roping, and goat tying.

Bruno Paoliello is a sophomore from Brazil. Bruno's parent is Sergio Paoliello. Bruno is involved in team roping and steer wrestling.

Mario Paoliello is a freshman from Brazil. Mario's parents are Sergio G. and Catharina Paoliello. Mario is involved in team roping.

Clay Long is a sophomore from Weatherford, TX. He is a graduate of Greenwood High School. Clay's parent is Becky Long. Clay is involved in calf roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, and team roping.

Cody Carter is a sophomore from Cave Creek, AZ. He is a graduate of the School of Tomorrow High School. Cody's parents are Rocky and Sarah Carter. Cody is involved in calf and team roping.

Cody Horwedel is a sophomore from Parkfield, TX. He is a graduate of Shandon High School. Cody's parents are Jeff and Kim Horwedel. Cody is involved in saddle bronc riding.

Courtney Carr is a freshman from San Angelo, TX. She is a graduate of Christoval High School. Courtney's parents are Buff and JoAnn Carr. Courtney is involved in barrel racing.

CR Moore is a freshman from Frankston, TX. He is a graduate of Frankston High School. CR's parents are Cliff and Cathy Moore. CR is involved in calf roping.

Cydni Terry is from Loraine, TX. She is a graduate of Home School Academy. Cydni's parents are Mandy and Bret Terry. Cydni is involved in barrel racing.

Denny Farley is from Kempsey N.S.W., Australia. He is a graduate of St Paul's College. Denny's parents are Paul and Rosy Farley. Denny is involved in bull riding.

Erin Anglin is from Windsor, CO. She is a graduate of A Beka High School. Erin's parents are Randy and Jan Anglin. Erin is involved in breakaway roping, goat tying, barrel racing, and team roping.

Guy J. Simanton is from Nalta, MT. He is a graduate of Malta High School. Guy's parents are Doug Simanton and Jolene Oplius. Guy is involved in saddle bronc riding.

Hadley Hunting is from Warren, UT. He is a graduate of Fremont High School. Hadley's parents are Lance and Shirre Hunting. Hadley is involved in bull riding, and saddle bronc riding.

James Irish is from Lewistown, MT. He is a graduate of Fergus of Lewistown High School. James's parents are Al and Pat Irish. James is involved in saddle bronc riding.

Jared Farley is from Kempsey, Australia. He is a graduate of St Paul's College High School. Jared's parents are Paul and Rosy Farley. Jared is involved in bull riding.

Jaymee Roach is a freshman from Banquete, TX. She is a graduate of Calallen High School. Jaymee's parents are Rusty and Joanna Roach. Jaymee is involved in breakaway roping.

Jennifer Weeding is from Jordan, MT. She is a graduate of GCD High School. Jennifer's parents are Doug and Lavetta Weeding. Jennifer is involved in goat tying and breakaway roping.

Julie Jones is a freshman from Bosque, NM. She is a graduate of American Home School. Julie's parent is Vara Jones. Julie is involved in breakaway roping, goat tying, and barrel racing.

Justin Foltyn is from El Campo, TX. He is a graduate of El Campo High School. Justin's parents are Lane and Carola Foltyn. Justin is involved in bareback riding and bull riding.

Kyle Kukla is a freshman from Melba, Idaho. He is a graduate of Gooding High School. Kyle's parents are Mike and Diane Kukla. Kyle is involved in calf roping and team roping.

Lane Nixon is from Freedom, OK. He is a graduate of Freedom High School. Lane's parents are Marvin and Kama Nixon. Lane is involved in bull riding.

Lindsay White is a sophomore from Snyder, TX. She is a graduate of the Home school. Shiloh is involved in barrel racing.

Marcie Wienke is a freshman from Omak, WA. She is a graduate of Omak High School. Marcie's parents are Janeen and Steve Wienke. Marcie is involved in barrel racing and breakaway roping.

Patrick Hawthorne is a freshman from Monahans, TX. He is a graduate of Monahans High School. Patrick's parents are Jerry Hawthorne and Liz Ethridge. Patrick is involved in team roping.

Reg Cully is a sophomore from Abilene, TX. He is a graduate of Athens High School. Reg's parent is Paul Cully. Reg is involved in calf roping and team roping.

Sabrina Lay is a freshman from Omak, Washington. She is a graduate of Omak High School. Sabrina's parents are Frank and Sandra Lay. Sabrina is involved in barrel racing.

Sam Spreadborough is a junior from Tamworth N.S.W., Australia. He is a graduate of Uralle Central High School. Sam's parents are Bindy and Joy. Sam is involved in saddle bronc riding.

Shaun Seaford is from Lake Charles. He is a graduate of Bell City High School. Shawn's parents are Kathy Barnhart and Mark Seaford. Shawn is involved in bull riding.

Shawn Childs is a freshman from Anson, TX. He is a graduate of Anson High School. Shawn's parent is Barbara Foster. Shawn is involved in bull riding.

Shiloh Whitaker is a sophomore from El Paso, TX. She is a graduate of Montwood High School. Shiloh's parents are Mike and Dee Byrd. Shiloh is involved in barrel racing.

Tanner Rollins is a freshman from Albany, TX. He is a graduate of Albany High School. Tanner's parents are Randy Rollins and Kim Riley. Tanner is involved in saddle bronc riding.

Tara Woodall is a freshman from Merkel, TX. She is a graduate of Merkel High School. Tara's parents are Danny and Jan Woodall. Tara's involved in barrel racing and breakaway roping.

Tate Stratton is a freshman from Stanley, NM. He is a graduate of Moriarty High School. Tate's parents are Floyd and Deidre Stratton. Tate is involved in bull riding.

T. Jake Marshall is a sophomore from Moree, Australia. He is a graduate of Toowooma grammar school. T. Jake's parents are Tonia and Terry Marshall. T. Jake is involved in bareback and saddle bronc riding.

Trent Cormier is from Houma, LA. He is a graduate of South Terrebonae High School. Trent's parents are Louie and Tracy Cormier. Trent is involved in bull riding.

Tyler Riggan is a sophomore from Snyder, TX. He is a graduate of Snyder High School. Tyler's parents are Tim and Dianna Riggan. Tyler is involved in calf and team roping.

Blood Drive on Campus Tuesday

All donors will receive a T-shirt!
Give the Gift of Life!
by Michelle Kuhl

On Tuesday October 14 United Blood Services will be on the Western Texas College Campus in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. taking blood donations. The Blood Drive comes to WTC twice a year, once in the Fall and once again in the Spring. The Spring date will be February 11, 2003.

Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services said, "We always need blood. Five percent of the population give blood and ninty percent of the population end up needing blood at some point in their life. Lubbock Hospitals alone use an average of 150 pints a day. We can sometimes get it from outside sources but not always so it is important to keep a good supply."

United Blood services do up to three blood drives per day all over the area. The average amount of blood taken at the WTC campus is 27 pints.

The blood donation process is easy, and takes less than an hour. Most donors find it a painless and heart warming experience.

The actual donation takes only 10 minutes. You'll relax in a comfortable chair while a technician collects approximately one pint of your blood. After donating, you'll be invited to rest and enjoy a light refreshment. You may then resume your usual routine.

You must be 17 years of age or older and at least 110 pounds to be a donor. There must be at least eight weeks between whole blood donations and at least three days between platelet, apheresis donations and you must not be currently taking antibiotics or insulin. You may not donate if you have ever used a needle to take drugs, if you had hepatitis after the age of 11 or if you have AIDS or a positive test for HIV.

All donors must show identification containing their legal name and one of the following: Date of birth, Social Security number, United Blood Services assigned donor number, or Photo I.D.

A free T-Shirt will be given to each donor. For an appointment contact Patty Kuhl at 573-8511 Ext. 276

What's Up On Campus?

October 13
3 on 3 Basketball- Dorm Court- 6 p.m.
Board Meeting- 6 p.m.

October 14
Blood Drive-
Student Center- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PTK Induction- Fine Arts Theater- 7 p.m.

October 15
PTK Fundraiser- Kiss The Pig Contest-
Student Center

October 17
Fall Holiday

October 21
SGA Meeting-
Faculty Dining Room- 5 p.m.

PTK Meeting-
Faculty Dining Room- 7 p.m.

Movie Night- Student Center- 9 p.m.

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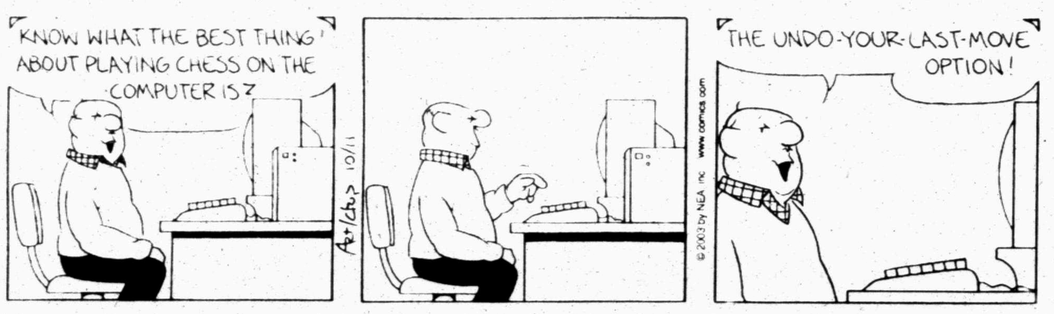

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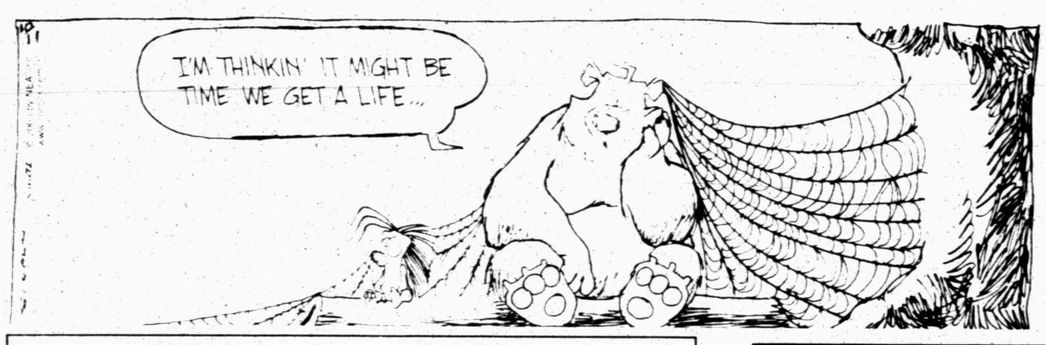

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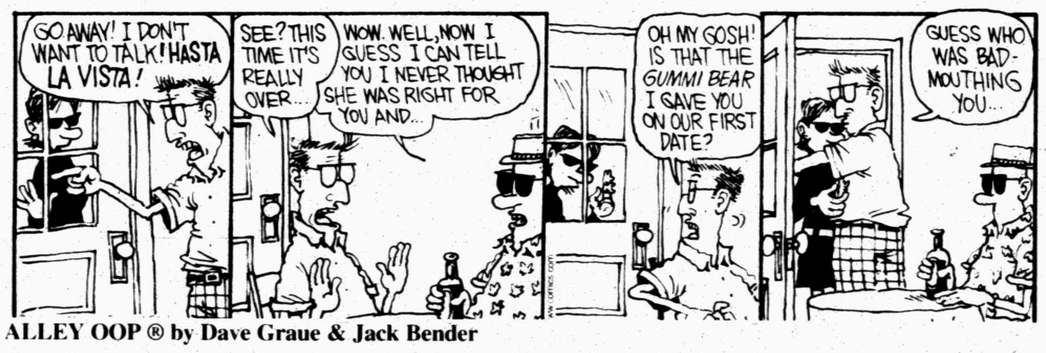

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 "Shaka —"
5 Green mineral
9 Contented sigh
12 No future — —
13 Not up yet
14 Lion's prey
15 Cussler hero
16 Masculine principle
17 Slugger Mel —
18 Marinates
20 Sponsorship
22 Messes up
23 Rainbow shape
24 — -toothed tiger
27 Rushed off
31 Bunch of bills
34 Clock sound
35 Margarine
36 Nov. event
38 Math subj.
40 Graceful tree
41 Lofty
42 Fixed the piano
44 Some
46 Wolf, to Pedro
49 Disorderly
52 Seizes the throne
54 Miscellany
55 Sports honorees
58 Venue
59 Stray dog
60 Crusty desserts
61 Adams or Brickell
62 Mind-reader's letters
63 Listen
64 Poker pack

DOWN

1 Moves quickly
2 Pool resources
3 Quart, plus
4 Makes a sound
5 Noisy birds
6 Goat's-hair garment
7 Fox's abode
8 — Allan Poe
9 Excited
10 Opposed
11 Shacks
19 H.S. exam
21 Canyon comeback
23 "Wait Until Dark" actor
25 Very small
26 Pantyhose shade
28 Seine vista
29 Underwater shocker
30 Funny — DeLuise
31 Drenched
32 — — carte
33 Computer key
37 Dressed
39 Hair-styling goops
43 Put out the fire
45 Dryad
47 Bouquet bearer
48 Fiber- — cable
49 Go fast
50 Disagreeable task
51 Lumber flaw
52 Ex-superpower
53 Look for
56 Compete
57 Green vegetable

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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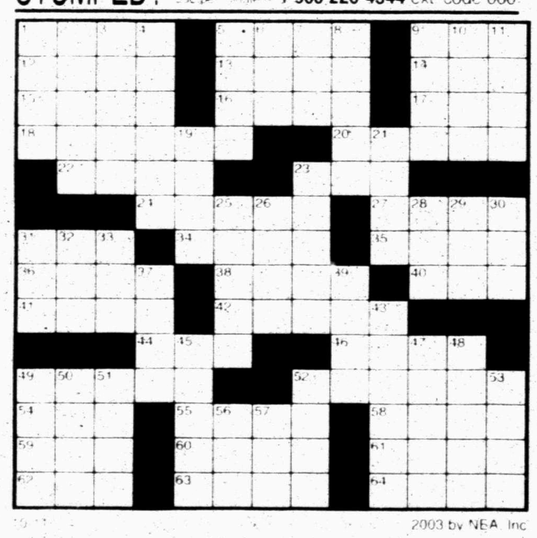

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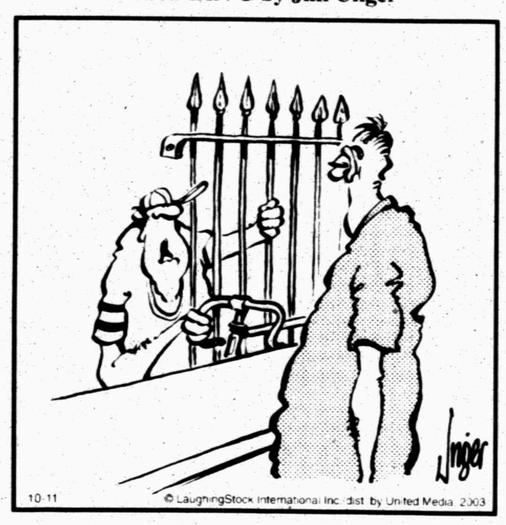

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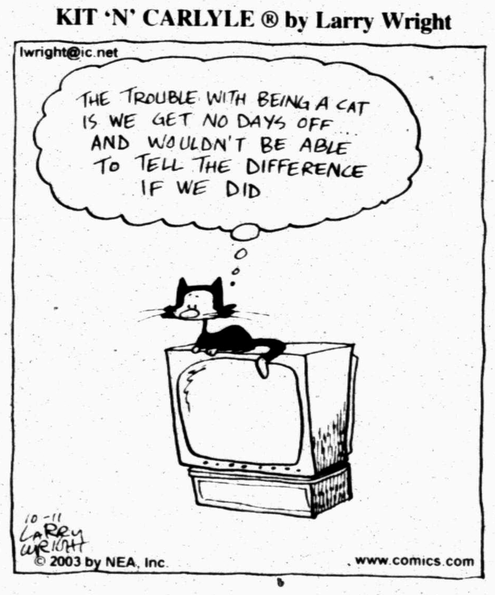

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003

In the year ahead, you are likely to experience some major improvement in finding ways to relax and enjoy your recreational hours. These moments of pleasure will yield a stronger you for dealing with hard realities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — In developments that require sensitivity and imagination, the aspects indicate that you'll have the edge over all competitors. These qualities will come into play when challenged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This is an excellent day to get together with a friend you haven't seen in quiet awhile. Whatever you plan will turn out to refurbish your attraction to one another and make you feel good about each other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You could be rather fertile and enterprising today in involvements where there is a possibility for personal gain. To the observer, it might look like you're taking a foolish risk, but it'll be anything but.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The best way to protect your self-interest today is to disarm your interlopers with compliments and praise. They will be two of the most powerful weapons you'll have in your arsenal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll have a better chance of achieving your objectives today if you don't broadcast your intentions in advance. A quiet, subdued manner won't attract kibitzers or distracters.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a possibility today that an old friend of yours might introduce you to someone who could become very important in your life. It'll be a person with whom you'll have much in common.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your sensitivities to the subtleties of the moods of others today make you the perfect co-worker whether you're acting as the boss or an assistant. In either case you'll be motivated to help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Doing something social may appeal to you today, but doing something physical may not. If your choice is between watching a football game or playing tennis, you're apt to select the former.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Taking creative suggestions from others and using them in ways that are better than what you initially envisioned will be your best asset today. The results will be more important to you than your ego.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may be necessary for you to stand by a friend today who isn't as bold as you are. You won't let anyone pick on those you like and get away with intimidating your pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're trying to save some money by doing a job yourself, today might be the day to take it on. Whatever you put your hand to will have a beautifying effect on the finished product.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Endeavors that call for you to be both creative and clever today will be the ones that you'll be able to perform the best. The aforementioned attributes will be the most prevalent in your make-up.

Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

Monday, Oct. 13, 2003

Some of your best opportunities in the year ahead are likely to come from your least expected sources. Be prepared to listen to everybody (even those you know only casually), because you won't know where your luck lies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Should co-workers find you a difficult person to please today, they may give you a boot that'll land you on your own — instead of lending you a hand where they can be helpful,

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Use of "now or never" pressuring tactics to get you to make an immediate investment is usually done by those who don't want you to discover how much trouble the endeavor is in. Gather facts, not worthless holdings today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Decisions you should be making for yourself might be made by others today if you lack the gumption to make up your own mind. This is not a time to be wishy-washy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A poor attitude about performing what you consider to be distasteful tasks today will make the jobs appear even more unpleasant than they would be otherwise. Turn your head around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — An extravagant whim of the moment mustn't be allowed to overtake your usual financial discipline. In one brief, weak minute, you could blow what took weeks to acquire.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should selfish inclinations be vying for expression today, rather than try to fight them, you might attempt to disguise them from others. Unfortunately, they'll be transparent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Make sure your antenna is turned on today, so that you can pick up on any falsehoods being proposed. Don't be too quick to believe everything you hear, especially unflattering comments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your ability to spot a deal may not be up to its usual standards today, so be careful with any business dealings or even when simply shopping. Consider the seller, the quality and the price.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you find that everybody else is heading in a different direction today, forego your own aims and try to fit into the will of the majority, especially if your goals are being resisted by cohorts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Expect others to meet your views with yawns and rolling eyes if you display a lack of faith in your own ideas when presenting them. Think positive and don't be afraid of criticism.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unless you stay on top of everything involving an important commercial endeavor by being careless or indifferent about the details, it could severely hurt your pocketbook today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Guard against being pressured into changing a previously set agreement today. Your counterpart could be attempting to bully you into accepting what would be a bum deal for you.

Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

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Jury finds mother negligent in train collision

CLEBURNE (AP) — A Johnson County jury has found that a woman driver was mostly to blame for a 2001 train-van collision that killed her son and left her paralyzed.

The 11-member jury also decided that because Patricia Lowery was at fault, her family will get only a portion of the $22.7 million jurors awarded for damages.

Thursday's verdict came after a 2 1/2-week trial.

The jury found that Lowery was 72 percent responsible for the Dec. 4, 2001 collision and Union Pacific was 23 percent to blame.

The jurors also found Trinity Materials was 5 percent negligent in the accident. The company leased an industry track near the main rail where the crash occurred. The jurors also cleared train engineer Jackie Joe Gregor of any wrongdoing.

Texas law prohibits plaintiffs who are found to be more than 50 percent responsible for their own injuries to recover damages from other parties.

However, smaller amounts may be awarded to Lowery's son's estate, Lowery's surviving 13-year-old daughter and possibly the grandparents who pulled the children from the crash, attorneys said.

Last week, the Lowery family negotiated an undisclosed settlement that's been sealed by the court. The Lowery's are expected to receive the settlement, but attorney's declined to discuss it because of a gag order issued by the presiding judge.

The Lowery family refused to comment after the verdict.

"You've got to understand how Mrs. Lowery feels," said Arlington attorney Jim Ross. "She's a wife and mother, and the jury has just said she's responsible for the accident that killed her son. They're just not up to talking right now."

Lowery's van collided with a 102-car Union Pacific train at the County Road 404 crossing near her Alvarado home. Her spinal cord was severed, paralyzing her from the shoulders down. Her 9-year-old son, Conner, was killed.

Defense attorneys said during the trial that rail cars parked on the Trinity track blocked Lowery's view of the train, causing the fatal collision. They said Gregor compounded the problem by not slowing his train or blowing the horn to warn motorists.

The jurors agreed with prosecutors that Lowery could have avoided the accident if she had stopped her van at the Trinity track and watched for the train on the main rail 22 to 24 feet away.

Union Pacific attorney John Proctor and Trinity attorney Dotty Vidal praised the jury for its hard work.

"In the face of a sympathetic case, they showed a lot of patience and rendered a fair verdict. I'm gratified they did," Proctor said in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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5.3, auto, power windows/locks, leather, 61K

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V-6, power windows/locks, CD, keyless, 45K

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Leather, 6 disc, fully loaded, 41K

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Baker, Kacie
Carrillo, Kendra
Davis, Brandon
Downing, Allison
Elizondo, Ashley
Eubanks, Canaan
Forbes, Austin
Frazier, Justin
Goodger, Jessica
Harris, Zachary
Hestand, Katlin
Holley, Tana
Hollingsworth, Alexis
Kincheloe, Ashley
McCanin, Brandon
McWilliams, Megan
Meek, Hayden
Ornelas, Vanessa
Overton, Faith
Payne, Jacinda
Perry, Logan
Perry, Loran
Pollard, Courtney
Presley, Kaleb
Price, Kiersten
Rhodes, Brenon
Robbins, Shane
Roberts, Bryce
Rowe, Alyssa
Sanders, Kellie
Stephens, Will
Trout, Carli
Velasquez, Jimmy
Wallace, Stephanie
Warren, Melinda
Wickline, Hunter
Wright, Avery
A-B Honor Roll
Alarcon, Rebecca
Arellano, Misael
Avila, Lesley
Barrera, Taylor
Bell, Kylie
Benitez, Miranda
Cabrera, Alma
Cabrera, Sonia
Casarez, Priscilla
Castillo, Sabrina
Chacon, Rebecca
Duzan, Nolan
Duzan, Taylor
Ellis, McKinsey
Escobedo, Darren
Garcia, Ajay
Garcia, Dariela
Grebba, Michael
Guerrero, Selena
Hagins, Kimberly
Hernandez, Joseph
Hernandez, Maria
Hernandez, Nicholas
Hicks, Nikki
Holdren, Penny
Jenkins, Riley
Juarez, Angelica
Lopez-Villa, Triston
Luecke, Amanda
Luera, Cade
Lujan, John
Medrano, Heather
Medrano, Ramiro
Mendoza, Johnny
Moon, Ashlie
Moreno, Dezarae
Morris, Austin
Murillo, Orlando
Northcutt, Cherie
Norwood, Aubrie
Pinson, Reid
Platero, Merari
Proctor, Blaine
Randolph, Dillon
Rivera, Deseray
Rodriguez, Mike
Rodriguez, Rodolfo
Rodriguez, Valarie
Rubio, Jaqueline
Salinas, Isidoro
Salinas, Sabrina
Sanchez,Benitez, Aby
Silva, Ashley
Simpson, Kodee
Steelman, Alexander
Stewart, Jeffrey
Tate, Aaron
Taylor, Hayley
Thompson, Robyn
Toland, Chase
Torres, Jose
Valadez, Ivana
Valdez, Rebecca
Villa, Tavy
Villalobos, Yadira
Villarreal, Sydney
Wagner, Chevy
Warren, Mallorie
Wilkinson, Ashten
Wirshing, Avery
Young, Cailey

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Arellano, Miriam
Ashley, Samuel
Aviles, Samantha
Bernal, Sadee
Birkenfield, Slade
Clanton, Tyler
DeLoera, Angela
DeLoera, Morgan
Donaldson, Damian
Falcon, Ashleigh
Freeman, Kyla
Garcia, Taylor
Guardado, Jessica
Hagins, Timothy
Head, Regan
Hernandez, Alicyn
Hernandez, Diego
Jaimes, Adalberto
Juarez, Heraclio
Luna, Robby
Martinez, Matthew
Mendoza, Jason
Miller, Audrey
Mitchell, Samantha
Molina, Edgar
Monroy, Armando
Nichols, Christian
Owens, Dakota
Redman, Tyler
Rodriguez, Jose Luis
Sharp, Aleya
Steelman, Amber
Steward, Kaitlin
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Tessa
Alarcon, Gene
Aplin, Codee
Arellano, Adalberto
Benitez, Juan
Bilano, Macy
Billingsley, Kyler
Borrego, Flavio
Brown, Riley
Cearley, Mariah
Clanton, Nicholas
Clay, Tyler
Cox, Hunter
Day, Cody
Diaz, Dominique
Dominguez, Jesse
Driggers, Jentri
Etheredge, Cole
Flores, Donica
Garza, Chris
Garza, Joe
Garza, Meghan
Glasscock, Savannah
Guerra, Minnie
Haggard,Justin
Hagins, Travis
Henson, Micah
Hester, Caleb
Holmesly, Corbin
Jackson, Jasmine
Kenner, Staci
Martinez, Ryanna
Medina, Valentine
Miranda, Andrea
Moncibias, Adam
Moore, Jazmyn
Morris, Lance
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Silva, Rosanna
Silva, Roxanna
Small, Brianna
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Toland, Dalton
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Villa, Jessica
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Ashton Burton
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Dakota Carroll
Melisa Chhuor
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Brandon Elam
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Brandi Espinoza
Ricky Esquivel
Justin Gonzales
Tara Gordon
Carrie Harlan
Alex Hook
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Baylee Lewis
Kaylee Lord
Vito Martinez
Shawn McVey
Karissa Medina
Skye Moffett
Nicole Molter
Xalee Northcutt
Megan Quintana
Jenee Payne
Chad Pechacek
Brianne Perry
Marcie Phillips
Michael Realsola
Taylor Reed
Laura Reigh
Johnna Reyes
Tania Rodriguez
Leslie Rosas
Makenna Scott
Jeffrey Stewart
Logan Tabor
Jordan Tippens
Blaire Toombs
Will Toombs
Yessenia Villalobos
A-B Honor Roll
Chelsea Alarcon
Regina Alarcon
Alex Alcala
Kanesha Anderson
Wesley Anderson
Celeste Archuleta
Kaitlin Bass
Devin Blackwell
Sam Blythe
Kevin Bowers
Jacoree Brooks
Krysha Burleson
Sarah Cearley
Taran Clemmons
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Noah Cortez
Brayden Culwell
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Richard De Luna
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Jessica Elizondo
Clayton Eubanks
Annie Ezell
Geovanny Facio
Francisco Fonseca
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Kristi Guerrero
Bryan Hamlin
Jacob Johnson
Jonathan Kerr
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Raven Luna
Allen Mehrafshan
Sarah Parmer
Micayla Redman
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Emanuel Hernandez
Melanie Hernandez
Michelle Hernandez
Keagan Herrley
Clayton Hirt
Kendra Iglehart
Rubi Jaimes
Lesa Jones
Amanda Kerr
Kirk Krop
Kayla Liccardi
Jake Linebarger
Ashley Luna
Stephen Luna
Hollynn Manlief
Alexandrea Martinez
Constance Martinez
Carson Matthies
Clinton McFatridge
Chantell McGaha
Patrick Meighen
Amber Mills
Brittney Mitchell
Savanah Molina
Zeke Muniz
Yolanda Munoz
Sharla Nolan
Antonio Perales
Daniel Peterson
Shanekia Pruitt
Brandy Pyburn
Joshua Qualls
Bailey Richardson
Alex Rieser
Mariah Robbins
Erma Rodriquez
Zachary Salazar
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Megan Villegas
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Hunter Waldon
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Jordan Wright
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Kasey Young
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Alayna Alexander
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Brent Bollinger
Tanner Butler
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Devin Davidson
Lance Day
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Ashley Gregory
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Tanner Lee
Robert Martinez
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Craig Robertson
Allison Sharrock
Jonathan Speegle
Loren Toombs
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John Wesson
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Kristina Arteaga
Kaden Billingsley
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Dylan Bunch
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Kristina Chandler
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Jordan Derryberry
Stacey Elam
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Travis Hatfield
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Cristina Resendiz
Gregorio Resendiz
Cayelea Rhodes
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Zachary White
Seth Wickson
Michelle Yruegas

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Brock Bethel
Brianna Bradshaw
Austin Cullifer
Zachary Goodwin
Savannah Herrera
Hannah Mayo
Makyna Roberts
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Kalie Elam
Ty Fontenot
Dakota Russell
Dax Stokes

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Grant Flowers
Hope Fontenot
Tyler Goodwin
Morgan Jones
Stefanie Juarez
Brady Ledbetter
Caleb Martin
Leslie Martini
Blair McCowen
Kurt Shafer
Jared Smith
Aaron Steelman
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Jared Cotton
Kaleb Derryberry
Rebecca Gunset
Josh Mayes
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Ryan Dennis
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David Wooldridge
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Sarah Kellner
Jimmy Markworth
Tyler Mayes

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Tanner Martin
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Gabriel Patterson
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Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Rebecca Jones
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Seth Cotton
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John Martini
Jonathan Mayes
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Averie Pearcy
Rosemary Rivera
Jessica Steelman
Daniel Wooldridge

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Former executive with Enron Corporation reaches settlement with SEC

By The Associated Press

The former chief accounting officer for Enron Corp.'s long-defunct energy trading unit on Thursday agreed to pay $500,000 to settle Securities and Exchange Commission allegations of manipulating earnings.

A civil complaint filed Thursday by the SEC said Wesley H. Colwell, 40, and others at Enron used trading profits to offset losses in a retail energy unit. The complaint also said they squirreled away higher-than-expected trading profits to report in future quarters to smooth out volatility.

According to the complaint, Colwell inflated values of assets to make Enron appear to have met earnings targets.

Colwell didn't immediately return a message left at his home by The Associated Press. Luis Mejia, a lawyer in the SEC's enforcement division, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra declined comment on whether crimiminal charges were forthcoming. He said Colwell was cooperating with the Justice Department investigation.

The complaint didn't mention others at Enron by name or title except to note that Colwell, "along with others at Enron," participated in schemes to falsely beautify the scandal-ridden energy company's books. Enron collapsed in December 2001 amid revelations of hidden debt, inflated profits and accounting tricks.

From September 1999 through February 2002, Colwell was chief accounting officer of Enron Wholesale Services, the umbrella organization over Enron North America, the company's once-envied trading unit that spawned copycats among peers in the energy sector.

He worked for the previous 17 years at Arthur Andersen LLP, the withered accounting firm convicted last year on charges of trying to thwart an SEC investigation by destroying Enron-related documents.

Swiss investment bank UBS Warburg acquired the trading unit and hired most of its employees — including Colwell — in early 2002, but the business failed to take off as energy trading dried up in the fallout of Enron's implosion. UBS pulled the plug on the Houston operation in December and consolidated its consolidated trading operation in Stamford, Conn.

Specific manipulations alleged in the SEC complaint include:

—In 2000, Colwell and others deferred more than $400 million in earnings into reserve accounts in the trading unit when profits greatly exceeded internal earnings targets to ease the appearance of volatility.

—In the first two quarters of 2001, Colwell used reserve accounts within the trading unit to mask more than $1 billion in losses incurred by Enron's money-losing retail energy unit, Enron Energy Services.

—Colwell used other means to mask EES losses, including transferring uncollectible EES receivables and charging EES write-downs and losses to the trading unit. In the first quarter of 2001, EES losses hidden in the trading unit surpassed $700 million. In the second quarter that year, hidden losses exceeded $300 million.

—Colwell and others inflated the value of Mariner Energy Inc., an oil and gas exploration company, by $100 million in the fourth quarter of 2000 to appear to have met earnings targets.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Closed for Columbus Day
TUESDAY
Boneless Barbecue Ribs
Baked Beans
Potatoes O'Brien
Tossed Salad
Sugar Cookie
WEDNESDAY
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Cucumber/Onion Salad
Pineapple Pudding
Cornbread
THURSDAY
Chicken Spoonbread
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Pecan Pie
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Pinto Beans
Boiled Okra
Creamy Cole Slaw
Peach Cobbler

Senior Center News

The Community Sing will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday in the center dining room. Everyone is invited. Volunteers will provide the entertainment.

The Scurry County Senior Center will be closed Monday, in observance of Columbus Day. The center will reopen Tuesday for regular hours 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The center is located at 2603 Avenue M. Call 573-4035 for more information.

The election for the Senior Citizens representative to the Advisory Board was held Monday and Tuesday and Peggy Eubanks was elected.

Join us for the School Days Party Thursday. We encourage everyone to dress in the clothes similar to their "school days era." Bring pictures, jackets, blankets, or any other school days memorabilia. Bring your treasures by 10 a.m. and stay for the choir program at 11 a.m. and lunch at 12.

The Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for October 21st at noon in the conference room at the center. The group will have lunch followed by the business meeting. They invite others to join them in the organization of a new group.

MONDAY
Closed for Columbus Day.
TUESDAY

Since we will be closed on Monday, Seniors who enjoy bridge are welcome to play at 9:30 a.m. seniors can also enjoy eighty-eight, dominoes, and pool. The swimnastics class at Western Texas College pool meets Tuesday & Thursday 10-11 a.m.

Beginning at 1 p.m. seniors may enter an eighty-eight tournament. Social Security agents from Big Spring will be at the center from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-2 p.m. Clients are served on a first come first serve basis. We do not make appointments.

WEDNESDAY

Join us for a fun day at the center. Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10 a.m. and pinochle at 1 p.m. We will serve gourmet coffee while we play bingo.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. in the bridge room. Swimnastics at WTC is 10-11 a.m. Join us at 10 a.m. at the center with school days memorabilia, enjoy refreshments, and the Sunshine Choir performance at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Seniors may have their blood pressure read from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the quilting area. The bridge tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m.

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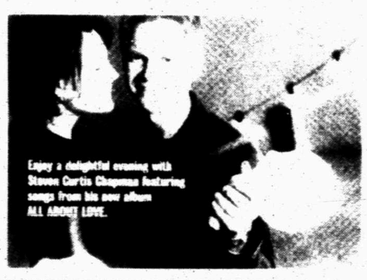

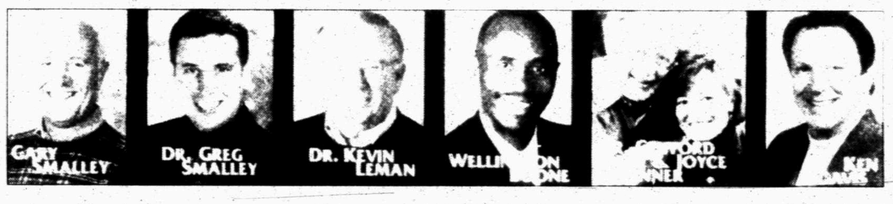

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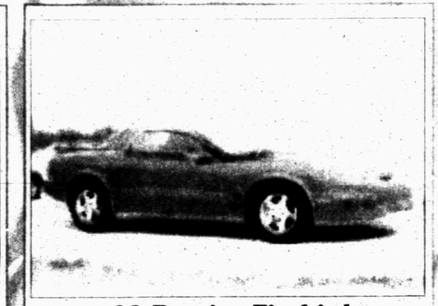
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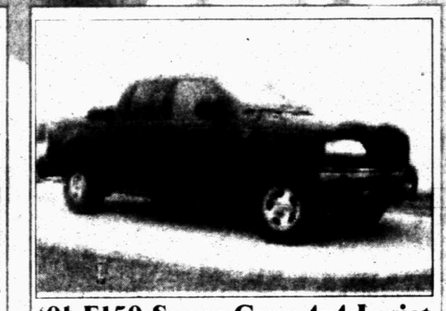
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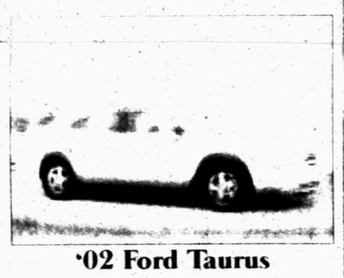
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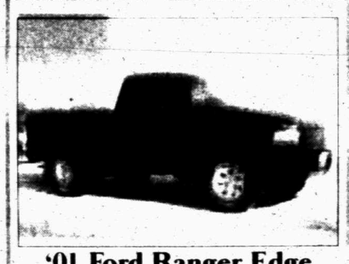
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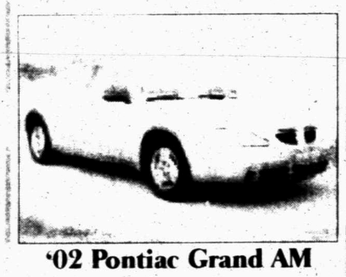
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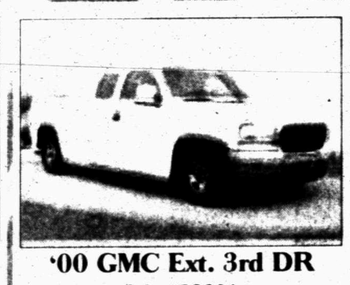
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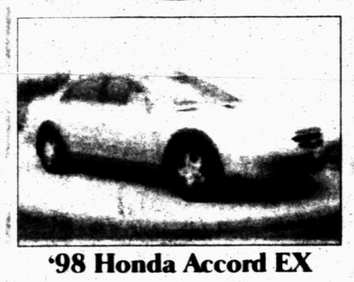
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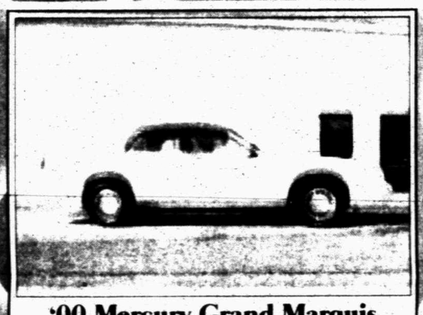
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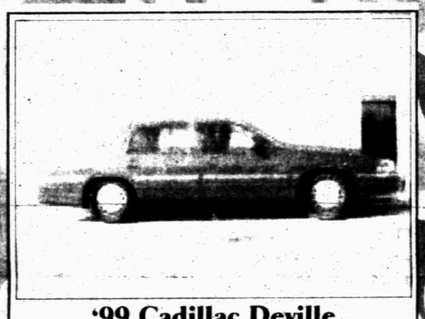
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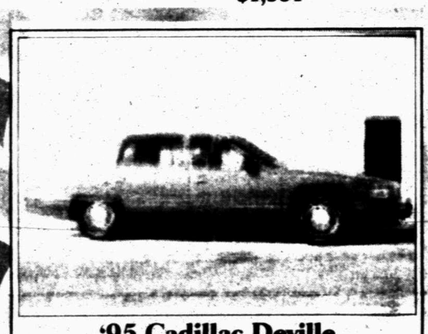
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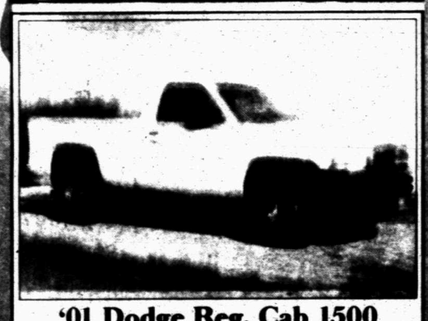
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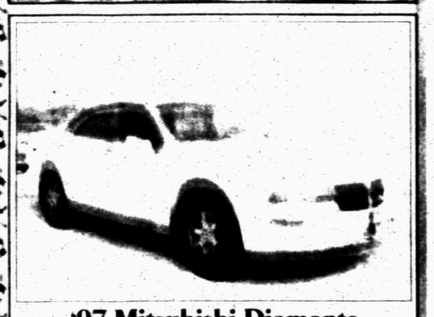
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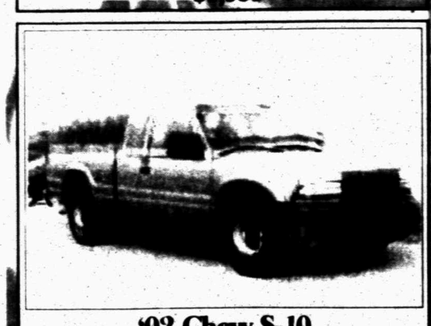
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Everybody a winner with SACROC project

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

A first-time traveler on FM 1611 between Hwy. 180 and U.S. 84 would certainly be amazed at all the construction activity.

A reader of Snyder's sales tax receipts over the past year might also be amazed at the percentage increase the community has enjoyed in 2003.

It probably would not take that person long to put the two together and realize that the Kinder Morgan expansion has been a giant boost to the Snyder economy.

The community is reaping a 26-plus percent gain in sales tax revenue for the year and most all of it is contributed to the Kinder Morgan project that is keeping motels full, groceries being bought, as well as other necessities.

For the year, the city has reaped $1,362,034 in sales tax rebates as compared to $1,077,495 the same time last year.

Prior to Kinder Morgan arriving in Scurry County three years ago, the storied SACROC unit was all but played out.

Since that time, however, the company has pumped millions of cubic feet of CO2 into the ground and millions of dollars into the local economy — and the investment is paying dividends, for everyone.

Kinder Morgan currently is two-thirds complete with this stage of a two-year $210 million expansion project at the SACROC unit.

Today's production is much higher than what it was a decade ago, when Pennzoil took over operations of the unit from Chevron and initiated a turn around plan.

Since that time, Devon Energy and now Kinder Morgan has taken over operation of the unit and production continues to increase steadily after a low of 7,000 barrels per day.

The Canyon Reef formation is currently producing an average of 21,000 to 22,000 barrels of oil per day.

A 16-inch pipeline is completed and being used to carry CO2 from Denver City to Snyder.

The construction ongoing at the SACROC unit is the installation of six new compressors that will inject the larger mass of CO2 into the formation.

With the pipeline and other construction at the SACROC unit, the company is investing $210 million in Scurry County over a two-year period.

"We are heavily committed to Scurry County and Snyder and the SACROC unit," said Pete Hagist, SACROC unit supervisor. "This is a 20-year program and we are going to make it work for everyone."

The company hopes to generate 200 million barrels of oil over the next 20 years.

When construction and installation is complete, the SACROC unit will be home to 33 compressors at work 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Presently, some 23 of these units are operating.

The gas, mined in Colorado and piped to West Texas, is injected into the formation to lower the viscosity — or thickness — of the oil, making it easier to draw it from the ground.

Currently, Kinder Morgan employs from 85 to 90 people at its Snyder offices, but with contractors in town for construction, the number of contract jobs are well into the hundreds with the construction.

While the number of drilling rigs and workover units may not compare with the heyday of the early '50s, it's the closest thing to a boom in more than 50 years.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW — Snyder's Edwin Jackson took this aerial view of the Kinder Morgan CO2 plant Sept. 24. The area northwest of Snyder is a flurry of activity as company employees and numerous contractors work to extend the life of the field. The company already has increased production from a low of 7,000 to more than 21,000 barrels a day.

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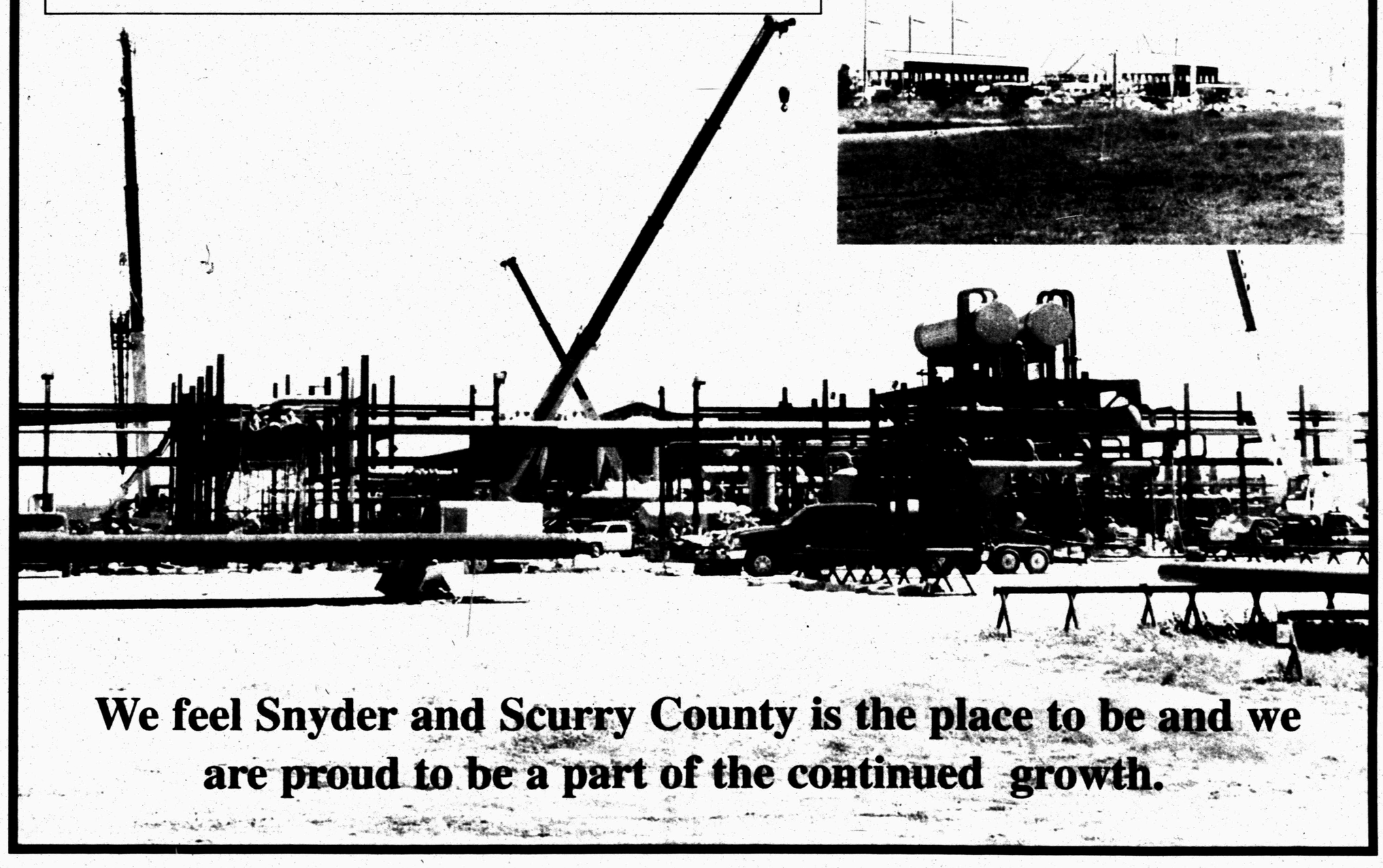

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New residents filled church pews in the 1950s

(Editor's note: As new residents moved to Snyder, churches grew and new ones were built. Here's a sample of church news in 1953.)

The new two-story light tan brick veneer building of the Avenue D Baptist Church will open for public inspection Sunday at 3:30 o'clock following services beginning at 1:45 o'clock.

The building represents one of three units the congregation hopes to construct. An auditorium will probably be the next unit, the Pastor Floyd Strickland said. They hope to begin construction on it in about three years. The completed units will form a U. The present auditorium seats about 230 persons.

Included are 5,400 square feet in the new structure with 11 classrooms, a two-room nursery, pastor's study, secretary's office, the auditorium and rest rooms.

A full day's services and activities are planned for Sunday's opening of the 37th Street Church of Christ, which has been under construction for the past seven months.

The church will open its day's activities at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning with its regular Bible classes and will hold its morning worship service at 10:45 o'clock with Warder K. Novak, the new minister, speaking.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Ted Norton, minister of the Twenty-fifth Street Church of Christ, will speak at a one hour service, and the church will hold an open house for the public from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock that afternoon. At 7:30 o'clock the regular evening service will be held.

BUILDING COST

J.L. Browning, a member of the building committee, said the new church was built by members of the Twenty-fifth Street group at a total cost of about $130,000, including the lot. Other members of the building committee are Claude McCormick, John Voss, Gordon Smith and Earl McDow. Contractor was Paden Construction Co. of Brownfield.

Browning said that the membership of the new church will include all those from the downtown church who wish to move their membership there. The new church will select its own elders from the new congregation, he said.

A house for the minister of the church is anticipated for the future, Browning said, adding that it will be built at the corner of Thirty-sixth Street and Avenue Z on the same block as the church.

The new building's auditorium, which is about 50 feet by 95 feet, will seat about 600 persons, Browning said. Just east of and adjoining the auditorium is a junior auditorium which has panel doors and can be opened to provide more seating space in the larger auditorium. An east wing of the building has nine classrooms of various size. A breezeway is built at the front of the building between the auditorium and the wing.

At the north end of the building and behind the pulpit are the minister's study and three dressing rooms. There are two sets of rest rooms in the building.

Just inside the entrance of the auditorium is a foyer and a "bawl room" is built with windows so mothers with babies can see the minister and a speaker is provided so those in the sound-proof room can hear the minister.

Central heating and air conditioning are provided in the new building. The air conditioning is built so that it can cool any part of the building without being turned into other parts of the building, Browning said.

Services marking the organization of the Green Hills Baptist Church from the Green Hills Mission will beheld Sunday, the Rev. Jack O'Neal, pastor, said.

The mission church has operated under the guidance of the First Baptist Church for the last two and one-half years. It will begin its work as a co-operating member of the Southern Baptist Convention with a charter membership of 150 persons.

The organizational program will begin at 10:30 Sunday morning. A sandwich lunch will be served at the church at noon, and the Rev. E. K Shepherd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be the speaker for a service at 2 o'clock. The evening program will consist of the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Plans are being completed for the first revival meeting of the church, which will open July 15 and continue for two weeks. The Rev. Roy Shahan, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Post, will be the revival speaker.

The Green Hills congregation will begin its work as a church in a building free of debt, Mr. O'Neal said. The present building was occupied on Oct. 5, 1952, and the congregation already has hopes of beginning work on a new auditorium early in September, he added. The Sunday school classes now have enrolled about 225 persons, more than double the number when the mission was begun, and the addition of a new auditorium would increase the classroom space as well as providing other facilities.

The Rev. Carlos McLeod was the first pastor of the Green Hills mission, serving it for about six months. Mr. O'Neal came to the mission from the Union Baptist Church. He has driven about 40,000 miles to attend classes at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth during his work with the congregation, and now lacks less than a year toward having earned his doctor of divinity degree.

The first building occupied by the Green Hill mission was one formerly owned by the Union Baptist Church. It was moved from Union when the new building there was completed.

Mrs. Tennie E. Bynum will turn the first shovel of dirt at the ground breaking ceremony Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the new $35,000 Church of the Nazarene to be built at the corner of Thirtieth Street and Avenue G.

Mrs. Bynum, who now lives at Carlsbad, was a charter member of the Snyder church.

Construction will begin the following day. The tentative plans are for a white brick veneer building 40 feet wide by 93 feet long with a 34 by 32-foot wing. The educational department will be housed in the wing which is to be two stories. The upper story is to be completed on the inside at a later date, according to the pastor, the Rev. Henry C. Thomas.

The auditorium will seat about 200 with overflow facilities for another 100 persons. Included in the building will be about 14 classrooms, secretary's office, pastor's study and restrooms.

Plans are for the building to be completed in about three months, Mr. Thomas said.

Dr. M. E. Sadler, president of Texas Christian University, will speak for dedication services at the First Christian Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Clifford Taylor Jr. of Fort Worth, former pastor of the congregation, will assist in the service. The church choir will present two anthems, "Bless This House" and "My God and I" with Mrs. N. N. Rodgers as organist.

Invitations have been sent to many former members of the church and others for the dedication service, the Rev. Glenn Ricketts, pastor of the church, said.

Services were held in the new building on 37th Street for the first time last Sunday. Delegations from churches in Lubbock, San Angelo and Sweetwater have already signified their intentions of attending the services, and visitors are also expected from several other Christian churches in this area.

A reception and open house for the church building and the parsonage is to follow the dedication program. The Women's Fellowship will have charge of arrangements and refreshments at the reception.

Youth services of the church will be omitted Sunday night, Mr. Ricketts said, because of the dedication and reception to follow. The evening service and a baptismal service are planned in connection with the worship program.

Mr. Ricketts will speak at both and morning and evening worship services. His topic for the morning sermon will be "The Lord's Building." The evening message is "United We Stand."

The Bethel Assembly, a new church forming here, will begin a revival Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock to run an estimated two weeks.

The assembly meets in the old Calvary Baptist Church at 1000 13th Street.

A permanent minister has not been announced yet.

Dedication services for the new building of St. John's Episcopal Church at Avenue V and Forty-second Street will be held at 7:30 Sunday night.

The Rt. Rev. George Quarterman, bishop of the North Texas Missionary District of the Episcopal Church, will conduct the dedication services. He will be assisted by the Rev. Robert Purrington of Sweetwater, who is minister of the church.

A confirmation service in honor of the bishop will be held following the services, with arrangements in charge of the Women's Auxiliary.

St. John's Church was organized in 1949 under the leadership of the Rev. James Butler. The building, located on land given by Mrs. H.G. Towle, has been under construction for the last three months and is now in final stages of completion. It is the first Episcopal Church building to be used in Snyder since 1945 when Grace Episcopal Church disbanded and their building was sold.

Sunday school classes for nursery and kindergarten groups will begin Nov. 1 at 10 o'clock in the church building. Courses for older groups are planned to start within the next few weeks.

The Bishop's Committee, the governing body of St. John's Church, is headed by C. B. Keever, warden. Other members are Charles Lamb, secretary, and Jack Neale, treasurer; Robert G. Wilson, building committee chairman, and Bob McAlister, Sunday school superintendent.

The annual bazaar of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church will open at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at the church.

A baked food sale will be included in the bazaar, and pie and coffee will be served throughout the day. Turkey dinners will be served starting at 5 o'clock. Plates will be $1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children.

OIL BOOM GROWTH — Snyder's population grew during the oil boom years, sparking construction projects like Snyder National Bank. (Contributed Photo)

First chamber of commerce barbecue held Aug. 9, 1953

(Editor's note: The first chamber of commerce barbecue was held Aug. 9, 1953.)

Judge O. F. Dent brought the house down with his antics at the first annual chamber of commerce barbecue last night in a short discussion on atomic energy.

Dent, former head of the state county judges and commissioners association, carried on for about 10 minutes with his comedy, then emerged into a brief common-sense talk in straight tongue.

About 210 persons heard Dent after being served barbecue in the stock barn at Towle Memorial Park.

In his talk, Dent said the world is living in a "Zipper age," at about 80 miles per hour. "We don't have long to live and want to hurry up and live it," he said.

The country should go back to the principles on which it was founded, Dent said, adding that much would be solved if persons would only slow down and think. He used as an example the disappearance of the front porch, where persons several years ago sat to think, from the modern homes.

Dent congratulated residents here on their participation in the Colorado River Municipal Water District, explaining that projects like the district's dam indicated that some persons are still attempting to solve their own problems. The district has had no federal aid in building its dam or in operation.

Don Jones of Abilene sang four songs for the audience, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Crowell.

Dent was introduced by Dr. Cecil Yarbrough, superintendent of schools. Ralph Geisenhoner, vice president of the Snyder National Bank, was master of ceremonies.

J. T. Hughes was general chairman for the supper, aided by Stanley Noah and Turner Beard. On the food committee were Noah, Don Hire, and Bob Crowell. The serving committee, headed by Olan Griffin, included Jim Mixon, Carl Whitfield, Miller, Clyde Godwin, Leighton Griffin, Jack Emel and U. D. Walker.

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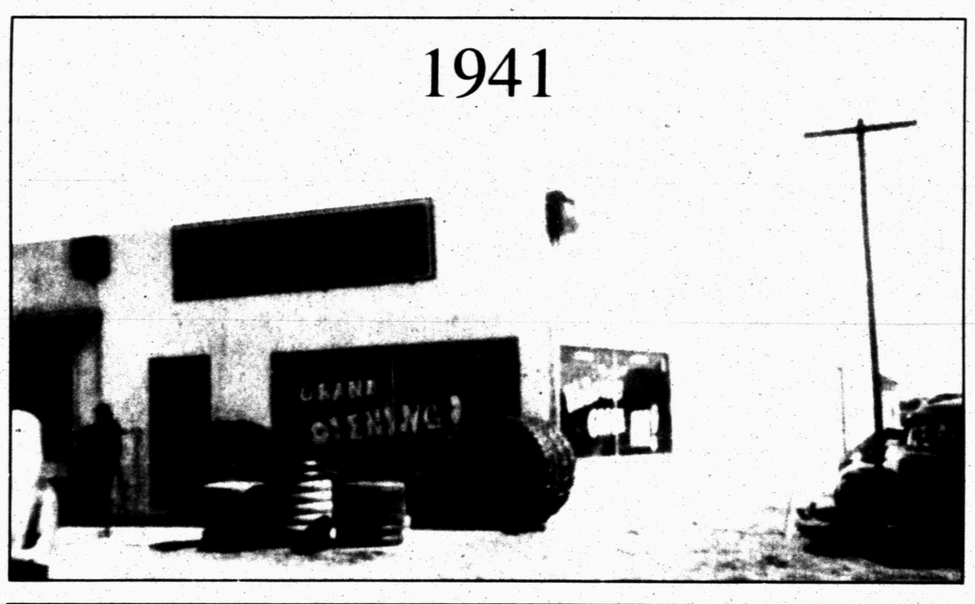

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Commercial airline service finally arrived

(Editor's Note: It took months to get commercial airline service to Winston Field, but it finally came. The following is a series of articles on the airline issue.)

Jan. 20

Snyder's chances stand at "considerably less than 50-50" in securing air service to Winston Field, according to Harding Lawrence, vice president of Pioneer Airlines in a meeting in Dallas with a committee representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Going to Dallas yesterday for the two-hour hour discussion with Lawrence were James Rosser, C. T. McLaughlin, Herbert Feather and J. T. Hughes.

Jan. 23

Snyder and Scurry County residents submitted their final brief to the Civil Aeronautics Board preceding the board's final hearing in Washington within the next two months.

In the brief, proposals were made to give Winston Field here two of Sweetwater's six flights served by Pioneer Air Lines. The brief asked for one south and east bound flight and one north and west bound.

The brief stated that air pledges indicated more than 500 trips a month from here if service is granted.

The brief asks for a trial period of one year.

April 5

Although Snyder may be forced to wait a long time for service from an airline, the county airport at Winston Field is not "wasting away," members of the airport board and several other persons here have said.

Some persons were saying that the $800,000 airport will not be of any value to the county without air service.

Bob Collins, airport manager, reported this week that about 75 planes a month land at Winston Field, most of them belonging to oil firms and other businesses connected with the oil industry.

Aug. 4, 1953

No definite date has been set for beginning of air service in Snyder by Pioneer Air Lines, Bob Crowell, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said today.

Crowell said that James Rosser, chairman of the chamber's aviation committee, talked by telephone yesterday with Harding Lawrence, a vice president of Pioneer, but could not be given a definite starting date for the services because Pioneer has not received delivery on some Douglas DC-3s leased recently.

Lawrence told Rosser that Pioneer had received three of nine planes leased, but the rest were not delivered.

The Civil Aeronautics Board has made provisions for handling of air mail from Snyder by Pioneer on its two flights daily authorized on the Abilene-Midland route of the line.

Crowell said that R. T. Busbee, owner of the Yellow Cab Co. here, has been negotiating with Pioneer officials for a franchise to operate limousine service from downtown Snyder to Winston Field, and to haul mail between the post office and airport, but that details have not been worked out.

Lawrence said that preparations are being made by his company to send one man to Snyder who will be in charge of their passenger, freight and mail service from here.

"We should have air service within the next two weeks," Crowell said.

Sept. 27

A full schedule is provided from 1 o'clock until 6 o'clock this afternoon at Winston Field in observance of the inauguration of air service to Snyder, according to Herbert Feather, chamber of commerce president.

Service will be started tomorrow by Pioneer Air Lines, which was authorized to provide Snyder with two roundtrips daily on a one-year temporary basis.

Beginning at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, open house will be held at the field. The terminal building and field will be open for inspection and refreshments will be served to the public.

The regular Midland-Odessa to Abilene flight will arrive here at 1:11 o'clock and at 1:15 o'clock it will depart with 13 officials of the county, city, and airport board. At 1:16 o'clock, a special flight will leave for Breckenridge, carrying about 13 more persons from Snyder.

Those on the inaugural flights will go to Breckenridge to meet Gen. Robert Smith, Pioneer president; Harding L. Lawrence, vice president of traffic and sales; Herman Adcox, general traffic and sales manager; Tom E. Nance, superintendent of stations; and Jack R. Kemp, director of public relations.

The Pioneer officials, the two Snyder groups and a party from Breckenridge will return here, with the special flight arriving at 3:55 o'clock and regular flight at 4:06 o'clock.

At 1:20 o'clock, a static display from Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, will be open for inspection, remaining open until 5 o'clock. The display will include a T-33 jet trainer, T-23 propeller-driven trainer, C-47, and B-25, as well as an L-19 from the 112th Armored Cavalry, National Guard unit of which the Snyder company is a part.

The Snyder guard unit will be in charge of all ground traffic. Coming with the Webb group will be trained personnel to explain operation of planes on display, as well as a group of airmen to view the inaugural ceremony.

At 4:30 o'clock, four T-33 jets will fly over the field in diamond formation, led by Lt. Col. James A. Wilson, pilot training group commander at Webb. Immediately following the flight, the inauguration ceremony will be held.

James Rosser, attorney who represented the county and city in securing air service here and chairman of the chamber aviation committee, will be master of ceremonies. He will give a welcome talk and a history of commercial aviation in Snyder.

Talks at the ceremony will be made by Smith, County Judge Edgar Taylor, Mayor Harry Holbrook, Feather, and Col. Fred M. Dean, commander of Webb Air Force Base.

Pioneer is also inaugurating air service to Breckenridge and Mineral Wells tomorrow. Smith and the other Pioneer officials will attend a Breckenridge ceremony tomorrow morning before coming here.

Flights from Midland-Odessa to Abilene will arrive here at 1:11 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8:23 o'clock at night. Westbound flights from Abilene to Midland-Odessa will arrive here at 9:14 o'clock in the morning and at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Three minutes is allotted for each stop.

Provided in the service here will be air passenger service, airmail, which includes air parcel post; air express, and air freight. Pioneer has a temporary agreement with R. T. Busbee of Yellow Cab Co. to pick up and deliver air express and to furnish cab service between Snyder and Winston Field.

Jim Babcock, Pioneer station manager here, and his two agents have been working for several days to prepare the station here for service. The two agents are Dewey Thames, who came here from Big Spring, where he had been with Pioneer more than four months, and Lyman Bryant, a Snyder resident who is newly employed with the firm.

Included in equipment installed here is weather facilities. A ceiling light will be used to shine the base of the clouds so that agents can measure the air ceiling, while an anemometer will show wind direction and velocity.

Mail was still coming in late yesterday at the post office for the first flight cover, according to H. D. Moreland, postmaster and member of the county airport board. Moreland estimated that between 1,000 and 1,500 letters had already arrived to be sent from Snyder on the first flight, and he expected more this morning.

Babcock said that reservations and information can be secured by telephone at the terminal building. The Pioneer number is 3-3711.

The county will continue the operations at the airport, working with Pioneer and providing landing, storage, and service facilities for private planes. County operations at the airport are under supervision of the county airport board headed by Sam Joyce. J. J. Dyer is vice chairman

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Beauty contest held at pool

(Editor's note: A beauty contest was held at the new swimming pool in Towle Park in conjuction with the July 4th holiday in 1953.)

Miss Colleen Soles, 19-year-old Texas Christian University student, won first place in the Kiwanis Club beauty contest last night over 16 other girls at the swimming pool at Towle Memorial Park.

Miss Soles, who lives on route 3, was chosen sweetheart of the TCU band last fall.

The contest, which was attended by more than 3,000 persons, lasted one and one-half hours. The contestants were paraded around the pool once, then back down the side of the pool in front of the judges stand another time. The top five contestants were chosen and paraded before the judges again.

As winner of the contest, Miss Soles will receive a loving cup from the Kiwanis Club and a train case from Dunlap's.

Others placing in the contest and their prizes were Miss Nancy Jordan, 16, jewelry case from Williams; Miss Peggy Ritter, 16, dress from McDonald's; Miss Jane Houston, 17, dress from Owens; and Mrs. J. D. Wilson, 22, hair styling from Modern Beauty Salon.

Frank Wilson served as master of ceremonies. County Judge Edgar Taylor presented the awards. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Paty of Hermleigh, Mr. And Mrs. J. C. Chorn of Fluvanna, and George Etz of Sweetwater.

Others in the contest were Audralene Head, 17; Betty Koonce, 16; Mrs. Jean Slaughter, 23; Jane Wilson, 19; Barbara Hodnett, 16; Mrs. Maurine Burney, 19; Ann Falls, 19; Barbara Wilson, 16; Doris Crawford, 16; Marge Hilliard, 16; Mrs. Norma Greelee, 22, and Mrs. Martha Hicks, 19.

During the afternoon in other activities of the opening of the new park, the Sweetwater Kiwanis Dodgers downed the Snyder Lions Phillies 9-2 in a Pony League exhibition game.

Before the contest, Miss Billie Biggs, state AAU diving champ, gave a diving and water ballet exhibition for the crowd. Dives by Miss Biggs, an SMU student, were the swan dive, backward dive, half gainer, back jackknife half twist, forward and half somersault, and hand stand front dive.

New buildings big news in Snyder

(Editor's note: New buildings were big news in Snyder in 1953, as indicted by these sample newspaper articles.)

Building permits issued here in January exceeded by almost $100,000 the biggest month of building recorded here during 1952, with a total of 45 permits being issued for construction to cost a total of $288,850.

Practically all the construction was for new housing. Of the 45 permits, 42 were for new homes.

Permits issued included Towle Place Development Co. for seven residences to cost $9,500 each.

Heath & Haney Inc., got permits for three residences at 2802 37th Street, $12,000, 2702 37th Street for $9,000 and 2700 37th Street for $10,000.

Fred Collum got permits for 14 residences on 34th and 35th streets in southeast Snyder for $5,500 each.

Scott and Browning got permits for a residence on Lot 5, Block A of Highland Park for $9,000.

Permits to build 30 new houses in Snyder issued last month pushed the total number of permits issued during March to 37 for construction costing a total of $215,550.

Included in the permits issued were those to Roy E. Davis for 14 residences in Noble Heights for $6,000 each; Scurry County Lumber Co., 4 residences on 34th Street, $7,000 each; Scott and Browning, 4 residences on Avenue B, $7,000 each; a residence at 3309 Avenue A, $6,000; a residence at 3301 Avenue A, $6,000, and a residence at 3742 Sunset Avenue, $9,000.

Permits for the construction of 21 houses, two business buildings and a new church pushed permits to more than a quarter million dollars in April and a total of $825,438 for the year.

The largest permit issued last month was for the First Christian Church building being constructed on 37th Street at Austin Avenue.

The second largest permit was issued to Theo Lamb for the construction of a new residence in West Ridge Heights Addition. The house is to cost $40,000.

Walter Hales is starting 53 new houses in Towle Place. Grading of lots for the new houses to be built as an addition to Towle Place in southwest Snyder will begin today, Hales, owner of the property, said. To be 2 and 3 bedroom sizes, the new houses will be in the $8,500 to $14,000 price range and all will have brick trimmed fronts.

The development of another new area in southwest Snyder named Highland Terrace has been announced by J. L. Browning of Scott and Browning Building Co.

Browning said his firm has completed curbing and paving Avenue U from 37th Street to 40th Street. The company will build 20 3-bedroom houses, which will average about 1,000 square feet each. They are priced in the neighborhood of $10,500 with down payments of $750 to $800.

"This is the first project of 3-bedroom houses for GI loans in Snyder," Browning said.

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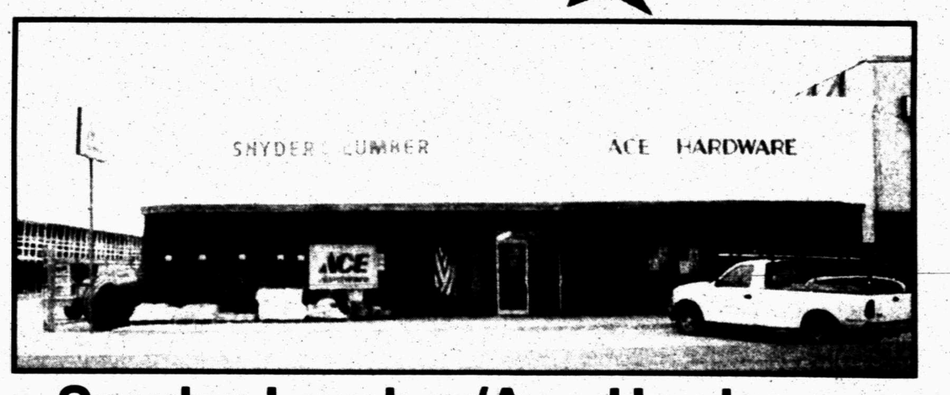

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In 1953, Santa Claus found kids in new locations

(Editor's Note: Snyder had lots of new residents in 1953, so Santa was having to find children in new locations.)

Along with the visit here of Santa Claus Thursday, and the shopping in town, Christmas feasting will begin at 5:30 Thursday afternoon when the Kiwanis Club holds its annual benefit pancake supper.

Ticket sales were reported to be good for the event, which will be held at the high school cafeteria. Tickets cost 50 cents each, and they are good for all the pancakes, butter, bacon and syrup the ticket holder can eat and all the coffee or milk he can drink.

All Kiwanians are selling tickets and they will also be sold at the door during the supper.

To encourage attendants to take advantage of the offer, Kiwanians today announced that they will hold a contest in connection with the supper. All persons eating will be considered contestants and the one eating the most pancakes will be awarded an appropriate prize.

Aunt Jemima will be here for the supper, aiding the club in cooking and serving the supper, as well as furnishing entertainment. Delegations from Odessa and Colorado City were reported to be coming for the supper.

Proceeds for the supper will go into the Kiwanis Club fund for underprivileged children.

Scheduled for 4 o'clock Thursday is the annual visit with Santa Claus who will arrive by plane at Winston Field and will parade downtown with an escort of a fire truck and high school and junior high bands.

With the help of the Lions Club, he will give candy to children who visit him on the south side of the square.

Also beginning Thursday is a Christmas treasure hunt. Several merchants have secured tickets from the chamber of commerce to be given to their customers from Thursday until Dec. 12. No prizes will be given in the hunt until after the period when tickets are given.

During the period from Dec. 13 through Dec. 24, the actual hunt will be held. The chamber will draw winning numbers and distribute them among the participating merchants, who will post them and award prizes to the holders of winning tickets. Winning numbers will be changed every few days.

Merchants are now securing their tickets from the chamber office. The chamber asked any merchant who wishes to participate in the hunt to call the chamber office. Participating merchants furnish the prizes. Among those who will participate are J.C. Penney Co., C. R. Anthony Co., Perry Bros., Franklin's, Stinson Drug, Rogers Men's Wear, Fair Store, McDonald's, Times Printing Co., and Snyder Daily News.

The Optimist Club will begin within a few days to sell Christmas trees here. Gene Best, president of the club, said today that the club is expecting a car load, about 500 to 600 trees, in about two days. The trees, like last year, are Canadian balsam and will be sold from a lot on the east side of Avenue S between 24thrth and 25th Streets, the same lot the club used last year.

Best said the club will have all sizes of trees, even large ones used by large businesses and churches, and will sell them from about $1.50 to $6.50. In addition to the trees, the club will sell special-built wooden stands. Proceeds from the sales will go into the Optimist boys work fund.

Two service clubs are sponsoring decoration contests here during the Christmas season. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a home decoration contest.The Lions Club, which will sponsor a merchants' decoration contest, will announce its rules in the near future.

There seems to be a toy for every type of boy or girl in any age group from one year old to 85 and for every income bracket here, according to merchants who have their shelves packed with Christmas toy selections.

Most merchants reported that toy shopping has already begun for Christmas, with many shoppers using the lay-away plan, which is available in practically every store in town.

While the popular toys for boys range from working equipment — the miniature of those used by construction firms and farmers — to sporting goods, those for girls seemingly never change from the basic housekeeping equipment — dolls, ranges, doll accessories, and various other things just like their mothers use.

There is very little new in the toy line this year, other than a few flying saucers and supersonic ray guns. The flying saucers can be found here for 29 to 95 cents. They work when shot into the air, and they float downward much like a helicopter would perform a landing. The ray guns, which cost about $1.98, are equipped with flashlights and buzzers and can be used for night lights when the boys are not shooting them.

Dolls are available in many types. There are walking, talking, crying and wetting dolls, while some come equipped with makeup kits so the doll's owner can try her hand as a beautician. Others have rooted hair. Dolls are sold in almost any price range. Also popular in that line are stuffed animals, which one merchant says appeal to women as much as they appeal to children. The prices on the animals range from $2 to $12.

In the housekeeping line for girls, merchants here say the popular items include electric ranges for about $4.95, electric irons for $1.98, ironing boards and vacuum cleaners.

Much in demand among boys are the miniature construction items such as road graders, loaders, haulers, tractors, and other models in prices from $6.95 to $15.95 in Snyder.

Always popular among boys are footballs and basketballs, most of which cost between $1 and $5, red wagons at slightly more than $1 to about $15, archery sets, tricycles and many other items.

Almost all the merchants who handle toys reported they have larger assortments of games than ever before. The games include bingo, finance, monopoly, darts, and the more educational games such as "go to the head of the class" and game of the states. They sell from $1 to about $8.

Among the more expensive but popular toys are electric trains, which cost from $15.95 to as much as the buyer wants to pay.

Girl Scout lodge opened in 1953

(Editor's note: Girl Scouts opened their new lodge on 35th Street on Feb. 1, 1953.)

Dedication ceremonies for open house will be held this afternoon at the new Girl Scout meeting lodge in Southwest Snyder.

The new building, constructed under the sponsorship of the Alpha Study Club, is to be open for public inspection until 5 o'clock this afternoon following ceremonies, which begin at 3 o'clock. Location is on Thirty-fifth Street just off Avenue V.

The building was built after a successful $5,000 fund drive carried on by the study club was completed last April. Much of the construction cost and materials were donated. Donations not previously recognized publicity included landscaping by Bell's Flower Shop and draperies donated by the Cosmorama Club.

This afternoon's program will include a presentation speech by Mrs. Maurice Brownfield of the Alpha Study Club and responses by Mrs. C. C. Miller, Girl Scout council chairman, and Mrs. Margaret McAdams, West Texas area executive director of Abilene.

Mrs. J. E. Sentell will sing a patriotic song and the Rev. W. W. Adcock will given the invocation. Mrs. Lila Dodson will act as master of ceremonies. Girl Scout Troop No. 1 will raise the flag to end the program. A social hour will follow.

A house blessing ceremony for the building was held at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9.

Airline service is secured for Snyder

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of the board, and John Blum is secretary. Other members are Moreland and E. H. Williamson. Bob Collins, who has been airport manager several months, will be succeeded Oct. 1 by Buster Pilcher.

Sept. 28

About 3,000 persons attended the open house at the county airport, Winston Field, yesterday to view facilities there as Pioneer Air Lines inaugurated air service to Snyder.

Few persons stayed at the airport long in the 105-degree heat, the hottest in several days, and kept the large cooler containing lemonade dry most of the time.

Gen. Robert Smith, president of Pioneer, commended civic leaders here who "did not recognize the possibility of failure but kept working for the service that will aid the progress of Snyder."

In his short talk, Smith said that Snyder is now only 60 hours away from any other point accessible to man.

County Judge Edgar Taylor made a short commendation talk to all persons who worked for air service here. Also making talks were Mayor Harry Holbrook, Herbert Feather, president of the chamber of commerce, and Col. Fred M. Dean, commander of Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring.

With Dean here were several military planes on display on the field. About 100 enlisted men from Webb, including those in civilian clothing, attended the inaugural ceremony. Four T-33 jet trainers from Webb flew over the field about a dozen times during the ceremony.

James Rosser was master of ceremonies. Rosser gave a brief history of aviation here, from the time the late Dr. H. G. Towle and Dr. John Blum furnished property for a landing field to the time Snyder finally secured air service. He introduced a group of men from Breckenridge who had returned here with Pioneer officials and a Snyder group on the inaugural flight.

The Breckenridge men, who had just completed an inaugural ceremony of their own before coming here, were D. T. Bowles, chamber of commerce president; F. M. Faulkner, mayor; J. W. Morrow, Stephens County judge; Frank S. Roberts, a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce; Ross L. Elliott, legal counsel for the chamber aviation committee; Don Crenshaw, Rotary Club president; Tom Ward, Lions Club president; Jack Cox, first vice president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; B. W. Clegg, immediate past president of the Junior Chamber; Paul Williams, past president of the chamber; and C. K. West, president of Chemical Progress Co.

About 25 Snyder men, including those representing the county, city and airport board, flew to Breckenridge early yesterday afternoon, where they met Smith and his party. They returned here shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the inauguration ceremony followed.

About 1,700 first flight airmail letters were dispatched here yesterday by postal officials. Collectors from all over the world sent letters here to have air mailed back to them. Airmail is one of the regular services furnished here.

Four dispatches will leave here five days a week, while three will be sent out on Saturdays and none on Sundays. Air Freight and air express are also provided.

Jim Babcock, Pioneer station manager here, said three tickets, one to Midland and two to Dallas, were sold yesterday, other than those for the first flight.

Oct. 19

More than four passengers per day have boarded Pioneer Airlines planes at Winston Field since air service began here, according to Jim Babcock, Pioneer station manager.

That average was maintained during the first 22 days of operation, or until yesterday. During the same periods, an average of more than three deplaned here. The averages are four and one-eleventh boarding and three and six-elevenths deplaning.

Babcock said the airline has a good average of landings here, with only four overflights out of 88 scheduled during the 22 days. The four overflights occurred during a cold front here two weeks ago.

The station manager announced schedule changes effective Nov. 1. Flight No. 48, which now leave here east bound at 8:27 at night, will be two hours earlier, leaving here at 6:27 o'clock. It leaves Midland-Odessa on its way here at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. It arrives in Dallas at 8:30 o'clock at night, compared to the 10:38 arrival now on the schedule. Westbound flight No. 43, which now leaves here at 4:12 o'clock in the afternoon, will be 10 minutes later, leaving at 4:22 o'clock. The other two flights will remain the same, with westbound flight No. 41 leaving at 9:19 o'clock in the morning and eastbound No. 46 leaving at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

Flight No. 41 is the most popular westbound flight. A total of 19 persons have boarded on that flight since service began here, while an equal number have been boarded on eastbound No. 48. Twenty-six have boarded No. 46, but that included 13 on the first day's inaugural flight. Eight have boarded No. 43, westbound. Also included in first day activities were 10 boarding special flight No. 10 and 21 on No. 148.

No. 41 is also the most popular incoming flight, deplaning 18 persons since the beginning of service. Flight No. 43, westbound, is also popular, deplaning 30, 14 of them first day passengers. No. 46 has deplaned four and No. 48 has deplaned seven. Nineteen persons flew into Snyder on the first day on special flight No. 243.

Airmail is fair here, Babcock said. Six to seven pounds of airmail per flight have been sent out of Snyder, while about five pounds per flight have arrived here since service began. Babcock said incoming airmail will be much slower than outgoing because persons out of town will become accustomed to the new service slowly.

Babcock said both air freight and air express have been slow here. He said he has put only two shipments of airfreight on planes, while about 11 shipments have arrived here. Express is even slower, with only three or four shipments coming in and none going out.

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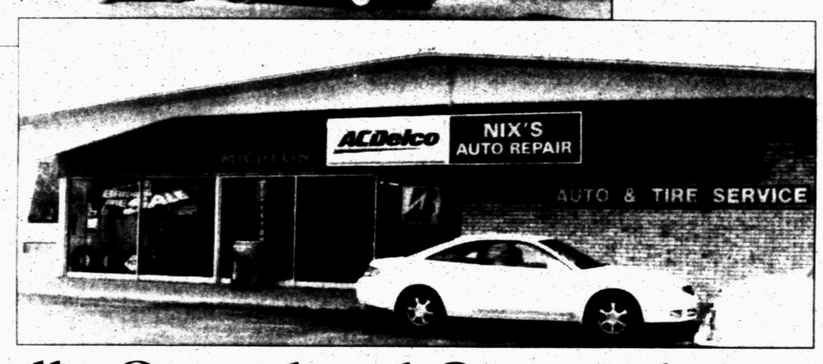

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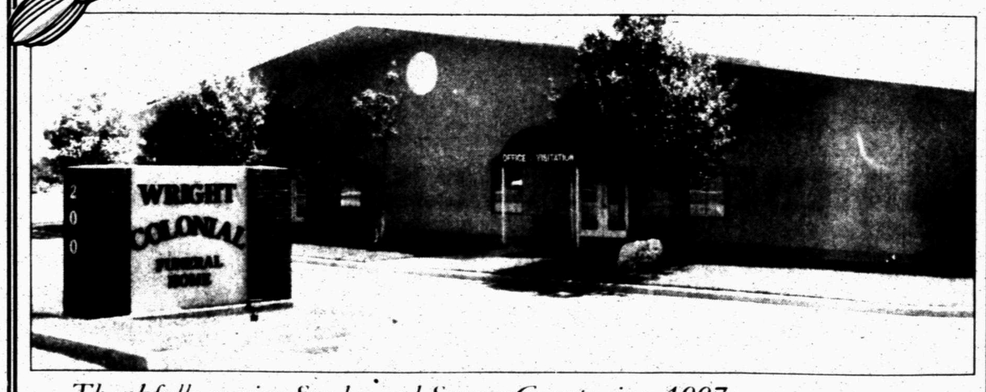

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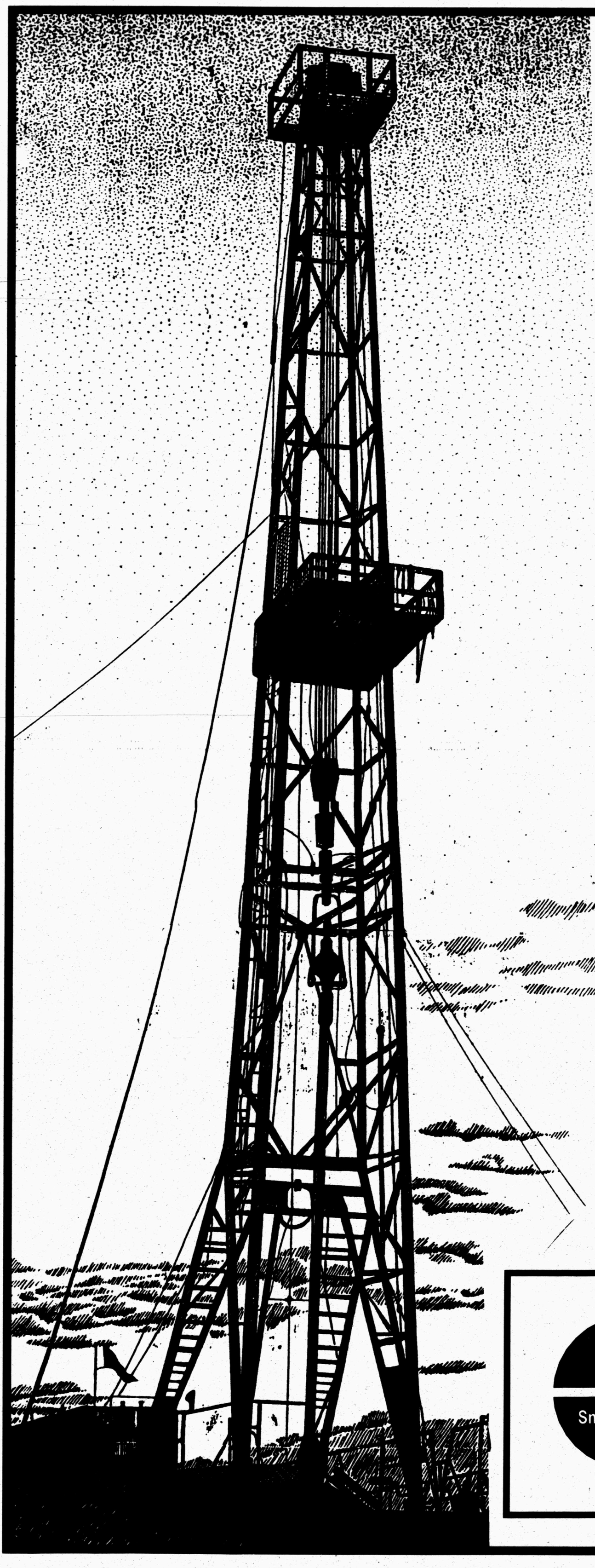

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Social events attracted Snyder residents

(Editor's note: Snyder and Scurry County residents were a sociable lot in 1953. The Snyder Daily News for that year carried stories almost every day about club meetings that were to be held or had been held, Sunday School class meetings and entertainment on weekdays, Parent-Teacher Association meetings, women's study club activities and the meetings and projects of men's clubs.)

Then there were a men's softball league, Little League and Pony League organizations inviting family participation, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, the Quarterback Club and the Carpenter's Local Union. Telephone company employees also had a union.

The Snyder Buzz Bugs were affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics and constructed a flying field at 19th Street and Avenue M.

Women's study clubs apparently had the largest number of groups. There were the Alpha Study Club, the Altrurian Club, the Altrurian Daughters Club, El Feliz, the Acacia Study Club, the Cher Amies, the Cosmorama Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Emanon Club, the Art Guild Study Club and the Book Review Club. Most, if not all, the study clubs were affiliated with a statewide organization.

Their programs, as reported in the Daily News, dealt with serious subjects such as Argentina and Peron Politics and lighter presentations such as Historical New England. Study clubs served a real need in early Scurry County when women had few opportunities to meet with other adult women outside their homes and the programs they presented or heard were mind-enriching outings.

Lucy Curnutte, who was born in Snyder in 1902, remembered learning passages from Shakespeare as a child when her mother repeated them over and over in preparation for a club program she was to present.

Next in popularity were bridge clubs. There was the Monday Duplicate Club, the Couples' Duplicate Club, Sine Cura, the Ace Bridge Club, the Tally Bridge Club, the Standard Bridge Club, the Wednesday Contact Bridge Club, the Leisure Bridge Club and the Saturday Duplicate Club.

The Friendly Fellows 42 Club was an established Snyder group before the oil boom. At least two groups, the Carefree Canasta Club and the Hi-Lo Canasta Club, were new on the scene.

For working women, there was the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Snyder Beauticians Association. The Snyder chapter of the American Association of University Women worked to promote the establishment of a Scurry County library. The Jaycettes and Kiwanians were also service-oriented. Beta Sigma Phi, a nationwide sorority, still has a chapter in Snyder.

The Stumble and Fall Square Dance Club invited couples to join.

For men, there were the Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club and, for young men, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, better known as the Jaycees. The Lions Club, Snyder's oldest service club, and the Jaycees combined their talents to present a minstrel show on Feb. 20 1953 with tickets selling for 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children.

Membership in the Snyder Chamber of Commerce was open to anyone who wanted to help promote the community. For the ladies, there were Home Demonstration Clubs which emphasized homemaking skills along with socializing.

This is not a complete list of Snyder's club in 1953, but it gives an idea of how many there were.

How much effect did television have on organizations in Snyder? Most people agree that it changed how individuals and families spend time now. It's a changing world and fewer people seem inclined to give of their time to be part of organized activities.

First community choir presented 'Messiah'

(Editor's note: A community choir was organized in September, 1953 and its first performance was heard by Mrs. Mary Norton Clovis who was guest reviewer of the Community Choir presentation of "Messiah" in December. Mrs. Clovis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Norton, 2701 Avenue F, was a senior music education major at Abilene Christian College and a member of the Abilene Symphony.)

An organizational meeting for a community choir will be held at 7:30 Thursday night in Snyder High School, Robert Clinton, high school choir director, has announced.

The community choir will function as a part of the adult education program of the schools, Clinton said, and it is hoped that it will include 200 or more persons.

Tentative plans for chorus performances include programs at Christmas and Easter.

Clinton, formerly head of the music department at Cisco Junior College, is beginning his first year of work at Snyder High School. He is also director of the First Methodist Church choir.

"Messiah" was completed in the short span of 24 days. George Fredrick Handel, the composer, was the conductor at the premier performance on April 13, 1742, at a charity concert in Dublin. Since that time parts of it have been sung all over the world by people who love music and who love to sing.

In Snyder yesterday afternoon, that was made evident again by the 150-voice choir composed of people who enjoy singing. Combining the high school choir, various church choirs and others to form the Community Chorus, Robert Clinton, the director, has found great possibilities for bringing good music to Snyder. Anyone who has ever performed in such a community group knows the obstacles are many, but the rewards are great and the memories happy and lasting.

When rehearsals for yesterday's performances were begun in October, only 10 people in the choir were even familiar with the "Messiah." Mr. Clinton undertook a major task in teaching them the six choruses which were included on the program. The teaching presented somewhat of a problem, for rehearsals were held only once weekly. The final result was a tribute to his contagious enthusiasm.

From the opening bars of the very difficult overture in the strains of the well-loved "Hallelujah Chorus" the choir gave a very creditable performance, which showed well the hard work and practice required. Mrs. James Rosser, organist, and Mrs. Novis Rodgers, pianist, shared honors for the very fine accompaniments.

The near-perfect acoustics of the auditorium added to the enjoyment of the performance, since no microphones were needed for the soloists to be heard even though they were not seated at the front of the chorus. This is extremely unusual, and Snyder residents are very fortunate to have such fine auditorium facilities. Only the frequent opening and closing of the doors at the rear of the auditorium distracted from the program.

The soloists included Miss Jane Huestis, soprano, a junior student at McMurry College; Mrs. Ben Brock, a Hardin-Simmons graduate and teacher of music in Sweetwater; Jack Chambliss, tenor, music department head at Cisco Junior College, and Joe Airtene, bass, a sophomore student at Hardin-Simmons University.

All who attended the presentation were well rewarded. Counting upon equal progress in future programs by this community group, we are looking forward to its next appearance.

Membership drive for Civic Music Assn. reported in 1953

(Editor's note: While the oilfields sometimes were rowdy during the boom, there was also a desire for culture. A membership drive for the Civic Music Association was reported on Sept. 6, 1953.)

The second annual membership campaign of the Snyder Civic Music Association is underway and will last through next Saturday.

Headquarters for the group this year are located in the building recently vacated by Frank's Department Store on the west side of the square.

The civic music association brings concert artists and musical attractions to Snyder for performances here.

The association, a non-profit cooperative community group, is operated on a membership basis and admission to concerts is by membership card only with no single admission tickets sold. Membership privileges are open to all persons, the Rev. Ronald Hubbard, president, said.

Officials assisting Mr. Hubbard are M. B. Montgomery, vice president; Mrs. W. T. Dabbs, secretary; H. W. Cargile, treasurer; and A. T. Nicholas, campaign chairman.

The annual kick-off dinner for the campaign workers will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in the cafeteria of West Elementary school.

Mrs. Genevieve Richter, New York representative of Civic Concert Services Inc., will explain campaign materials to the drive workers at that dinner. She will remain here to assist in the drive next week, Mr. Hubbard said.

Team chairmen for divisions of the membership campaign include Mrs. E. N. Baker, R. B. Fulcher, Mrs. E. P. Ketner, James Kincaid, Mrs. Armor McFarland, Mrs. C. C. Miller, Ms. Melvin B. Montgomery, Mrs. Waldo Montgomery, Tom Phillips and Mrs. James Rosser.

The membership campaign lasts one week. After the end of the week, membership lists are closed, and the funds accumulated from the pooling of dues are deposited in a local bank. The amount necessary for operating expenses is set aside and the entire balance is used for engaging artists.

Artists for appearances here are selected by a talent committee composed of the executive officers and other representative citizens most active in the association, and only artists of national reputation will be engaged, Mr Hubbard said.

During the past season the association presented here Ferrante and Teicher, duo-pianists; Roberts and Walker, a program of Gilbert and Sullivan music in costume; the Railoffs, a joint recital of violin and piano; the National Operatic Sextet; and Hugh Thompson, Metropolitan Opera baritone.

Concerts this year will be held in the auditorium of the new high school. Telephone number of campaign headquarters is 3-6997.

Nov. 6 Pianist Opens Season Next Week

First curtains of Snyder's 1953-54 Civic Music Association will roll Nov. 17 when Robert McDonald, pianist, is to be guest artist.

Membership in the steadily growing association totals more than 700 for the season.

Following McDonald on Dec. 15 will be the Kell Players, an ensemble headed by clarinetist Reginald Kell. Lanny Ross and Irra Petina along with Hugh Thompson and Lillian Shelby will share in the presentation of Sigmund Romberg's music on March 9. Claramae Turner, whose contralto voice has brought her into prominence from coast to coast, will be featured in the final program on April 15.

Hillside Memorial Gardens was established in 1953

(Editor's note: Hillside Memorial Gardens was a 1953 addition to the community.)

The first new cemetery for Snyder in about 60 years is being established by the Memorial Gardens Association of Kansas City, Mo., which has opened an office here for Hillside Memorial Gardens.

The office is at 2612 Avenue S. The cemetery will be almost a mile south of the Y on the east side of the Colorado City highway.

Up to now, only one cemetery has been in use here. It is the Snyder Cemetery north of town which has been in use about 60 years.

Regular visiting hours will be conducted at the cemetery after it is completed. Religious music will be played through speakers on the grounds and personnel will be on hand to answer questions of visitors. The hours will be from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock each Sunday afternoon. Visitors are welcome at any time during or outside those hours the manager, J. A. Duckett, said.

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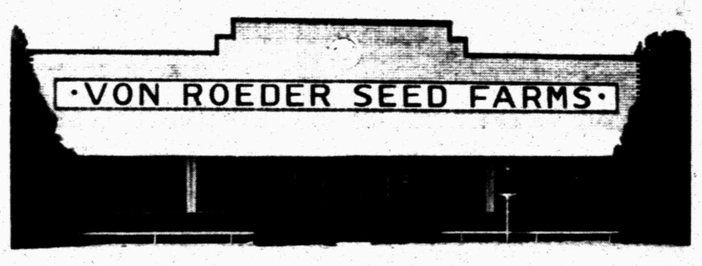

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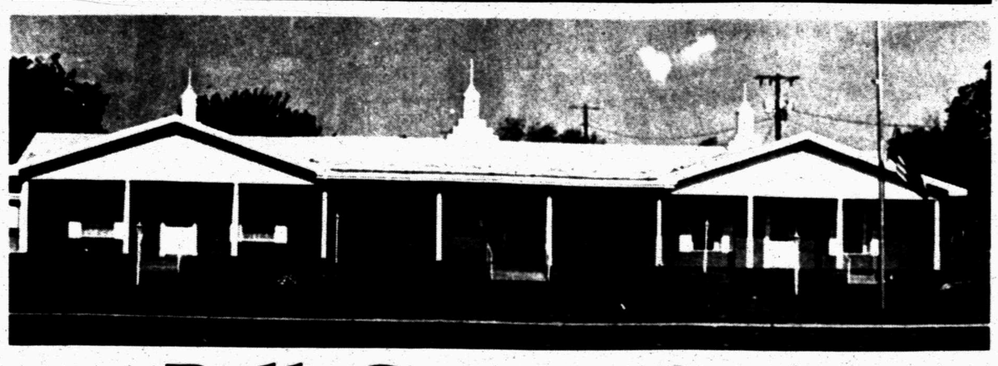

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Snyder newsmakers from five decades ago

(Editor's note: A sample of people and places making news 50 years ago.)

Aug. 3, 1953

A new and different kind of sale directed especially to youngsters just big enough to lick an ice cream cone on through those of high school age is being held at Harris Pharmacy here.

It is probably the first sale of fountain items ever held in Snyder.

Perry D. Harris, owner of the Harris Pharmacy, said that the sale began last week, and had been received with much enthusiasm from the small fry.

"Ice cream cones marked down from 10 cents to nine cents catches the eye of first graders just like other sales appeal to their parents," he said.

Actually the sale at the Harris Pharmacy fountain is being held in conjunction with a special sale in the school supply department.

Purchase of $1.50 worth of any kind of school supplies in the department entitles the purchaser to 10 cents worth of free fountain merchandise, Harris said.

Some of the fountain specials at Harris Pharmacy are banana splits for 20 cents, thick malts for 23 cents, ice cream sodas for 14 cents, and ice cream cones for nine cents.

Harris said that everything necessary to fully equip any primary, elementary, or high school pupil for school is included in the school supply department.

Included are note books of all kinds, colored crayons, pencils, pens, different kinds of papers, rulers, and different color inks.

Aug. 24, 1953

A new maple floor has just been installed in Bill's Roller Rink, 412 East Twenty-fifth Street, and the rink is back in full operations now, W. J. Gilliam, owner, said.

It has one of the largest solid maple floors of any building in town, but comes in for some of the roughest use. Gilliam says that many times there are as many as 75 persons skating on it at any one time.

Mrs. Gilliam, who is co-owner and operator of the rink, says that many persons who want exercise along with their recreation use the rink regularly as a place to lose weight and keep their muscles in tone.

One of the newest features of Bill's Roller Rink is the variety of sizes of skating shoes available for skaters there. The smallest pair of shoe skates have shoes only about three inches long to fit tots who can just barely walk — "and they are used pretty often, too," Gilliam said.

The largest pairs of she skates at Bill's are size 13 shoe skates, which are sometimes called for, but not too often used, he said.

He said the most popular skates are sizes from seven to 10 for men, and from five to seven for women.

The clamp-on type skates are also available at Bill's Roller Rink, but most persons would rather rent the shoe type, he said.

A concession stand vending candies, soda pop, snow cones, and chewing gum is a popular rest stop for skaters at the roller rink. Skaters there can skate continuously to music if they wish without any intermissions.

Gilliam said the rink is open to the public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and every night except Sunday nights.

It is reserved for class, school, Sunday School, or club parties on Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons.

Admission to the rink is 30 cents in the afternoon if your own, or clamp skates are used, or 40 cents with shoe skates.

Night skating is 70 cents for three hours of continuous skating from 7 to 10 o'clock with shoe skates furnished by the rink, or 45 cents on clamp skates or your own skates, Gilliam said.

Nov. 8, 1953

Veterans of World War I will be honored at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in a special recognition program at the meeting of the American Legion at the veterans' clubhouse.

Joe V. Robinson, commander of the Legion post here, said that the World War I veterans, whether they are Legion members or not, are invited to the meeting, which is held in recognition of Armistice Day, The meeting will be an informal get-together so that veterans of all wars can become better acquainted, Robinson said.

Speakers on the program will include John Sentell, C. E. McGaw and M. E. Stanfield. Porter King, who will act as an adjutant at the meeting, said he is not certain how many veterans of the first war are residing here. There were about 150 original Scurry County veterans, but some have since died or moved away and others have moved here from other cities.

King and J. R. (Rob) Strayhorn of Rotan will be included in charter members of the post who will attend the meeting. Strayhorn was first commander of the post when it was organized in 1920, and King was chaplain.

King said 39 veterans were present in the district courtroom in 1920 when the Legion post was organized here. The post was granted a temporary charter March 24, 1920, and its first permanent charter on Sept. 9 that year.

The group acquired rooms on the second floor of the building now occupied by J. C. Penney Co. from an organization known as the Cactus Club. Operation of the post became expensive and the post decided to discontinue and to reorganize later on a sound basis.

In 1929 the post again received a temporary charter and the late A. C. Preuitt became commander. Commanders serving later included Harrie Winston, Lee Stinson, Walla Fish, J. E. Shipp, H. A. Lattimore, and Boss Baze.

The group met at various places until it finally purchased a building formerly occupied by a lumber firm at the corner of Avenue W and Twenty-fifth Street. That building washed away during the flood of 1939, and the post built a new clubhouse on the same grounds. After World War II the Legion moved to its present location and became a partner in clubhouse operations with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The post, after its first organization, was named the Will Layne post in honor of the first Scurry county man killed in the first war. After World War II, the name was changed to the Layne-Kite post in honor of Layne and T. J. Kite, first Scurry man killed in the second war.

Oct. 11

A total of 59 service stations are in business in and around Snyder, representing at least 12 oil companies.

The East Highway exceeds all other highways and streets with 19 stations from the courthouse square to the Y near the overpass, a distance of 2.5 miles.

Second is the Lubbock Highway, which has 14 stations along 4.2 miles with a district about two miles having no stations.

There are seven stations on the Lamesa Highway, six on the Big Spring Highway, two on 26th Street and 1 each on Avenue R and the Clairemont Road.

Texaco leads the number of stations, with seven, while there are also seven independents, six Gulf, five Standard of Texas, five Phillips 66, three Sinclair and Conoco, two Colpter and Cosden, and one each Cities Service and Marathon.

In the last two weeks time, more than two dozen new-type evaporative car air conditioners have been sold by Howard's Auto Beauty Center, located on the East Highway.

R. T. Howard, owner, said, "We are selling them as fast as they come in."

Called the Mountain Breeze Power Cooler, the air conditioner sells for $89.50 installed in any car.

"Actually the conditioner is operated just like an evaporative house air conditioner," Howard said. Air is pulled through the wet cooling pad by a fan and after being cooled is sent into the front seat of the car through ducts on either side of the conditioner.

A special tank in the cooler holds enough water to keep the car cool for more than a day on 25 pounds of chipped ice, which will "really cool your car in a hurry," Howard said. He said 25 pounds of ice will usually last about 150 miles of traveling.

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Oil boom years encouraged local bootlegging operations

(Editor's Note: The oil boom brought strong, thirsty men to dry Scurry County. The need for liquid refreshment caused an already existing industry to flourish. That industry was bootlegging. In a March 19, 1953 article was an interview with one of Snyder's answer to a cold one.)

"I must be the greatest bootlegger in West Texas – I got the greatest penalty," were the words of Anderson Davis Jr. of Snyder who has been convicted of bootlegging numerous times and finally landed in jail two months ago to serve out a four-year sentence.

Davis, telling about his bootlegging career on a New Year's Day interview at the couty jail, said he already served 66 days of his four-year sentence assessed him in county court when the prosecution asked for enhanced punishment — up to four times the maximum jail sentence of year year allowed on a first offense. Davis had appealed his case to higher court, but the lower court's decision was upheld.

The 31-year-old bootlegger had several cases reversed in higher courts, and he now has one case on appeal that called for a year in jail and a $750 fine. Grounds for the appeal are that the special judge in court during his trial was not legally selected.

Widely known here as "Son" Davis, he is a man of varied experience. Besides his more than 12 years in bootlegging, he has been a cook for many years and was a butcher for six and one-half years. It might even be said that he tried his hand at law. In two of his bootlegging cases here, he represented himself. In one of the cases, he questioned several witnesses and presented an oral argument.

"Everybody seemed to like my pleading by the jury," he said, reminding the reporter that the jury did not acquit him after his argument.

Davis' wife is now operating his 11-room Davis Bros. Hotel for him, and he has closed his new Son's Barbeque Parlor for the present. He has permanently closed his Davis Bros. Drive-In.

Son calls himself the chief cook at the jail. While he was being interviewed, he was cooking 'hog head and blackeyed peas' on the small two-burner stove provided in the narrow hallway outside the cells for cooking prisoner meals. While he stirred his concoction he said, "I think the new sheriff is going to try to fix some kind of kitchen so we'll have room to cook and can keep it clean."

Born in Ballinger in 1921, Son was brought to Snyder by his family soon after he was born. His father farmed for two years before moving into town to work in the old Fuller Cotton Oil Mill, which burned about 12 years ago.

"The first bootlegging I ever did was when I was about nine years old," Davis recalled. "I ran some moonshine for my dad," he said. He added that he first started bootlegging for himself in about 1940. His first conviction came in 1941, adding that he pleaded guilty on all his convictions until last year when he began to fight them.

"In the last three years, I've been caught about 93 times," Davis said, estimating that he had probably been caught as many as 200 times in his entire bootlegging career.

"I want everybody to know that I was picked up on Saturday evening about 6 o'clock on Nov. 8 when my mandate came back from the appeals court, and they didn't give me no chance to get my business taken care of. I had a lot of meat to spoil, maybe about 70 or 80 pounds, and I didn't have no time to check the cash register or anything else," Davis stated, adding that his wife took care of most of the business as best she could.

"I know a man here who has bootlegged wide open at least four years," he complained, "and he's been caught as many as three times, and he just got a $1,500 fine."

He declined to comment where he thought his father, also convicted many times for bootlegging, will soon join him in the jail. The elder Davis has three cases pending in county court.

Asked why he bootlegged, Davis said he just did it to get a little extra money.

"But if I'd been smart I wouldn't have done that," he quickly added. "I just bootlegged when I ran short of money. I gambled most of my money away until about three or four years ago. My wife got on to me and told me she was going to leave me if I didn't quit my gambling, so I quit."

Davis added that he had quit bootlegging two or three times since he first started, once as long as two years. "But it seemed like everybody else was making money at it, so I started back."

Son doesn't think he will do any more bootlegging when he gets out of jail, commenting that he'll be too old to do it by that time.

"Mr. Keith Merrick said in court that if they'd put me here he'd guarantee there wouldn't be any bootlegging from the county jail." Merrick, former county attorney, was prosecutor in Davis' cases.

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Variety of local news reported 50 years ago

(Editor's note: Here's a variety of local news that was happening in 1953.)

Nov. 12, 1953

Veterans from two world wars were honored in Dunn last night at the annual Armistice Day supper given by the community at the Dunn Baptist Church.

In a memorial service held before the supper, there was a short scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. E. W. Gaston, pastor of the Dunn Methodist Church. A welcome to veterans and guests was given by the Rev. Douglas Crow, pastor of the Baptist church. The principal address was given by Joe Marshall, minister of the Church of Christ.

Veterans present from Dunn were Mr. Crow, Mr. Gaston, Mr. Marshall, Archie Crabtree, J. L. Byers, Ray Brown, Eldon Rosson, Billy Bob Bayliss, Willard Lane, D. Beakley, and Malcolm Hanson.

Out-of-town veterans were Jeff Brown and Grady Brown, both of Snyder, and Marvin Hanson Jr., of Hermleigh.

A veteran from Boise, Idaho, Ray Walton, also attended. Mr. and Mrs. Walton are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hanson.

Aug. 21, 1953

Two young physicians have formed a partnership and have begun full-time practice here at 2906 Avenue S.

They are Thomas F. Hartley and Carl A. Dillaha Jr., both 28, who moved here last week from their native homes in Arkansas.

Both the new doctors were relieved from active military duty June 30 after two-year tours. Each had served earlier during World War II.

The two said they had known each other since they first met at Little Rock Junior College.

Dr. Hartley, who lives with his wife and three-year-old son, Tom Jr., at the Waymar Apartments is a native of Little Rock. His recent army tour was with the medical corps at Madigan Army Hospital, Wash., and at Fort Hood. During World War II he spent two and one-half years in the navy air training before being discharged in 1945 as an aviation cadet.

Dr. Hartley attended the Little Rock school, Oklahoma A&M College, then received his doctor of medicine degree at the University of Arkansas Medical School in June, 1951.

Dr. Dillaha, also a Little Rock native, served at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oakland, Calif., and with the Navy construction battalion center at Port Hueneme, Calif., during his recent tour of duty. He was in the Navy three years during World War II, 15 months of which he served aboard a mine layer in the Pacific on line duty. He was discharged in 1946 as a lieutenant JG.

After attending junior college at Little Rock, Dr. Dillaha went to Tulane University and Hendrix College at Conway, Ark. He was awarded his medical degree from the University of Arkansas Medical School at the same time Dr. Hartley received his. He is married and has no children.

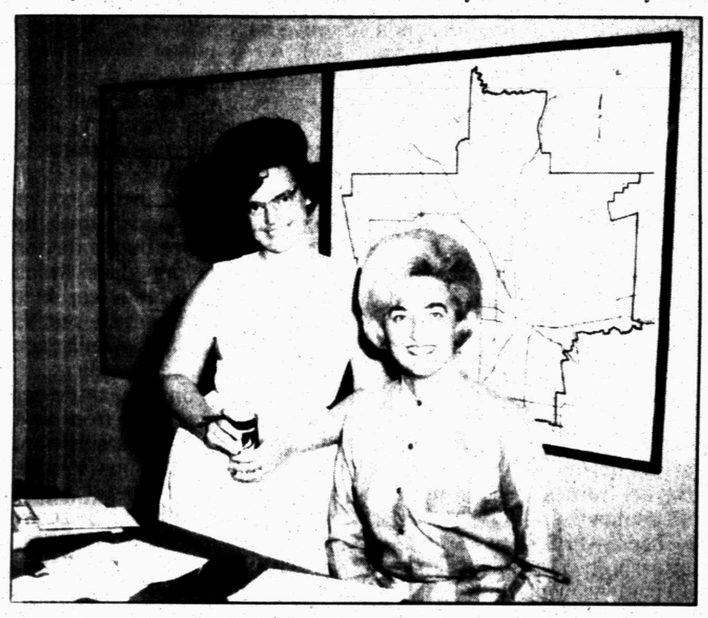
Both doctors are members of Phi Chi medical fraternity. Dr. Dillaha is a member of the Methodist Church and Dr. Hartley is a member of the Episcopal Church.

The two physicians have established a six-room clinic, with equipment including electrocardiogram, X-ray, fluoroscope and a complete laboratory including facilities for blood chemistry.

The doctors said they will have a general practice with emphasis on obstetrics and pediatrics. During their time in military service, both had much experience with dependents of servicemen.

Office hours of the new doctors will be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon six days a week. They said that one of them will be on duty from 8:30 o'clock until 10:30 o'clock each Sunday morning. Both will accept house calls at all hours, they said.

Mrs. Dillaha will serve as receptionist for the clinic.



TELEPHONE OPERATORS — In the 1950s, Pat Cornett, left, and Barbara Yorgesen worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone. (Contributed Photo)

Jan. 5

In the routine of the commissioners court to set salaries of all county officials and employees each January, the court yesterday set the salaries for this year at the same as they have been for the last year except for newly hired clerks.

New clerks for stenographic work will receive only $220 a month starting pay and be raised to $275 a month after working three months.

Previously, starting salary was the same as that of those who had been working several months.

Salaries were set for the county's first constables in several years. Constable of peace precinct No. 1, an office filled now by Tom DeShazo, is to be paid $150 a month plus transportation expense of $50. The court is required by law to set the salaries of all elected county officials within specified ranges except for precinct officials. The only requirement for constable salaries is that the officers be paid "a living wage." Salary for L. L. Eubanks, elected constable of precinct No. 3 was set at $27.50 a month and no automobile expense was allowed.

The commissioners are paid $467 a month, including $100 a month which each is paid for being a "road commissioner" in addition to being a county precinct commissioner.

Salaries are $481.25 a month for the following county officials: sheriff, county attorney, county clerk, tax assessor, treasurer and district clerk. The salary of the county judge is $515.62.

The justice of peace of justice and constable precinct No. 1 is paid $343.75, and that of the justice of precinct No. 2, Fluvanna, is paid about the same wage as constable of justice precinct No. 3.

Those drawing $343.75 a month are regular deputy sheriffs, assistant county treasurer, deputy county clerk and deputy county tax assessor-collector. The chief deputy of the sheriff's department draws $380.41.

The second deputy county clerk, chief clerk for the assessor-collector, and regular and other clerks and assistants to officers are paid $275.

Feb. 10

The Snyder Daily News planned the "Good Neighbor" contest as an added event of the "Let's Get Acquainted" feature.

Readers were invited to "nominate your candidate for Snyder's Good Neighbor" by writing a letter of 300 words or less to the editor of The Snyder Daily News.

The writer was to explain why he thought his candidate should be named the best "Good Neighbor." A committee of local people was to be selected to study the letters and judge on the basis of the candidates as good neighbors.

The person who nominated the winning candidate would receive a $25 cash prize. Second prize was $15 and third prize was $10.

March 29

Mrs. Bill Branham was named the winner of the Good Neighbor contest. She was nominated by her neighbor, Mrs. John Brinner.

Mrs. Jack Ramsey of Union was named second place winner. She was nominated by Mrs. Sam D. Hays. Third place went to Mrs. John E. Sentell, who was nominated by Mrs. Pearl Harrison.

Feb. 19

Cooperation in helping to provide more parking space on Snyder's downtown streets was asked for today by Walter Suttle, chief of police.

Suttle said persons using the parking meters have become very lax in their parking habits, and that many cars have been left for several hours on dead meters in the past few days.

Members of the police department patrolling the meters the first three days of this week have issued 363 parking violation tickets, Suttle stated.

Approximately half of the persons receiving tickets have redeemed them within one hour of the time they were issued by placing five cents in the parking meter head on the desk in the police department, he said.

April 7

A signal light will be placed at the intersection of 37th Street and the Big Spring highway within the next few weeks.

The city council last night granted a request made for the light by B. J. Shelley, city manager, who said that the city has such a light in its warehouse.

Shelley estimated the total cost of repairing and placing the light would be about $100.

Residents of sub-divisions in Southwest Snyder petitioned the city council several months ago to place a light at the intersection. The council forwarded the petition to the highway department. The highway department did not grant a signal light because a traffic count was made and showed that only about 550 cars per hour pass the intersection. Signal lights are authorized only at intersections which have a traffic count of 750 vehicles per hour or more.

April 17

The American Legion's 19th District annual spring convention will be opened with a color guard contest at the Veterans Club at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Following the contest, at 3:30 p.m. a parade will form consisting of high school bands, color guards and the mobile unit of the National Guard. Bands from Abernathy, Lamesa, Colorado City and Snyder junior and senior high schools will participate.

The parade will form west of city hall on Twenty-sixth Street, parade around the square to Avenue S and go north to Memorial Park.

Albert D. Brown Jr., of San Antonio, commander of the Texas Department of the American Legion, will be the featured speaker.

April 8

Rep. Lloyd M. Bentsen of McAllen will speak here next Tuesday at a joint meeting of the service clubs in the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church.

Bentsen was considered to be a possible candidate for governor when Allan Shivers left office.

Bentsen will be a guest of C. T. McLaughlin at his Diamond M Ranch while here. The congressman is to arrive by private plane sent by McLaughlin.

April 12

R. A. Whatley, Mineral Wells, was elected president of the Highway 180 Association in an annual meeting of the organization here Friday, Harry T. Holbrook, Snyder motel owner and outgoing vice president, said.

Marshall Formby, Hereford, a member of the state highway commission, was guest speaker. All towns along the route were represented.

Nov. 15

More than 350 Hermleigh and Pyron exes gathered for a homecoming supper and football game at Hermleigh High School Friday night.

Jean Robinson was crowned football queen in half-time activities. Her crown was presented by Alvin Wimmer and her bouquet of a dozen red roses by Delbert Hess, football captain. Neal Wilcox was named football Romeo. Betty Jo Whitehead and Lorene Roemisch were also queen nominees.

The crowd was larger than early reservations had indicated but the barbecue and trimmings held out.

Among the early arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bullock of Colorado City. Mrs. Bullock was a member of the school's first graduating class in 1913. Mr. Bullock was superintendent of the school from 1918-1920 and was later superintendent of Scurry County schools.

Oct. 4

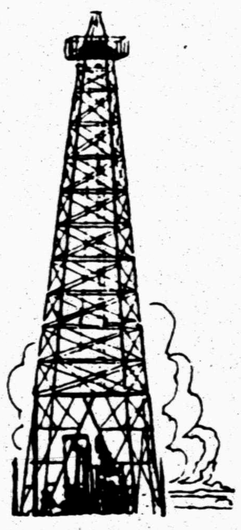
Results of class elections held Tuesday morning at Snyder High School were announced today, but those of two classes are incomplete.

Seniors elected Jackie Grimmett president, Jerry Smith vice president, Rose Marie Roe, secretary-treasurer, and Roland Chadwell reporter.

Juniors elected Bernie Hagins president and Gerald Crawford vice president.

Sophomores elected Alan Snead president, Jack Spikes vice president, Charlotte Chauncey secretary-treasurer, and George Herring reporter.

Freshmen elected Ronald Smith president and Joe Reeves vice president.



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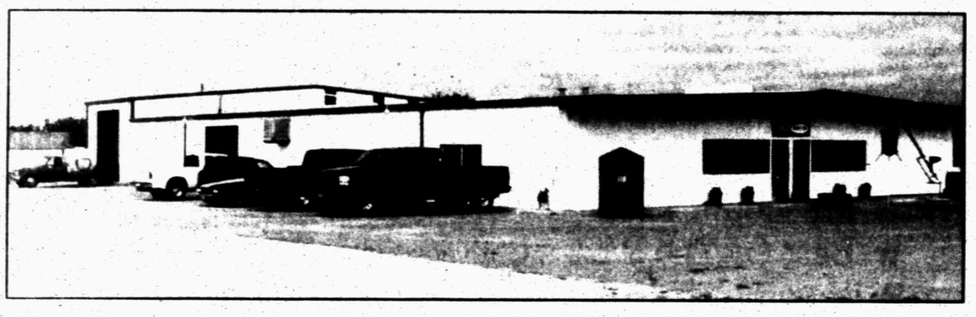

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Since 1923, oil has been important to Snyder

(Editor's Note: Information for this article was taken from many sources, including a chapter in *From Buffalo to Oil*, written by the late Wacil McNair, former SDN editor.)

Since 1923, oil has been a factor in the Scurry County economy.

The J.J. Moore No. 1, located 1.4 miles south of Ira, blew in on Oct. 9, 1923 and Scurry County was on its way to becoming the leading oil-producing county in the nation's leading oil-producing state.

The Moore No. 1 yielded around 35 barrels per day for many years. More than 2,000 of these shallow wells were drilled, and although they had considerable impact on the economy, oil production was relatively small compared to some other regions.

In 1948, four rigs bore into Scurry County soil in search of the big strike. Sun Oil Company's No. 1 Schattel was completed July 16, 1948 and Magnolia's No. 1 Winston was completed on Sept. 7, 1948.

The Schattel well proved to be a one-well field and never was connected to the Canyon Reef. The Winston ultimately proved to be on the southeast edge of the field.

Standard Oil Co. of Texas (which later became Chevron) drilled the Brown "2" No. 1, located about nine miles north of Snyder.

That well touched off the biggest oil boom in the country since the big East Texas field was discovered in 1930. It came in on Nov. 9, 1948. Then on Dec. 21, 1948, the C.T. McLaughlin No. 2 was brought in southwest of Snyder by Lion Oil Company.

Development of the Canyon Reef field ignited the boom. Old-timers can recall the steady stream of people and machinery that it brought. One national publication observed, "It transformed a sleepy little county seat town of 4,500 people into a city of about 15,000 almost overnight."

Actually, nobody ever knew how many people there were in Snyder at the crest of the boom. The 1950 census showed a little over 12,000 but conditions being what they were, many undoubtedly were never counted.

By 1949, the entire country was aware of the Canyon Reef Field, and the field was the focus of an article by Life and Time magazines.

Life reported on Dec. 5, 1949 that some geologists had once written off Scurry County as a big producer of oil, but now believe there may be a whopping billion barrels of oil down there.

The geologists were too conservative, as Scurry County passed the billion barrel mark in production in 1973 in the Canyon Reef alone, just a quarter century after its discovery.

The Canyon Reef field was a spectacular development, and one that actually confounded geologists who hadn't been able to find evidence of oil in large quantities. Consequently, Humble Oil and Refining Co. (now ExxonMobil), described as the largest oil lease holder on the continent, had let most of its Scurry County leases lapse before the Canyon Reef field was discovered.

As the field was being drilled out, a person could see as many as 200 rigs from Snyder.

Leases reportedly were going as high as $2,200 per acre, and within a year farmers who had been battling continuous debts reportedly paid off more than $2 million in loans, using sudden oil wealth to overcome financial misery brought on by the drought.

By the early 1950s, engineers were seriously looking for methods of increasing recovery from the Canyon Reef. Estimates were in 1951 that only about 20 percent of the oil in the huge basin could be recovered through traditional recovery methods of the time. They felt that pressure maintenance by fluid injection would ultimately double the recovery.

This led to the organization of unitized pressure maintenance projects in Scurry County.

The largest was Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee (SACROC). The committee's study produced estimates for ultimate production in the unitized Kelly-Snyder field would be increased to about 1.2 billion barrels of oil compared to 480 million without unitized pressure maintenance.

Other units formed included the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, which was operated by R.E. Smith; The Cogdell Canyon Reef unit, operated by Texaco; and the Lion Diamond M Unit, operated by Monsanto Company.

SACROC began operations after approximately 280 working interest owners and 2,1000 royalty interest owners signed unitization agreements.

It was a unique agreement, both in size of operations and number of owners involved. It was originally set up with the over-all supervision vested in the unit manager's office with three major working interest operators in charge of three segments of the field. Those operators were Magnolia, Sun Oil and Standard Oil Company.

H.H. Allen was the first unit manager and served until 1962 when all operations were combined under a single operator, Standard Oil of Texas.

Twenty years later, SACROC had 1,256 producing wells.

The Diamond M Unit is the oldest under unitization, having become operational in December, 1951. It's operator was Mansanto.

The Sharon Ridge and Cogdell units were both formed in 1955 with R.E. Smith as operator of the Sharon Ridge Canyon unit and Texaco operating the Cogdell unit. ExxonMobil now operates the Sharon Ridge and OxyPermian is operator of the Cogdell unit. The Canyon Reef formation extends northward into Kent County, and the Salt Creek field well developed by 1952. It also formed a unitized pressure maintenance project with General Crude Oil Company as the operator. Currently, Salt Creek is operated by ExxonMobil.

By the late 1950s SACROC was looking for methods to further improve production and engineers came up with a plan involving the use of carbon dioxide. Known as C02 Miscible Flood, engineers determined that combing the fizz gas with water would increase sub-surface pressure.

The Texas Railroad Commission hiked SACROC's allowable from 174,000 to 244,000 barrels daily.

In 1992, SACROC sold its 20.84 percent interest in SACROC to Pennzoil who became the unit orperator. As production continued to decline, in 1988 Pennzoil sold its interest to Devon Energy.

Then in 2000, a little-known oil company, Kinder Morgan, arrived in Scurry County. Since that time, it has purchased a large interest in the SACROC unit and now is the largest holder in the Snyder Gas plant, long operated by Sun Oil Company which later became Oryx. Torch Energy became the operator and effective last July 1, Kinder-Morgan also became operator of both SACROC and the lone Snyder gas plant.

At one time Scurry County had the Warren Petroleum Gas plant (later Gulf) northwest of Snyder, Texaco operated the Fuller Gas plant north of Snyder and Monsanto, then BPH, operated the Diamond M Gas plant southwest of Snyder.

When Kinder Morgan took over, it switched from a trend of contract employees to company employees with full benefits, a shot-in-the arm not only for employees, but for the local economy.

Also, Kinder Morgan is approximately halfway through a $210,000 million project that it hopes will not only increase production, but extend the life of the field for another 20 years at a rate of 50,000 barrels a day.

In North America...

Largest crude oil pipeline opened in 1953

(Editor's Note: Celebration of pipeline opening appeared in the Snyder Daily News on May 10, 1953.)

The largest crude oil pipeline in North America, a 26-inch arterial giant, 466.5 miles long and capable ultimately of transporting 430,000 barrels of Permian Basin crude daily, will be dedicated Tuesday by West Texas Gulf Pipe Line Co. with ceremonies at their Colorado City pumping station, starting point of the line.

General Ernest O. Thompson, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, oil and gas regulatory body for the state, and L.S. Wescoat, president of Pure Oil Co. and chairman of the board of the American Petroleum Institute, will speak.

Industry leaders from throughout the country, national and state officials, business and civic leaders from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and press, radio and television representatives will be on hand and will be given an opportunity to look over the huge manifolds and the automatic control with which the flow of crude is regulated in this newest and largest of the nation's underground transportation facilities.

Joint Project

Five companies, gulf Refining Co., Sun Pipe Line Co., Cities Service Oil Co., Standard Oil Co., (Ohio), and Pure Oil Co., joined forces to build the line, augmenting their present crude transport facilities from West Texas.

This one big steel tube, with its 20-inch, 112-mile spur extending from Wortham to Longview, will carry more oil than could be moved in ten eight-inch line, the "big inch" for pipe lines loss than a generation ago.

This new "biggest inch" for crude oil pipelines starts about 12-miles north of Colorado City on the eastern edge of the oil-rich Permian Basin, 100,000 square miles of sun-baked acreage under which there are nearly four billion barrels of oil reserves. Ten feeder lines bring the oil into the Colorado City pumping station. Largest of these is the 24-inch Mesa Pipeline from the Midland area.

In all, five types of crude oil (Ellenberger, Scurry, Coke County, semi-sweet and sour are gathered and transported. All five can be in the line at the same time, without mixing.

Starts in Scurry

From Colorado City the pipeline runs eastward to Ranger, where it starts a gentle arc toward the southeast and Wortham. At Wortham, the system splits into two segments, a 20-inch line to Longview and a 26-inch line to Nederland on the Sabine River just south of Beaumont, more than 466 miles from the beginning of the line in Scurry County.

The line crosses 25 counties and two principal rivers; the Trinity, near Crocket; and the Brazos, near Glen Rose, where the span is more than 360 feet long.

Twenty trains of 100 tank cars each would be required to move the 400,000 barrels of oil this 26-inch line will carry in one day at a speed of three and a half miles per hour, or as fast as a man can walk. All the oil produced in Texas in two days, under present allowables, would be needed just to fill the pipe line and its attendant tank farms, which have a total capacity of more than five and a half million barrels.

In excavating the ditch in which the pipeline is buried, enough dirt was dug to fill a hole a foot in diameter drilled all the way through the earth. The 26-inch pipe is laid in a r3nch 42 inches wide and 50 inches deep. The 20-inch Wortham-Longview segment ditch was 32 inches wide and 44 inches deep.

Thousand Men

A thousand men worked two million man-hours through dust and mud to move the 42 million cubic feet or earth, lay the line and cover it over.

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To move the crude through the gigantic system, the principal pumping station at Colorado City, Ranger and Wortham provide the heartbeat. Intermediate pumping stations are now under construction at Abilene, Blum and Trinity, halfway points along the templated at Brownsboro on the 20-inch section. Batteries of massive pumps in each station push the crude on its way, building up a maximum line pressure of 750 pounds per square inch, equivalent to a push of near 200 tons against the 26-inch diameter.

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Voters had to pay poll taxes

(Editor's Note: People were so busy in 1953, that voting was not on the minds of a lot of folks. And to vote, a poll tax was required.)

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The total figures yesterday — the last day of the poll tax paying period — stood at 3,473. The breakdown was 2,829 poll taxes paid and 644 exemption certificates issued.

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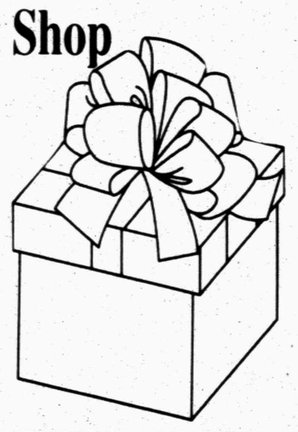

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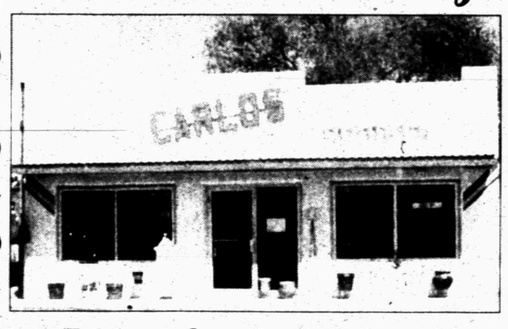

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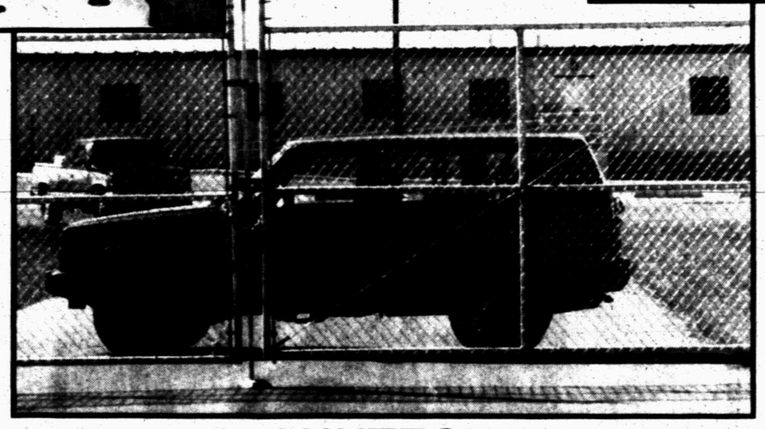

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Movie attendance waned; TV introduced

(Editor's note: On Feb. 22, 1953, it was reported that 3-Dimension Films are possible in the future, but would be expensive.)

It will probably be some time before the new three-dimension films come to Snyder, according to V. F. Nichols, manager of Snyder Theatres Inc.

"Three-dimension pictures are still in the experimental stage, and we do not yet know whether it will be worth the investment," Nichols said.

If 3-D comes to Snyder, it will be later. If the special equipment for 3-D films were installed here, it would probably be in the Palace Theatre, Nichols said, adding that the theatre has more room for expansion of the screen and a larger seating capacity. The Palace screen, now about 18 feet by 21½ feet, would have to be widened about three feet, he said. The theatre seats about 750 persons whereas the Ritz seats about 650.

Movie going has dropped off during the past year in Snyder, he said, but he explained that he felt the main reason for that has been the drought, which has cut agricultural income, and the decrease in oil activity here. Television has not yet hurt the movie business in Snyder, he said, but he added he will know more about that when the Lubbock TV station increases power and other cities gain TV stations.

"Free home demonstration of Admiral television sets" was being offered by Hale's Sewing Machine Exchange. "The home demonstrations do not obligate the persons trying the set to purchase it."

April 5

Television sales and installations are picking up in Snyder, despite the fact that only one station nearby is now in operation.

While some dealers say sales are still slow because residents are waiting for reception to improve, others say reception is good and sales are picking up all through town.

Whether sales are good or not, antennas are springing into view around Snyder rapidly. By driving around town, a person can count more than 60 aerials – most of them put up in the last few weeks.

A TV set which would be suitable for the Snyder area can be bought and installed, complete with tower and antenna, for as low as about $275, some dealers say, and about as high as a person would want to go. The average price paid here is about $350, some estimated.

Myron Roe of Roe Home & Auto said reception is now better since one Lubbock station has turned on full power but that the station has not yet got all the "bugs" out.

Don Hire, manager of the Goodyear Service Center, said sales have picked up in the last few days but are only fair.

"You can turn a set on and definitely get a picture now, and I think its here to stay," he said.

May 13

Declining attendance has caused two movie houses in Snyder to cut down on operations, according to V. C. Nichols, manager of Snyder Theatres Inc.

The Texas Theatre on the west side of the courthouse square has been closed on all days except Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Matinees have been eliminated at the Palace Theatre except on Saturday and Sunday. On all other days the shows will begin at 6 o'clock at night.

The Aztec Theatre on Avenue S. a block north of the square has been closed since March 1953. All three are owned by the Snyder Theatres firm which also owns the Ritz and two drive-in theatres, the Starlight and the Trail.

The Ritz will be the only downtown theatre having daily matinees. Doors will open there daily at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, Nichols said.

August 14

Clyde Hawk, owner of Ed's Radio and TV service, said many persons have been attending the free TV showing each night and that sometimes as many as 100 persons are present watching the sets turned to different channels.

Oct. 16

Better TV reception is expected in Snyder soon with the stepping up of power in two Lubbock telecasting stations and with setting up of a station in Sweetwater.

KDUB-TV owns a permit for establishment of a station at Sweetwater. An official of that station said the firm plans to have the Sweetwater station in operation by Jan. 1.

The Lubbock station also has applied for a permit in Big Spring but other interests have also applied. The Federal Communications Commission will hold a meeting to decide on the Big Spring permit.

Oct. 22

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Beavers, 708 Twenty-fourth Street, are glad to be stay-at-homes these days. They are among the rapidly increasing number of Snyder residents whose living room centers around a television set, and their home is open frequently to non-owners who come to view.

Mrs. Beavers, who teaches high school English, is a most hospitable television hostess as well as a TV fan herself. Entertaining for an evening of screen watching is the simplest type imaginable, she says. All it requires is coffee and a snack, and the party takes care of itself.

Mr. Beavers, county school superintendent, shares his wife's enthusiasm for TV. He was primarily interested in a camera view of important football games when they purchased their receiver several months ago. Now musicals, quiz shows and dramatic presentations are also among his favorites.

A variety of well-known entertainers provide the choice TV programs for Mr. and Mrs. Beavers – Lucile Ball in "I Love Lucy," Arthur Godfrey, Red Buttons and Ed Sullivan as emcee on "Toast of the Town." Bridge and canasta, one-time favorite diversions of the couple, have passed into the background, at least temporarily.

Reception in Snyder is considered fair, in view of the distance from the transmitters. Mr. Beavers had a 50-foot antenna installed when their set was purchased, but he plans to add 20 feet to it soon. Reception will be above normal for several days, Mrs. Beavers said, until the one day they plan to have special guests. Then, like a trained dog that won't even roll over for strangers, the TV screen won't show anything but a pattern of snow or a wavery line.

Easiest of all channels to receive here is channel 13 from Lubbock, with channel 9 from Abilene and channel 11 from Lubbock runners-up. Programs from stations in San Angelo and Wichita Falls can be picked up well only when reception conditions are ideal.

TV viewing is a family pastime with the Ralph Neals who live next door to Mr. and Mrs. Beavers at 701 twenty-fourth. The Neal's older daughters, Myrle Wayne, Barbara Ann and Donna Jean, enjoy the dramatic and quiz shows after homework is finished. Ralphene, just 2, is the family's biggest fan of musicals.

A comedy favorite of the Neal family is "I Married Joan" which stars Joan Davis, remembered by many movie patrons as a screen comedienne. Mr. Neal also likes wrestling, the old stand-by of television, and Mrs. Neal said she likes it better than she thought she would.

Wrestling shouldn't be classified as a sport, Mr. Beavers commented. The wrestlers are some of the best actors on any of the programs. Mrs. Beavers agrees, and with names like "The Great Zoomo" they attract the interest of many a dial-twister.

"Amos and Andy," who became radio favorites years ago, are among the most popular programs with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Randolph Jr., who live in the Humble Camp on Thirty-seventh Street. Their 5-year-old son, Randy, is a Hopalong Cassidy fan. Cathy, not yet 11 months old, is too young for any of it and gets tucked in for the night just about the time the television set goes on.

Hicks Allen named first manager of unit

(Editor's note: After formation of the SACROC operating unit, Hicks Allen was named unit manager and announced in the March 12, 1953 edition of the Snyder Daily News.)

H. Hicks Allen of Dallas was given conditional appointment this morning as unit manager for the Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee. His appointment was announced at noon by J.E. Roth of Tulsa and Tidewater Associated Oil Co., chairman of SACROC advisory committee.

Allen, 52, is now president of the Featherlite Corp., a firm which manufactures expanded shale aggregate for construction use.

He has been with the associate companies of Jack Frost of Dallas for the past three and one-half years, of which Featherlite is a part. During that time, he has served as general superintendent of Byrd-Frost, vice-president and general manager of the Utah Natural Gas Co., and Utah production manager of the Three-States Natural Gas Co.

Allen is a native of Temple, born there Sept. 23, 1900. He was reared at San Angelo, where he graduated from high school in 1918. He received his degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas in 1923.

After graduating, Allen was employed with the Texas Highway Department as an instrument man at San Angelo, where he had worked with the department during summers while attending college. He was later promoted to assistant engineer during his year's employment there.

Allen then went to Mexia at the end of its oil boom as assistant chief civil engineer for Pure Oil Co., remaining there until 1928, when he returned to San Angelo and engaged in ranching and construction work. In 1934, Allen had suffered losses in the ranching business from the drought of the early '30s, and went back to the highway department as resident engineer in the designs department at Austin. In 1938, he went to Dallas as assistant division engineer, where he remained until he went into the Army in 1942.

Allen was commissioned as a captain, and was assigned to the district engineer's office at Albuquerque, N.M., and later to the division engineer's office at Dallas. Going overseas in 1944, Allen went to the China-Burma-India Theater. There he helped to keep the Burma Road open.

RR Commision mulled SACROC in Scurry Co.

(Editor's note: More than one railroad commission hearing was required before SACROC became a reality. This report was published April 29, 1953.)

AUSTIN — Conflicting opinions were expressed Tuesday on the possible effect of proposed field rules for the unitized Canyon lines reservoir reef in the Kelley-Snyder pool of the Diamond M area of Scurry County.

Gillis Johnson, attorney for the W.A. Moncrief oil interests and other opposing the unitization, said he proposed to show before the Railroad Commission hearing ends that the applicants' plan for operation of the unitized area "is one that actually will destroy" non-signers of the agreement.

Johnson made the statement during cross-examination of Martin G. Miller, Houston, consulting engineer for the applicants, Sunray Oil Corporation, Magnolia Petroleum Company and others.

The attorney hammered Miller with questions about possible damage to Moncrief's right of recovery if Miller's proposed water-injection program is approved by the commission.

"I can tell you this, Mr. Johnson, injection of water in the middle of the field is not going to suck any oil away from the east side of the field (where Moncrief's wells are located)," Miller said emphatically.

"Oh, you'll do that by transfer of allowables and bonus allowables?" asked Johnson.

"No, sir," Miller replied.

The proposed rules which drew Johnson's fire would permit transfer of allowables from wells shut in for pressure regulation, injection wells, and wells producing over 10 percent water at a gas-oil ratio exceeding 1,000 to 1. Bonus would be granted for using a well for injection.

Unitized SACROC unit began operating in county.

(Editor's note: Operation of the unitized SACROC unit began March 1, 1953.)

The giant Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operator's Committee unitization project in the Kelley-Snyder and Diamond M fields of Scurry County becomes effective today.

Working interest and royalty owners who have not signed the unitization agreement before may enter the unit until Sept. 1 on the same basis as those who entered before today.

After the Sept. 1 deadline a party may enter the unit only on a negotiated basis, it was announced last week by M. Darwin Kirk, vice president and general attorney for Sunray Oil Corp. He is chairman of the SACROC executive committee.

Kirk revealed that less than 20 out of 319 separate tracts eligible to participate in the SACROC unit have as yet failed to sign the agreements and be qualified for participation. About 1,280 acres have been added to the unit area limits because of recent drilling.

An estimated 720 million barrels of additional oil may be obtained by the secondary recovery operations for oil and gas which the operators will put into effect as authorized by the railroad commission in January.

"There is a very definite last minute rush of working interests and royalty owners to sign the SACROC agreement," Kirk said. R. F. Bryants Jr., Magnolia Petroleum Co., Dallas, chairman of the land committee, reported that members of his committee were standing by yesterday to receive agreements from those interested in signing for participaton under the voluntary plan.

"It is true," he said, "that working interests and royalty owners may voluntarily join the SACROC unit within six months of the March 1 starting date, but after the six months period there is no guarantee that the negotiated basis will remain or be as favorable as the present formula using a well factor of 25 per cent and a gross acre feet factor of 75 per cent."

The SACROC engineering committee, headed by William L. Horner, announced Friday that the gas injection plant for the unit has been completed, tested and will be placed in full operations after the railroad commission hears an application for permission to inject as in certain wells to be specified at the hearing during this month.

The equipment subcommittee of the engineering committee, headed by George Kingelin, an American Production Co., representative, has reported that all materials for pressure maintenance equipment and supplied have been placed. Three water injection plants and a water treatment plant are to be provided.

The SACROC Committee also announced that the Colorado Municipal Water District has been sent formal notice from the operators that the contract for water supply from Lake Thomas is in full force and effect.

While no official action has yet been taken, it has been reported that leaders of the group opposing unitization of the field under the rules approved have not given up their fight.

Gillis Johnson, Fort Worth attorney for W. A. Moncrief, is reported to be preparing a civil suit against SACROC.

Regulatory approval needed for SACROC Unit to operate

(Editor's note: Creation of the SACROC unit required regulatory approval. On Jan. 14, 1953, Snyder was awaiting a decision by the Texas Railroad Commission.)

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission heard bitter final arguments yesterday concerning the largest oil unitization plan ever proposed in Texas.

Attorneys opposing unitized operation of the Canyon Reef Pool of the Kelly-Snyder and Diamond M Fields in Scurry County attacked it as destructive of conservation, confiscatory and an attempt to gain advance Railroad Commission approval of an anti-trust violation.

Backers of the application argued that the suggested 60-million dollar secondary recovery program under a unit plan would recover an extra 720 million barrels of oil worth more than 1½ million dollars.

Follows long study

The application was made by Sunray Oil Corp., Magnolia Petroleum Co., and others on the basis of long studies by SACROC, Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators committee.

Attorneys Raymond Myers, Dan Moody and J.A. Rauhut urged approval.

Myers termed the attack of attorneys for W.A. Moncrief and others the "most-determined ever made on one of these agreements," and said if opponents are successful, "it will be one of the worst blows ever struck against conservation.

Attorneys Gilllis Johnson and Joe Estes assailed the proposed basis of participation. They said the formula to allocate production 75 percent oil thickness of Canyon Reef above the water table and 25 percent on the number of wells would penalize their clients.

Shifts allowable

"It shifts a percent of the total field allowable out of our people's hands over to the people who have been most active in pushing this plan. It makes us pay the cost of the experiment whether it works or not," Johnson asserted.

He urged the commission to reject the plan as unfair and inequitable. Rauhut said the participation formula was a matter of private contract not subject to commission review.

"Certainly you wouldn't want it in Texas, where we have supposed voluntary unitization, for a minority to be under greater hardship than in a state where they have compulsory unitization," Johnson declared.

He said Oklahoma's compulsory law required unit agreements to be on an equitable basis.

Rauhut responded that the application before the commission is fair and equitable because everyone in the involved area has an opportunity to join the plan on the same yardstick.

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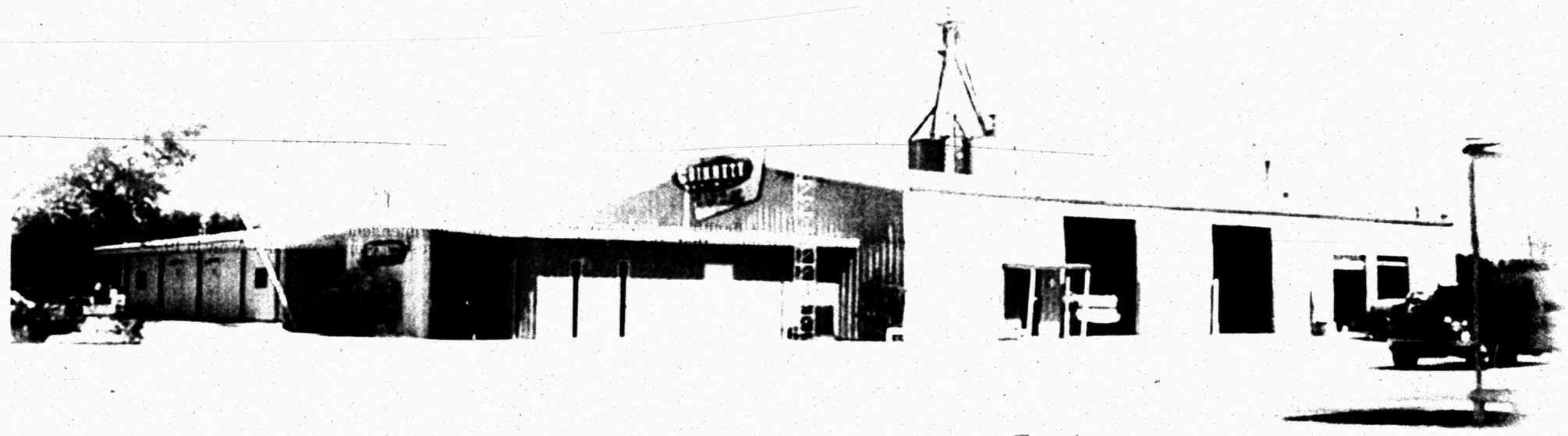

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Snyder's growth got national notice

(Editor's note: The article, "The Town That Didn't Go Boom" appeared in the July, 1950 edition of Texas Parade Magazine and was written by Jack Yeaman.)

You speed relaxed along the open highway of West Central Texas and suddenly heavy traffic presses around you, crowds you down to a crawl and you're in Snyder.

Snyder, Texas, county seat of Scurry County. Sitting pretty on $5,000,000,000 worth of liquid gold. Center of the second greatest oil discovery in American history — the mighty Canyon Reef.

To the west and north of you, the night horizon is afire with the lights of nearly 200 drilling rigs and the pulsing flame of countless gas flares, and your blood runs faster like a kid at sight of his first carnival.

You shove your car past miles of motels, trailer courts, supply houses and cars and you're in the courthouse square. Crowds pack the sidewalks. Youngsters, oldsters! In oilfield clothes, cow country rig, skid row cast-offs. Excitement rises prickly to your scalp. Your muscles tense. And you think: "Boom Town."

You waken in the morning and you sense the pulse and throb of the vast energy that's coring out the stored wealth more than a mile below you. But it's a quiet, steady throb.

You move into the traffic lines and you notice that it's flowing smoothly, bumper to bumper. You join the crowds on the sidewalks and you find them quiet and orderly.

Then you meet the folks who've been running the show. The solid old-timers. The newcomers who've fitted into the strong pattern of this West Texas community. Then the pieces begin to fall into place. The tension flows out of you and your nerves too, flat and calm, and the picture is suddenly clear.

Snyder is a town that didn't "go boom."

Snyder is the town that took a five billion-dollar shot in the arm and didn't go on a spree.

And you want to tell the real story of Snyder. Not with the sensationalism or sophistication of the Eastern press, but the Texas story of a Texas town of which all Texans — and all Americans — can be proud.

Less Than Two Years

Less than two years ago Snyder was a West Texas town of 4,100 population with an economy based largely on cotton and cattle. In one year 140,000 acres of Scurry County land produced 52,000 bales of cotton with a value of $7,800,000. Approximately 30,000 head of cattle, mostly the finest Hereford and Black Angus strains, was worth easily an additional $5,000,000. The Sharon Ridge and old Ira oil fields had 600 producing shallow wells yielding a steady income. Bundle sorghum — 150,000 tons annually — was grown for livestock feed. Dairy products, wheat, oats, barley, fruits and vegetables rounded out the picture.

The residents of the town and county were mostly second, third, fourth and even fifth generation descendants of the stout folk who, starting in 1878, crossed the county in covered wagons and chose the gently rolling plains of the county for their homes.

The town was served by two railroads and two Federal and one State highway. It had an adequate well-managed school system and 12 churches.

You can't jar a town like that easily. Its spiritual resources are too strong and deep. The citizens of the town and county too solid: conservative but alive to the most progressive methods in farming, ranching and merchandising. It's a solid town because its people are stable.

For years oilmen had shown only a mild interest in Scurry County, and that only because it was over the Permian Sea Basin which, in spots, produces oil.

In 1948, one of the major companies drilled right through the Canyon Reef — the greatest oil storehouse of its kind in history — and failed to note its presence. Most of the major producers dropped their leases and the oil hopes of the county plummeted to an all time low.

Then came the deluge — the black flood.

Like the stories of Snyder and Scurry County the oil development is a saga of men — and women. So let's get an oilman, C.T. McLaughlin, to sketch in the highlights of the dramatic take.

"Mr. Mac" Takes Over

"Mr. Mac," as he's known to most of the old-timers and newcomers, too, wasn't born in Texas. But he was reared in a puddle of oil back in his native Pennsylvania where his daddy and granddaddy were both in the game. If you cut him there's be oil slick on his blood stream.

As soon as he was mustered out of service after World War I he headed for Texas where oil prospects were the brightest and biggest. Over the years he became a successful drilling contractor and producer, making his home in Wichita Falls. Then, 16 years ago, he bought his first property in Scurry County, which he gradually built up into the 5,200-acre Diamond M Ranch. He believed in the oil possibilities of the area from the beginning and his faith has paid off.

"Mr. Mac" is a human dynamo whose influence has been felt powerfully not only in his home area but in Austin and Washington as well. Yet, he is an "easy," comfortable man. He settles back in a big chair and his quiet voice plays over the history of the oil developments and the picture is spread out before you like a map; a map illuminated with sympathy and understanding with a keen knowledge of men; and with an almost passionate love of oil.

In August 1948, Mr. Mac relates, Sun and Humble Oil & Refining Company completed the Schattel No. 1 in a low spot on the Canyon Reef. It has remained a one-oil-well pool at the edge of the great field. Yet it must be rated as the "discovery" well. Next, on November 5, 1948, Magnolia Petroleum Company completed Winston No. 1 as the discovery well for the Kelley area on the extreme southeast edge of the pool. This followed, on November 21, by the completion of Brown 2-1 by the Standard Oil Company of Texas, 12 miles north and slightly east of the Magnolia well to open up the prolific North Snyder pool. This was the first major producer, flowing at the rate of 532 barrels per day on one-fourth-inch tubing choke.

Then, six weeks later, Mr. Mac hit the jackpot when the Lion Oil and Refining Co., on January 6, 1949, opened his Diamond M. pool with the completion of the McLaughlin 2 well flowing 649 barrels on a quarter-inch choke.

The oil industry sat up with a start. The rush was on.

Not only had a great field been discovered; but it was producing 44½ gravity oil — just what the refineries were crying for.

Briefly, Mr. Mac sketched in the swift-paced developments of the following year. The completion of Cogdell No. 1, a J.A. Chapman wildcat, near the Kent County line and seven and one-half miles north of the North Snyder area.

Then the successful drilling of Buffalo Nos. 1 and 2 by the Progress Petroleum Company between the Cogdell and North Snyder areas.

As of June 1, it appears that the Canyon Ridge area, including the Diamond M, The Kelley, the North Snyder and the Cogdell pools, is about 35 miles long, running northeast and southwest with a width varying from three to six miles. It now has proved up approximately 80,000 acres with nearly 1,000 completed wells and an average of 200 drilling, with 800 more locations to be tapped. The oil potentials are estimated at anywhere from 10,000 to 50,000 barrels per acre, depending on the depth of the reef, indicating a total of from 1,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000 barrel reserves in the area. Multiply that by $2.50 per barrel and you're thinking almost in terms of the national debt.

Pipe Lines Next

Nine pipe lines were laid into the area during the past year. Five gasoline plants are projected to use the field's gases, which contain eight and a half gallons of liquid per thousand feet. They'll cost $5,000,000 each.

Altogether, Mr. Mac estimates, there has been an investment in drilling, pipe lines, gasoline plants and miscellaneous items of approximately $200,000,000 during the past year, and with no-man knows-how-much-more to come.

Actually the limits of the reef are still far from determined. It may extend much further south and north and even west and may merge into other producing reef structures.

As for Mr. Mac, he hasn't done so badly, himself. His Diamond M Ranch as of June 1 had 63 producers with 37 more locations to be drilled. That's oil in any man's language.

Other independents, such as R.E. "Bob" Smith of Houston fared well, too. Bob's sitting high, but not dry, on the reef. Actually the development has been largely meat for the independents, though the major companies are far from being absent from the scene. Hundreds have been enriched and thousands benefited directly and indirectly, by the fabulous discoveries.

That's the story of the oil. Now for Snyder and Surry County and the citizens of the peaceful area. What happened to them?

Again it is a story of men and women, and many of them contributed to the inspiring saga of how the community took the terrific impact of the oil rush, cushioned it and absorbed it without going boom.

Following the completion of the Diamond M Ranch well the rush was on. Thousands of men and women, sound and unsound, constructive and destructive, headed for the modern El Dorado.

Population Starts Soaring

In the first year the population of Snyder zoomed from 4,100 to 15,000 and Scurry County's from 12,000 to 25,000. Bank deposits skyrocketed in 18 months from $2,000,000 to $15,000,000. Water connections upped from 544 to 1,738; gas consumers from 1,070 to 1,817; and electric light and power users from 1,823 to 2,814, while some 2,000 firms and individuals were clamoring for telephones. Building permits for the first two months of 1950 were $1,130,000 as compared to $72,800 for the same period in 1949 when the rush was just starting.

The housing shortage became acute from the start. Here trailers saved the day and nearly 100 parks with an estimated 2,300 trailers still spot the town and its adjacent territory.

Even more serious was the plight of the schools. Elementary enrollments were up 200 percent — from 641 to 1,811 in 18 months; junior high from 398 to 538, a 110 percent boost; high school from 229 to 245, a jump of only 16 percent.

The town's lone peace officer — a city marshal — couldn't begin to handle the problems of the swelling population, and the county's sheriff's department, with a single deputy, was overtaxed from the start.

Many, if not most, communities would have lost their heads under the pressure of such sudden growth. But not Snyder or Scurry County. Their solid foundations proved their strength during this period.

The meeting and solving of the school problems best illustrates the factors which kept Snyder from blowing its top and becoming just another boom town.

Solve School Problem

M.E. Stanfield, who had become superintendent in July 1947, after nine years as teacher and high school principal, sensed the problem before it became acute. Soon after assuming office he began to expand the district, absorbing 12 outlying schools and increasing the area from 35 to 550 square miles. As it later proved, this saved the day by increasing the taxable valuation and making it possible to finance the expansions when the emergency arose. Only $6,000,000 a year ago, the valuations are now placed at more than $25,000,000 and this represents only an estimated eight percent of actual values.

The greatest influx of new residents occurred between May and September 1949. Aware of the problem which would face them with the opening of school, Superintendent Stanfield held registration on Aug. 15 and the town awoke with a start to the realization that there would be 1,000 youngsters between the ages of six and 12 with no school facilities unless something was done — and fast.

Lee Stinson, president of the school board, and Stanfield conferred with the communities' leaders — new and old. They frankly said that they faced a problem for which they could see no solution; that they were determined to meet the crisis and were ready to stick their necks out but must have backing. They were broke and must have money.

The oil companies stepped in to help save the day. A meeting of representatives of the major and independent operators was called. They were told that $50,000 must be raised to take care of the situation. They raised the ante to $150,000 so that new sites could be bought and a reserve left for future emergencies, and wrote their checks then and there against future taxes.

The churches offered their fullest cooperation and when school opened they housed 10 classes of first to third grade youngsters with no charges for rental or utilities.

The State Department of Education backed the local school leaders to the limit telling them to use their own judgment on what measures to take. So they put on 15 more teachers than the formula called for and every youngster was cared for on opening day. By January 1950 new and remodeled buildings were able to take care of the entire enrollment. By 1951, there will be a new ward school north of the town and a new high school. If the town continues to grow at a swift pace — as many believe it will — there will be facilities for all of the youngsters.

The town administration faced problems as serious as the schools. Here again cooperation and determination bridged the gap from the comfortable past to the teaming present. A bond issue of $1,150,000, including $750,000 in water and sewerage revenue bonds, was passed to expand the sanitary system, providing paving, curbing and gutters, build a new fire house and very necessary — increase the size of the jail.

When the rush started there were only two water wells to care for the town's needs. Now there are 22 wells, 1,000,000 gallons of reservoir capacity with another million being built. Water and sewerage rates were raised only a small percent and there is ample sanitary service for the entire town.

Mayor Forrest Sears is proud of the town's record and the full cooperation that he and his administration received from everyone. Having served on the City Council for 22 years before becoming mayor he had ample experience to guide him, but it took everyone's help to meet the demand of the burgeoning population.

The town has gone easy on taking in new territory due to a wise policy formulated by the mayor and city engineer, James V. Curnutte. New residential additions, which now surround the town, must finance and build their own water and sewer lines before being admitted to the city. They will then be repaid 60 percent of the collections until their utility investments have been returned. Without this policy it would have been impossible for the town to meet the demand of the new areas.

The mayor also set a pattern for trailer parks, establishing one of the first ones in the city limits with complete sanitary facilities and insisting that all others meet equal standards.

Policing A Problem

Unavoidably, the fame of the Scurry County oil discoveries attracted many undesirable characters and the policing of the swift-growing community became an acute problem. Old standards and old measures had to go by the board and a new police department was set up with Chester Baring of California as its head.

It now has an adequate force with radio patrol cars and all of the modern facilities necessary to compete with the situation. But vice and crime have never gotten out of hand and the morals of Snyder, the town that didn't go boom, are as respectable as any of its more placid sister communities in South, North or East Texas.

The county, under the leadership of Judge Edgar Taylor, faced its problems with the same determined serenity as the city. Outside of increasing the number of deputies from one to three and adding to the staff of the county clerk, few changes were made and everything was kept under control.

During the mis-named boom year, the Snyder Chamber of Commerce provided a brand of civic leadership which assured that the rapid growth would be wisely controlled but with no bets for expansion being missed. Headed by R.A. "Skeet" Schooling, the civic fathers were always on hand to lend their assistance when needed and they often took the lead and provide the spark to anticipate needs.

"Skeet," as everyone calls the civic president, showed his vision by moving to Snyder two years ahead of the oil discoveries and establishing an automobile agency there. He says he looked over the situation, found it sound, even without oil. A man with that kind of vision was a wise choice for civic leadership and has proved his worth many times to his community.

The women's clubs of Snyder, of which there are seven, have cooperated with the schools, city, county and chamber of commerce in the solving of their problems and working out plans for the future. The "old-timers" have made a special effort to welcome all of the newcomers and make them feel at home and have been instrumental in forming two "Newcomers" ladies' club.

Now Snyder is a busy, crowded, vital town, still growing, confident of its future, but with no evidence of a boom situation. Outside of rentals, prices are as low or lower than in other communities. Church memberships are swelling rapidly as the population becomes stable.

New housing will soon catch up with the population needs. Plans are well advanced for a new airport and a project for a lake, to augment the water supply and give recreational facilities, is underway. A youth center is being established.

A county-city health unit cares for the emergency medical needs of the community. Funds have been voted for a new county hospital. New doctors have moved in and opened offices and the entire medical profession has been on the alert to care for the needs of the waxing community.

A beautiful remodeled and dressed up country club, with its income swelled by royalties from three oil wells on leases owned by Bob Hope and Big Crosby, is the center of the town's social activities.

The story of Snyder is far from finished this summer of 1950. But to end what has been written so far, it is only fitting that a woman should have the last word; a woman whose influence and faith have been vital in the development of the great Canyon Reef area. So we meet Edith McKanna at her lovely Rock Ledge Farm near Fluvanna, 17 miles northwest of Snyder.

Introducing Mrs. McKanna

Mrs. McKanna, too, was just about reared in a puddle of oil. Her earliest memories are trips with her father who was an active oil operator in the early exploration and development days of northwest Texas. And her husband, the late James Everett McKanna who had become a power in oil before he passed away in 1932, had her with him on most of his trips. She recalls that her daughter was brought up in a basket in the back seat of a Model T Ford bumping over the rough roads of the early oil fields.

Edith McKanna is indeed an essential and vital part of the Snyder and Scurry County story. Her grandmother settled in the county in 1880. Since then her family has expanded its holdings and she is continuing the process under her capable management.

Her farm includes 1,500 acres of cultivated land and 22 sections, or approximately 14,000 acres, of rangelands where her herds of Hereford roam.

For 15 years, Mrs. McKanna has been returning to Scurry County every year to supervise the management of her holdings. Five years ago she started remodeling a sharecropper's "shotgun" house and it is now one of the show places of West Texas.

Actually much of the oil exploration which has resulted in the development of Canyon Ridge area was planned and plotted on the wind-swept porches of her home.

For yeas she hammered at the major oil companies and independents to drill her leases. They laughed at her. They told her she had "rocks in her head." And 23 companies actually turned down one block of acreage which she offered them — a block which now promises to be one of the major pools on the reef.

She made a trade with one of the major companies for a 14,000 acre block and they turned it back to her — dumped it back in her lap, she says — as being worthless. Now the oil derricks are sprouting from one end of it to the other.

Edith McKanna lives and breathes oil. She loves the music of the mud pumps and she's a familiar sight at the headache blocks of many drilling wells — though she won't go on a derrick floor. That's a man's place, she insists.

To Edith McKanna, the discovery of oil is a consuming challenge. Most women and men too, would have been satisfied to quit after achieving her success. But her plans and dreams grow greater with every step she takes ahead. She isn't even satisfied with her activities in Scurry County. Her lease interests now extend to two other counties and she is keeping an eagle eye on three more — a vast territory, most of which can be seen in clear weather and it's seldom otherwise — from her front porch.

She recognizes no end to opportunity and scoffs at those who try to limit and confine the area of the Canyon Reef. She points north and south and west and predicts — and she has seldom been wrong — that even greater discoveries and development may lie just ahead.

So no ending can be written now to the story of Snyder and Scurry County. Anyway, it's more than the story of just one town and just one county.

It is the story of Texas. More, it is the story of America. It is a story of spiritual resources, of character, of vision and faith, or plain Texas guts, and a people who don't blow their tops; who don't lose their heads; who'll never "go boom."

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SDN helped inform readers about Korean War

(Editor's Note: In 1953, the Snyder Daily News helped keep readers informed about the Korean War.)

March 20, 1953

South Korean infantrymen hurled back two sharp attacks by some 1,000 Chinese on the muddy western Korean front today — the 1000th day of the stalemated struggle on this Asiatic peninsula.

May 21, 1953

The action in Korea is a war, a federal judge has ruled, and therefore the double indemnity clause of an insurance policy on a soldier killed in action cannot be collected.

Federal Judge Harry C. Westover, ruling against Jack Weissman who had sued for double indemnity on the death of his son, said that under presidential powers "there may be war without official declaration thereof."

He held further the Korean action had received sanction of Congress in the providing of troops munitions, ships and other items.

July 27, 1953

SEOUL (AP) — Shooting stopped along the Korean battlefront at 10 p.m. tonight, bringing to an abrupt halt 37 months of death and destruction.

While general fighting was all but nil in the final hours, mounting Communist artillery fire took its toll of Allied soldiers up to the last minute.

At 10 p.m. a hush fell over the front.

If the Reds had not insisted on shooting it out, there would have been little or no firing on the closing day.

Now the Allied and Communist armies are to pull back within 72 hours 1 ¼ miles, forming a 2 ½ mile wide buffer zone.

July 29, 1953

At least 11 of those wounded, killed or captured in the Korean War were either Scurry County men or former residents of the county. Records here show two dead, eight wounded and one captured.

Only one of the two killed was a resident of the county at the time of his death, although the other was from and reared here. The resident was Pvt. S.R. Hambrick of Fluvanna, 18, who died July 27, 1950. He was the son of Mrs. Dora Allen of Snyder and J. B. Hambrick of Big Lake. His body was moved from Korea to the Fluvanna Cemetery Oct. 30, 1952.

The other fatality was 1st Lt. Wayland Johnson of San Antonio, 27, a native of Snyder who had lived in San Antonio a few years before his death in Korea in 1950. Survivors included his mother, Mrs. Audra Johnson of San Antonio, Mrs. A. P. Morris of Snyder, grandmother, and Mrs. S. L. Johnson of Hermleigh, grandmother.

Sgt. Ted Williams, 21, Marine son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Williams of Snyder, was wounded three times – Nov. 22, 1952 and Jan. 12-13, 1953.

Two who were wounded twice were Pvt. Floyd Mosley, 26-year-old soldier, son of Mr. And Mrs. Virgil Mosley of Snyder, wounded Nov. 1, 1950 and the following January, and Cpl. Glen H. Merritt, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Merritt of Snyder.

Others wounded were Pfc. Gerald R. Lindsey, son of Mrs. Gerald Otis Lindsey of Hermleigh, Pfc. Ted Arnold Jr., Marine son of Mrs. Charles E. Smith (who was said by the army as a Snyder resident although the Daily News was unable to locate her here); Pfc. Arthur L. Blackwood, son of Mrs. Anna Mae Blackwood of Snyder; Pfc. Floyd L. Niedecken, 21, son of Mr. And Mrs. H. G. Niedecken of Snyder; and Sgt. James E. Trumble, 22-year-old amputee, son of Mr. And Mrs. T. L. Trumble who were residents here when he was wounded in 1950. (It is not known whether the Trumbles live here now.)

Pfc. Carl Daniel Peterson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson of Hermleigh, was missing in action for several months and later found to have been captured about Dec. 1, 1950. His parents have been receiving letters from him occasionally, most of them two or three months old when received.

July 29

The closing days of the Korean conflict brought another Scurry County casualty.

He is Cpl. Clint Eldon Floyd, 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Floyd. He was wounded in action Friday, only hours before the signing of the truce.

Cpl. Floyd's older brother, Cpl. Eddie Don Floyd, is also in the Marine Corps and in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd have received no word of his condition since they were first notified of his injury Monday.

Sept. 22, 1953

A 1953 Plymouth Cranbrook sedan was presented yesterday evening to Carl D. Peterson, ex-prisoner of the Korean War, by citizens of the county in a public ceremony held on the courthouse square.

Peterson, who spent 32½ months as a prisoner of the communists in North Korea, told a group of about 300 persons that his welcome home was "the best I have ever seen in my life."

County Judge Edgar Taylor made the presentation of the car, which was purchased by a committee from Lee Motor Co., which submitted the low of three bids. In addition to the car, Peterson was presented a check for $392.75.

Three funds had been gathered for Peterson, one a large county-wide fund, and two were a Snyder fund and Hermleigh fund gathered by Hermleigh Mayor A. D. Higginbotham.

Higginbotham, who has known Peterson since the soldier was a child, introduced the ex-POW to the crowd. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson of Hermleigh, were also introduced. With Peterson at the ceremony was Pfc. Bill Smith of Lubbock, who was in North Korean prison camps with the Scurry soldier.

Robert R. Patterson, Snyder attorney and representative of veteran's organizations, was master of ceremonies. Patterson read a proclamation issued by Higginbotham, Taylor, and Mayor Harry Holbrook of Snyder, all of whom declared yesterday Carl Peterson Day. He presented Peterson with member ships to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Welcome talks to Peterson were given by Holbrook for Snyder, by County Attorney Wayland Holt for the county, and by the Rev. E. K. Shepherd of the First Baptist Church here for the county churches.

The Snyder High School band, directed by Melvin Montgomery, played five marches to open the program.

Latest contributions in the Peterson fund had been $10 from the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Union Methodist Church, $7.50 by A. B. Casstevens, and a tank of gasoline for the new car by Steve Birdwell's service station.

Mobile unit provided free X-rays in Snyder for persons 16, older

(Editor's Note: On Aug. 3, 1953, free chest X-rays were announced in a Snyder Daily News article.)

Plans were completed and committees were appointed Friday for the free chest X-ray campaign here Aug. 18-22.

The mobile unit, which will be placed in the basement of the courthouse, will offer X-rays to all persons over 16 years of age.

The whole operation takes less than a minute and requires no undressing, Mrs. J. D. Scott said. The X-ray, which covers the whole chest, will show any respiratory disorder, and has even been a primary factor in the discovery of heart ailments, she said.

Mrs. Scott said that medical authorities advise a chest X-ray once a year, since a disease such as tuberculosis can progress far in that length of time.

Each person X-rayed gives the name of a doctor to whom a report of the X-ray is sent, with the same report sent to the participating individual. All reports are confidential, Mrs. Scott said.

Mrs. E. N. Baker was named acting general chairman in the absence of Mrs. Mabel Brock. Mrs. Baker will head the hostess committee composed of Mrs. Alfred McGlaun, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Harold Bennett and Mrs. David Harlin.

The publicity committee, headed by John Boren, is composed of Mel Zane Gilbert, Cecil Yarbrough and Hilton Lambert.

Clerical committees will be headed by Mrs. Mert Jones, Mrs. W. T. Falls, Mrs. Ollie Richardson, Mrs. Geral Greene, Mrs. Fred Bullard, Mrs. Robert Hargrove, Mrs. Wayne Boren and Mrs. A. C. Floyd.

The transportation committee will be Mrs. Ross Hemphill, Mrs. James Rosser and Mrs. Renal Rosson.

The telephone committee will be Mrs. P.W. Cloud, Mrs. Jim Philip and Mrs. Manning Davis.

The Ministerial Alliance Committee will be the Rev. W. W. Adcock, the Rev. E. K. Shepherd and the Rev. Ronald Hubbard.

Forrest Beavers and Geral Greene will be in charge of loading and unloading equipment.

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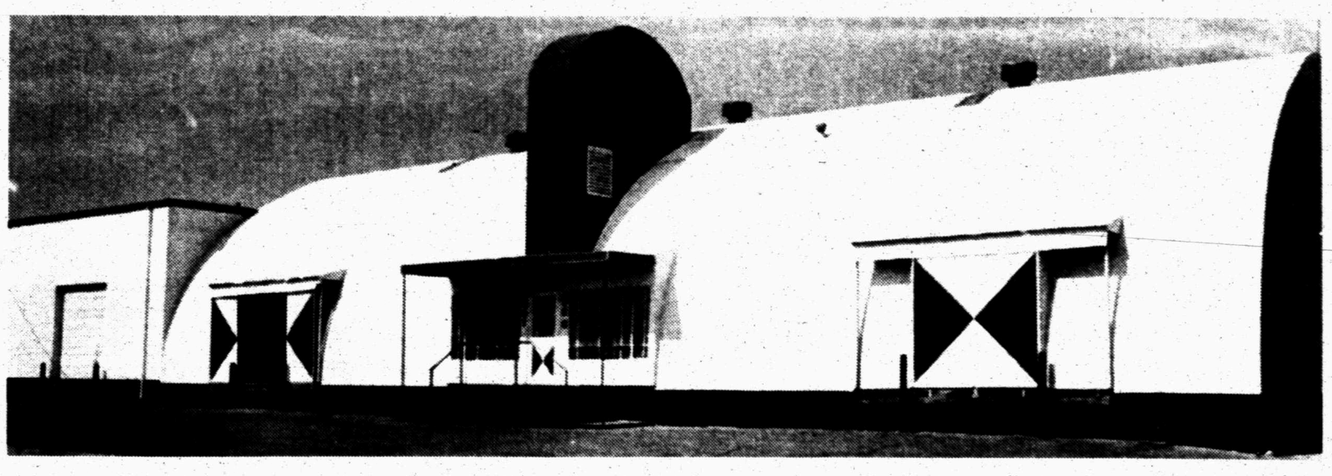

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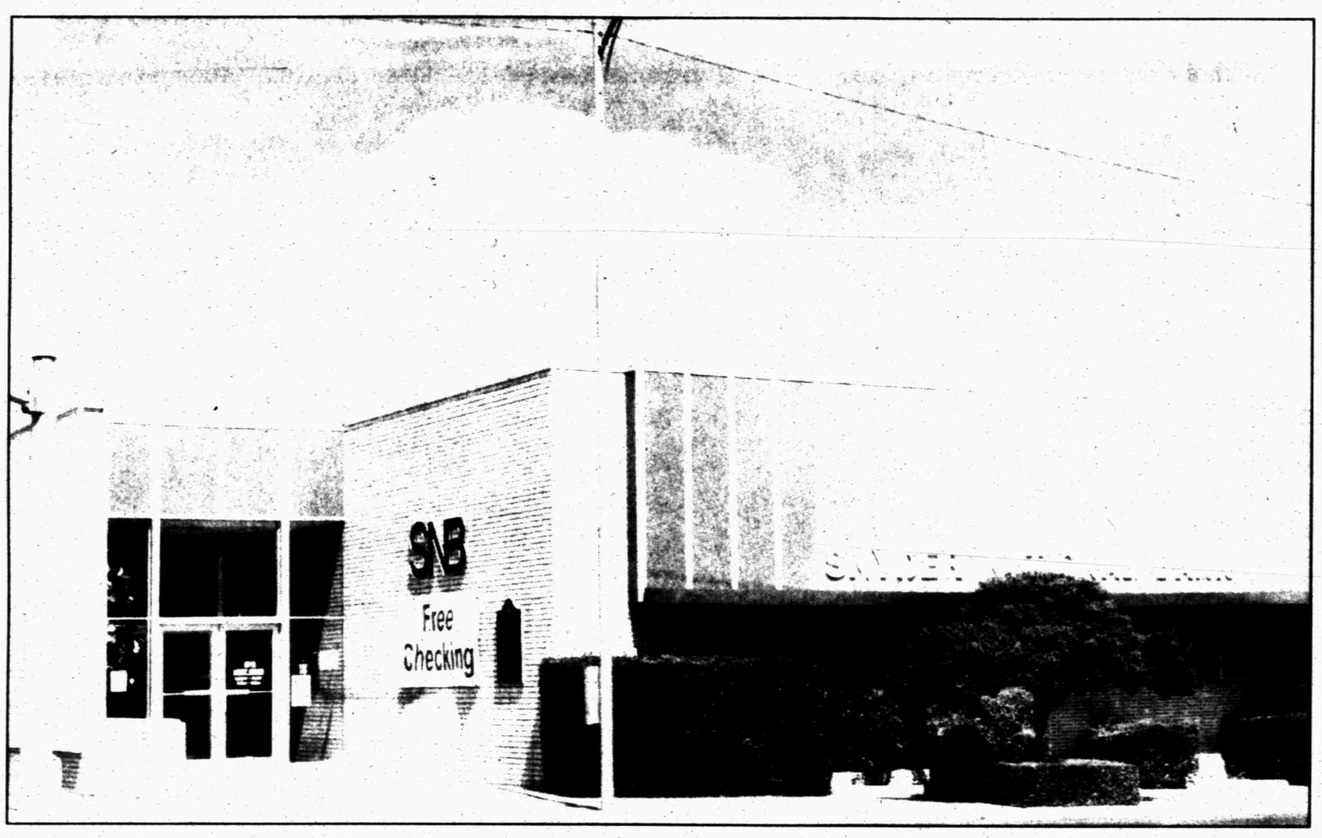

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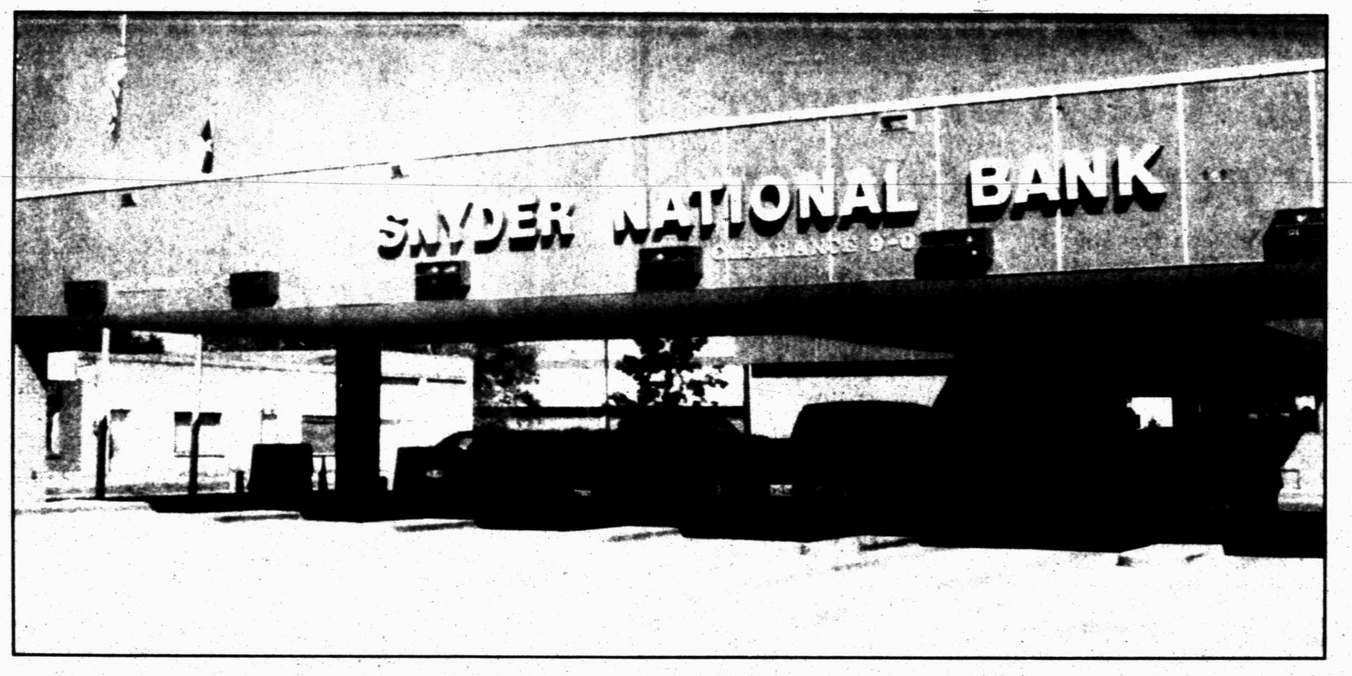

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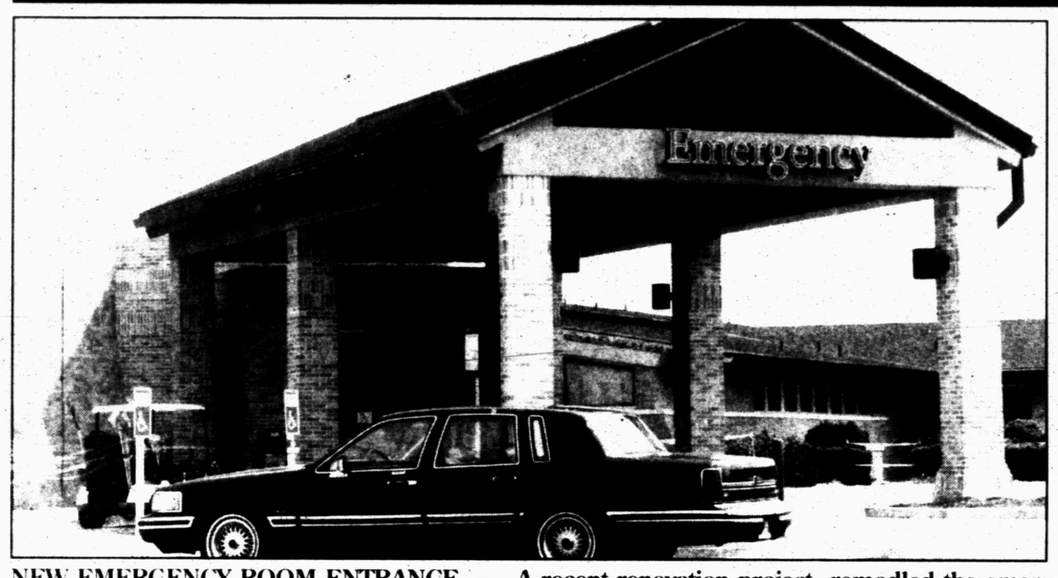

NEW EMERGENCY ROOM ENTRANCE — A recent renovation project remodled the emergency room and other areas at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Cogdell opened nearly 50 years ago. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hospital is built 50 years ago

(Editor's note: The opening of Cogdell Memorial Hospital was reported on Dec. 18, 1953.)

The board of directors of Cogdell Memorial Hospital announced today that the $1,000,000 plant will be officially opened here Jan. 31.

R. B. Fulcher, administrator, said that patients would be accepted on Feb. 1. Equipment for the hospital will not be entirely complete until sometime in February, Fulcher said. However, missing equipment will be minor in importance and will not materially affect operation of the plant, he said.

Major items which have not arrived yet are mattresses. Fulcher said that an invoice has arrived indicating that some have been shipped, but that none have arrived yet. An agreement has been made with the manufacturer that the mattresses will be shipped as they are completed at a rate of about 10 per day, he said.

Plans have been made to start immediately to compile a full staff for the opening, Fulcher said. At present there are four staff members employed besides Fulcher. They are Miss Oleta Mitchell, business manager; Mrs. Norman Neundorf, director of nurses; Charles White, X-ray technician; and Virgil Walton, engineer.

Contract on the building was awarded in March, 1952, and the first machinery was moved in here April, 1952, to start construction. General contractor was Rex D. Kitchens of Austin.

The building was completed last summer, but the intervening time has been spent in equipping the hospital.

Feb. 9

An administrator for the new Cogdell Memorial Hospital was hired today by its board of directors and the county commissioners. He is to begin work here next Monday, Nolan Watson, chairman of the board, said.

The new administrator is R. B. Fulcher, 31, who has been a hospital consultant with the Texas State Department of Health in Austin the past two and ½ years.

In 1950, he received a master's degree in Hospital Administration at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Watson said Fulcher's salary was set at $6,600 per year and he is to act as a consultant for the hospital board until the building is completed and equipped.

By Martin family...

Southwestern Brick, Tile Inc. opened in 1953 south of city

(Editor's note: A brick plant located south of Snyder began producing its first products as reported on Nov. 19, 1953.)

The first bricks ever made commercially in Scurry County were produced this week at Southwestern Brick & Tile Co., which cranked up its motors for a test run and will have enough bricks made by the end of the week to load into its first kiln for baking.

The plant, which has been under construction here since May, has just finished installing its huge brick-making machine, which has a capacity of 6,000 bricks per hour made from Scurry County clay.

Coming here to check on the machine's first work is Heinrich Remenyi of Dayton, Ohio, who designed the brick-maker for International Clay Machinery Co. The machine at Southwestern is the first of the new series designed by Remenyi.

Four persons are partners in the Southwestern plant. They are Albert Martin, long-time Snyder building contractor; his two sons, Ray Martin and Billy Don Martin, and his daughter, Mrs. Z. W. Davis.

The elder Martin said about 45,000 bricks will be produced by the machine this week for the entire test run through the plant. The operation, from clay to finished brick, requires about 15 days, Martin said. He added the plant has only one kiln completed now and will use its first brick to build four more kilns, each of them 30 feet in diameter and having a capacity of 90,000 brick.

Martin said the plant will finish the first batch of brick with his family and three or four more employees. After two more kilns are finished, it will take about 12 employees to keep the plant going, and after all the kilns are finished the plant crew will be 25 to 30 persons.

The plant will probably be in full production within 90 days, Martin said. Martin's trade territory will reach from Snyder west into New Mexico and southwest to El Paso. Wholesale jobbers will take care of the bricks outside Snyder. Martin will handle the Snyder trade by retailing brick at the plant. He said the brick will retail from $25 to $50 per 1,000. The plant will produce common bricks, Roman bricks, hollow tile and face tile.

A by-product of the red clay used at the plant is the dust that sifts off when the clay is ground up for making into brick. The dust cannot be used by this plant, according to Ray Martin, who said it will be sold to pottery plants for use as body in the pottery products.

The clay is now being trucked to the plant by the Martins from a lease 13 miles north of Snyder on the property of Mrs. Uda Wasson. One yard of clay makes about 100 brick. Martin said earlier that the plant will use about 60 yards of clay per day when in full production.

Clay brought in is dumped in a clay storage house adjacent to the mill house. The clay is picked up by an elevator and carried to a grinder, which cuts the material down to be used in the machine. It then goes into the brick machine, which makes the batter and is even equipped with an apparatus to take air out of the batter.

The machine pushes the batter through a die which casts long hunks of brick to be carried through a huge cutter, which is set to cut the desired size and make the right face on the brick. The brick, now in the right shape but still soft and wet, is loaded onto cars of 700-brick capacity. The cars carry the brick on rails to the drying tunnels. The plant now has more than 100 of the cars but will have 200 when the plant is operating at capacity.

Six of the 12 drying tunnels needed at the plans are now complete. The tunnels are 114 feet long, each capable of holding 192 cars. Drying capacity of 12 tunnels is 134,000 bricks.

After the trip through the tunnels, the bricks are taken into the kilns, where they are hardened in 1,900-degree heat. Coloration of the bricks is done in the kilns through use of various chemicals. The kilns operate off butane gas.

The Southwestern plant, built at a cost of about $230,000, is two and a half miles south of Snyder on the old Colorado City road and the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railway tracks.

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Snyder celebrated Diamond Jubilee in 1953

(Editor's note: Snyder's Diamond Jubilee was held in October, 1953.)

Tickets went on sale today for the public barbecue to be held Oct. 16 in celebration of Snyder's diamond jubilee and oil progress week.

A committee headed by C. T. McLaughlin is handling block ticket sales, while individual tickets are on sale at the chamber of commerce office for $1.50 each. Sen. Lyndon Johnson will speak at the barbecue.

Week-long displays in windows of downtown businesses are being planned by a committee headed by Miss Fay Harrell. Women's organizations are being invited to prepare displays, and some of them are now working on them.

Frank Wilson, president of the Kiwanis Club, is chairman of the committee planning a joint service club luncheon for Oct. 15. Rex Miller heads the committee for the barbecue, while Lee T. Stinson is chairman of the committee locating residents who have lived here 50 years or more. Those residents will be honored during the week.

Mrs. Sam Williams is head of a committee of women planning a tea for Sen. Johnson's wife.

A parade will be held downtown on Oct. 16, with floats depicting Snyder 50 years ago and oil progress here. Prizes of $100, $50, and $25 will be awarded for the best floats.

High school officials here today were to submit the best 10 essays entered by seniors in a contest sponsored by the Oil Industry Information Committee. A committee of oil company superintendents will send the best four of these essays to an area OIC committee, which will pick the best of the area for scholarship awards. The best four from here will receive $50 defense bonds from the Diamond M Industries.

The 10 students whose essays were judged best here were Nelson Howard, Jane Voss, Margaret Anger, Rose Marie Roe, Joe Davis, Mary Jimm Stinson, Charlotte Colley, Harry Gene Newton, Louise Crook and Myrle Wayne Neal.

HISTORICAL MARKER — Judy Hays (right), the granddaughter of J. Wright Mooar, is pictured with the late Donna Fowler and the late G.A. Parks on Feb. 24, 1996 at an unveiling of a new Mooar historical marker on U.S. 84 near Snyder. (Contributed photo by Charles G. Anderson)

October 16

Lyndon Johnson, Texas senator who will speak tonight during Snyder's diamond jubilee barbecue at the high school stadium, arrived at Winston Field at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

Johnson was scheduled to be honor guest at 4 o'clock this afternoon at a reception given by C. T. McLaughlin at the Diamond M Ranch.

Mrs. Johnson was to be honor guest at a 3 o'clock tea at the Methodist fellowship hall. The committee of women giving the tea was headed by Mrs. Sam Williams.

At 5:30 this afternoon a large downtown parade will be held. The parade will form on Twenty-sixth Street west of the courthouse square. Eddie Miller is parade marshal for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is in charge of the parade.

The parade will be led by a color guard from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band. Included in the parade will be several congressmen and state legislators, including Johnson, George Mahon of Lubbock, and Harley Sadler of Abilene.

The parade is to include a float contest, with prizes of $100, $50 and $25 to be awarded. Several oil firms, celebrating oil progress week, will have equipment in the parade.

The barbecue will begin at 6:30 o'clock. The chamber of commerce is preparing for the serving of 1,300 persons, including about 300 persons who have lived here 50 years or more, who are the honor guests. A group of Boy Scouts will serve the old-timers.

The Cowboy Band will play a concert while the group eats. After the eating, a program will be held with G. Edward Bolger as master of ceremonies. The Rev. W. W. Adcock, pastor of the First Methodist Church will give the invocation, then Harry Holbrook, mayor, and Edgar Taylor, county judge, will give welcome talks. Lee T. Stinson will make a talk representing the old-timers here.

Harold Bennett will introduce officials at the barbecue, and then McLaughlin will introduce Johnson before the senator's talk.

Included in the out-of-town guests who will be here for the oil progress and jubilee celebration are Harold Dunn of Shamrock Oil Co., Shelby Kritzer, vice president of the Amarillo Globe News, Jay Taylor, president of the National Cattlemen's Association, and R. P. Wheeler, independent oil operator, all of Amarillo; Harold Hinn, president of Harvest Queen Mills at Plainview; A. W. Tarkington, vice president of Continental Oil Co., and John Connelly of Richardson Oil Co., both of Fort Worth.

DIAMOND JUBILEE — The City of Snyder celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 1953. Seated on the float are Toyetta Byrd, Pat Edwards, Vera Brunson and Pat Cornett. (Contributed Photo)

Oct. 18

Snyder, Scurry Countians and the oil industry all received the praise of Texas senior senator Lyndon B. Johnson at a barbecue speech here Friday night.

The event climaxed a week of activities celebrating the 75th anniversary of Snyder. Three hundred old settlers who had lived in the county more than 50 years were honored guests at the barbecue and were seated flanking each side of the speakers stand at the high school stadium.

On the date of the announcements of a 140,000 barrel per day cut in oil allowable for the state in November, Johnson took the opportunity to express his hope that the oil surplus problem could be handled without resorting to government interference — an alternative which he said would lead to government controls in the industry.

"Industrial statesmanship" on the part of the importers in working out a solution within the oil industry itself would retain the free enterprise system, Johnson said.

He praised the diversified and balanced economy of the county, describing it as the kind of economy which has made the United States a great nation.

Johnson's speech came at the end of a busy day for himself and his wife. The couple flew here Friday morning in the plane of C. T. McLaughlin, their host while they stayed here. They were feted at a luncheon at the Diamond M Ranch where groups of civic leaders from Fort Worth, Amarillo, Big Spring and Snyder were present.

Mrs. Johnson was guest of honor at a tea that afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. A reception for the senator and his wife followed at the Diamond M just prior to the parade here at 5:30.

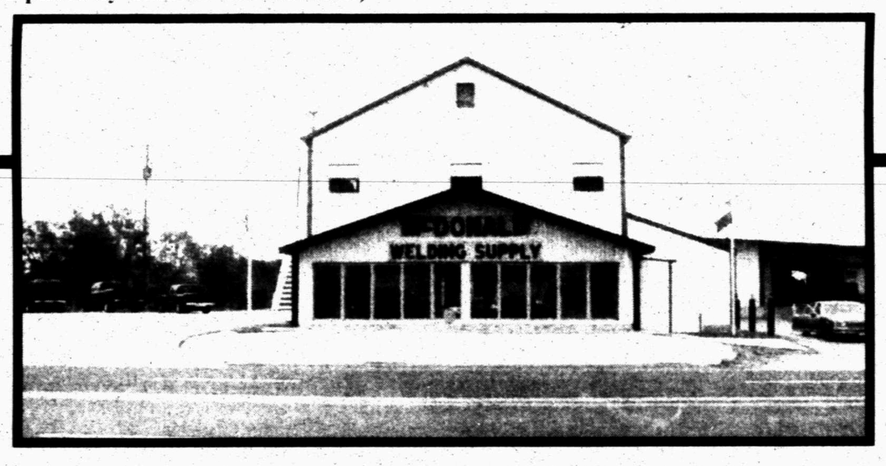
Winning float in the parade was Borden County Future Farmers of America. Second prize went to the Texas Co. entry, and third prize was won by Beta Sigma Phi. Sen. Johnson led the parade and went from there to the football field for the barbecue.

Senator and Mrs. Johnson left yesterday morning for Austin in McLaughlin's plane.

Oct. 1

Slim Willet, hillbillly singer from Abilene, will appear at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the old high school auditorium under sponsorship of the Lions Club. Tickets are $1 for adults and 50 cents for students. Willet has composed several songs.

(Willett wrote and recorded "Tool Pusher from Snyder" in 1950. It was a big hit with Snyder record buyers. Willett's best-known composition was "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes," recorded by Perry Como and other well-known vocalists.)



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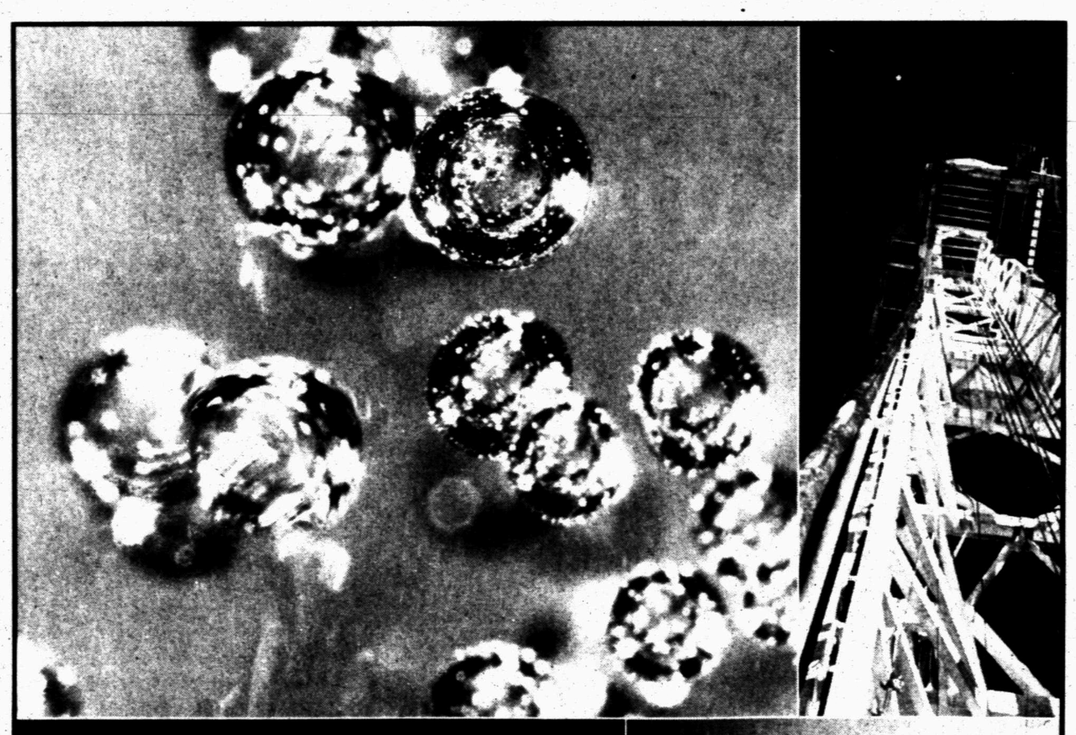

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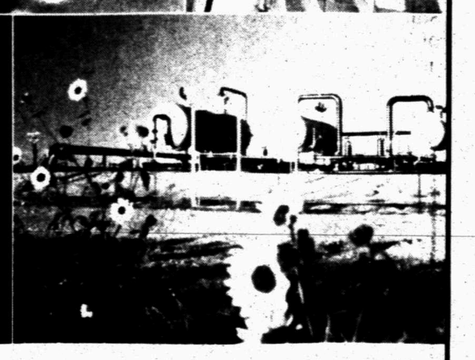

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Scurry County Rodeo part of local history

(Editor's Note: The Scurry County Rodeo has been a part of Scurry County history for 67 years. This article appeared in 1953.)

An abundance of riders and hard-to-beat roping times in the opening night of the 17th annual Scurry County Rodeo will make competition tough as the show goes into the last half of the first go-round tonight.

About 90 of the more than 200 cowboys in the show performed in last night's events, during which rain threatened but never fell.

Showing they could handle the wild stock furnished by Goat Mayo were 13 out of 17 bareback riders who held on to the end of the ride, three out of five saddle bronc riders, and five out of 17 Brahman bull riders managed to stay on top.

Giving tonight's performers something to work against in calf roping was Billy Bynum of Blackwell, who finished in 14.6 seconds. A Breckenridge cowboy, Nig Wright, had the best calf roping time in last year's show with 12.2. Other roping times were 15.3 by Tommy Bacon of Breckenridge, 18.4 by Mack Weston of Fluvanna, 13.6 by Geral Hart of Snyder, 27.2 by Jack Newton of Abilene, 27.7 by S. G. Russell of Abilene, 28.6 by Tooter Swann of Lamesa, and 31.2 by D. R. Stroud of Odessa.

Only three out of 10 had times in the yearling tie-down, or double-mugging. Fastest was 19.1 by Billy Bynum, followed by 29.6 by Jack Peek of Seymour and 39.6 by Burl Hitson of Breckenridge. Best time last year was 17.0 by Dee Burrus.

Bugger Nixon of Breckenridge led in the rugged wild mare race, bringing the mare to a slow trot.

In the sponsors' barrel race, Rosemary Rice of Big Spring led with 20.1 followed by Betty Connell of Snyder with 21.7. The only other contestant, Melinda Bartlett of Anson, was dumped by her horse while attempting to round a barrel.

Junior events also featured some experienced performers. Best time in junior ribbon roping was 19.2 by Billy Joe Hataway of Snyder, while Kenneth Mauldin of Snyder had 22.6 and Sidney Johnson of Snyder had 46.4. The other four in the contest had no time. Booger Townsend of Snyder was the only one of three juniors to ride his bull. In the junior soda pop race, John Billy Koonsman of Snyder took first and Gene Griffin of Snyder ran second.Several cowboys indicated that competition will be close for top money in the rodeo. Jimmy Moore of Post completed rides on a bareback bronc, saddle bronc, and a bull.

Several more cowboys rode their animals in at least two events, including Tommy Riley of Snyder, James Mickler of Stamford and Don McDonald of Fluvanna. McDonald was winning steer rider last year and Riley won the saddle bronc contest.

Those completing rides on the bareback bronc were Mickler, McDonald, Moore, Bill Watts of Colorado City, Earl Bonner of Snyder, Twain Mickler of Stamford, Sidney Johnson of Snyder, Jackie Hunnicutt of Fluvanna, Gene Frazier of Abilene, Luther Edmondson of Snyder, Jim Sealy of Snyder, Bugger Nixon of Breckenridge, and Tommy Hughes of Breckenridge.

Riding their saddle broncs were Bailey, Nixon and Moore. Completing rides on bulls were Riley, James Mickler, McDonald, Moore and David Rushing.

First place float was Cosmorama Study Club, which received $100. Second prize of $50 went to Rainbow Girls while Little League mothers took fourth. Each was given $25.

Mobile homes decreased as the local oil boom slacked off

(Editor's note: Mobile homes were the subject of an Oct. 11, 1953 SDN article.)

There are probably less than 250 house trailers in use in Snyder now, compared to a conservative estimate of 1,500 at the peak of the boom in late spring of 1950.

Estimates at that time ranged from 1,250 to 1,500 by conservative but usually reliable persons and from 2,500 to 3,000 by wild guess persons who had at least looked around some for their numbers.

A survey in October of 1951, about 18 months after the boom had reached its peak and still before the boom's peak had subsided, showed that in only four of the major trailer camps there were 112 trailers. These and 10 other camps had a total of nearly 500, and about twice that many were parked in private yards.

Now in seven trailer camps still here (and there aren't any others of consequence), there are only 78 house trailers. These same camps, plus seven others which have closed out, had 468 trailers in 1950.

Seventy-six is one-sixth of 468, which gives a reasonable ratio for estimating the number of trailers now. If there were 1,500 in Snyder at the peak of the boom, there are probably 250 or less now.

Some examples are that City Trailer Court, 1907 Thirtieth Street, held its own with about six trailers then and now; D&D Trailer Court, 1412 Avenue R, had 37 trailers in October, 1951, and is out of business now; Trailer Town, which had 69 trailers in the 600 block of Thirtieth Street, has gone out of business; Trailertopia on the Lamesa highway had 78 in 1950 and 12 now; Deluxe Trailer Court, 1408 Twenty-eighth Street, had 30 in October, 1951, and has 21 now; Hicks Trailer Camp, 1812 Thirtieth Street, had 55 in 1950 and has 14 now; Good Neighbor Trailer Court dropped from about 25 at the peak to 11 now; Wells Trailer Court, 500 Twenty-seventh Street, had 23 in 1951 and has 12 now.

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Most folks in Ira credit growth to ag

Editor's note: The Oct. 11, 1953 headline read *Ira, Built On Agriculture, Has County's Oldest History Of Oil.*)

Not many towns in this area have not been helped by oil, but Ira is one town which many old-timers credit most of its growth to agriculture.

Agriculture brought early settlers to Ira in the 1890s, and the many farmers and ranchers who settled there built up trade at Ira long ago, when there was little transportation and few good roads to carry them to larger towns.

While oil production has supplemented the income of many farmers in the Ira area since the 1920s, few have stopped farming. "They used the money they got out of oil to improve their churches and farms," according to Emmett Trevey, who was reared on the banks of Bull Creek near Ira.

Ira is no larger now in population, if as large, as it was about 1918, Trevey said, adding that settlers bought small tracts of land and traded at the crossroads of Ira. That was about the time Trevey said the better automobiles and good roads began to appear, carrying trade to the larger cities.

Before settlers began to move into the Ira area, Judge Looney of Colorado City grazed his cattle in the southwestern part of Scurry County, Trevey said. The land settled quickly, and Looney moved his cattle to the south side of the Colorado River, which runs across the corner of the county southwest of Ira. Trevey helped in that last big drive.

The reason for the quick settlement around Ira, Trevey said, was because Block 97, which takes in a large part of Scurry County, was believed to soon be turned into public domain. The railroads had claim on all blocks of uneven numbers, and the state and railroads went into court fighting over Block 97. Believing the big portion of land would be designated public domain, people moved in and began to settle. The block was later turned into school land, and those who settled there were given a chance to buy the land on which they lived.

By that time the southwest corner of Scurry County had become an active farming community. During the early settling, Ira Green moved in and set up a small store in a two-room building at the crossroads. Green stayed in business a short time and moved out, but he was there long enough for the growing village to be named for him.

After Green established his store, it wasn't long before other businesses came in. Trevey believes the second store to be established by Gene Knox and A. Rhodes, who also started a post office. A gin was built by Colorado City interests, and it wasn't long before farmers could even buy farm implements in Ira.

The pronunciation of Ira used by native and old-timers is to reverse the spelling to ari (sounds like aurie).

The small town even had a bank for several years opening in about 1905 as a branch of a Snyder bank. It was operated by G. A. Autry, uncle of N. W. Autry, Snyder fire chief. A blacksmith, Jim Wilson, father of Woodrow Wilson of Coffield & Guthrie at Ira, set up shop. Other stores, including a barber shop, sprang up. School was held in a dugout for a while and possibly in other locations, and a school building was erected in about 1906 at the location where the present school stands.

Trevey does not know when the first church was built at Ira. The Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, was built there about 1907. He remembers two ministers of the Baptist Church, a Mr. Barnett and Mr. Girard, were at Ira earlier.

T. C. Stinson, father of Joe and Lee Stinson of Snyder, was the first justice of the peace at Ira. Lee Stinson said his father seldom held court because Ira was very peaceful. The Stinsons were among the earliest settlers in southwest Scurry and had the second producing oil well in that area.

The first producer was brought in about 1921 on the farm of Jack Moore, father of Pat Moore, commissioner of precinct No. 3. After the first well was completed, the area was gradually developed and is still being drilled out in and around the Sharon Ridge fields. L.L. Eubank, now constable at Ira and a resident there for 48 years, remembers a time when salt blew out on a well drilling operation, destroying a rig. The salt spray blew out for about a year, Eubank said, forming on all growth and rocks around the hole. Farmers would occasionally pick up rocks on which the salt formed and put it in their pastures for stock.

Eubank can remember a time when land was sold for a very low price. His family lived near Knapp when he was young, moving away in the mid-1890s. The family sold a half section of land for $100 and traded a section for 13 ponies and a yoke of steers.

Trevey, who is said by those in Ira to have the best memory of the older days of anyone around, named some of the earliest settlers of the Ira community as John Taylor, father of County Judge Edgar Taylor, G. A. Jake, George Autry, and Forrest Kelley, in addition to those who had the first businesses there. He said there were many more he could not remember.

Ira still has several businesses, and the biggest thing now is its improved roads. The town, once only at the crossing of two county roads, now has Highway 350 from Snyder to Big Spring running through its middle. It has a paved farm-to-market road running north to Dunn. It will soon have one completed which will run west almost to Lake Thomas and one east to Dunn.

There are several stores now in Ira, including service stations. The town still has its churches, a school of about 250 students.

Mrs. May S. Parrott is acting postmistress. She succeeded Mrs. Marie Kruse, who resigned two years ago to be married and is now Mrs. John Cason.

May 19, 1953

Thirteen students received diplomas Friday night at Ira.

Jo Ann Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Erwin of Cuthbert, was valedictorian while Bobby Kimmel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kimmel, was salutatorian.

High school graduates were Harold Bailey, Lennon Bailey, Irene Chapman, Donald Crowder, Jo Ann Erwin, John Harrell, Bobby Kimmel, James Maupin, Juanita Mengwasser, Sara Reeder, Adrian Rosser, Jerry Thompson and James Sawyer.

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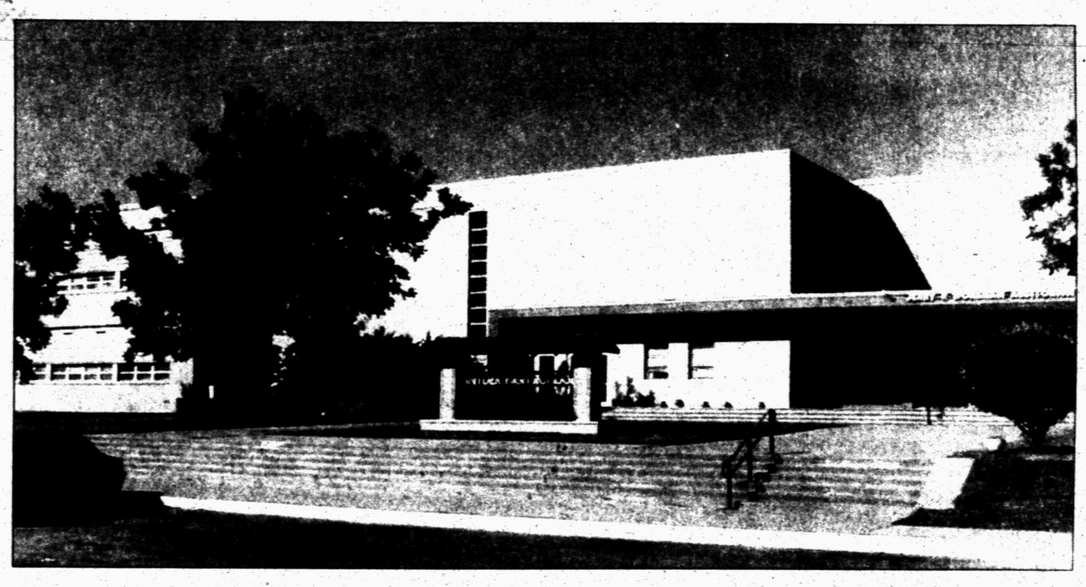

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J. WRIGHT MOOAR — When Scurry County celebrated the Texas Centennial in 1936, J. Wright Mooar was chosen to ride at the head of the celebration's parade. This picture shows Mooar, who was 74 in March of 1936, as he rode carrying his Sharpe's rifle. (Photo courtesy Charles Anderson)

In 1928, The Frontier Times wrote about Mooar's hunting

(Editor's note: J. Marvin Hunter, a frontier newspaperman, took note of the hunting career of J. Wright Mooar in his Frontier Times magazine published in Bandera September, 1928.)

It was through the correspondence of the Mooar brothers hunting outfit with Sharpe's Rifle Manufacturing Company at Bridgeport, Connecticut, that the Big Fifty caliber gun was made for buffalo hunters.

This gun carried eleven bullets to sixteen ounces of lead and the shell carried a charge of one hundred and fifteen grains of powder. This was the gun that killed the buffaloes. It was a center-fire single shot and the weight was from twelve to sixteen pounds.

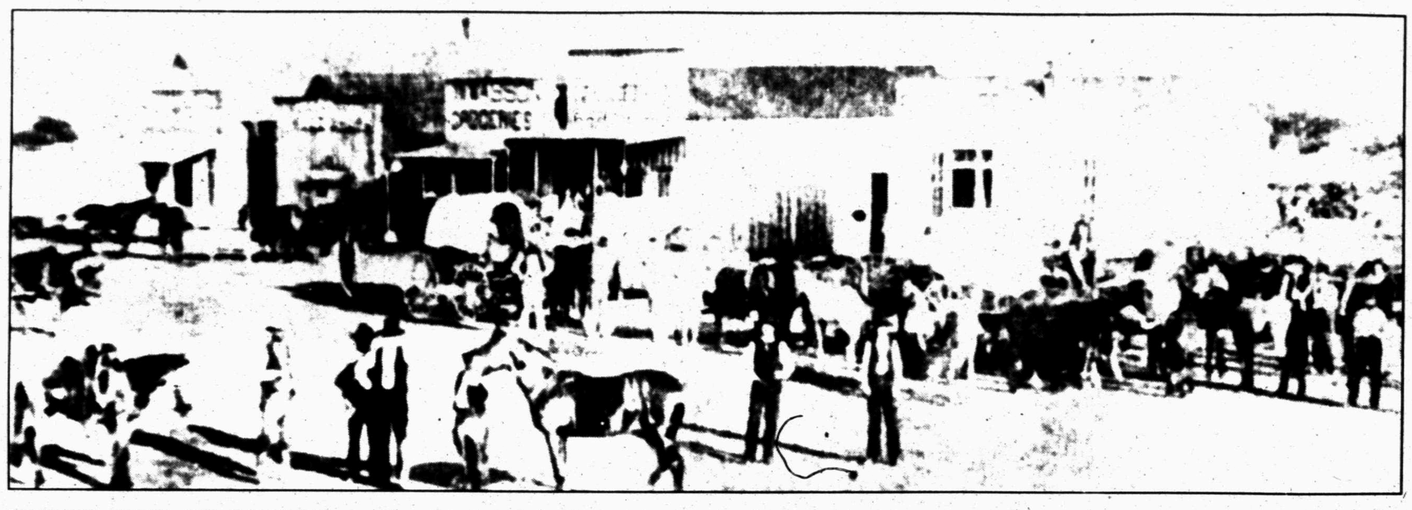
Wright Mooar has in his possession a twelve-pound gun with which he has killed four thousand buffaloes, and also a fourteen-pound gun with which he has killed six thousand buffaloes. The white buffalo before mentioned (in this article) was killed with this gun. The usual distance to do execution was from one hundred to three hundred and fifty yards, and Mr. Mooar killed over twenty thousand buffaloes in the eight years in which he was engaged in the business."

BUFFALO HIDE — The hide of one of only two albino buffalo known killed in Texas belonged to J. Wright Mooar. He holds the hide with his brother John W. Mooar at left. (Photo was contributed by Vollie Sorrells)

Snyder named after early day merchant

(Editor's note: On Oct. 11, 1953, an article told that Snyder was named after a veteran of the Union Army.)

There are numerous stories that have been told about Pete Snyder, the Dutchman who came here and set up a trading post on the banks of Deep Creek and whose business turned out to be the beginning of the city named in his honor.



NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE — Snyder looked like this in 1910. Two stores at center are Davis Bros. Grocers and Morgan Bros. Above the Morgan store was the Crescent Commercial College. In the background at left is the Clements Building, housing a firm that dealt in hay, grain and hides. (Photo contributed by Vollie Sorrells)

This is a story of Snyder's life, as told in about 1905 to the staff of Capt. B. B. Paddock, who edited *A Twentieth Century History And Biographical Record of North and West Texas*, published in 1906.

William Henry Snyder, commonly known as Pete, opened a trading camp here 75 years ago. The location of the store is believed to have been where the Manhattan Hotel now stands. Snyder hauled lumber and goods on a wagon from Dallas, erected a house, and began dealing in general merchandise and supplies for buffalo hunters, among them J. Wright Mooar, who was believed to have been the first white man to come here.

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When Snyder's business became profitable, other persons began moving here and building around the trader until a town was established and became known as Snyder. The trader continued in business here until 1881, when he moved to Colorado, now Colorado City, which was then a booming town because of the Texas & Pacific Railway being built across the state through there. In 1882, Snyder laid out a part of the original town of Snyder and sold lots from his property. He remained in the mercantile business in Colorado until 1899, when he sold his store and bought a ranch in Scurry County, six sections in the Dunn area.

Snyder was a man of varied experience. Born in Pennsylvania of Dutch stock, Nov. 29, 1837, he had six brothers. When Snyder was seven years old, the family moved from Carbon County, Pa., to New York, where he spent the rest of his boyhood. While still a young man, Snyder went to Manhattan, Kan., and took up a claim near there. He remained on the quarter section of land for about 18 months, then went to Colorado state in 1859 after the discovery of gold there. He engaged in mining at Central City, near Denver, as well as prospecting throughout the state, and he had more than 60 claims when the Civil War began. He spent most of the money he made mining on continued operations there.

In August, 1862, Snyder joined the Union Army. In 1863, Snyder's unit was sent to Council Grove, Kan., where it was stationed to guard trains bound for New Mexico. Soon they were ordered to Missouri, and while on the way the unit received a dispatch that Quantrell's army, a Confederate guerrilla group, was on its way to Kansas, so Snyder's group drove Quantrell out of that part of the country. Engaging in several contacts with Confederate troops, Snyder remained in the Army until 1865.

After his discharge, Snyder went to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., bought 17 mules from the government, and later picked out four of the best mules and went back to Colorado to check on his claims in the gold fields. Most of the claims had been absorbed in the hands of large companies, and Snyder returned to Kansas. For two and one-half years, he contracted to build railroads in Kansas, and during that time he lost a part of one of his ears in a skirmish with Cheyenne Indians. He remained in Kansas until 1872, then came to Texas.

He engaged in buying and selling cattle unprofitably for a while, then bought some oxen and rigged up freight teams and began hauling government freight between Denison and San Angelo. Later he began hauling buffalo hides in Texas, part of them for Mooar. After hauling the hides, he came here to establish his store.

Snyder married Miss Nellie Farclough, a native of New York, in February, 1883. After moving to Colorado City from here, he served several years as a city alderman there and was a director of the Colorado National Bank.

Snyder continued to live in Colorado City until his death on Oct. 4, 1916. His body now lies in a Colorado City cemetery.

(Note: Capt. Paddock's researchers in that Snyder's first trading post was on the banks of Deep Creek rather than on the courthouse square. Charles Anderson, who has researched Snyder's life extensively, says Snyder bought the trading post from the Cornelius brothers rather than establishing it himself.)

Keep growing, Snyder

We believe Snyder is about people and progress, and we celebrate the progress that is so visible in our community. Since Jesus stood for progress — desiring us to be more like Him in love, in service, and in lifestyle — we find ourselves pushing for progress. With open hearts and lives, we work to bring Christ to others — whatever their race, status, or gender — and we invite them to join us in the experiences both of becoming Christians and of growing stronger in our Christian faith. With God's direction, we build new, lively and meaningful ways for people to grow in a changing world.

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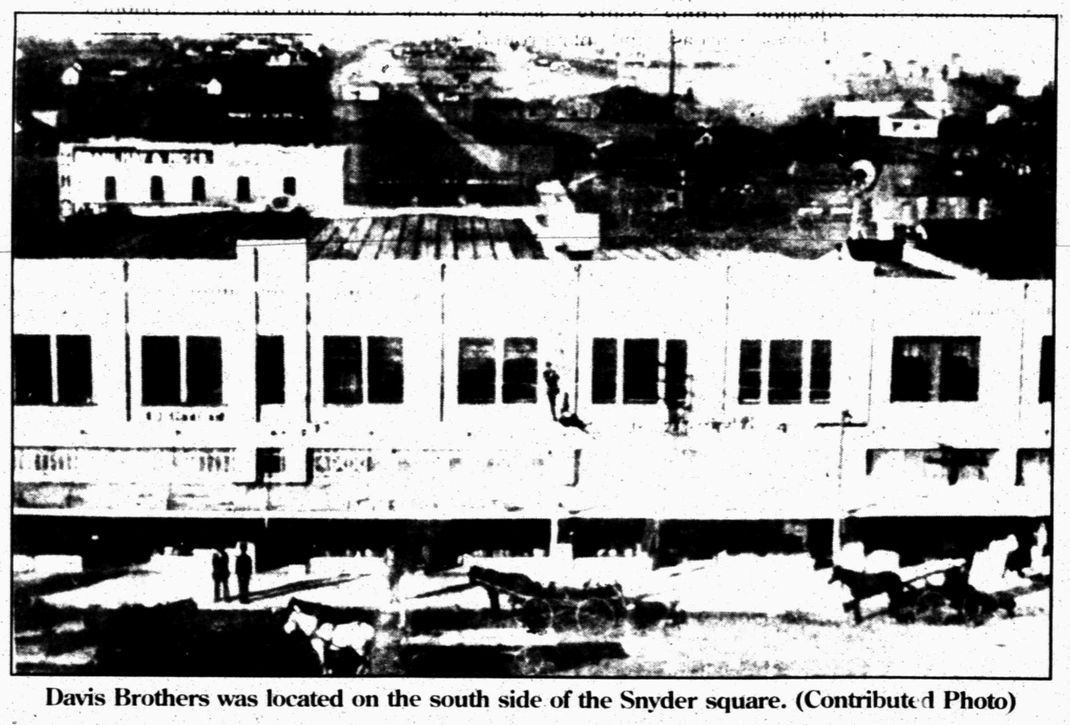
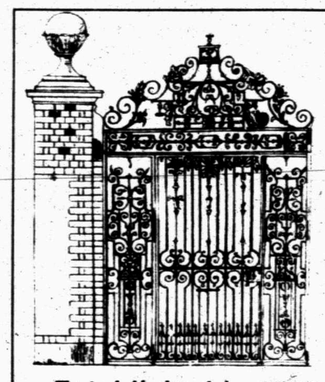


Davis Brothers was located on the south side of the Snyder square. (Contributed Photo)

1953 was productive year in Snyder as many businesses, schools were opened 50 years ago



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Two-day celebration opened Towle Park

(Editor's note: Towle Park opened July, 1953.)

A full program is planned for two days of activities over the weekend of the Fourth to officially open Towle Memorial Park according to Bob Crowell, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

The opening activities will begin at 8 o'clock Friday night with a dedication program at the park's baseball diamond.

The ceremony will be followed by a 9 o'clock Pony League baseball game at the same field. Pony League officials said yesterday the two competing teams have not yet been chosen.

From 9 o'clock until 10:30 Friday night, all park facilities will be open for inspection, including the swimming pool and stock barn.

Saturday morning, the swimming pool will be open at 6 o'clock for use all day.

At 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the Pony League will again have a baseball game at the park diamond.

At 7 o'clock, Miss Billie Biggs, state AAU diving champion and holder of several other swimming and diving titles, will present a diving exhibition.

Miss Biggs' show will be followed by a beauty contest of area women under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club. Entries have already been turned in for that contest.

The swimming pool will reopen for public use at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night and remain open until 10 o'clock. Jack Dillon, swimming pool manager, said the pool will remain open from 6 o'clock each morning until 10 o'clock at night this summer.

The opening ceremony Friday night, at which the Rev. Ronald Hubbard of the First Presbyterian Church will be master of ceremonies, will include welcome addresses by both Edgar Taylor, county judge, and Harry Holbrook, mayor. After Mr. Hubbard introduces officials, Taylor will introduce Mrs. Howard G. Towle, who donated the county the 200 acres for the park. The dedication address will be made by Forrest Sears, former mayor.

July 5, 1953

Two baseball games, several short talks, and an open house officially opened Towle Memorial Park to the public Friday night after several months of construction,

The dedication ceremony at the park, which was held in the baseball diamond, included official recognition of Mrs. Howard G. Towle, who donated the 200 acres on which the $350,000 park was built.

Forrest G. Sears, former mayor and city councilman who had served with the late Dr. H. G. Towle, told of Towle's efforts to build highways into Snyder and to improve optometrics in the state when he served on the State Optometric Board.

"They admired Dr. Towle in Austin and all over Texas," Sears said, adding "He was about as well-known a West Texan as we had in his time."

Referring to Towle's securing several Works Projects Administration developments here during the depression, Sears said, "I don't know any man who could have done or did as much for the people here. Many families were able to stay in Snyder through the efforts of men like Towle, who provided work for them." He added that through the WPA, Towle secured many paved streets and bridges for Snyder.

"I think when Dr. and Mrs. Towle came here as bride and groom from Colorado City in 1905, Dr. Towle must have realized when they were about as far as Dunn that transportation was poor, because one of his first efforts was to join citizens in trying to promote a railroad here. In a short time, in 1908, the RS&P built into Snyder, then the town grew and had a slight boom," Sears said.

Sears and others in the program gave official thanks to Mrs. Towle for donation of the land.

In the program, Edgar Taylor, county judge, and Malven Stevenson, mayor pro-tem, both gave welcome addresses. The Rev. Ronald Hubbard was master of ceremonies. Members of the commissioners court and the county advisory park board, as well as park employees, were all recognized for their work.

The park is now open for public use. The swimming pool, operated by Jack Dillon, is open from 6 o'clock each morning until 10 o'clock at night. Ready for use in the park are the baseball diamond, now used by the Pony League, two softball fields, three tennis courts, several picnic areas, and playground equipment. A large stock barn is also available for public use.

(Note: On May 26 the Snyder Daily News reported that William James (Jay) Ramsey was named superintendent of Towle Memorial Park. Ramsey's last official position was with the Snyder Police Department, where he was desk sergeant for seven months. Prior to his employment on the police force, Ramsey was superintendent of the city water and sewer department about seven years. He had also served as a volunteer fireman. The salary for Ramsey was set at $400 per month.)

Mary Towle donated land for Snyder park

Editor's Note: Mary Towle, wife of long-time Snyder mayor, Dr. Howard G. Towle, donated land for the park named in the family's honor. The park was dedicated June, 1953.)

Scurry County's benefactress for land now called Towle Memorial Park is a woman who has long favored recreational facilities and who decided to do something about it.

She is Mrs. Mary Towle, wife of the late Dr. Howard G. Towle, who served as mayor of Snyder for 24 years.

Early last year, when citizens here were working on their proposal they later submitted for the park bond issue, they took up the problem of land for the park. Before they felt out property owners to find the price of suitable land, Mrs. Towle made an offer of 200 acres just south of town.

After the bond issue was passed, the commissioners court considered several sites and accepted Mrs. Towle's offer, which she made in memory of her husband, who died Nov. 11, 1950. "I think Dr. Towle had that in mind before he died," she said recently.

Mrs. Towle, still very active in civic affairs and church work, is 67 years old and not sensitive about her age. She helped organize the Altrurian Club, the first study group in Snyder, in 1908 and has been a member since. She was a member of the building committee for the First Methodist Church when it constructed its building. She was also president of the Methodist Missionary Society for many years, taught in the Sunday School and directed the Young Women's Missionary Society several years, served as treasurer of the church's Northwest Texas Conference, and was once district secretary. In club work she performed district and state federated club work many years.

Mrs. Towle, who was born in Colorado City March 1, 1885, as Mary Ruddick, married Dr. Towle in 1905. A native of Wisconsin, Dr. Towle spent his boyhood in Nebraska and in 1902 graduated from Bradley Polytechnic College at Peoria, Ill. He did special study with Needles Institute of Kansas City and at Northern Illinois College at Chicago before going to Colorado City to practice.

After the two were married, they came to Snyder the same year on a stage hack and helped establish Towle Jewelry & Optical, a business the couple owned more than 40 years before selling to the late Sam Williams. The business is now Williams Jewelry, operated by Mrs. Williams. Dr. John Blum, son-in-law of Dr. Towle, was a partner with him several years. He now has a practice here.

Dr. Towle was very active in optometry. In 1929 he was appointed to the state board of examiners in optometry, and he served on the board 20 years, 12 of which he was president. In 1939 he was awarded a plaque for outstanding meritorious and unselfish service for the advancement of professional optometry, one of the highest honors of the board on which he served. In 1930 he was made an honorary colonel under the Alred administration. When he died, the House and Senate both passed resolutions honoring him for his civic and optometry work.

The late mayor served as volunteer fire chief for 14 years beginning when Snyder used a bucket brigade to fight fires and ending when modern methods had come into use here. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Shrine and Rotary Club.

Mrs. Towle, who has worked many years for recreational facilities here and remembers many previous attempts to provide facilities, was also a donor of Ruddick Park at Colorado City. She and her three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Shannon of Colorado City, Mrs. J. H. Green of Big Spring, and the late Mrs. James T. Johnson of Colorado City gave the 30 acres for the park in memory of their father, W. P. Ruddick. The late Mr. Ruddick had been a pioneer of Mitchell County, was the first man to attempt farming in that county when he raised cotton and feed.

Mrs. Towle said she had heard opposition from some persons to the county's spending $350,000 for the park, and said that she and many other elderly persons here probably will never use the park's swimming pool or its other facilities but that the younger generation is in great need of the recreation grounds.

Growing community needed more telephones

(Editor's note: A growing community in 1953 required expansion of the telephone company.)

The Bell Telephone Co. here will undertake another major program in 1953, Truman Black, the firm's manager here, said.

During 1952, the firm completed its new $1,750,000 dial system building at the corner of Twenty-seventh Street and Avenue R and changed over to the long-awaited dial.

More persons in Snyder had two-party residence lines than any other type lines by the end of November. They numbered 1,110 compared to 713 one-party business lines, 509 one-party residence, 425 four-party residence, 148 eight-party rural lines and 135 pay telephones.

May 12

Open house will be held beginning May 27 at the Snyder telephone building, Truman Black, manager, said today.

Visitors will be able to watch Snyder operators dial numbers direct to distant cities and watch the dial equipment select the proper local numbers as they are being dialed. Other exhibits will give visitors a look at a giant overseas radio-telephone tube and a tiny transistor tube, models of early telephones and many other pieces of telephone equipment.

"We are looking forward to this opportunity of showing Snyder people through our building. We believe it will be of interest to everyone," Black said.

July 7

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. was denied in its request for a 27% increase in telephone rates here by a unanimous vote of the city council last night.

Last night seven men argued that the company was not making a fair return on its investment in Snyder. A year's operating statement showed that the company was making a 3.02 per cent return on an investment of $954,000 for exchange equipment here.

In moving that the rate increase be denied, J. W. Phillips stated that in view of the drought and the findings on company earnings since its beginning of operations here, he thought that the increase would be an "undue hardship" on the citizens." Other councilmen, Eugene Harper, C. N. von Roeder and Dr. Robert Hargrove, concurred. Malven Stevenson, mayor pro-tem did not vote but expressed himself against the increase.

Southwestern Bell officials said they will continue to seek a rate adjustment.

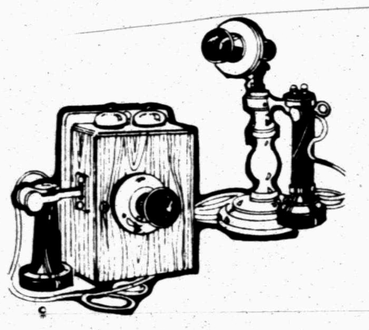
Aug. 20

Fifty-three employees of Southwestern Bell Telephone went on strike this morning, and only emergency long distance calls were being handled through the exchange manned by a skeleton crew of six non-union and supervisory personnel.

The strike began at 7 o'clock when the morning shift for telephone operators changes. Many of the day crew came to the building but did not enter.

W. S. Dow, steward of the plant employees for the Communications Workers of America (CIO) here, said he did not expect the strike to be as long as some strikes by telephone workers in the past, but he added that was only a personal opinion. He said pickets will be placed around the telephone office here tomorrow.

Dow termed a company offer of weekly wage boosts ranging from $1 to $2.50 "almost an insult," but said that he believed the union would seriously consider boosts of from $4 to $5.



Petition started drive for library

(Editor's note: Snyder citizens circulated a petition to establish a county library. The Scurry County Library was built in 1957.)

Ten petitions have been turned in bearing about 400 signatures in the campaign to establish a county library here, according to Walker Dabbs, head of the committee heading the petitioning.

About 40 or 50 more petitions are out and being signed.

The group will attempt to get more than 1,700 signatures on petitions, representing more than 50 percent of the county's qualified voters, requesting that the commissioners court set aside 10 cents on each $100 valuation for a fund to build a $275,000 county library.

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Briefs

Housing once scarce, costly

(Editor's note: Fueled by oilfield-related work, housing was scarce — and expensive — in Snyder in 1953.)

Rental prices in Snyder are higher than anywhere in Texas, according to an announcement made by the Department of Commerce.

The average rents in Texas, according to the Bureau, ranged from a low of $15.43 a month in Newton County to $54.13 in Scurry County.

Property that was renting for $125 during the boom is down to little more than half that now, L. A. McClanahan of Jack & Jack Realty, said. Rent at Waymar (Apartments) is much lower than it was during the boom.

(Classified ads in the Snyder Daily News at this time listed numerous furnished and unfurnished rentals.

A three-room furnished apartment at 607 29th Street was advertised for $38.50 per month. The Nesbit Motel on the Lamesa Highway offered furnished cottage apartments for $12.50 per week and up or daily for $2 and up. Canary Cottages at 1112 26th Street were available with kitchenettes and all bills paid for $38 per month.)

Cornett worked for telephone company

(Editor's Note: This information, provided by Pat Cornett, was received after the picture of her and Barbara Yorgesen was published in Section C.)

May 1950 — I was 16 years old and graduating from Snyder High School — the oil boom was in full swing and people were driving to nearby towns to get their long distance calls completed.

There were two phone booths on the north side of the square. The telephone office was located upstairs over Stinson Drug, later expanding from one room to three and an operators lounge.

Ethel Mae Studivant was chief operator and her sister, Jewel Newby, was her assistant. They came to school to ask the senior girls to go to work as telephone operators.

Most of our class went on a senior trip to Oklahoma but I went to work the day after graduation. Because I was a minor, my mother had to sign a release.

The company paid on the job training. I made $30 for a 40-hour week. Many in my class went to work later.

The three rooms were local boards "number please," then the frame in the middle and long distance information was the third room. We could sit at those boards, look out the windows, no screens, and see the people line up to make long distance calls.

The local boards went the full length of that room with one switching position from local to long distance and about four positions of long distance incoming calls.

The numbers in town were up to 4 digits for businesses, and usually 3 digits and a letter for 4 party residence phones like 412J or 412M. The letter determined how we rang. It took two cords to set up one call. The back card plugged in when a signal looking a little like an eyeball fell down, the operator would say "number please," and connect the number called with the front card, pull a key and that's how we rang the phone.

If the customer wanted long distance, we used the front card to connect to the long distance boards. We didn't have a dial system but we had circuits to other towns and of course most of our calls went through Dallas.

For instance, if you had to go through several towns you had precedence — a little town in New York might go through Dallas, they would answer and you would say MX New York City, they'd answer and you'd say MX "small town."

"...There were two phone booths on the north side of the square. The telephone office was located upstairs over Stinson Drug, later expanding from one room to three and an operators lounge... — Pat Cornett

I remember one such call to Tallapoosa, Ga. — I would get all the way and I'd never heard anyone so Southern and when she'd answer Tallapoosa, Georgia, I'd get so tickled I couldn't finish and lost my connection more than once.

We had what we called toll stations and ring downs at places like Dowdy Drug at Fluvanna and Justiceberg.

People would call someone in the community and leave word until they came to town or someone went after them. Another call I had was Truss Farquhar calling to leave word for his mom that he was back in the states from Korea. I managed to get a "Hi and welcome home" in before his operator cut us off. You weren't supposed to talk to the customer like that but he'll tell anybody to this day I was a sweet voice to hear!

That old office was so hot — we had keys we could turn on the local boards and your could work two or three local boards at once.

That summer we had tall standing fans and they got blocks of ice in tin tubs and set in front of the fans to cool. There were two commodes in the ladies lounge and with over 100 operators working they got lots of use and would stop up and run over into the stores below. We also had lots of mice. The bats would come in the unscreened windows and fly the length of the room. There was lots of ducking but the work went on. You could sit in the lounge late at night and watch the mice run around the room. One got in a Coke bottle turned over on the floor and was most entertaining trying to get out.

I think the present office was completed in 1952 or early 1953. We "cut over" at midnight. Several of us stayed to watch the old office die — not a sound — and then we ran to the new office to make some of the first dialed calls.

The numbers were 5 digits like 3-4567. Later the HI prefix was added so it was HI3-4567. Then later HI became 57 making present numbers 573-4567 and today we have some 574 numbers, which can be very confusing to old timers. With the dial system installed there was no longer a need for local boards, "number please," the voice with a smile or MX precedence. We then answered signals as "operator" and dialed our long distance calls. Later, this too was phased out and most of the operators transferred to Sweetwater and Big Spring.

I went to work in the business office when I was 18 in about 1952. My family got their first phone then and I admit until I was trained to answer the phone I was afraid to answer one.

All the calls were timed by the operators bundled and sent to accounting and they prepared the bills. Later this was moved to Lubbock. We had paper bills, then microfilm, and later computer copies. We learned to use recorders and fax machines, each new change from typing on old roller typewriters, electric typewriters, Teletype machines and then computers.

I could tell many more experiences but space would not permit. I remember a different boom to some of the stories I hear and read. We worked many different shifts, days and nights, but our work was always a challenge and satisfying with a job well done. We were grateful for a good job and a good group to work with and grow up together.

Southwestern Bell was a good company and many of us stayed 25 years to over 40 years.

As Snyder continued to grow, fire department added an alert system

(Editor's note: Snyder was growing in 1953 and changes in the way things were done had to be made, including the fire department alert system.)

A change in the method of sounding the general fire alarm has greatly reduced the crowds of curious thrill seekers at the scenes of fire, Ivan Gatlin, fire marshal, said.

The fire marshal said that prior to Jan. 1, 1952, the fire department used a system of sounding different numbers of blasts on the big fire siren at the city hall to designate location of the fire in town. Practically everybody in town quickly learned the signals and made a mad dash for the fire as soon as the whistle blew.

"Under our present system four blasts of the siren are sounded automatically for all general alarms," Gatlin said.

No central alarm is sounded by the fire department if the fire is reported as a grass or automobile fire, and only one fire truck is sent to the scene. The truck has its own warning system of siren and red lights, and disregards all traffic signal lights and stop signs, he said.

"In cities where fire-station control of street lights is in operation, all signal lights on the path the truck will follow to the fire are turned to favor the truck — stopping all other traffic until the fire apparatus has passed, but we do not have central control of the lights here," he said.

He said that such control of the streets is badly needed here, but would be expensive to install.

Of the old system of designating location of fires by the number of blasts on the siren, Gatlin said, "Even practically all the children knew the signals and would start running or riding their bicycles to the fires and would sometimes almost block the path of the fire trucks."

Education commissioner praises SISD

(Editor's note: On April 17, 1953, the state commissioner of education has praise for Snyder's school system.)

Dr. J. W. Edgar, state commissioner of education, was guest speaker at a banquet honoring 210 past trustees of former school districts now comprising the Snyder district and school personnel with 10 or more years of service here.

He reviewed the progress of the school system from its consolidation in 1948 and 1949 to the present, commending the community and the system for its recently completed 5 million-dollar school building program.

Of the living 210 ex-board members, 92 attended.

Symbolizing the event was a table in the center of the new high school cafeteria, on which was a scale model of the new building, surrounded by 15 small school buildings, each with the name of its district before the consolidation. The miniature was shown by the architect, Fred Buford, in Dallas. He had spent $1,500 to have it built.

The miniature was shown in the winter at the national convention of school administrators at Atlantic City, where it was said to be the most modern school building in America. It was there that Life magazine arranged to feature the building when open house is held in October.

Sentell is jailed for contempt

(Editor's note: On Oct. 28, 1953 the Snyder Daily News had reported that Mr. Sentell was held in contempt twice but that the two findings were combined in a single contempt order by Judge Sterling Williams. The hearing was over a suit to recover property. Mr. Sentell was taken from the courtroom to the Scurry County jail, perhaps the only time that a state legislator was ever confined to that facility.)

AUSTIN (AP) — Echoes of a heated Scurry County trial in which a state legislator was jailed for contempt by a district judge rattled the windows and brought some chuckles from the state Supreme Court today.

Attorneys for Rep. C. F. Sentell of Snyder, held in contempt by Judge Sterling Williams on Oct. 26, asked the court to listen to a recording of the proceedings in order to understand the tone of it.

The court has not yet ruled on that point, or whether it will uphold the attorney or the judge, who is a former state representative. Sentell's lawyers argued that Williams in effect disbarred the attorney when the judge ordered Sentell to "sit down and quit talking."

Williams' attorney, L. D. Hawkins of Breckenridge, countered that Sentell actually had been in contempt "all morning" in the trial of a tense civil case. He cited seven instances in which he said the attorney had obstructed progress of the trial.

Sentell was sentenced to serve three full 24-hour days for contempt. He had been in jail 32 hours when he was released on a temporary writ of habeas corpus by the Supreme Court. It must now decide whether or not to make the order permanent or to uphold Williams.

John Coats of Austin, one of Sentell's attorneys, read from a stenographer's report of the civil suit at Snyder out of which the contempt charge grew.

He said it was the type of situation in which attorneys for both sides and the judge were under a strain because the opposing parties were so bitter toward each other.

Coats' reading of the record, with its frequent breaks and incomplete sentences, at one point prompted Chief Justice J. E. Hickman to comment:

"That's not very enlightening, is it?"

The attorney did not reply but there were dignified smiles and chuckles from the other eight judges in the usually solemn atmosphere of the court chamber.

Coats had said that Williams had been mistaken in "who broke in on whom" during the proceedings. He said the judge was under the "unfortunate impression" that it was Sentell who had broken in.

He said Sentell's objections to questions put by opposing counsel were uttered in a calm voice, but that judge's voice was "loud and angry." He wanted the Supreme Court to hear the playback on the proceedings, he said,

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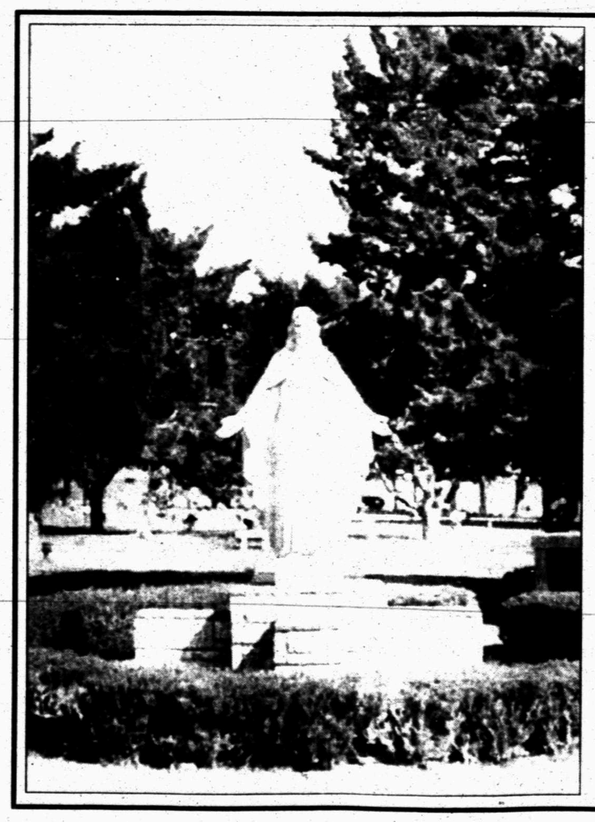

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C.C. Yeager thought Snyder needed hotel

(Editor's note: Snyder resident C.C. Yeager, was keeping tabs on Snyder's growth and he wrote this article for the Snyder Daily News.)

C. C. Yeager, 2109 Avenue T, has kept up with the developments of the county and Snyder during and since the boom, recently making a survey he calls a bird's eye view, but he says two of the most needed facilities have not been constructed.

"Two very important structures, a hotel and an office building, should be built without delay," Yeager said. He believes the future prosperity of the city depends much on these two, which he says should be constructed large enough to accommodate future growth of Snyder.

Snyder tripled in population in the first six months of the oil boom, which began in the summer of 1949, when approximately 3,500 persons resided here. Since then, the city has grown to an estimated 14,000 in the city limits, several thousand in the city's fringe areas.

Snyder is located near the geographical center of the county and is the junction of U. S. Highways 84 and 180, both popular cross-country routes, Texas Highways 101 and 350, and half a dozen paved farm-to-market roads and by-passes.

Besides two prosperous and well-known railroad lines, the county's travel and freight facilities include several bus lines, motor freight lines, recently authorized airline service, and 280 miles of paved roads besides those inside the city limits. Rural paved roads, the most in any county of Scurry's population in the state, include 157 miles constructed on a $2,500,000 bond issue.

The roads of the county bring all-weather travel convenience to persons residing in any of the count's approximately 20 rural communities and connect the count's 10 post offices — Camp Springs, Dermott, Dunn, Fluvanna, Hermleigh, Inadale, Ira, Knapp, Pyron and Snyder.

More than 1,000 new homes have been built within the city limits of Snyder in the last three years, and building progress included construction of several large modern tourist courts, motels and scores of other business buildings and seven school building projects including a $2,500,000 high school.

Progress in the county includes new and remodeled school buildings in other towns, the construction of a county park near Snyder and construction of the large dam at Lake J. B. Thomas in the southwest part of the county, which is to back water up for 10 miles. Snyder began this summer using water from the lake which is controlled by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Other county projects include the building of the Scurry County Health Unit early this year and the recent completion of the D. M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, both results of a bond issue supplemented by federal aid and costing a total of a million dollars and a $400,000 air port.

A new dial system of telephone service was put into operation here Feb. 1, 1952, after Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. completed its $1,750,000 plant at Twenty-seventh Street and Avenue R. Since then, Lone Star Gas Co. built a $35,000 office building diagonally across the intersection from the telephone plant.

Progress in the city water system since the boom includes construction of several new water towers, pump station, filtering plant, ground reservoirs, sewage disposal plant, and vast extensions of water and sewer mains.

Snyder's progress in the city limits included construction of a substation for the fire department, addition of several full-time firemen, construction of an annex which more than doubles the size of the main fire station, and purchase of new equipment which gives the department a total of five fire trucks, including one purchased by the county government for fighting of rural fires.

Also, the city has paved more than 200 blocks of Snyder streets. The city also has written and adopted a new city charter and is now operating under the manager-council form of home government.

Business progress is reflected in the scores of new firms and new business buildings, including super service stations, large 24-hour restaurants, motels, tourist courts (one of which has a swimming pool and miniature golf course, etc.) numerous oil well supply houses, 12 lumber companies, chain groceries and large independent groceries, one wholesale grocery firm, five drug stores, four downtown theaters, three drive-in theaters, and several department stores.

The listed valuation of taxable property in the county jumped from about $8 million in 1949 to $49 million the next year, increasing steadily until now the valuation is more than $120 million — the largest of any county in Texas, according to population, and the largest without reservation of any county in West Texas.

Prosperity in the county "where oil flows and cotton grows" is seen also by bank deposits which hold an average total of about $20 million in the two Snyder banks – almost a million dollars per each thousand persons residing in the county. Farming is not the only large business besides oil. There are 1,405 farms in the county but there are more cattle than people.

The county has five multi-million dollar gasoline plants. All counties bordering Scurry County are oil producers among those that comprise the renowned Permian Basin, known as the world's largest natural reservoir of oil. Scurry County alone began its boom with an estimated two and one-half billion barrels of oil beneath the surface.

Sentell

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to get a full picture of it.

Hawkins responded:

"I contend what Sentell said was in contempt regardless of how mellifluous the tone.

"He was in contempt all morning — he was just found in contempt twice. He obstructed the progress of the trial seven times.

"Who was running the court — the judge or Mr. Sentell?"

Hawkins referred to the official written account of the stormy proceedings as a "stuttering record — a flow of words the reporter was unable to separate."

Regardless of this, Hawkins said, the stenographer's report is all the Supreme Court needs in ruling on points of law in the case.

"I think the trial court should be congratulated on its modulation and forbearance," Hawkins said.

He contended the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction and that it should not be asked to consider evidence but pass on the law only.

"If Sentell was not in contempt," Hawkins said, "let's tear the courthouse down."

Sentell's lawyers argued that all he was trying to do was interpose objection in line with his duty, that Williams was mistaken on what points or procedure Sentell was trying to clarify.

After the court subsided, they said, Sentell, on his way to jail in custody of a deputy sheriff, was "waved away" when he tried to apologize to the judge who by that time was in his office.

First city manager: B.J. Shelley

(Editor's note: Snyder's first city manager was hired Jan. 12, 1953.)

Fulfillment of the voter mandate to establish a council-manager form of government became a reality last night when the city council voted to hire Snyder's first city manager.

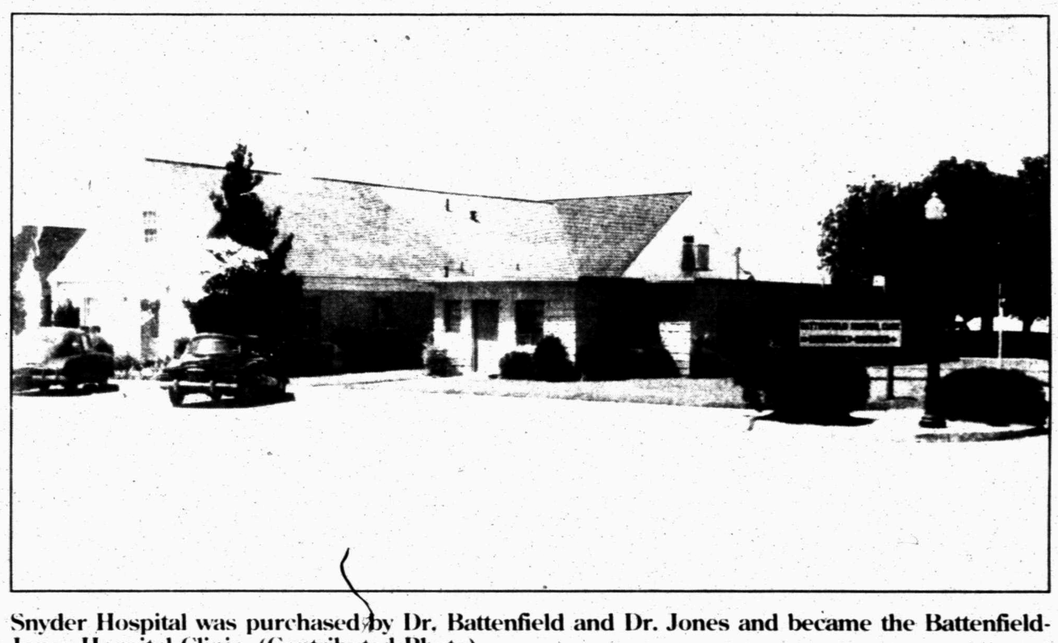
B. J. Shelley, 27, got the council's nod for the job created under the city's new charter. He will start work on or before Feb. 1.

Shelley was one of four who had submitted written applications for the job and who were seriously considered by the council. Some 10 others had submitted oral application.

The council set his salary at $7,200 per year.

The action taken last night climaxes work that started over a year ago when a committee was formed to write a city charter. On Oct. 19 that charter was ratified by the voters and on Dec. 16 a new city council was elected under the charter.

Shelleyis a 1949 graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in public administration. He had been doing in-service training along with his job as assistant city manager of Lubbock.



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Old county jail received new look in 1953

(Editor's note: The county jail, an old eye sore, got a new look according to the May 24, 1953 Snyder Daily News article.)

The old county jail, like a woman just out of the beauty salon, doesn't show its age of more than 52 years. But it looked much older before the recent remodeling in which the outside walls were plastered and painted.

The appearance is minor, compared with other changes in the old structure, which was widely known in West Texas two and three years ago for its filthiness.

To some it was something to laugh about. To others it was a serious matter from humane and sanitation standpoints. To prisoners with no intentions of escape, it was a dungeon. To other prisoners, its crumbly walls gave a ray of hope.

The building, which had no bathing facilities and only one toilet for men and another for women, now has several shower stalls, several toilets.

The walls from which bricks were removed in three of at least four jailbreaks, have been strengthened. The building which imprisoned a daily average of 30 inmates three years ago but had only 12 beds now has an average of 10 and can accommodate more than 40 men and a dozen women.

The first jailbreak by means of removing brick was in 1950, when one man gained freedom but was captured soon afterward.

In March 1951 five felony prisoners dug away crumbling mortar to remove bricks from the back wall and escaped. Five more felony prisoners escaped by the same method in October, 1951. In about two years, 14 had escaped. All have since been captured, and most of them are serving penitentiary sentences.

The old jail was condemned by several succeeding grand juries so frequently it became almost a matter of routine to inspect it and recommend construction of a new building. Plans were once drawn for a new jail as an additional floor on the courthouse, but voters defeated the proposal in a bond issue.

The commissioners' court, which opposed this bond issue, later voted to issue warrants for construction of a new jail at a cost of about $250,000, and an architect was employed to draw preliminary plans, but the idea was later abolished.

Remodeling of the jail began last year with the installation of four shower stalls, repair of the roof, and rewiring of electrical circuits; but most of the work has been done this year.

Remodeling included the installation of forced air heating units. Previously many prisoners complained of being cold in the winter. Many of these slept on the floor night after night.

The old jail had a few toilets, but only two were in working order until the building was remodeled. One was on the second floor for men, the other on the third floor where women were kept but where there were never any cells.

The women's ward took up about a third of the third floor and was separated from the rest of the floor by a wall. The larger portion was just a large vacant room, good for nothing. Now the larger room has a new cellblock with a dozen new beds and is used for juveniles. The women's ward is nicely equipped and has a shower stall and toilet.

Four other shower stalls are available for the men and juvenile boys, and three toilets are available for men and boys. Although the main floor, which is divided into a cell block for misdemeanor prisoners and a large bullpen for felony prisoners, has only 24 bunks permanently fixed, the total can be increased easily and quickly to more than 40 with spare mattresses, folding beds and blankets.

The largest single item was the new cell block which was built here by Rhodes Welding Co. for $1,822. Other phases were done, a small portion at a time, over a period of several weeks. Much of the labor was done by prisoners who volunteered to work to avoid being idle.

Homer Whisnand, sheriff, said the prisoners not only wanted to work to pass the time but also were interested in getting a better place to spend it.

The jail is kept and guarded by John Angel, deputy sheriff, who lives with his family on the main floor. Entrance into the jail is completely separate from the family's living quarters, which have been remodeled also. The residence resembles on the inside any typical modern home, has walls of pastel shades, carpeted floors, and is furnished throughout by the jailer himself.

The age of the jail is told by the presence of a trap-door gallows on the main jail floor, built for hanging prisoners in the days when such was legally done in the counties in which persons were convicted of capital felonies.

Old windows in the jail were also replaced when the building was given its new look, and the entire building was repainted inside and out. A small lawn was built level with the street between the Big Spring highway, on which the building faces, and the front of the building. The lawn lies between the sidewalk and the porch floor, surrounded by a retaining wall which was built because the building was lower than the level of the street.

The old porch, a relatively large structure, was replaced by a smaller one. Grass and shrubbery add to the appearance of the building.

Before remodeling, prisoners prepared their meals in an old cell which had been crudely converted, and they cooked on a two-burner hot plate in the hall. Beneath one of the old bunks in the cell was an unusable toilet which looked as though it had never been thoroughly cleaned before the bunks were converted into cabinet shelves by placing wainscoating fiber board over them.

Under supervision of Angel, who makes the purchase of groceries for the jail, meals are prepared in cleanliness and on modern equipment.

One prisoner, asked a few days ago by a reporter how he liked the jail and his treatment there, said, "Anybody would rather be on the outside; so I can't say I like it, but it is as nice as one could expect a jail to be."

Two years ago, a 57-year-old inmate told a reporter he had been in jail seven nights and had slept on the floor each night, not having a bath since he was arrested.

Visitors are given passes at the sheriff's office in the basement of the courthouse. All passes are honored by the jailer, who stays at the jail. Persons who live in Snyder are to try to visit only during the regular visiting hours which are from 1 to 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoons for persons confined for considerable time, the sheriff said.

But out-of-town visitors may visit prisoners any time during any day. Churches may hold religious services on Sunday, and the public is invited to inspect the jail, Whisnand said.

Roy L. Dunlap hired as first city engineer

(Editor's note: As Snyder grew, the city hired its first engineer in May, 1953. He later was named Snyder city manager.)

A new city engineer, who will also be general superintendent of the streets, water, and sewer departments, went to work for the city yesterday, B. J. Shelley, city manager, said.

The new engineer is Roy L. Dunlap, 26-year-old civil engineering graduate of Texas Technological College. He has had three years experience working for the city of Lubbock. He was assistant designs engineer there prior to moving to Snyder.

Dunlap was born in Canyon in 1927 and graduated from Crosbyton High School. He has served one year in the Marine Corps and now holds a reserve commission in the engineering section of the Navy.

The new engineer, his wife and two-year-old son, Roy Joe Dunlap, live at 417 29th Street here. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Dunlap's wife is the former Miss Riley Fay Butler of Levelland. She attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College. They were married in January 1950.

Dunlap will also work closely with the city-planning and zoning commission which has been authorized by the city council, Shelley said.

Ralph Eades, who did hold the title of superintendent of the water and sewer department, will now be in charge of utilities collections, meter readings and the city warehouse inventories, Shelley said.

Dunlap's salary will be $425 per month.

The city council authorized Shelley to hire a city engineer several weeks ago. At that time, Shelley said an engineer's salary could be saved through engineering fees paid in the past to private engineering firms.

Snyder added trash pickup system

(Editor's note: Not all communities have dumpsters, making Snyder unique. It all started at the end of 1953)

City-owned and operated trash and garbage collection systems will be put into operation Dec. 1, B. J. Shelley, city manager, announced.

Daily pick-up of trash and garbage in the downtown area and twice weekly pick-up of trash and garbage in residential areas will be provided by the new system.

Earl Davis, operator of the Snyder Sanitary Service, which has had charge of trash and garbage collection on contract with the city in the past, has been hired to head the new city sanitation department.

The salary paid the sanitation superintendent will be $300 per month. His department will include 10 other persons: three truck drivers at $220 per month, six laborers at $200 per month and a dump ground caretaker at $200 per month.

Waymar Apartments sold in 1953

(Editor's note: The Waymar Apartments, now called Coleman Apartments, sold for $500,000 in April, 1953.)

The 18-building Waymar Apartments on Coleman Street in Northeast Snyder were sold this week to Rudolph Campbell of Claude, Tex., for more than $500,000, W. W. Milburn of Milburn Mortgage Corp. said yesterday.

Milburn said the 72-apartment development was sold by Devonshire Apartments Inc., of Dallas, which purchased them about six months ago from the original owners, Waymar Apartments Inc., of Houston, which built the buildings here during 1950-1951.

Each of the 18 apartment buildings include four individual apartments, and about half of them are completely furnished, Milburn said.

Milburn said the apartment development, completed in the spring of 1951, cost in excess of $500,000 when built here, and was built for Waymar Apartments by Scott and Browning Development Co. of Snyder, owned by J. L. (Broadway) Browning and Donald Ray Scott. The firm also developed the Parkway Addition and other residential properties here.

(Note: An advertisement in the classified section of the newspaper said that the apartments were air-conditioned and had panel ray heat, a children's playground and day nursery, and a carport with storage space.)

MOOAR'S GUNS — Charles Anderson and Judy Hays are shown with two of the guns owned by J. Wright Mooar. Anderson, a retired educator, wrote a book about Mooar titled "In Search of the Buffalo." Anderson holds a gun now in the collection of the Scurry County Museum while Mrs. Hays, granddaughter of Mr. Mooar, holds a larger gun. (Photo courtesy Charles Anderson)

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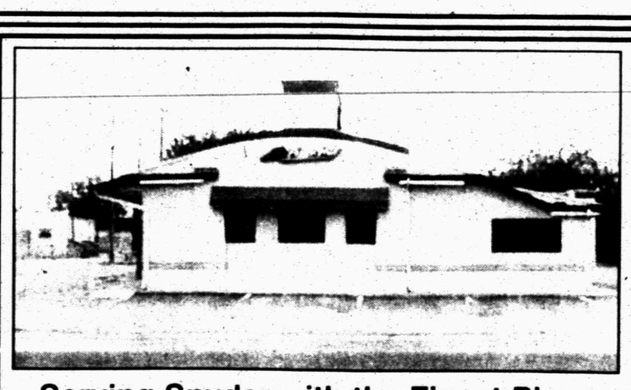

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Health unit opened 50 years ago

(Editor's note: Scurry County's new health unit held its open house on July 26, 1953.)

An open house tomorrow from 1:30 in the afternoon until 9 o'clock will dedicate the new Scurry County Health Unit, but there will be no speeches or other fanfare.

The nearest approach to fanfare during the open house will be the cutting of a ribbon at 1:30 to officially open the health center.

County Judge Edgar Taylor said there are no plans for speeches, but that some state health department officials who have been invited to attend the open house may be asked to make short talks.

Although the new building is not completely furnished yet, the county's public health activities have been moved there.

The new building, located at 911 26th Street, presents a formidable view to the public. It is of blended tan and brown brick, and is a one-story masonry structure.

Inside the new health center is a workshop designed specifically for the purpose it is to serve.

The first room on the north side of the hall, which divides the building, is the examination room. On order for this room is an examination table, which had not arrived last week. Referred to by the staff of the health unit as the "clinic," it also has an instrument cabinet, scales, chairs and sterilization equipment.

The next office on the north side of the hall is an office for private consultations, where any matters of health can be discussed in the strictest confidence with the nurse or doctor.

The third room on the north side of the hall is unequipped at present, but was provided as space for the eventual addition of X-ray equipment. A laboratory and darkroom and developing X-ray pictures and a dental office, in the next room, are also unequipped. A storage room completes the offices on the north side of the hall in the building.

On the other side of the hall are health unit director, Dr. Hugh J. Stennis, the health unit sanitarian, J. E. Craven, Jr., and the public health nurse, Miss Leah Davis, have their offices.

Other space is also provided for the addition of a sanitation engineer in the building in case one is added to the staff in the future.

The chamber of commerce will be in charge of tomorrow's open house, and will provide free soft drinks and cookies to visitors.

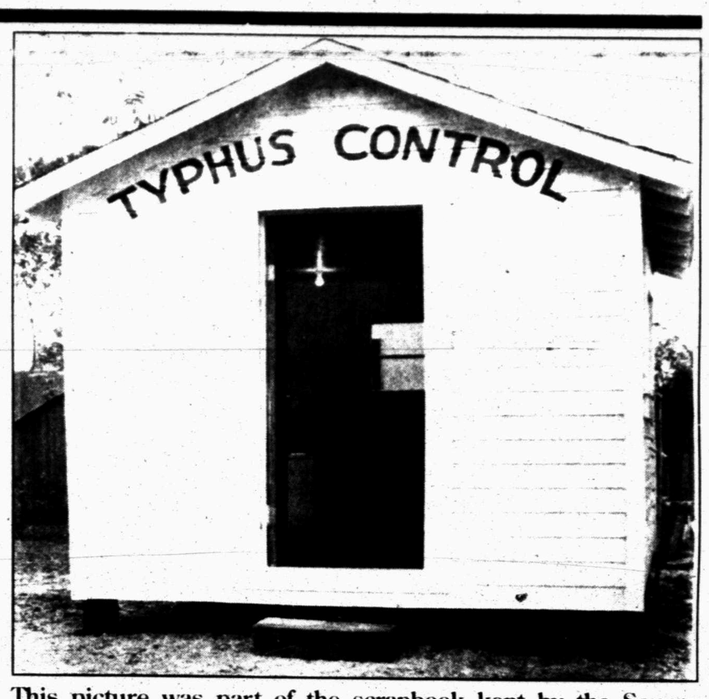
Wives of the members of the Scurry County commissioners' court and Mrs. Edgar Taylor, wife of the county judge, will act as hostesses at the open house.

Dr. Hugh J. Stennis, who will head the Nolan-Scurry Health Unit, will divide his time between the units in Snyder and Sweetwater. Stennis has just been released from the Air Force.

"We have facilities for a complete preventive health program here, and the unit will try to furnish all the health assistance that the people of the county, the doctors here, and the officials wish," he said.

Of the new Scurry County Health Unit, Dr. Stennis says it is the most complete one he has seen or heard of in the state.

An exterior of the new Scurry County Health Unit building at 911 Twenty-sixth Street is shown above. A combination of tan and brown bricks was used in the outside walls of the one-story masonry structure. At the far left is the entrance. Just inside the entrance is the comfortable waiting room equipped with leather upholstered chairs and ashtrays for comfort and convenience. Two walls of the waiting room is asphalt tile, diffused fluorescent lighting is used in the acoustical tile ceiling. (Lee Watson, SDN photos 1953)



This picture was part of the scrapbook kept by the Scurry County Health Unit from 1940. (Contributed Photo)

Still located on 26th Street...

Scurry County Health Unit continues to serve people

The Scurry County Health Unit is located at 911 26th Street. Their business hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

They are closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. They can be reached by calling 573-3508.

Services provided include immunizations, TB testing, sexually transmitted disease testing, blood pressure, cripple children screening and hearing screening.

Ribbon cutting marked grand opening

(Editor's note: Opening of the Scurry County Health Unit occurred July 28, 1953.)

Cutting of a ribbon on the door of the recently-completed Scurry County Health Unit officially opened the unit's new building to the public yesterday.

County Judge Edgar Taylor cut the ribbon as a crowd of about 30 persons watched.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Dr. L.P. Walter, state director of local health services, made a short talk, congratulating the county for its new building.

"There is a great need for more health units in Texas," Walter said. "Only 57 of our 254 counties have local health units and the entire state should be covered. Many states have had complete coverage for many years."

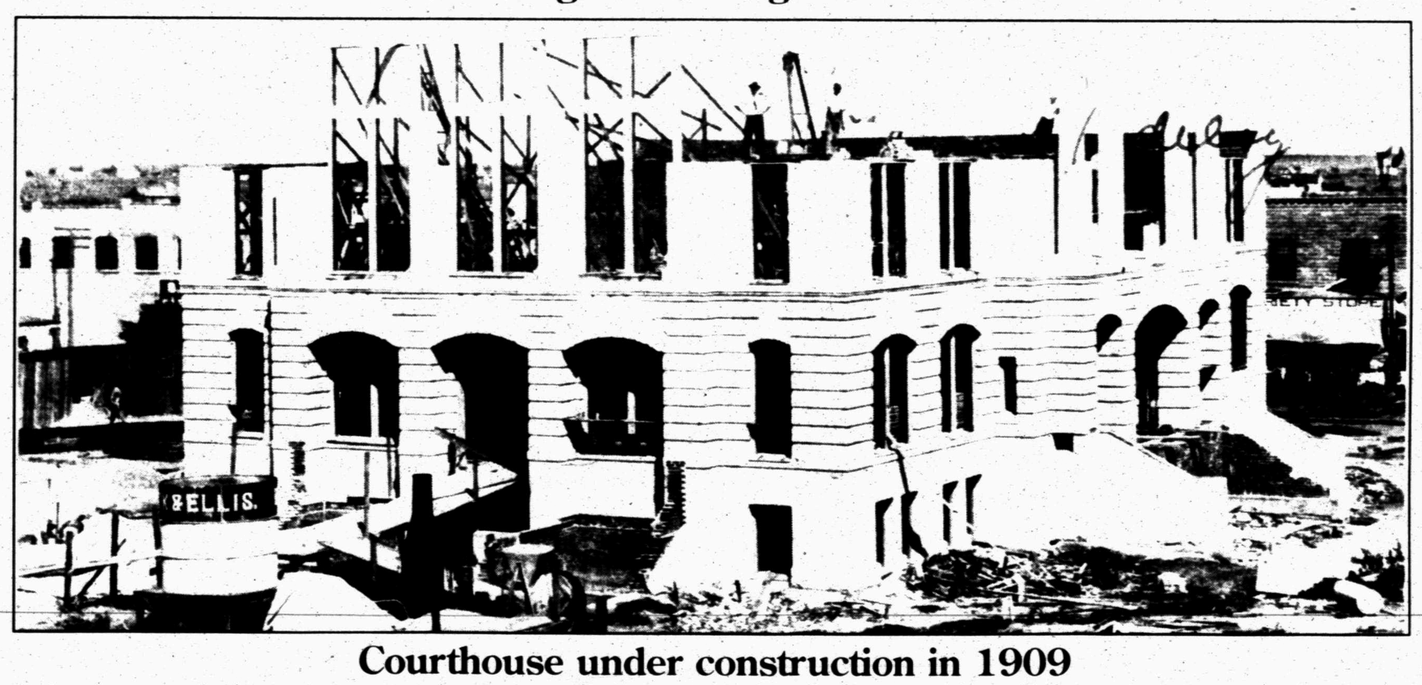
"A health unit program is not a socialized medical program," Walter continued. "We are opposed to socialized medicine. There are many reasons for opposing socialized medicine, but I personally oppose it since the facts clearly indicate that it would lower the quality of medical services and the public's health would suffer."

Mrs. Edgar Taylor, wife of the judge; Mrs. Cullen Toombs, Mrs. Pat Moore, and Mrs. Clarence Wade, commissioners' wives; and Mrs. Herbert Feather, wife of the chamber of commerce president, acted as hostesses at the opening. The chamber was in charge of the opening ceremony and program.

While the hostesses served refreshments, health unit employees conducted tours through the new building.

Included in out-of-town guests were M.C. Butler of Lubbock, of the Butler-Brasher architectural and engineering firm which designed the building; Ralph Mitchell of San Angelo, sanitation consultant for the State Health Department; Dr. W.E. Johnson, administrator of the Lubbock Health Unit; C.S. Barton, H.B. Hildebrand, V.M. Morris and W.W. Clarkson sanitarian from the Abilene Health Unit; Miss Nettie Kirchoff of the venereal disease division of the health department; and Miss Ella Patton, consultant on generalized public health nursing for the department.

Scarborough and Bridge Streets 1904



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Snyder Jaycees chapter began in 1941

JAYCEE INSTALLATION — Herb Reed was inducted as president of the Snyder Jaycees. John Jarrell, outgoing president, placed the club lapel pin on Reed's jacket as Jim Reeves of Odessa looks on. (Contributed Photo)

VOTE TABULATIONS — In 1962 Snyder Jaycees posted results of the general election on a board outside the Scurry County courthouse. In those years, election night was a community-wide event.

By John Dunn
SDN Staff Writer

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, known well in Snyder as the "Jaycees," began here in 1941 with Dr. Harry Ward as its president.

The Jaycees trace its beginning to 1915 when, throughout community betterment projects, it was built on a principle of making opportunities for leadership.

"This was an especially turbulent period [World War I & World War II] for our nation," according to a special section of The Snyder Daily News published in June 1977 during National Jaycee Week.

While many young men went off to battle after 1941, the men at home concentrated their resources for the war effort. The nation's crisis caused a conflict of interest for the Snyder club, forcing it to disband temporarily.

After the war ended, the Snyder Jaycee chapter again emerged.

Harold Bennett of Colorado City was a key figure in organizing the renewal charter of the club in February 1950.

Bennett moved to Snyder thereafter and operated Bennett Office Supply while he continued to participate in community affairs.

In 1950, the Snyder club started with 11 members and reached a membership of 45 by year's end. During its first year, the Jaycees undertook a major project — urging citizens to pay their poll tax toward voter eligibility. Their efforts attributed to a voter turnout of over 17 percent for the county that year.

The Jaycees led a clean-up campaign for Snyder in 1951 because citizens were dropping trash in the streets. The club bought trash bins to encourage local participation, and placed eight receptacles around the courthouse square.

Ernest Sears noted that Snyder was a young man's town in the 1950s and the Jaycees was the young man's can-do organization.

The Snyder Jaycees brought youthful enthusiasm to the community, sponsoring bingo parties and in 1953 initiated a bi-monthly square dance club for all ages.

Jaycees also sponsored the creation of a youth center, and paid the 1954 operation budget of $1,600.

Jaycees helped to sell rodeo tickets and handled concession stands. Larger tasks included coordination of the July 4th celebration during 1976 — a period when the Snyder Chamber of Commerce was without a manager.

John Jarrell, president of the club in 1965-66, led a petition to the commissioners' court to build a memorial on the courthouse square honoring Scurry County men and women who died while serving our country.

In 1967, Gov. John Connally was the guest speaker at the statewide Outstanding Young Farmer convention hosted by the Jaycees in the coliseum.

In 1968, the club reached its highest membership of 120. A chapter survey revealed that members were interessted in a project to revitalize the downtown area.

The combined efforts of these enterprising individuals, whom circulated a petition to the commissioners' court, resulted in a renovated courthouse.

An extensive rebuilding project spearheaded by the Jaycess was known as, "the downtown improvement project." It led to a total makeover of the city's main business district, spanning a 12-block area.

Complete sidewalks were removed and restored, including curbs and gutters, landscaping and utility line relocation and improvement. Parking off-street was developed, store fronts were rebuilt and remodeled, including pedestrian shelters and a low-level, open air music system.

The project cost of $425,000 was shared with Scurry County, property owners, business firms, utility companies and the Texas Highway Department.

Local contributions came from C.T. McLaughlin, Roger Mize and Ike Dolan.

ALL-AMERICA CITY BANNER — Civic leaders raised the All American city banner April 11, 1969. Pictured from left were Mickey Nunley, chamber manager; and Herb Reed, mayor pro tem.

Current updates from Herb Reed and Dean Floyd offered insight on the enterprising young men in their heyday.

Herb Reed served as city mayor pro tem and was president of the Jaycee chapter when it won the All-American-City Award in 1968.

Reed said the Jaycees' primary community objective was to help the local Boys Club until a tornado struck Hermleigh and the Jaycees then helped move houses there from Snyder.

"Mickey Nunley got that moving," Reed said.

Reed, the club's second president, said he traveled with Nunley on the weekends for three months once as Nunley ran for election as Texas Jaycee president in a narrowly-lost campaign.

Reed said another club project was sponsorship of the annual Labor Day Rest Stop.

But Reed said the project that stands out is the one that resulted in the All-American City award.

"Snyder won Sparkle City in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce contest and shortly thereafter, Mickey got the campaign rolling for All-America City," Reed said.

The National Municipal League and LOOK Magazine sponsored the contest.

Snyder was one of eleven cities picked when Texas rarely placed.

Dean Floyd said the service-orientated group was set up to mold young men into community leaders.

"There was nothing the Jaycees wouldn't undertake," he said. "We were a working bunch," he said, "We always found a way to have fun doing it."

Three top accomplishments Floyd recalled were the assistance to Hermleigh after the tornado, the State Jaycees organized a Polio Drive, and the state-sponsored summer camp for diabetic children at Warm Springs in Gonzales.

Floyd said the rebuilding project was strictly on a voluntary basis. While most places rebuilt their towns after devastation by natural disasters, Snyder was rebuilt by choice, he said.

"I thought it was very commendable to give to the community," he said.

Floyd said the group comprised of young businessmen with a policy to retire its membership at age 35, called back retirees often to attend meetings as guest speakers.

"Exhausted roosters, we called them," he chuckled.

Floyd's wife, Mary Jimm,earned, outstanding Jaycee-ette president the same year the Jaycee-ettes were selected as outstanding club for Texas.

Both Reed and Floyd recalled the time tragedy befell the nation in the assassination of JFK, when Texas held a strong Republican ticket. The young men were gathered in an afternoon meeting when the first reports arrived that Kennedy had been shot. Reed said they were awestruck and Floyd said a somber feel swept the members.

Both men attributed many of the Jaycee accomplishments due to the tireless efforts of Mickey Nunley.

A recent interview with Jaycee's president from 1976 Mickey Nunley, offered some insight on the organization.

"It was at once a stout, fun organization," he said, "We had about a hundred members then."

He reflected on 1975 when the tornado struck Hermleigh. The Jaycees helped rebuild the town by transporting houses from Snyder to give the Hermleigh citizens new homes.

Snyder then won the award for All-America City shortly thereafter, he said.

Nunley said the award was based primarily on "progress a city makes to overcome problems."

He attributed the decline of small, independent businesses to the disbanding of the chapter.

Nunley also gave plenty of credit to members' wives.

"Most of the work behind the men was done by our wives," he said.

"It was leadership training through community development," he said, "Every community without an organization like the Jaycees is missing out."

Nunley's wife, Jo Ann, was once awarded Jaycee-ette of the year.

The Kiddie Park in Towle Memorial Park was a final major contribution from the Snyder Jaycees during 1977. Estimated cost for the park was $35,000. The Jaycees rallied community residents to contribute.

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Scurry County farmers tried growing fruit

(Editor's Note: Scurry County farmers have experimented with many crops, but lack of rainfall has hampered diversity. Max von Roeder said his dad got his start in the fruit business, but there remains little evidence of the orchards today. At Midway, there remains evidence of a fruit stand on U.S. 180 that Max helped his dad build. The following article was published April 22, 1953.)

Scurry County has prospects for one of its best fruit crops in several years, providing the weather will cooperate with fruit growers, according to Nolan von Roeder, who has the largest orchards in this area.

Cooperation of the weather would mean above-average rain between now and July, no hail damage and no late killing frosts.

Fruit trees, especially peach, are now loaded with small fruit and may have to be trimmed before the fruit grows too large, Von Roeder said.

"Some people may prop their trees up and leave all the fruit on them," Von Roeder said, but he explained that he believes it best to trim some of the fruit to prevent damage to the trees.

Von Roeder usually does his trimming by nailing a piece of old bicycle tire to a broom handle, then knocking off some of the fruit with the flexible piece of rubber.

"Another good method is taking shears and clipping off some of the limbs," Von Roeder said, explaining that it is slower that the first method.

About 80 percent of the trees in Von Roeder's two orchards are peach, while 10 percent are plums and the rest are a variety of apricots, pears and cherries. He has about 5,000 fruit trees in his two orchards. One orchard, the larger one, is about 24 miles southwest of Snyder, and the smaller one is about 14 miles east.

The fruit growers estimate there are at least 30,000 peach trees in the county, most of them in small orchards of about one-half acre on farms but a few in larger orchards.

Most of the trees, especially peach, have passed the danger period as far as cold weather is concerned. Von Roeder's most recent "complete" fruit loss was on April 12 in the 1940s. Most of the killing frosts come before April 10, he said.

Peach trees, as well as plum, can usually take temperatures as low as about 20 degrees without suffering much damage, Von Roeder said, but apricots are more delicate, the fruit dying at temperatures of about 27 degrees.

The main dangers left for fruit trees are the same as last year, when the crop was practically nothing. Hail will probably fall between now and July, cutting much of the fruit off, while dry weather could kill the fruit if the drought continues.

"There is no reserve moisture in the ground," Von Roeder said, adding that the trees could possibly make a crop with reserve moisture if no rains fell. He said the trees will be forced to make their crops on any rain that falls between now and the time they mature.

Maturity dates vary from May, when plums and a few varieties of peaches begin to ripen, to August. Most commercial peaches begin ripening in early June, he said.

Concerning his own trees, Von Roeder said, "They're either too young or too old." The best years for peach trees is when they are from five to 12 years old," explaining that most of his trees are either under or over that age bracket. "A tree can be good up to about 18 years if good care is exercised."

Insects do not cause fruit trees much trouble here, Von Roeder said, unless the trees is in bad condition. If a tree is damaged or growing old, a "peach tree borer," a little worm that thrives on the tree trunks and roots, will got to work as will some other insects. Grasshoppers like plum trees but will not bother others much.

Some trees will use sprays to ward off insects, but the best method is keeping the tree in good condition, Von Roeder believes.

News about the drought was widely reported

(Editor's Note: The drought and its effect on Scurry County was widely covered in 1953.)

Jan. 4, 1953

With the .90 of an inch rainfall in December, moisture in Snyder for the year 1952 totaled 15.13 inches, making another year of drought.

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Drought Reaches Stage — Called History's Worst

A government expert said today that the Southwest's worst drought in history still strangles half of Texas and most of Oklahoma.

Louis P. Merrell, regional director of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, said that was the situation as of March 1.

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April 26

Snyder Browned Out by Worst Dust Storm of Year

Blowing dust drew a dusty mask over West Texas for the second straight day. Visibility dropped as low as 300 feet at Snyder. The high temperature for the day was 82 and the low 51.

High winds and the year's most prolonged dust storms have damaged property and kept car lights burning for more than 24 hours.

A vacant garage building located on the east side of the Lubbock highway about one mile from the square was blown apart by the first impact of the high winds, estimated to have reached a volume of more than 60 miles per hour.

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May 1

Visibility was almost clear early this morning, with only a little dust blowing on the fourth day of the big duster. Skies had been clear yesterday morning, but the dust increased during the day.

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June 18

A city-wide prayer meeting for rain has been set for 8:30 Saturday night at the high school football stadium by the Snyder Ministerial Alliance.

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June 30

President Eisenhower formally designated today 152 drought-stricken counties in Texas and 40 others in Oklahoma as disaster areas.

Scurry County is one of these.

This makes cattlemen and stockmen in these counties eligible to share in 8 million dollars allocated for drought relief.

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July 5, 1953

State-wide Day of Prayer For Rain Is Observed

A day of prayer for rain will be observed here today as part of a state-wide observance requested by Governor Allan Shivers.

In addition to the individual services of the churches, a community meeting is planned at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. Ronald Hubbard, Snyder Ministerial Alliance, has announced.

At the community meeting there will be a period for silent meditation and prayer, scriptures showing the power of prayer will be read and prayers for rain will be led by member ministers.

The First Baptist Church auditorium is air-conditioned.

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July 6

Disaster Feed Arriving Here for Ranchers

Farmers and ranchers of Scurry County began to receive shipments of feed for their stock under the Production and Marketing Administration's disaster feed program.

Ireland Finley, PMA Administrator, said that two carloads of corn arrived this morning and three more carloads are en route.

The PMA head said that two cars of 41 per cent protein cottonseed cake were being loaded for storage in Roscoe and would probably be here this afternoon.

The special prices on the feeds are $35 a ton for cottonseed meal and cake, $1 a bushel for corn, $1.10 a bushel for wheat and 50 cents a bushel for oats.

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30 Days of Hot, Dry Weather

By the Associated Press

Drought-harried Texas apparently faced another 30-day siege of hot, dry weather Thursday while farmers cried for rain and a state official said the drought was being used for "political chicanery."

Meanwhile, there was no word from Washington that indicated any changes in an order that this week took 116 Texas counties from the list of those entitled to low-priced cattle feed under an emergency drought disaster program.

The U.S. Weather Bureau in Washington in its monthly long-range forecast predicted above-normal temperatures for half of the country including Texas long with subnormal precipitation. It means a continuation of the drought that has plagued the state for more than three years.

In Corsicana, speaking before a service club, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White charged the Eisenhower administration with using drought relief for "political chicanery." The Agriculture Department Tuesday permanently cut 116 counties from drought relief disaster status, leaving only 48 seared areas eligible to receive low-priced cattle feeds.

White said, "Out national farm program is being used as a political football in Washington."

He said the administration had a great opportunity for demonstrating farm leadership in the drought plight but gave only promises. He said the program launched by the administration was one that did not include a bale of hay for the ranchers but proved to be the "most flagrant example of political chicanery in recent years."

"When we needed hay, "White told his Corsicana audience, "we were offered government surpluses of feed concentrates." The concentrates, he said, are useless without hay roughage. . .

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July 16

Rains Might Save Half Of County Crops

Rains falling in this county last night will be of some help to farmers and ranchers here, according to Oscar Fowler, county agent.

Fowler estimated that only about 50 per cent of the total acreage of cotton planted this year still have a chance to be saved.

Fowler called the showers only temporary help to most parts of the county because they were spotted, giving some parts of the county ample rain but too hard a fall, and giving other parts only enough to wet the ground.

Much of the cotton put out blooms, one to a stalk, when it was about six inches high. That is the cotton that is beyond saving, he said.

Most cotton does not bloom until it is somewhere between one foot and 18 inches high, Fowler said, adding that in normal years cotton would have been that high before now.

A larger percentage of feeds can still be saved by moisture, the county agent said. He explained that feed which had been twisted by drought can put out heads and produce, while stunted cotton that blooms usually cannot.

Fowler said that if the rain that fell yesterday and last night is all the county will get this month, none of the crops will be much better off then they were before the rain.

He said the moisture was a good starter toward bringing pasture grass back to life but that the grass will require more rain before it can be wholly revived.

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(Editor's Note: This caption was under 2-col picture.)

A sign set up about halfway between the city limits and the Y on the East Highway, where the Texas Employment Commission has a field representative, H. L. Fargason, to give information to laborers passing through in relation with the Scurry County cotton crop. Fargason said laborers do not even bother to look at the cotton here, believing it is all too scattered for pulling.

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July 21, 1953

Law Of Averages Say Drought's End Is Near

AMARILLO (AP) — By the law of averages, the drought should break this year, the regional head of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, said today.

In a story written for the Amarillo Daily News, Louis Merrill said the drought is the worst in Texas history from the stand point of duration, area involved, effect on lands covered, persistent high temperatures and scanty effective rainfall.

Merriill based this not on total annual rainfall but on its total effect, including the season in which it fell.

In a survey made some time ago, Merrill said it was found that the drought had set new marks in duration up to 45 month at Falfurrias, 43 months at Del Rio and 40 months at Lubbock.

At Haskell, Fort Worth, San Angelo and Big Spring the drought was two years old. At Amarillo it had been going on 14 months.

The 1885-87 drought lasted 23 months, according to an account by Dr. W. C. Holden, curator of the Texas Tech Museum at Lubbock.

The 1916-1918 drought continued nearly 27 months at the key locations. It covered a larger Texas area than the 1933-36 drought, but not as large an area as the current one.

The 1933-36 drought – "from a national standpoint, this was history's worst drought," Merrill said.

"You can see the damage done by drought," Merrill said, "but you can't see it all. It's much more than the loss of crops which have been planted at the cost of labor, seed and tractor fuel. It is more than the declining weight of cattle on parched range lands. The land itself takes a severe beating, especially after tillage has destroyed the residues of past crops.

"By the law of averages the present drought should break this year, but failing to do so will mean very severe blowing for unprotected crop and range lands over a very large area of Texas."

Merrill said, "We do not believe there should be a recurrence of the wind erosion damage of the 1930s."

First bale of cotton ginned in Snyder made headlines in 1953

(Editor's Note: Even though oil production was the talk of the town, the first bale of cotton produced in August still made headlines.)

Scurry County's first bale of cotton in 1953 was ginned here at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It came two days later in the year than last year's first bale, but about two weeks earlier than the first bale in 1951

J. O. Hudnall of Camp Springs raised and harvested this year's bale on his dryland farm. It was ginned at the Planters Gin three miles east of Snyder. The Planters Gin has ginned the county's first bale of cotton four years in succession.

Hudnall said that a crew of Mexican cotton pullers covered about 18 acres of ground in pulling the first bale.

It weighed 464 pounds when ginned."I believe my cotton will make about one bale to each four acres this year," Hudnall said.

Not a bumper crop by any means, the quarter of a bale per acre will almost appear to be one to Hudnall, because in 1952 he harvested seven bales of cotton from 100 acres, and in 1951 made 12 bales on 100 acres. He estimates that he will make from 22 to 25 bales on the 100 acres this year.

In 1950 Hudnall did make a bumper crop of cotton.

He harvested 61 bales of cotton from 83 acres of land planted on a two-in two-out skip row system.

Like most other cotton fields in the county Hudnall's is sparse, and much of the cotton died because of the dry weather early this year.

He believes his cotton, planted April 1, will be better than the average in his community.

"Most of the cotton around Camp Springs will make a bale on about seven acres," he said.

The price for cotton now is about 29½ or 30 cents per pound, and cotton seed are selling for $50.50 per ton, D. V. Merritt, gin manager, said. The cost of pulling cotton has not been determined here yet, the ginner said.

The Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee presented a check for $300 to Mr. Hudnall. In a departure from a long-time custom in Snyder, no auction was held for the first bale.

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New Snyder High School dedicated in 1953

(Editor's note: Dedication of the new Snyder High school was held Oct. 4, 1953.)

Twenty-six persons will occupy the stage of the auditorium in the new high school building during the ceremonies in which it will be dedicated Tuesday night before a crowd expected to exceed 3,000.

Among those on the stage will be Dr. William H. (Bill) Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City, guest speaker, and C. R. Anthony, head of the department stores, a member of Dr. Alexander's congregation – largest of its denomination in Oklahoma. Anthony will accompany his pastor here in a chartered plane scheduled to arrive at Winston Field at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The auditorium, which will normally accommodate 1,100 persons in its cushioned operatype seats, is being supplemented by 300 folding chairs, and the building's cafeteria is being arranged for accommodation of the overflow crowd, which may also require seating in classrooms.

Dr. Cecil Yarbrough, superintendent of schools, said the building's intercommunication system and public address amplifier was being readied for broadcast of the entire ceremonies to all rooms throughout the building. T. D. Wiman Jr., principal of the high school, said that in this way it will be possible for the ceremonies to be enjoyed by 5,000 or more persons in the event the overflow should be that great.

Two separate big events are planned for the public in connection with the new $2,500,000 building, and two other events are also scheduled but are not opened to the public.

In brief, here is the schedule: Open house in the new building will be held from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon with all the school's faculty in the building and 75 students serving as guides, hosts and hostesses. Refreshments will also be served, but there will be no ceremonies or speeches.

There will be no events Monday. Tuesday morning, the guest speaker and his fellow guest will arrive, and a noon luncheon in their honor will be held at the high school cafeteria with the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, the school board of trustees, administration staff and guests who worked with designing and constructing the building.

The luncheon will be attended by written invitation. Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dr. Alexander will speak to the student body in the assembly program.

The second public event — dedication of the building — will begin with a concert by the high school band from 7 to 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night. When the band retires from the stage, the 26 persons to be honored from that position will take their seats, and ceremonies will begin.

The persons to remain on the stage during the ceremonies are the seven members of the school's board of trustees: Lee T. Stinson, president; J. B. Turner, vice president; Milton Ford, Paul Keaton, Wayne Boren and Clyde Godwin; W. H. Scarborough, secretary for the board and tax assessor-collector for the school district; and two past trustees, E. J. Mills of Tulsa and Bob Dupree.

R. F. Ball of the R. F. Ball Construction Co., general contractor; Fred Kasch of A. P. Kasch & Son, mechanical contractor; Joe Burton of Burton Bros. Electric Co., electrical contractor; Fred Buford and Raymond Feinberg of the Buford & Feinberg architectural firm of Dallas; E. L. Farr and C. Wedgeworth, past superintendents; M. E. Stanfield, assistant superintendent; C. L. Yarbrough, superintendent;

The Rev. Ronald Hubbard, president of the ministerial Alliance, who will give the dedication prayer; Dr. W. H. Alexander; C. R. Anthony; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton and Miss Nena Williams, who will present the musical program.

Three thousand roses will be given women attending by joint arrangement of Bell Flower Shop and the Breedlove Nurseries of Tyler, landscaper of the campus.

The doors of the new building will open at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for benefit of any who may not have previously seen the building and for those who may not be able to attend the open house Sunday. There will be no tours or guides Tuesday afternoon, however.

During the open house event Sunday afternoon there will be soft music played over the electrical amplifier as visitors tour the building, beginning at the front entrance on the building's east side. Wiman said that all persons attending may begin their tours as soon as they wish after arrival and that guides from a group of 75 members of the student council will assist.

The guides will be stationed throughout the building so that one will be available every few feet for information and instruction to visitors. Teachers will remain in their rooms. Signs are being placed along the hallways to show the general direction of the tours and to name the various parts of the building.

The manner of touring has been planned so that any person can see all or any portion of the building he cares to, may stay as long as he wishes at any one place in the building, and may start and stop his tour anytime he wishes, Wiman said. The complete walk through the entire plant, which actually has three buildings, requires from 30 minutes (if you keep walking and don't look too much) to 45 minutes (if you get a good mental picture of the facilities).

Refreshments are to be served by members of the Parent-Teacher Association at the end of the touring route.

The Tuesday night program, after the band concert, will begin with invocation in solo by Robert Clinton, vocal music instructor, followed by a talk on the purpose and history of the occasion by Stanfield.

Recognition of guests will be next, most recognitions being only by asking certain groups to stand briefly. Then the architect will be introduced, and he will present a key to the building to the school board president, who will accept the building in a short speech.

Dedication prayer will be next, preceding the main speech by Dr. Alexander on "A Great American School and Community Relationship."

Dr. Alexander has been featured in several national magazines as America's most demanded public speaker.

Fluvanna graduated eight in 1953

(Editor's note: Fluvanna graduation was held in May, 1953.)

Eight students will receive diplomas at the commencement exercises at the Fluvanna High School auditorium May 22.

Speakers for the commencement and baccalaureate have not yet been announced. The baccalaureate service will be held May 17.

The graduates are James Beaver, Frances Blair, Shirley Scrivner, Patsy Holder, Lee Roy Glover, Jackie Pylant, William Pylant and Vernie Smith.

May 17

Patsy Ruth Holder was chosen valedictorian of the Fluvanna school graduating class, which will hold commencement exercises Friday night at the school auditorium.

Miss Holder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Holder, holds a grade average of 94.7.

Lee Roy Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Glover, is salutatorian with an average of 92.7.

A total of eight students will receive diplomas.

May 16

J. L Hardin, business manager of Wayland College, will speak at the annual junior-senior banquet at Fluvanna high school Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Approximately 24 students and dates are expected to attend the banquet sponsored by the mothers of the community. The welcoming address will be given by Leon Glover Jr. Providing entertainment will be a trio of seventh grade girls composed of Shirley Ann Watson, Beth Wiman and Nancy Wiman. They will sing "Sentimental Journey" accompanied by Mrs. Bill Stansell at the piano. Miss Watson will also sing a solo.

Mothers of the community will donate food for the affair. Serving on the food committee are Mrs. Dee Pylant, chairman, Mrs. Leo Beaver, Mrs. W. C. Scrivner and Mrs. H. A. Flournoy.

Dean of Sul Ross graduate school spoke at '53 ceremony

(Editor's note: The first class to graduate from the new high school were awarded diplomas on May 27, 1953.)

Dr. G. P. Smith, dean of the graduate school at Sul Ross College, emphasized the need for world peace in his commencement address to the 104 graduates of Snyder High School last night in the new auditorium.

This generation might even learn to control the climate "if we can ever settle down to the business of peace," Smith said. "We might be able to pump water from the ocean and store it in interior lakes, and the evaporation will form into clouds and rain," he explained.

Preceding Smith's speech, a two-year scholarship to any state supported college was presented to the valedictorian, David Hermeling. He also received a scholarship from Draughon's Business College and to a church-related colleges in Texas.

Sue Cox, salutatorian, was given scholarships from Mary-Hardin Baylor, Draughon's and the church-related colleges of Texas.

Two surprise scholarships were awarded also. Billie Barrett, who had the second highest grades among girls in the class, was given a scholarship to Mary-Hardin Baylor. John Jarrell was presented a $25 scholarship to any college. His benefactor was an anonymous Snyder businessman.

The 104 students in this graduating class represented the largest graduating class in the history of Snyder High School. They were the first graduates to hold baccalaureate and commencement exercises in the new auditorium.

Place for the junior high promotional exercise has been changed from the old auditorium to the new high school auditorium in southwest Snyder, according to Herman Trigg, junior high principal.

The exercises will be held at 7:30 tonight for the 210 students who will be promoted into high school.

Dr. Cecil Yarbrough, school superintendent, will present diplomas and T. D. Wiman Jr., school principal, will welcome the students into high school.

Valedictorian of the class is Ronald Smith and salutatorian is Carol Sue Clark.

After the exercises a reception will be given the students in the new high school cafeteria by the Parent-Teacher Association mothers.

1953 drought, weather news was much like reports today

(Editor's Note: Even after 50 years, some things never change. This article was printed in the Snyder Daily News on March 5, 1953.)

FORT WORTH (AP) – A government expert said today the Southwest's worst drought in history still strangles half of Texas and most of Oklahoma.

The blighted areas are West Texas, part of North and South Texas and all of Oklahoma except some southeastern and north central sections.

Louis P. Merrill, regional director of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, said that was the situation as of March 1. He said light rains in North Texas and Western Oklahoma since then have given only meager relief.

This is the general picture drawn by Merrill from reports of field men: wheat thin and turning yellow, cattle bony and weak. land too dry in many counties for corn and cotton planting.

Merrill said Louisiana and Arkansas damage from the rainless summer is still in evidence but the drought definitely was broken by winter rains.

In addition, he reported about 140 counties of East and Central Texas and some areas of Southeastern and North Central Oklahoma are no longer on the critical list.

This was the same broad situation Merrill had reported as the first of the year – only worse.

He had given the drought its "worst in history" tag last September on the basis of area involved, duration, affect on land cover, persistent high temperatures and scantiness of effective rainfall.

Merrill said the study by his office showed dry weather duration at eight Texas reference points as Big Spring, 30 months; Del Rio, 38; Falfurrias, 40; Fort Stockton, 28; Lubbock 34½; Haskell and San Angelo, 29; and Amarillo, 20 months.

The average duration of the drought at these points is 31 months. The 1933-36 drought in Texas lasted 24.4 months and the one in 1916-18 ran 24 months. The sketchy information gathered by historians on the 1885-87 drought indicates that dry period, though intense and costly, lasted only 23 months.

The wheat cover in Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties in the topmost tier of the Texas Panhandle is small and thin and beginning to turn yellow for want of moisture.

Only a timely rain can save the crop in those counties, field reports to Merrill said.

Other counties reporting wheat cover in poor condition included Donley, Tom Green, Sterling, Glasscock, Hutchinson, Callahan, Runnels, Concho, Menard, Moore, Deaf Smith, Oldham, Carson, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Borden, Schleicher and Kendall.

Livestock herds in the dry areas of Texas and Oklahoma have been further reduced as the drought cut deeper into ranges and pastures.

In Irion and Reagan Counties, 90 percent of the cattle and 80 percent of the sheep herds had been sold or shipped out. Stockmen in Howard, Martin, Borden and Scurry counties had sold our shipped out 80 percent of their cattle.

One of the present threats is the lack of enough moisture to plant spring crops. Field men reported that more than 50 counties in Texas and more than 25 in Oklahoma do not have enough moisture for spring planting.

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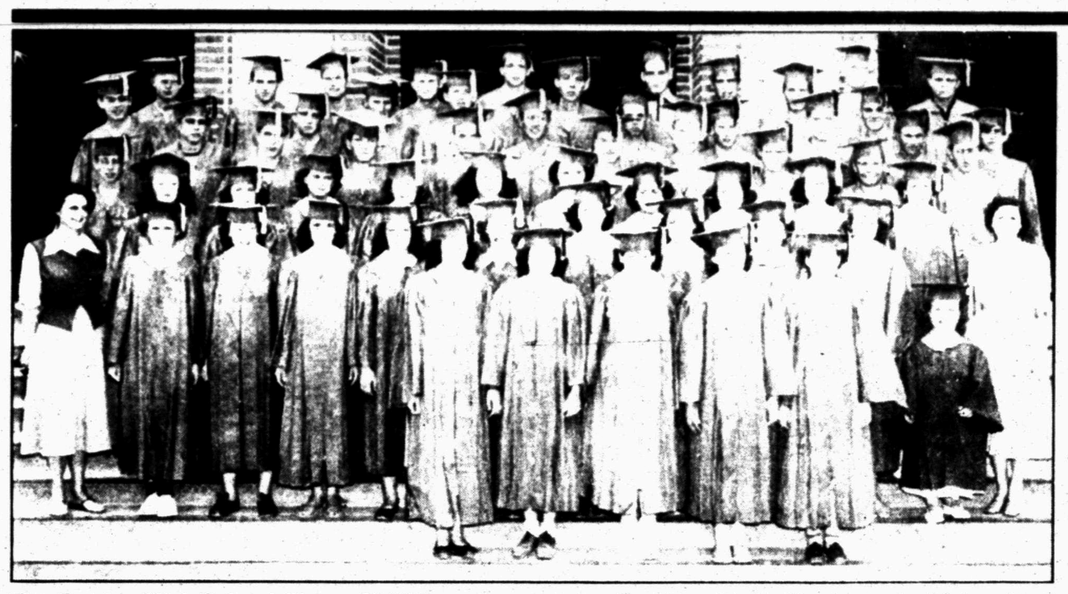

The Snyder High School Class of 1950 on the steps leading into the auditorium. the high school was located on 26th Street where the jail is now. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder business owners sponsored appreciation dinner for educators

(Editor's note: Snyder business owners held an appreciation dinner for Snyder educators. This article appeared Sept. 17, 1953.)

It was all very folksy and informal last night at the Appreciation Banquet given for Snyder teachers.

There was group singing and organized hand-shaking. The soloist forgot some of his words and the audience "appreciated" him all the more for it. And the principal speaker dished out philosophy in such a witty and engaging manner that everybody "appreciated" him, too.

"Education is culture; culture is polish; and polish has to be rubbed on," Dr. Kenneth McFarland, educational consultant for General Motors Corp., told the crowd of 450 persons.

McFarland, one of the top educators in the country, filled one hour and 20 minutes with his humor-spiked talk on education.

A former trade school superintendent, McFarland told the crowd that the same principle he found to work there applies in all schools – that the student must learn more than just how to do a job.

Illustrating his point, McFarland said that a survey over a three-year period among industrial workers showed that 91.2 per cent of the employees fired were not discharged because of lack of skill. Reasons for their being fired included laziness, poor health, intemperance, dishonesty, immorality and disloyalty.

"It's not particularly the quality of the merchandise but the quality of the man selling it that determines success," McFarland said, further illustrating that a man must learn how to handle himself as well as his work.

The educator rapped some modern trends in education, telling of one school in California that graduated students largely on their attitude. While attitude is important, "there is no substitute for skill," he said, adding that in the artillery branch of the service, a mathematician is judged not on whether his attitude is good" but on whether he can calculate the enemy's position. "There's not much room for being creative in the multiplication tables," he commented.

Before McFarland began speaking, Bob Clinton, school music director, sang "Danny Boy" and "Honor, Honor," A Negro spiritual. He was accompanied by his wife. Clinton led group singing at the beginning of the informal program. A high school student, Kenneth Lawrence, provided dinner music.

McFarland, who had been introduced by School Superintendent Cecil Yarbrough, many times touched on the importance of the student's learning discipline and respect for each other while still young. "To be successful, he must be a good man in general before being a good man in particular," he said. The visitor commended school officials and parents of Snyder on the discipline shown by students at an assembly yesterday.

McFarland was met at Lubbock yesterday morning after flying there from Kansas City. Tonight, he is scheduled to speak in Portland, Md. Representatives of the school and chamber of commerce brought McFarland back here yesterday and held a noon luncheon for him.

Malven Stevenson was master of ceremonies at the dinner last night. During the program, he introduced members of the school board of trustees and other school and chamber officials.

The Rev. W. W. Adcock of the First Methodist Church gave the invocation, while Warder K. Novak of the 37th Street Church of Christ gave the benediction.

Seventeen Hermleigh students graduated in 1953

(Editor's note: Hermleigh High School held graduation ceremonies on May 4, 1953.)

Seventeen students will receive diplomas in high school commencement exercises at 8 o'clock Friday night at the Hermleigh school auditorium.

Dr. John Hamblen, Snyder dentist and immediate past president of the junior high Parent-Teacher Association, will give the commencement address to the Hermleigh graduates.

On Thursday night at 8 o'clock about 40 eighth grade Hermleigh students will graduate into high school.

Baccalaureate services were held for the Hermleigh students last night in the auditorium where the Rev. Don Hanson of the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh spoke.

Valedictorian of the graduating class is Kenneth Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Flint Simmons of the Loyd Mountain community, who has a grade average of more than 91, while Venita Henley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Henley, is salutatorian with a grade average of 89.

Orville Hess, head of the Hermleigh school board, will present diplomas to the graduates. Those other than the honor graduates are Floyd Hacker, Bill Houston, Jimmy Cooper, Dickey Wall, Wallace Rinehart, Joe Groves, Jerry Groves, Douglas Chitsey, Lajuana Robinson, Helen Etheredge, Martha Hungerford, Yvonne Dempsey, Iris Nell Evans, Geral Jordan and Denzell Kight.

Borden County School became model throughout the nation

(Editor's note: On March 8, 1953, nearby Gail also was showing off its new high school.)

A rural school system that has become a model for other systems throughout the nation is to be formally dedicated this afternoon at Gail.

A galaxy of educators as well as representatives of most neighboring school districts and citizens of Borden County are expected to gather at the new Borden County Rural High School at 3 o'clock for the ceremonies and open house.

Today's activities highlight much work on the part of citizens and the sparsely settled expanse of rangeland. The school board was organized in June 1951.

Dr. Bascom B. Hayes, director of administrative services of the Texas Education Agency of Austin, will be the featured speaker.

The school board is planning a model educational system in Borden County in its three-year program that has been aided and directed by some of the leading educators of the state. A board of consultants has met often with the Borden group to plan the projects and work out financing, which at first appeared to be the biggest hurdle. However, discovery of oil in the county has eased this condition considerably.

The Borden board has one of the few rural systems in the country which has a printed booklet containing the organization and polices of the board of education. Many other school boards over the state are adopting similar forms of stating the policies of the board.

The board in Borden County is composed of seven members: Bert Dennis, president; Melton Davis, vice president; H.D. Williams, secretary; Frank Beaver, Roy Burdett, E.S. Kingston and J.C. Shepperd.

The consultants who have worked with the board since its organization and continue to act as advisors to the school board and administrators are all members of the faculty of Texas Technological College. They are Dr. John S. Carroll, head of the department of education; Dr. Ted E. Edwards and Horace C. Hartsell and Miss Katherine Evans, professors of education at Texas Tech.

Today the school building at Gail and the three elementary schools at far-flung corners of the county are objects of pride to the school board and people of the county.

About $700,000 has been spent in building and equipping the four schools. About $110,000 was also spent for construction of 11 residences for teachers in the system. Seven of the residences form the main residential area in Gail. The other four are at the communities of Glenn Creek, Plains and Murphy, where the other new school buildings are located.

To finance this building program, citizens of Borden County voted two bond issues, one for $500,000 on June 30, 1951 and another for $150,000 May 31, 1952. More than 80 percent of the voters in both elections supported the bond issues, as they had for consolidating the four school districts into one.

The schools at Plains, Murphy and Gail all have cafeterias and auditorium facilities.

Dr. Carroll, one of the members of the consultant team, said the Borden County Rural High School is one of the most modern and best arranged rural high schools in the state.

"It is so progressive and so well planned and operated that the Texas Education System is using it as a model from which ideas to better all rural schools systems are being obtained," he said.

With future growth in mind the high school provides for more space than is needed.

It was built to accommodate more than 100 students and has only 35 now.

S.P. Stewart, superintendent, said there were 30 students enrolled in the sixth and seventh grades, and there are 124 pupils in the first six grades of the four schools in the system.

"Growth of the county's population is expected to fill the building to capacity within a few years, but we can not foresee any overcrowding for many years," Stewart said.

Probably transportation of students to the school is its biggest problem now.

Three conventional school buses, two Jeep station wagons with four-wheel drive, and two Chevrolet station wagons are used to cover the 857 square miles of territory covered by the school system. The school district covers more than 90 percent of the 914 square miles of territory in the county which has a population of only 1,106 persons –1.2 per square mile.

Organization of the Borden County school district involved an extensive round up of pupils in the county. Prior to the organization of the district centered at Gail, the pupils of the county has been sent to schools at Snyder, Coahoma, Ackerly, Lamesa and O'Donnell, all located well outside Borden County. Borden County school district had furnished buses and sent their pupils to the other schools.

"At first some of the high school students didn't want to come back to Gail for schooling, but they now say they very much prefer Gail to the other schools they did attend," Stewart said.

But rounding up the children from over the county is still a big daily problem. The buses serve the dual purpose of taking children to the outlying elementary schools on their out-bound runs and bring more children to Gail on the return, Stewart said.

If rounding up the students was a problem, rounding up teachers for the system was even a bigger task.

"There was no enticement for teachers here, so we had to furnish housing and we builty moderan one-family residences for them, seven at Gail and others at the other schools," Stewart said.

The pay scale was raised to the Gilmer-Aiken standard set for the state, plus special consideration for most of the teachers.

"With the new incentives we have been able to fill our system with some of the best teachers available anywhere," Stewart said. "We had more than 100 teacher applications last year."

All the teachers in the system have either a bachelor's or master's degree in their fields.

"As a contrast, almost the entire faulty of the old Borden County system had only teachers with teaching certificates," he said.

More elementary schools needed as Snyder's population increased

(Editor's note: Growing pains were being felt in Snyder Elementary Schools, according to this Sept. 12, 1953 article.)

Work is still being done this week by the school administration in an attempt to bringabout even distribution of students in the elementary schools, according to Dr. Cecil Yarbrough, superintendent.

Yarbrough said that the biggest distribution problem is in the West Elementary school, which started with 485 students and is built to handle a few more than 400. In that school, the sixth grade is overloaded.

Early last week Yarbrough wrote to parents of students in the West school and asked for voluntary transfer of some of the students to the Central Elementary. A few have volunteered, he said, adding that he needs about 15 more volunteers. Each of the two sixth grade sections in the West school has 38 students,

Yarbrough said, while each of the four in the Central school has 22 or 23 students.

If the West school retains all its students and gets another teacher to handle the overload, a temporary building will be needed on that campus, he said.

In the Central Primary, the second grade had six sections, but they were later consolidated into five sections, and the remaining teacher was changed to the first grade, which was overloaded. Each of the second grade units still has few enough units to get by, Yarbrough said.

One new teacher was hired last week, and a new section was created in the first grade of the East Elementary school to handle the overload in that grade.

Last week, enrollment in the entire school system here was 2,981, compared to 2,971 at the beginning of the school last year. Yarbrough said no count has been made since early last week of students, but he estimated that about 25 more students have enrolled in the schools, making the figure about 35 more than the beginning of school last year and about 200 more than enrollment at the end of school last year.

65 students in first adult ed class

(Editor's note: Adult education was begun in Snyder and the first class had 65 students, according to an April 19, 1953 article.)

The adult education program started here this year by Snyder High School has met with an enthusiastic response.

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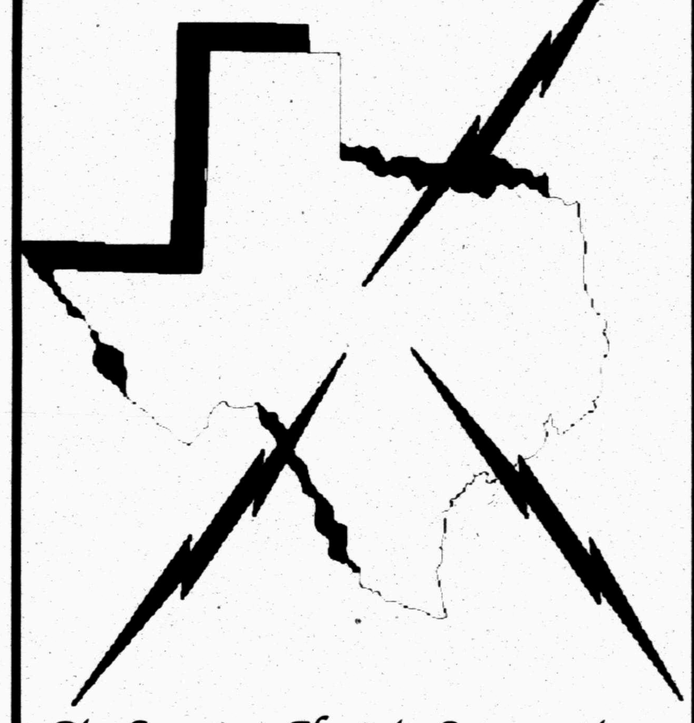

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H. Maples kept record of Snyder through cartoons

Harold Maples drew several cartoons for the Snyder Daily News in the 1950s.

He was the editorial cartoonist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for 27 years. From 1954 until his death in 1982, Maples drew more than 7,000 cartoons for the paper's editorial page.

He was known nationally for his skillfully executed drawings, each with a distinctive Texas flavor.

Maples covered an amazingly wide variety of subjects. No subject was too mundane nor too important. Maples addressed the beginning of a new school year; threats to world peace; impending drought; auto safety; or the perennial, Texas weather, with equal humor, skill and imagination.

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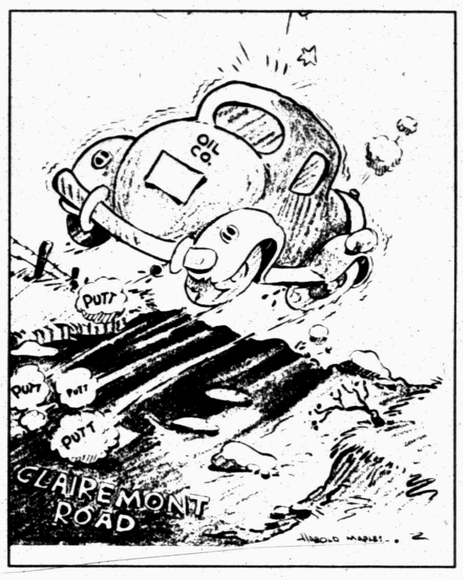

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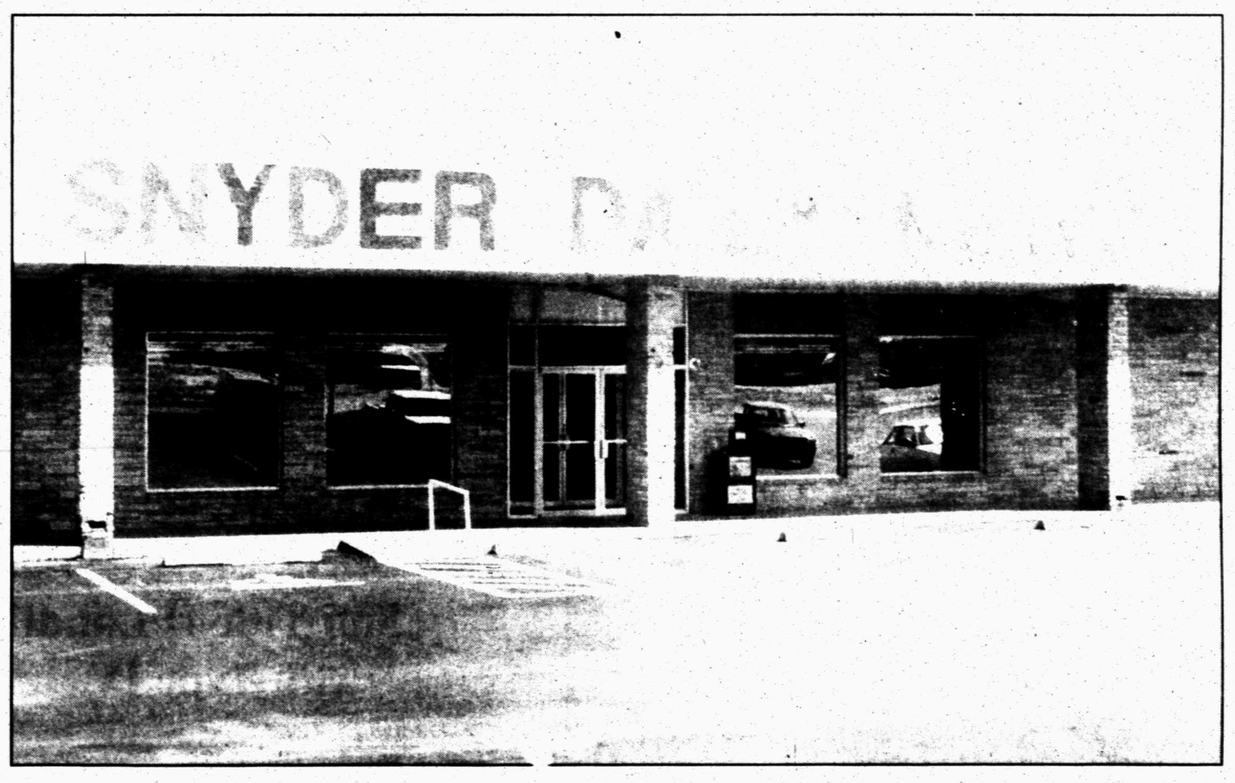

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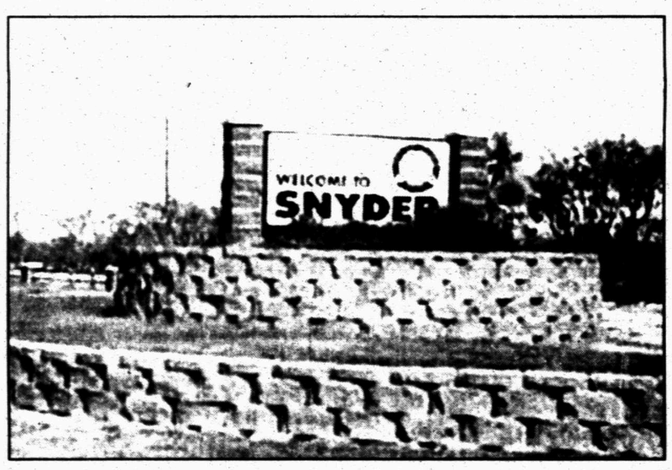

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SENATOR VISITS SNYDER — U.S. Senator and future president Lyndon Baines Johnson and wife Lady Bird visited Snyder and was the guest of oilman C.T. McLaughlin. The oilman's airplane is shown in the background. (SDN File Photo)

History of CRMWD

J.B. Thomas of Texas Electric Company (TESCO) initiates correspondence with Texas Board of Water Engineers member E.V. Spence regarding water supply for West Texas.

February 7, 1946 — Thomas sends Spence and engineer Simon W. Freese on a quest "to go crazy, looking," but find water in West Texas.

June 20, 1946 — At Thomas' invitation, representatives of Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Snyder and Colorado City meet at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring to hear Thomas and Freese lay out the water solution. They propose a reservoir on the Colorado River near Colorado City, and pipelines to the cities, with a staggering $11 million price tag. As a result the five-city Colorado River Municipal Water Association is formed that day.

October 14, 1948 — Freese presents his final recommendation, for a new site 20 miles upstream that will produce better water. Snyder has already withdrawn, and now Colorado City, opposing the relocation and looking to the possibility of TESCO building a dam and lake on Morgan Creek, leaves the Association.

February 22, 1949 — The Association is further shaken when Midland withdraws, but Odessa and Big Spring remain committed to proceed with the project.

March 11, 1949 — Two bills (one to create the Colorado River Municipal Water District contingent upon voter approval in the cities, and another to authorize it to contract with member cities) are introduced at the deadline, on the final submission day for the 1949 Texas Legislative Session.

May 31, 1949 — In the final moments of the last day of the session, both bills pass the Texas Legislature. Similar acts, which would pass the Legislature in subsequent years would not be as strong, and lacked provisions vital to the development of the District.

June 8, 1949 — Governor Beauford Jester signs the bill into law, 39 days before his untimely death.

June 9, 1949 — the CRMWD reorganizes with only two cities, and asks the two city councils to petition the state for simultaneous confirmation elections in July.

July 12, 1949 — Big Spring voters approve the proposed water district 522-31, and Odessa voters approve by a margin of 365-16. Both city councils proceed with appointment of directors to represent them on the board.

August 15, 1949 — Big Spring Mayor George W. Dabney serves as honorary chairman for the first board meeting of the Colorado River Municipal Water district. R.T. Piner is elected as the first CRMWD president.

October 27, 1950 — The board passes resolutions to contract with bond attorneys, the engineering firm of Freese and Nichols and other steps necessary to amend and execute its permit for a reserve on the Colorado River. They also authorize the purchase of water rights for a well field in Martin County, and call for elections in Big Spring and Odessa to ratify the city contracts, in effect, asking for voter ratification of the bond issues.

November 16, 1950 — Few, if any issues of this magnitude have ever been approved by such a margin. In Big Spring, the issue is ratified 941-1, and in Odessa, 1,044-1. These votes, in effect, give the District authority and financial means to finance its massive mission.

December 8, 1950 — Eugene Vierling Spence is asked to serve as CRMWD General Manager.

January 27, 1951 — An election is held in Snyder after a group of businessmen and officials successfully petition the District for annexation. Snyder voters approved membership 432-25, and approve the water contract with the District 401-24.

February 7, 1951 — Bids are taken on the dam and pipelines.

March 3, 1951 — The Texas Board of Water Engineers issues an order creating the Martin County Underground Water Control District, an organization of individuals who wanted to stop or restrict CRMWD's development of the Martin County well field. This marks the beginning of a costly battle over rights to and regulation of the groundwater.

March 8, 1951 — E.V. Spence delivers the signed bonds to First National Bank of Fort Worth and receives the check for $11,750,000. Within days, agreement is reached for purchase of the basin land. Heavy equipment is moved in and work begins.

April 29, 1951 — A large crowd of West Texans gather for groundbreaking ceremonies at the lake site. The crowd is

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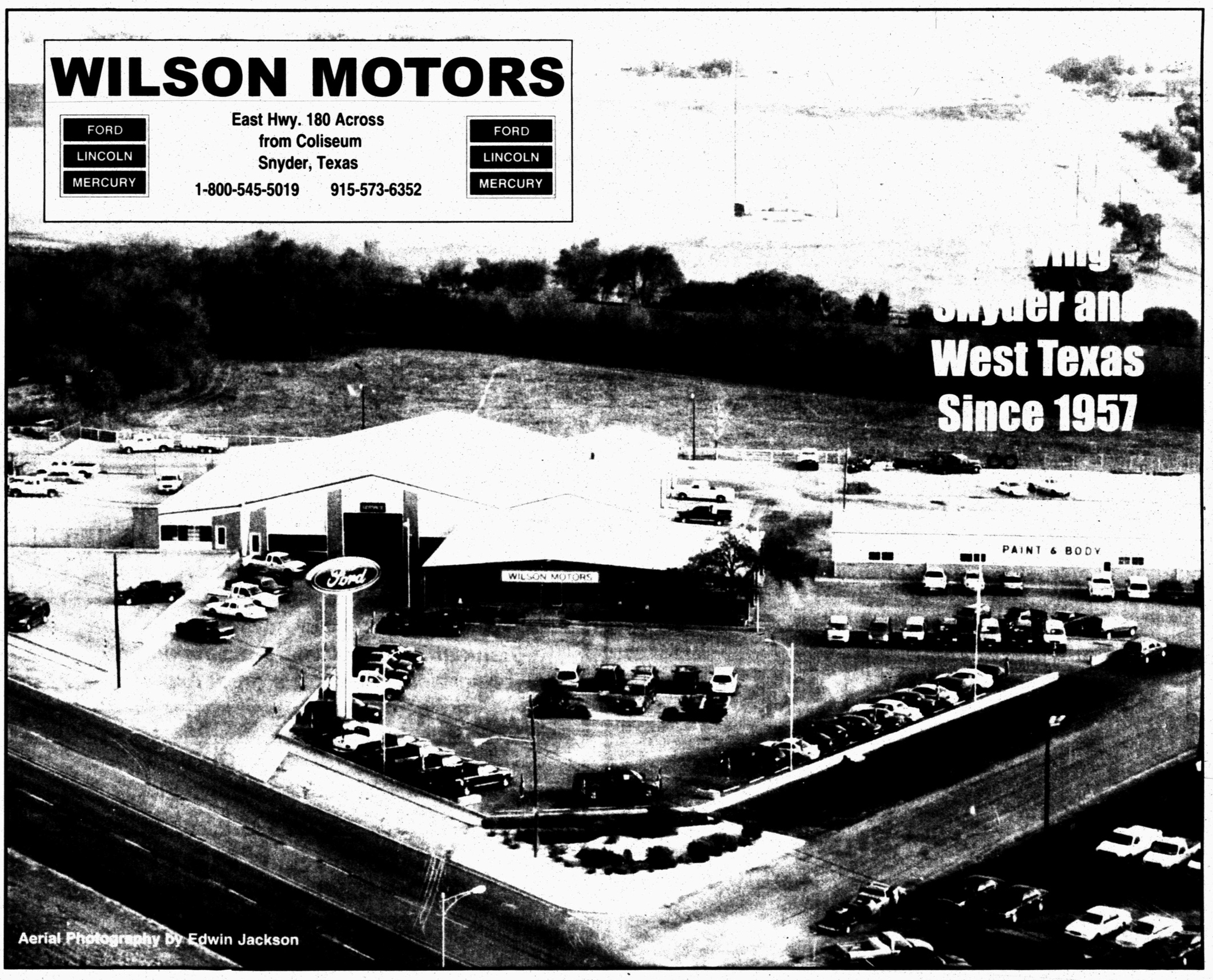

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amazed by details of the District's activities as it is simultaneously building a dam, lake, the Martin County well field, and pipelines to carry the water to member cities where rationing is imminent.

May 29, 1951 — Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee (SACROC) is the first of many oil producers to request a water contract with CRMWD. The first delivery of water under the resulting contract is January 1, 1954. For years, revenues from the sale of fresh and brine water to oil and industrial customers have helped the District provide lower rates to its municipal customers.

March 19, 1952 — CRMWD signs its first contract to supply water to oil companies. Revenue from such sources will make it possible for the District to keep municipal water prices down. Only twice in 50 years, in spite of numerous droughts and rationing in much of the state, will the District be forced to curtail water deliveries to the oil producers. In over 50 years, CRMWD will never ration municipal customers.

May 8, 1952 — the District's first dam on the Colorado River is closed, as Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder face critical water shortages.

May 11, 1952 — Over his humble objections, the board and friends convinced J.B. Thomas to allow CRMWD to name the new lake in his honor. At the May 11th meeting, directors vote to name the new reservoir, Lake J.B. Thomas, in honor of the man whose foresight and faith resulted in the conception and initiation of the entire District project.

June 6, 1952 — The first CRMWD water arrives from Martin County, trickling out of the pipeline at Odessa, with sustained flow the next day and a citywide celebration on June 10.

August 13, 1952 — Martin County water bubbled into Big Spring, where by city ordinance, water rationing had officially begun in early July.

September 5, 1952 — Even the disapproval and legal objections of some Martin County residents who fear depletion of the aquifer cannot dim the spirits of Big Spring residents as they celebrate the arrival of life-sustaining water in a ceremony at Steer Stadium.

January 21, 1952 — After its initial success in court and sustaining of the judgment on its first appeal, the CRMWD loses to the MCUWCD before the Texas Supreme Court. The issue becomes moot, however, as opposition to CRMWD crumbles when Martin County residents become fearful of over-regulation and the issue subsides. CRMWD continues to pump the Martin County well field, ever careful to conserve the resource.

Late Spring, 1952 — Although the Lake J.B. Thomas dam has been closed, the lake is virtually dry. Snyder has completed its water treatment plant, but has no water to treat. A borrow area near the dam catches a few thousand acre-feet of water, and district employees, determined to get water to drought-parched Snyder, come up with an ingenious idea they call "pump-back." By raising a cofferdam around the intake and pumping water from the borrow area to the pool around the intake, they are able to submerge the pumps and begin moving water to Snyder. This means of wringing water from a virtually dry lake will be used again and again as West Texas faces returning drought cycles.

July 2, 1953 — The pump-back is successful, and the first lake water finally reaches Snyder.

July 9, 1953 — Snyder celebrates the arrival of water. After just more than two years of frantic work, all three District member cities are taking water, and, they have not had to ration water since that time.

August 8, 1956 — CRMWD files its first presentation to study the possibility of a second dam on the Colorado River, this one in southern Mitchell County.

June 11, 1959 — CRMWD files for a permit to impound its second lake, to be located in Mitchell County.

December 6, 1960 — Board members learn that gypsum deposits under the proposed reservoir site (which could cause the reservoir to fail) would necessitate moving the lake. Water quality is also questioned at the original site.

Fall, 1963 — The District begins to experiment with recharging the Martin County Well Field when surface water is plentiful, protecting it from evaporation and recovering the water from wells further down the gradient when it is needed.

July 17, 1964 — CRMWD submits an amended application to construct the reservoir near Robert Lee.

December, 1964 — The CRMWD permit is opposed by the Lower Colorado River Authority and Mitchell County residents in its hearing before the Texas Water Commission. General Manager Spence is subjected to hours of questioning and becomes ill.

April 4, 1965 —E.V. Spence, who had devoted 14 years to the District and most of his professional career to water development in the state of Texas, dies.

April 22, 1965 — Owen H. Ivie is chosen to succeed Spence as general manager.

September 1, 1965 — Long negotiations culminate with an agreement to release stored water dependent on the level of the Highland Lakes, and a $400,000 payment to the Lower Colorado River Authority to end the LCRA opposition to the Robert Lee permit. The Texas Water Commission issues the permit the same day.

September, 1966 — CRMWD issues $30 million in bonds intended to finance the dam, lake and extensive diversion works to control chloride problems in the drainage area of the lake. Another $4.3 million in bonds issued will prove necessary to complete the project.

April 10, 1969 — The board of directors votes to name the new reservoir in honor of its first general manager, E.V. Spence.

June 4, 1969 — The E.V. Spence Reservoir is dedicated.

January 27, 1976 — Pump-back is revisited for the second of many times as drought keeps the new reservoir from filing and Lake J.B. Thomas sinks dangerously low. The first stage of a three-stage pump-back begins at the E.V. Spence Reservoir, where water is far below the intake. A three-stage pump-back will also be implemented at Lake Thomas before rains and drought relief begins in the summer of 1971. For the first time, the District is forced to cut back deliveries to oil companies to protect municipal supplies.

April 10, 1970 — Midland comes on line as a CRMWD municipal customer.

June, 1970 — CRMWD announces it will accept bids to drill brine wells in the Santa Rosa Formation to supply brackish water (instead of lake water needed for municipal supplies) to be used for oil repressuring operations.

October, 1970 — The CRMWD board authorizes the general manager to begin a weather modification program in the spring of 1971. At the end of the 20th century, it would be the longest continuous operating weather modification program in the United States.

December 9, 1970 — $6.75 million in bonds is authorized for development of 17 wells and 45 miles of pipeline to bring much needed Ward County well field water on line. Dubbed the "Five Months' Miracle," the field and pipeline are completed May 24, 1971.

September 1, 1971 — Oil companies are restored to 100 percent of their needs, and pump-backs are halted when rain and welcome runoff replenishes both district lakes.

July 14, 1974 — Directors celebrate the retirement of the $11.75 million first bond issue with a bond burning.

Summer, 1976 — The long-range planning committee is reactivated to study the need for, and possible location of the District's third reservoir on the Colorado River.

July 1, 1977 — Drought … again. The District begins the longest pump-back in its history, lasting more than three years at Lake Thomas. Working in mud-bogged lake bottoms, clearing brush and vegetation from lake basins and the Colorado River channel and breaking ice around the shallow intake pools, were a few of the weather-related problems faced by district employees. For the second time, district finances are squeezed by reduced water sales to oil companies, but the problem is compounded by additional operational costs from rising electric rates and increased usage of electricity for the pump-back. It is the last time in the century that CRMWD cannot meet oil and industrial water demands, but it will not be the last pump-back.

October 11, 1971 — The board votes to apply for a permit to build a dam near the community of Stacy, and representatives fly to Austin to file the application with the Texas Department of Water Resources. Simon Freese and the Freese and Nichols engineering firm will design the proposed dam; as with both earlier district dams, and their input will be vital to the permit process as well as the dam design.

February 1978 — the Stacy application is accepted for placement on the Texas Water Commission docket, but due to opposition and delays, hearings do not begin until July 11. Several downstream groups oppose the permit, led by the powerful Lower Colorado River Authority, holder of the permits for the Highland Lakes near Austin.

July 11, 1978 — General Manager Owen Ivie is first witness in the TWC hearing that will break all records for longevity (50 days of testimony), number of exhibits (over 200) and cost.

April 10, 1979 — The TWC approves Permit 3866, for construction of a dam near Stacy. But, CRMWD has won only the first battle in what will be an eight-year struggle to obtain the state permit for the much-needed reservoir.

July 26, 1979 — After its request for a rehearing is denied by the TWC, the LCRA appeals to the 53rd District Court in Austin. Negotiation between the CRMWD and LCRA continue in an attempt to reach an out-of-court settlement.

January 31, 1980 — Judge Herman Jones hears argument on the appeal and upholds the TWC ruling on Feb. 5. LCRA appeals his decision, and out-of-court negotiations continue.

March 31, 1980 — While the state permit battle continues, the first U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hearing is conducted in Coleman for CRMWD's "404 Permit," a new federal requirement under legislation passed since construction of the E.V. Spence Reservoir. Numerous federal and state agencies are involved as land and wildlife mitigation, preservation of sites of cultural (Indian) and historical significance and a little-known water snake pose costly barriers to construction of the reservoir.

November 19, 1980 — The 3rd Court of Civil Appeals in Austin hears the state permit appeal, as CRMWD continues to attempt negotiations with LCRA.

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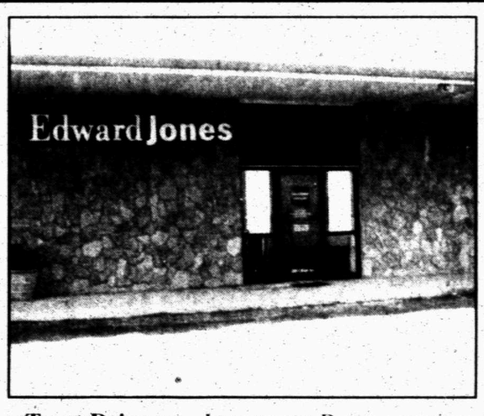

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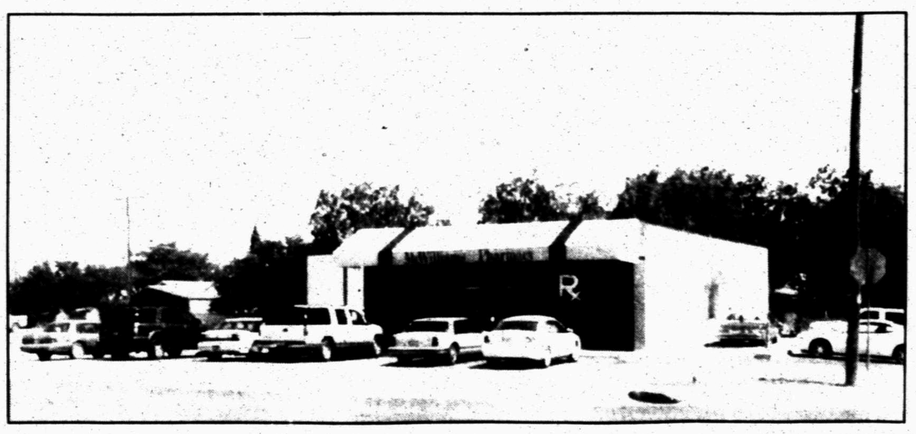

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CRMWD continues to serve cities in area

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decision, the 3rd Court of Appeals upholds the lower court, but on October 1, the LCRA appeals again, this time to the Texas Supreme Court. Negotiations fail, and CRMWD soon begins to consider involving itself in water permit adjudication hearings in hopes of furthering its position that unused water is being wasted into the Gulf of Mexico.

September 7, 1983 — The State Supreme Court agrees to hear the case on two of the alleged "points of error." It will be more than a year before the court rules on the arguments.

May 1984 — Negotiations with state and federal agencies concerning the 404 Permit continues, and estimates are growing as to the final cost. It is already more than $6 million.

Nov. 14, 1984 — Directors are in New York City to close the $8,275,000 bond issue to purchase additional groundwater reserves and fund construction of the Beals Creek water quality enhancement project when they receive word that the Texas Supreme Court has ruled against the District in the Stacy matter. As a result of post-opinion briefs, the Supreme Court decides, on January 9, 1985, to remand the matter to the Texas Water Commission for rehearing. Negotiations continue in what has become a highly visible battle, with state legislators and the governor applying pressure on LCRA and CRMWD to settle the matter. Unknown to the CRMWD, the Corps of Engineers pulls the 404 permit from consideration based on the November 14 Supreme Court ruling.

February 26, 1985 — Following final negotiations at 5 p.m. the day before, the CRMWD board approves a settlement with the LCRA, and officials fly to Austin for a joint announcement of the accord. With LCRA out of the picture, the remaining opposition is minimal.

April 23, 1985 — Although a few delays have occurred, the state permit for the dam and reservoir near Stacy is finally approved in the rehearing, and the permit is issued May 14, 1985. Once the period for appeals has passed. CRMWD General Manager Ivie has to fight to get the Corps of Engineers to reinstate the District's application for a 404 permit with its former priority, and even so, no one knows how much longer the process will take. Meanwhile, Midland, Abilene and San Angelo have each asked for 15,000 acre-feet of the reservoir, meaning the District will only have to finance 50.38 percent of the project.

February 1986 — After frustrating delays, CRMWD petitions for a public hearing on the Concho water snake, one of the 404 permit obstacles. The hearing is held in Ballinger on April 3. The snake has become a national issue. Senators and Congressmen have begun pressuring the Corps to grant the permit, as environmental groups gather in opposition. (Later studies will show the snake population to be significantly larger than early estimates on which most of the opposition was based.)

May 1986 — Too much rain? Natural Dam Lake, filled to never-seen heights by heavy isolated rainfall, threatens to break the dam and inundate Big Spring with water from one of the saltiest lakes in the world. As boils appear on the back of the dam, CRMWD steps in to reinforce the dam and build a temporary spillway to release enough water to preserve the dam. The releases prevent a major breach, but floods Jones Valley, a small area on the northwest side of Big Spring. A year is spent attempting cooperation between the city and county to fully resolve the problem. Resumption of unseasonable rain in May 1987 will later damage the spillway and again flood Jones Valley. Without the promised assistance from the city or county, CRMWD directors vote to step in and spend $2.2 million reinforcing Natural Dam and building a more adequate spillway. The salty water, which had to be released to prevent catastrophic failure of the Dam, flows downstream to the E.V. Spence Reservoir, causing serious water quality problems there for the rest of the century, as droughts in the 1990s will slow the reservoir's recovery.

May 16, 1987 — Torrential rains around Ballinger forces the scheduled Stacy groundbreaking ceremonies from the actual site to the Ballinger High School campus.

March 1987 — After years of opposition, red tape, and at a final cost of over $10 million, the CRMWD learns that, following a 30-day waiting period, it is finally about to receive the elusive 404 permit to construct the reservoir at Stacy. The permit is dated April 8, 1987.

March 6, 1987 — In anticipation of receipt of the 404 permit, CRMWD opens bids for construction of the dam. Low-bidder Brown & Root receives the contract for the dam and basin construction based on a bid of just under $32 million, as well as the contract to build the intake station at a cost of almost $3.2 million.

May 16, 1987 — Torrential rains around Ballinger forces the scheduled Stacy groundbreaking ceremonies from the actual site to the Ballinger High School campus.

December 7, 1989 — The board of directors vote to name the new reservoir in honor of General Manager Owen H. Ivie, whose dogged persistence played a key role in the project. They vote to name the dam for Simon W. Freese, the man whose engineering skills and personal dedication were integral to the permit acquisition and design of all three district dams.

March 15, 1990 — All phases of the massive construction project are finally complete, the culmination of over 12 years of work.

May 19, 1990 — formal dedication ceremonies are held for the S.W. Freese Dam and O.H. Ivie Reservoir. It fills much sooner than expected, in early June, 1992.

August 6, 1991 — Although the intake station had been built "in the dry" before the dam was closed, a massive pipeline construction project of unprecedented scale will have to be built to move the water west to Midland, San Angelo and the district, where it will be needed. The District sells $115 million in revenue bonds and begins right-of-way purchases.

April 16, 1992 — the bid for actual pipeline construction is awarded to John D. Stephens. A central control station is added to the plans, and the District will issue $9 million more in bonds, bringing the total to $12 million for construction of the pipeline, pump stations, storage facilities, electric substations and transmission lines as well as right-of-way, engineering and interest.

August 20, 1992 — With final preparations complete, the first joint of pipe is laid. Stephens had designed and contracted for construction of two massive trenchers that, barring solid rock, could chew out a trench eight feet wide and almost twelve feet deep in a single pass. The pipeline will be 60 inches in diameter for the 47.9 miles from the reservoir to San Angelo, and 53 inches in diameter for the remaining 109 miles. Solid rock does slow progress temporarily, but Stephens leap-frogs the trenches and lays as much as 4,300 feet (about 8.10 of a mile) of pipe in a single day.

September 27, 1994 — Spectators watch as the final joint, number 29,543, is set in place during completion ceremonies at the construction site of the terminal storage facility between Midland and Odessa. Stephens has made good on his promise of both time and finances, even though his bid was $6 million less than his nearest competitor. Amazingly, the largest single pipeline contract (for both cost and distance) ever signed in the state has been completed with a project overrun of only 0.14 of 1 percent.

March 10, 1995 — Water security into the 21th century is celebrated at a ceremony dedicating the completed Ivie Transmission System. The pipeline has the daily capacity to move 90 million gallons to San Angelo, of that, 65 million gallons on to Midland-Odessa, a distance of 157 miles with a 1400-foot vertical lift.

September 30, 1995 — Owen H. Ivie, employee of the district since 1953 and general manager since 1965, retires.

October 1, 1995 — John W. Grant becomes the district's third general manager in the midst of a drought, which began in 1992 and will last beyond the end of the decade. As for the last 45 years, the District perseveres through pump-back and search

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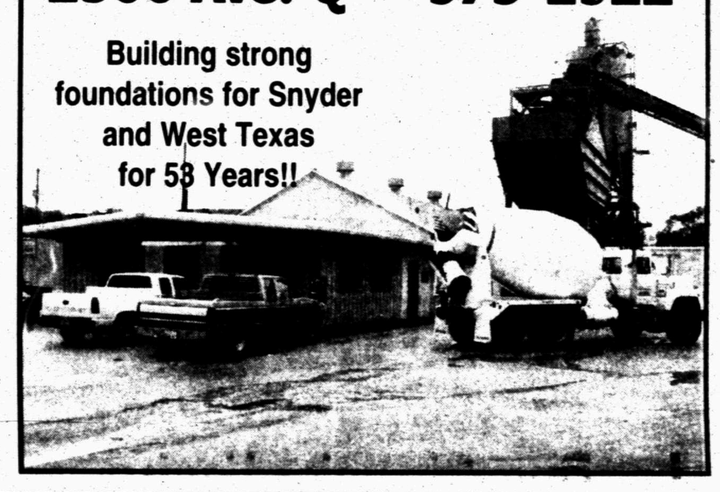

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CRMWD pipelines expanded to three cities

Editor's Note: CRMWD pipelines to serve three cities Reported as completed on March 23, 1953 in the Snyder Daily News.)

Workmen were tying in the last joints of the state's longest water pipeline system Saturday.

As the finishing touches were being put to the 106-mile stretch of lines for the Colorado River Municipal Water District, officials prepared for the next and last major step this week.

On Thursday, directors will meet in Big Spring to receive bids for the Bull Creek diversion dam and canal. Proposals also will be opened for construction of a pump house at the lake intake.

Involved in the Bull Creek project, which will divert the runoff from some 350 square miles of water shed into the CRMWD's big Lake J.B. Thomas, which straddles the Scurry and Borden County lines, are more than a million cubic yards of dirt work. In addition to throwing an earthen dam across Bull Creek, levies and canals will be construction and cut over a distance of approximately three miles. At one point, the canal will be cut to a depth of 70 feet to maintain the grade for delivering water into a low draw leading into Lake J.B. Thomas.

Crews cut and blasted their way to the Big Spring-Odessa line intake point four miles west of the dam in southwest Scurry late last week. Except for the testing and adjustment, the big line will be ready to tie into pumps when they are installed. Concrete work for the intake has been completed for many months.

There are three dimensions of pipe in the line which stretches from Snyder to the dam, from the upper end of the lake to Big Spring and then to Odessa. There is no connection between the Snyder and the Big Spring-Odessa sections, the intakes for these being about four and a half miles apart.

The last section to be completed was the 33-inch diameter pipe from Big Spring northeast for a distance of 26 miles to the lake. This carrier is designed to supply up to 24 million gallons per day from the lake.

The initial section of the line to be finished was from the lake to Snyder. The first 11 miles of this is 27-inch dimension and goes through the heart of the Diamond M and the Kelly-Snyder oil pools. The last six miles is 21-inch measure and continues to Snyder.

The CRMWD has a contract with the SACROC (Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee) to supply several million gallons per day of surplus lake water for the largest unitized repressuring operation in the world. Oil operators advanced funds to cover additional cost of the line by reason of a longer route and greater dimension.

The section of 27-inch line from Big Spring to Odessa is 63 miles long and was completed in September of 1952. At the present it is carrying water produced in the district's well fields in central Martin County.

Snyder has clear well facilities that will enable it to use lake water this summer. Plans are being rushed on the Big Spring filtration plant so that Big Spring may depend upon the lake supply by the summer of 1954, two years ahead of original plans.

The pipeline, which is unique in Texas affairs, was built at a contracted price of approximately $4½ million. To supply pipe for the project, United Concrete Pipe Company opened a Southwest factory in Big Spring. Installing the line was Sira Company and McKenzie Construction Company.

Putting 106 miles of arteries into the ground to supply three CRMWD cities — Snyder, Big Spring and Odessa — and farmers and ranchers along the line have presented many problems. Because of the speed with which it was necessary to move, E.V. Spence, general manager, and the land committee were able to stay only a short distance ahead of the workers at times. Too, most of the way from Odessa to the pump station in Martin County proved to be in rock and contractors had to blow their way through.

Abnormally dry weather, which was an advantage in some respects, so hardened the ground that the huge ditching machine was subject to terrific punishment at times. However, it chewed its way right up to the intake at the lake site last Thursday, reversed and almost wearily crawled out of the way for the last links to be laid.

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es for every potential source of water to serve a region whose population continues to grow.

February 14, 1996 — The John L. Taylor Central Control Center is dedicated in honor of the former board member who served as director for 31 years and president from 1983-1995.

April 22, 1996 — With little rainfall or runoff since the fall of 1992, water levels sink as Lake J.B. Tomas, and district employees begin the first in a series of pump-backs that will be necessary through the decade. Limited rainfall replenishes the lake sufficient to stop this round of pump-backs on June 11, 1997.

April 1, 1998 — An agreement is signed with the Lower Colorado River Authority terminal water releases spelled out in the 1965 permit for the Spence Reservoir, and the 1985 permit that paved the way for construction of the O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

April 24, 1998 -- The old coffer dam in Lake J.B. Thomas is rebuilt around the Snyder intake as lake levels drop due to continued drought. Pump-back will continue until June 14, 1999.

June 15, 1998 — CRMWD petitions the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USDFWS) and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) to remove the Concho water snake from their lists of "threatened species." Most experts agree the original population viability model, when analyzed using the more complete data from over 10 years of study, would provide ample reason for de-listing the snake.

Boy Scout troops active in Scurry County

(Editor's Note: In 1953, the Boy Scouts were active in Scurry County)

Mayor Harry Holbrook signed a proclamation designating Feb. 7-13 as Boy Scout Week in Snyder.

The big activity that will probably be felt by almost every adult in the area will be the annual fundraising campaign which will get underway during Boy Scout Week. Committees to oversee the fund raising have been organized and will solicit funds from business firms, organizations and individuals.

One of the expansions of activities made last year was the organization of Scout Ship #27, skippered by Myrle Greathouse. Members of all Cub Scout Packs and scout troops have agreed to help the land lubbing sailors raise money with which to purchase a boat for the Sea Scouts use on Lake Thomas - if it ever provides enough water.

Pack committeemen of Cub Pack No. 36 took 28 boys in the group to Post Thursday night to give them a train ride back to Snyder.

The boys were placed on a Santa Fe passenger car and the conductor took them on a tour through the train.

The scouting program showed an increase of three troops here within a year.

Troop 35, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, is 11 years old, the oldest troop in Snyder.

Troop numbers and membership:

Troop 27- 38 members; Troop 34 – 15 members; Troop 36 – 15 members; Troop 38 – 24 members; Troop 167 – 9 members; Troop 26 (Fluvanna) – 18 members; Troop 77 (Hermleigh) – 18 members; Cub Packs: Pack 38 – 8 dens – 78 members; Pack 27 – 28 members; Pack 35 – 18 members; Pack 36 – 30 members; Pack 77 (Hermleigh) – 8 members.

Members of the 15 troops in the Buffalo Hide and Lone Wolf districts of the Boy Scouts will hold their first camp at Camp W. Ed Murphy March 27-28.

Camp Murphy was donated to the Boy Scouts last summer by W. Ed Murphy and will later be known as a lake camp. It is located about six miles upstream from the dam at Lake Thomas but has no water around it yet. It includes 45 acres on the shore of the lake and will have a 19-acre island across from the shore camp.

Expected to attract about 700 boys a year when complete, it will be recognized as a council camp.

A group of 80 boys participated in the district round-up of Boy Scouts at Camp Ed Murphy at Lake Thomas Friday night and Saturday.

(Note: Bernhard Bartels was a Boy Scout leader when Camp Ed Murphy was opened. He designed the layout for the camp and an entrance gate. He said the camp was successful until the water in Lake Thomas receded from its location and it was abandoned.)

In spite of economic challenges, owners of brick plant optimistic

Despite economic challenges the past three years, owners of Snyder Brick and Tile remain optimistic about the future of the plant located just southeast of Snyder.

The company was organized to develop a unique product, *Olde World Handcrafted Brick* targeted to serve the custom residential market.

The manufacturing line and required components were installed that enables Snyder Brick and Tile to "deform and tumble" individual brick units to replicate hand-made brick of the mid 1800s era.

The company began operations on Nov. 17, 2000. Production testing and firing continued through the end of the year and the first saleable products begin shipping in December, 2000.

During 2001, shipping volumes increased commensurate with production development and expanding distributor base until Sept. 11, a tragedy that stalled the housing market.

According to company president Wilson Thomas, "Except for a slight summer upturn in 2002, the high-end Texas housing segment declined.

Last summer, Snyder Brick and Tile was engaged in negotiations to be purchased by a large producer of brick products. That sale, however, was called off in June.

In October, with the agreement of lenders, Snyder Brick and Tile filed for reorganization protection by filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Thomas believes that increase orders and expanded distribution outlets will allow for a strong comeback for the company that employs 40.

Thomas said the company had orders for 1.3 million bricks in September, but had the capacity to produce 800,000 bricks. Thomas said the company will expand its capacity to meet those demands by the middle of October.

Snyder Brick and Tile management now has a new agreement with Acme Brick Co. to stock its product at locations in Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Lubbock and Amarillo.

Snyder Brick and Tile also has orders from numerous states including, Arkansas, Utah, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi and Alabama.

Thomas said the indications of an improved economy as well as success in recent marketing strategies have combined to create an atmosphere of renewed optimism.

Mitchell Goodyear is the local plant manager.

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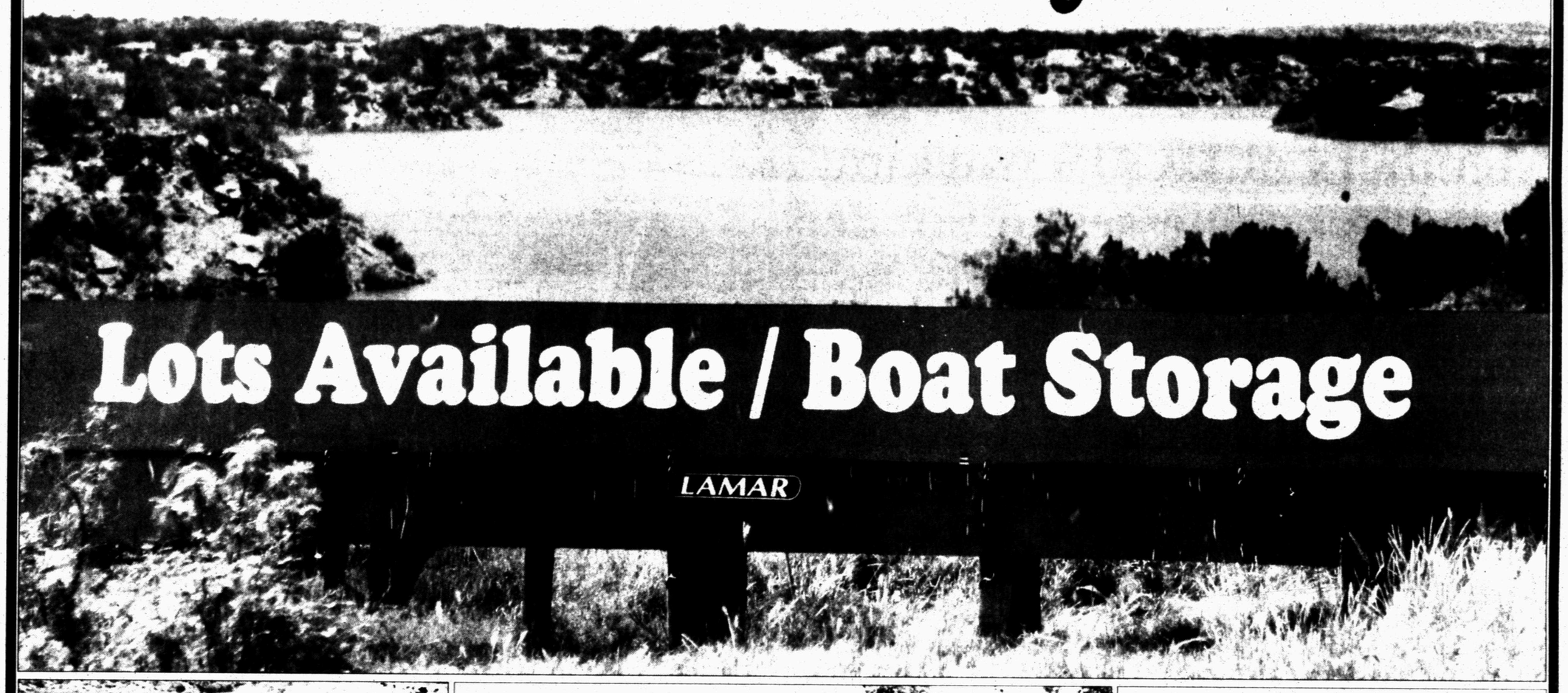

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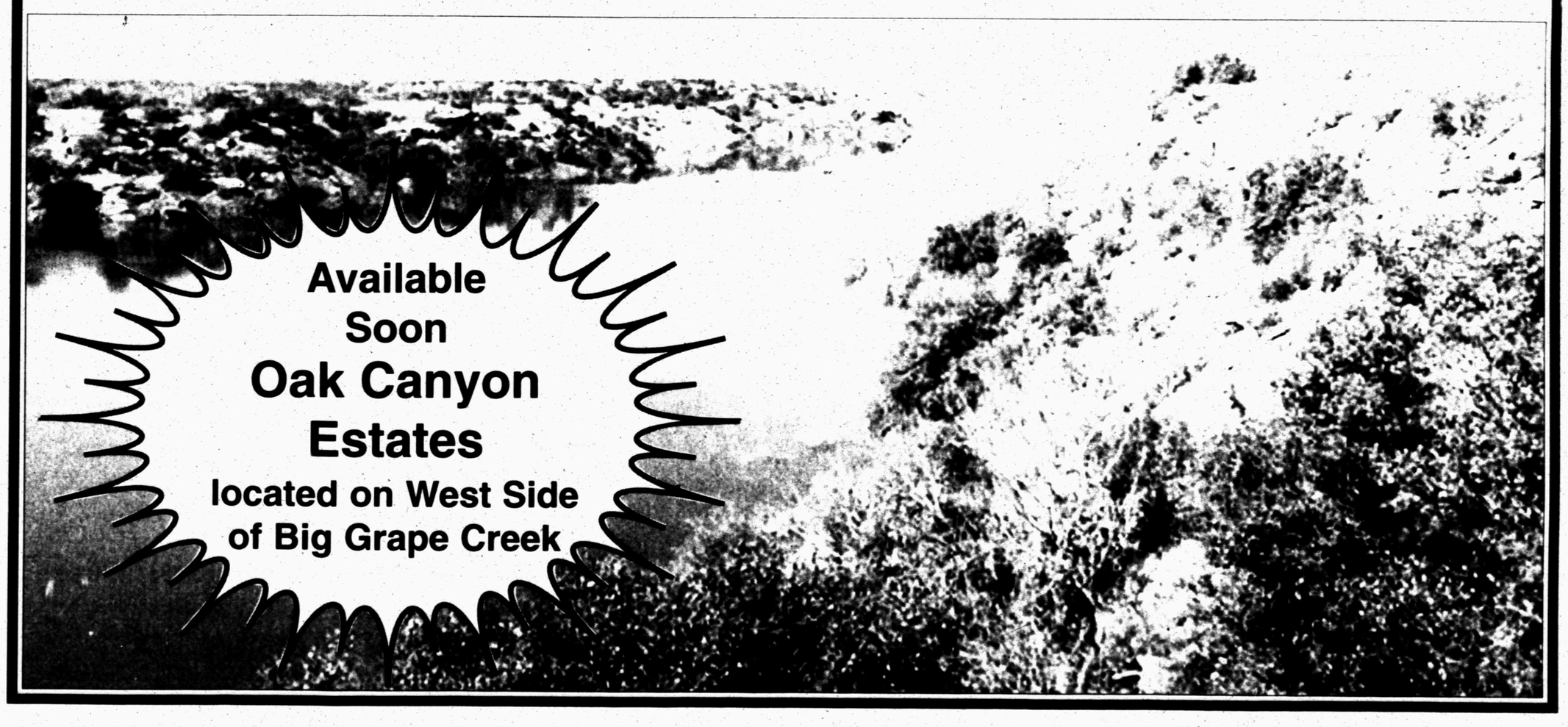

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Wind farm project coming to life near Snyder

Development of the Green Mountain Energy Wind Farm at Brazos is evident, as turbines have been erected and are clearly visible along the mesas northwest of Snyder.

Austin-based Cielo Wind Power, LLC, of Austin is developing the project with Orion Energy, LLC of Oakland, Calif., TXU Energy of Dallas and Green Mountain Energy Co., also of Austin, to purchase 100 percent of the output from the project.

The project will be constructed by Texas Wind Power Company of Austin.

Ninety-five turbines will be located in Scurry County and 65 in Borden County.

Scurry County commissioners' court and Western Texas College board of trustees voted earlier this year in favor of 10-year tax abatement for the wind farm.

In exchange, Cielo Wind Power will pay the county $800,000 and the college $400,000 over the 10-year period.

The project will produce up to 160 megawatts, enough to power 30,000 average Texas homes per year.

Cielo Wind Power develops, maintains and assists with construction of utility-grade wind power projects.

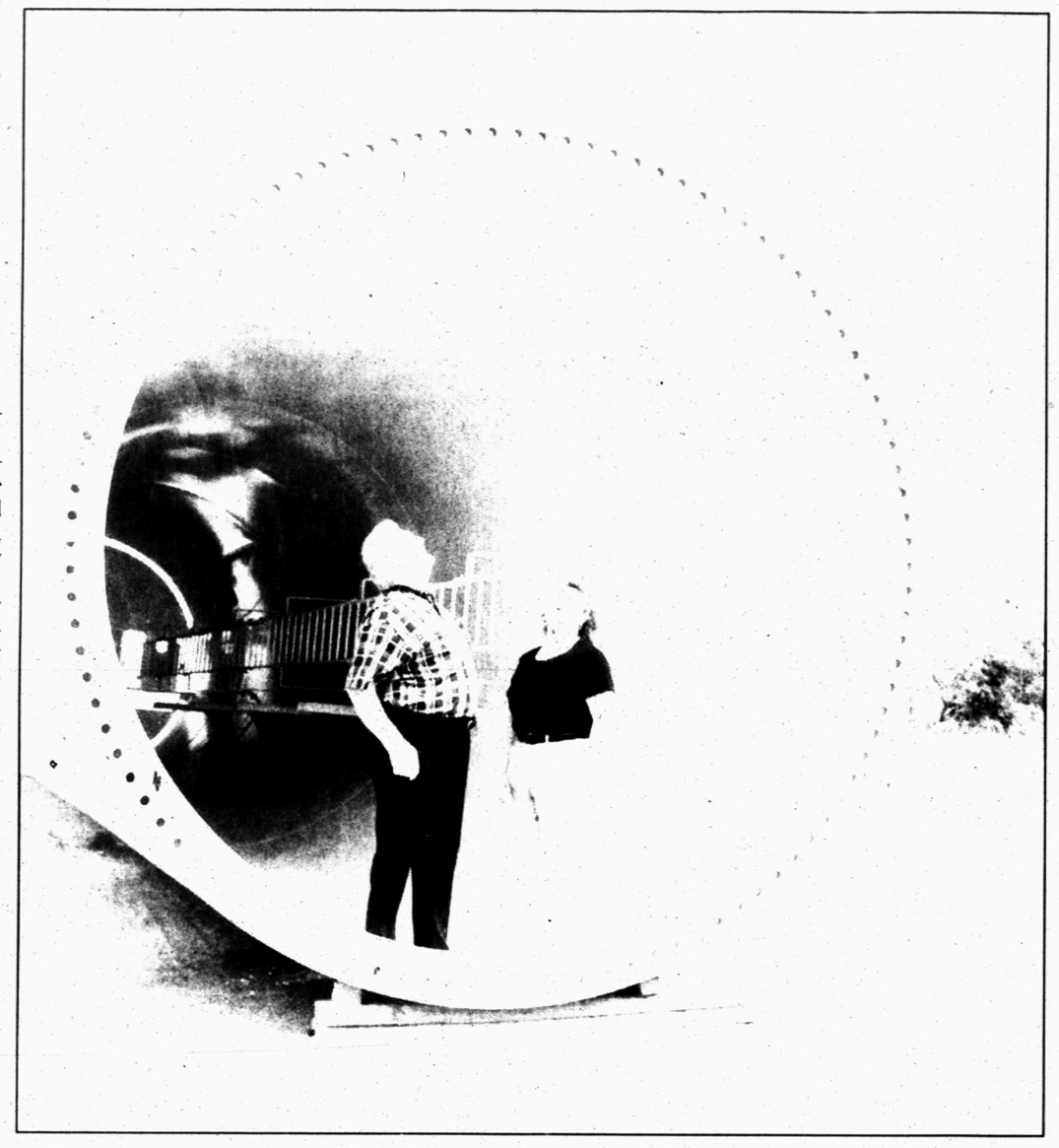
Fluvanna has seen an influx of contractors and employees working on the project. The local cafe, Dean's, has seen a surge in business since the construction began.

The Fluvanna Methodist Church was purchased as a permanent office for project employees. Asbestos was removed and the inside of the building remodeled to accommodate staff personnel.

The Fluvanna office is the company's third outside of Austin, with other locations in McCamey and White Deer.

Shell Wind Energy and Padoma Resources I acquired the project prior to construction and jointly own the wind farm. Shell Energy will be the operator.

The project deadline has been set for midnight Dec. 31.



GRAND SCALE — County commissioners Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey stand inside one of the components used to build towers for the wind farm turbines. The turbines will stand 60 to 67 meters high after assembly. (SDN Staff Photo)

Members of DCOS working to bring businesses to Snyder

The Development Corporation of Snyder and its board continues to work to attract businesses to Snyder as earlier they approved payments over a 15-year period to Big County Electric as an incentive for UCO Textiles to take over the defunct Lorber spinning mill.

John DeLille, DCOS executive director, said incentives in the form of utility assistance is necessary to attract businesses to a community in today's business climate.

DeLille has predicted that assisting with electricity rates will become the norm for development corporations in Texas since the state's deregulation.

"This is the future of development," said DeLille. "All development corporations will have to provide electric infrastructure just like we have provide gas and roads and lights in the past."

UCO is currently operating in the industrial park with 30 full time employees and two part-time workers.

A fourth shift, requiring additional employees, will likely be added within the next year, said Jack Whitworth, plant manager. "We're looking at some new equipment right now."

Whitworth said the new machinery has produced a sample that is currently undergoing evaluation before it will become fully operational.

The new machinery makes "slugs" in the weaving process that will be woven into the specialty denim that the company makes in North Carolina.

"This gives the denim a unique appearance," said Whitworth.

It is expected the mill will employ 35 to 40 employees when fully operational.

The DCOS has assisted in locating other companies to Snyder including Snyder Brick and Tile and AHNTECH at the airport.

Besides DeLille, the only other employee of the DCOS is Tati Nail, secretary. DeLille became executive director in 1997.

Dayton Robertson is president of the board and members are James Brown, Rickey Daniell, Jeffrey Martin and Roy McQueen. Chairman Emeritus is Roy Baze.

Past directors of DCOS, that began in 1991, are John Jarrell, Bill Seale, Dan Cotton, Miller Robinson, Paul Zeck, John Fagin, Baze, Jack Gorman, Jr., David Holt, Bill, Wilson III, Gary Landes, Larry Anderson, Mark Cypert and Mike McWilliams.

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Much effort creates first kindergarten

(Editor's note: Essie Pearl Ellis of Colorado City formerly of Snyder, found this clipping in a letter written by her uncle, J.W. Greene, to her grandfather, J.G. Greene. The letter was in a trunk passed along to Mrs. Ellis by her brother, Robert S. Greene. The letter was postmarked Sept. 12, 1921.)

Through the untiring efforts of the Altrurian and Twentieth Century Clubs, coupled with the unqualified approval of the Board of Education, a kindergarten has been added to the Snyder school curriculum.

Miss E. Mayes of Austin, an experienced worker in this field, is the teacher, and the ages of children that can be enrolled is from 5 to 7 years.

The Times-Signal wants to join in boosting the above named clubs and the Board of Education for bringing this important phase of school work to the city of Snyder. It is one way of proving that cooperation pays.

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Canyon Drive-In opened in Snyder in 1950

By Charles G. Anderson Sr.

Oscar Haney, the second manager of the Canyon Drive-in had this to say: The drive-in opened on May 15, 1950 and a carload of people could get in for $1.

"It kept the name Canyon until June 15, 1965 when it became known as the Tiger Drive-In.

The western painting stayed with it until it was replaced by a metal screen. In 1965, Skeet Noret of Lamesa bought the drive-in and made the change to the metal screen."

Haney remembers being told that the painting was done as a memorial and as a scene from the movie, *Duel in the Sun*. The owner, Phil Isley, was the father of Jennifer Jones who starred in the movie.

Oscar Haney replaced the first manager, Mrs. Effie Kerley, on Sept. 28, 1958 and worked at the Canyon until it sold in 1965.

I remember taking our two young boys, Chuck and Marcus, to the movie.

It was a beautiful outing, and it was not much trouble. The boys would sometimes fall asleep, and my wife, Marge, and I would watch the movie without any problems, much as we did when we were dating.

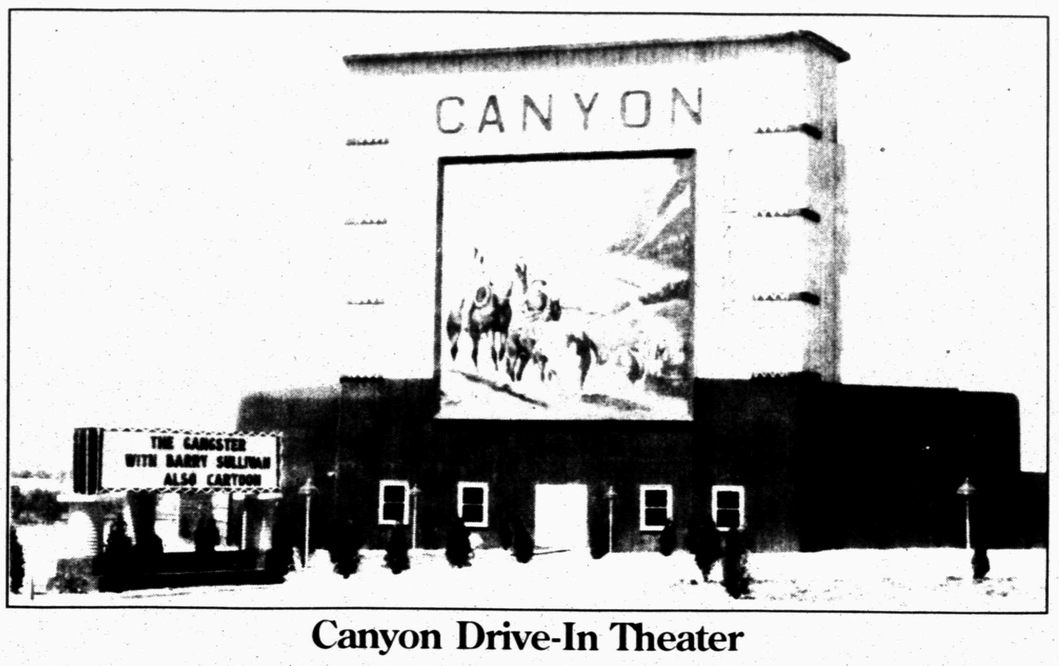
Cokes were a nickel and so was popcorn. I remember, too, that sometime they would catch kids coming in with other kids hidden in the trunk of the car. That was when a carload could get in for $1.

Oscar Haney said there were very few problems. He remembers, "We had Spanish night sometimes and once there was a fued and a man got shot. Other than that, we did not have any problems."

There are now very few active drive-in theatres in Texas. There is one in Lamesa and one in Clarendon. A new one has been built on the Clovis Highway in Lubbock.

Most of the outdoor movie theatres have been torn down and turned into parking lots for commercial buildings. Wal-Mart in Snyder is on the site of the former Tiger Drive-in.

For those of us who were young in the '50s, the drive-ins were a great source of entertainment.



Canyon Drive-In Theater

Canyon Drive-In was local attraction

(Editor's note: The Canyon Drive-In Theater was a big local attraction in 1953.)

A birthday party will be held at the Canyon Drive-in Theater in celebration of its third anniversary this week.

Included in the celebration will be the giving of free flowers to ladies tonight in recognition of Mother's Day, free popcorn to each person making a purchase at the snack bar Tuesday night, drivers admitted to the theatre free Wednesday night, and ladies admitted free when accompanied by men Friday night.

Free suckers and balloons, along with free rides on the theatre's fire chief wagon, will be given to children. On Saturday night, prizes will be given at a drawing.

The Canyon was opened here May 15, 1950, and is owned by Phil Isley Theatres of Dallas and Ruben Williams, Dallas attorney. The 750-car theatre has been managed since its opening by Mrs. Effie (Mom) Kerley.

The 30x80-foot mural on the front of the theatre, which was painted to portray the cattle and oil industry in Scurry County, shows the likenesses of Gregory Peck and Lionel Barrymore as two cowboys on horseback with several whiteface Herefords and several oil rigs.

It was painted by Reed H. McBride, New York artist known for his covers for Liberty and Collier's magazines and for murals in theatres and night clubs in New York and Cleveland.

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Community-wide support brought TDCJ to Scurry

When the oilfield economy took a dive in the 1980s, community leaders were looking for an industry that was not tied to the ups and downs of oil prices nor dependant on the weather.

With wide-spread support, a committee formed out of the Snyder chamber of commerce took on the task of attempting to land a prison unit in Scurry County.

It all began in 1987 when then sheriff Keith Collier learned that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was needing to build more prison beds and would consider locating outside of East Texas. At that time, the only prison west of Interstate 35 was located at Gatesville.

With the help of the late Roger B. Mize, the chamber's Economic Development Committee went to work, visiting prison officials, including TDJC board members.

Mize, president of Snyder National Bank, died before the project was complete and since a new Republican governor had been elected, Roy Bazey was asked to join the effort.

What was to come was an educational effort locally to advise citizens of what a prison would mean to the community and to answer questions about any concerns.

Also necessary was a fundraising effort to secure the $1 million needed to buy a section of land that would meet the agency's strict requirements. That, too, was successful.

The Price Daniel unit was the first built in West Texas, and the first 48 inmates arrived in August, 1989.

What that meant 14 years ago was that many displaced oilfield workers could change careers and continue to make Scurry County their home.

But there were more benefits. The struggling Cogdell Memorial Hospital began operating the clinic inside the units and caring for patients at the hospital. That arrangement continues today.

And Western Texas College also was a beneficiary. Not only did the community college shift gears and begin a correctional officer program, it began teaching both academic and vocational courses inside the Daniel unit. Later WTC expanded into Colorado City and Lamesa.

The economic impact of the agency's presence in Scurry County is substantial.

TDCJ's annual payroll locally is more than $10 million and public entities receive hundreds of man-hours in free labor each year.

City Manager John Gayle said locating the prison in Snyder was a community effort from start to finish and the result — the Price Daniel Unit — is one of the community's building blocks.

"That was a project that every entity was involved in and each one had a 'can-do' attitude and did whatever was necessary to help secure it," Gayle said. "We were all working together with one end in mind and that was the preservation of the community for the next generation."

Gayle said the Daniel unit and its 350-plus employees' affect on the Snyder economy is obvious, but less noticeable affects also exist.

The Daniel unit and another prison in Amarillo were the first two in the state to be located west of the I-35 corridor and Snyder had much to offer the TDCJ, according to the city manager.

Gayle said Snyder's central location has always been beneficial in economic development, but the city added incentive by offering the 72,000-square foot building on U.S. 84 and the railroad tracks, which is now utilized as the regional distribution center for the TDCJ. An additional 20,000 square feet of cold storage has since been added to the warehouse.

Mike Levens, a trustee for Snyder ISD, is manager of the facility, known as the Snyder Distribution Center.

Levens and his staff are responsible for food and other items for more than 30,000 inmates in Region 5 of TDCJ and two units in Region 4.

On average, the warehouse maintains a $2 million inventory in foodstuffs, and $3 million in inmate supplies such as paper products, cleaning supplies, clothing, footwear and bedding.

The warehouse itself plays a large factor in Snyder's economy with 19 employees and 29 truck drivers.

Gayle said the warehouse in itself has many benefits for Snyder. "There's a lot of trucks in and out of here every day and they get gasoline and other supplies here."

It all began in 1987 when then sheriff Keith Collier learned that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was needing to build more prison beds and would consider locating outside of East Texas.

Foresight also was key in locating the prison because infrastructure for the Daniel unit was oversized during construction, making the facility easily expandable should the state opt for more beds.

Although 300 beds have been added since its construction, another 1,000 beds could be added to the local unit with no additional line work necessary, according to Warden Willhelmenia Howard.

The warden called the relationship between Snyder and the prison "a great one."

"We love this community and the Price Daniel Unit is envied by many in the TDCJ because of our location and our ability to find and keep quality workers in Snyder," she said. "This unit is consistently well above 90 percent staffed and that is better than any other unit in the state."

Howard also said the work ethic of Snyder citizens is much better than that of workers from other areas in the state and said that West Texas workers are "proud, committed and responsible."

Another aspect of the prison is its inmate work program, which is responsible for many projects around the county.

The warden said her staff and the inmates they guard are pleased to help out in the community.

"We get a lot of compliments and people really seem to appreciate us for what we do around town," she said. "That means a lot to our population. It's a real morale boost when an inmate reads a letter or hears a compliment from a citizen of the free world commending them for the job they've done.

"It's very important to us to help because we are part of Snyder too," the warden continued. "We're not just some state agency out here in the country. The community worked very hard to get this unit located here and we want to continue to do our part to pay them back for that."

Not all inmates are allowed to work outside the unit's fences, but the warden said those that do are selected because of their skills. She said they take pride in the jobs they do and all agree that they should do the best job possible.

Not all the work takes place outside the prison walls though.

When most people think of prisons, they imagine striped men in small cells, but the Daniel unit is a different story.

Inmates hold jobs in the prison and attend classes to further their education. The unit is home to the largest furniture factory in the TDCJ system and has generated annual income of up to $3 million in the past.

Seventy inmates are employed at the factory, which constructs all types of office furniture for state agencies.

While some inmates at Price Daniel work, others learn.

The Windham School District — the largest in the state — helps offenders obtain many levels of education, from GEDs to professional certificates in select fields.

Inmates attend classes taught by certified teachers every weekday at the unit, beginning at 5 a.m. and continuing until 11 a.m.

Windham employs 31, including the regional staff, at Snyder's unit and accounts for almost $800,000 of the annual payroll.

Some inmates learn basics like reading and writing, while others master vocational skills such as custodial work, mechanics, and carpentry.

The vocational courses require inmates spend 600 hours in the classroom before they are awarded certificates of completion.

Other lesser known aspects include the unit's farm, which produced several bumper crops last year that supplied fruits and vegetables to every other unit in this region and also produced some 20,000 bales of hay.

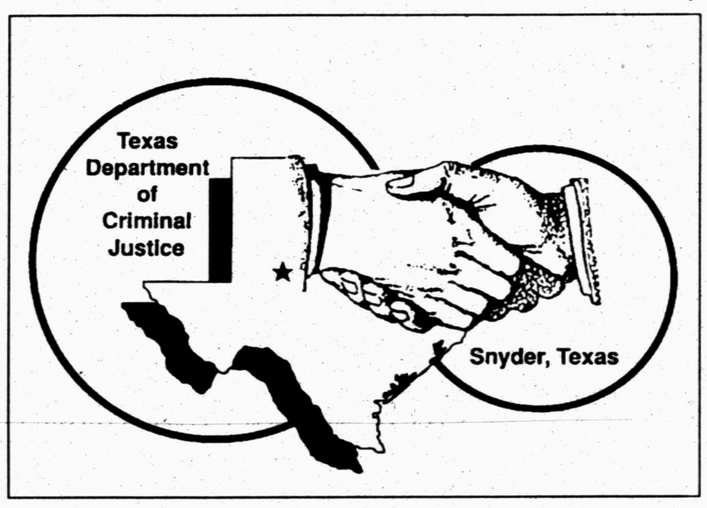
Also on the grounds is a kennel, which currently holds 56 trained hounds, trained in track escapees.

Warden Howard hopes things can continue as they are at the local unit, but she cautioned that the future is uncertain with budget cuts being ordered.

The warden said few directives have come from her superiors except to continue as normal and not to quit hiring correctional officers if they are needed.

Warden Howard said several local churches help at the prison in the chapel program and she encourages the contact and sees it as an inspiration for inmates who otherwise don't have much going for them.

Obviously, this isn't someplace an inmate wants to stay and that can take a toll," she said. "For a regular person to come in and plant a seed of hope in an inmate's heart is unbelievable and it does more good than anyone will ever know."



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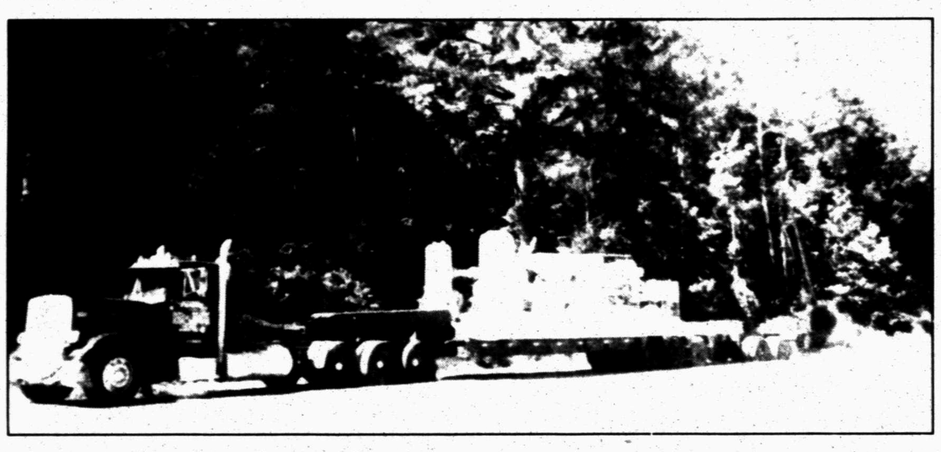

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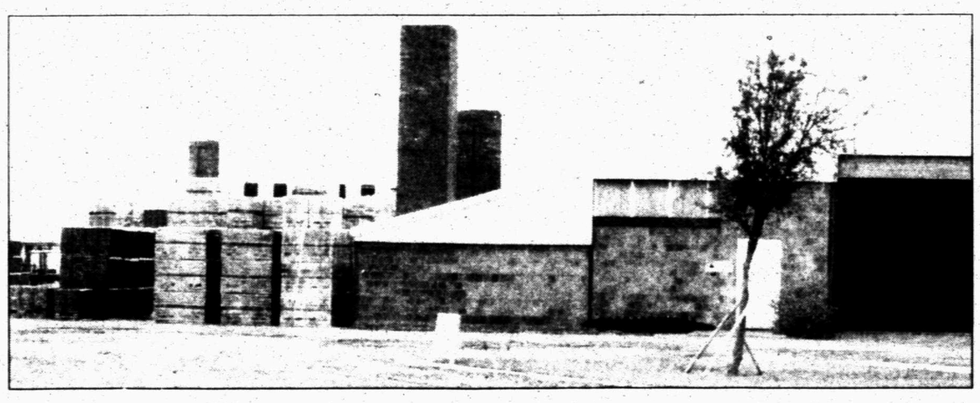

Continuing a Snyder tradition that began in 1953, Snyder Brick & Tile Company currently has 50 distributor locations in 14 states. The company is currently producing 800,000 bricks a month, with plans to expand production capacity to 1.3 million bricks per month by mid October.

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Colorado River Municipal Water District Salutes the City of Snyder

The Colorado River Municipal Water District joins in celebrating the rich history of the City of Snyder and the cooperative efforts between us. Since the 1940s, we have worked together on the important issue of West Texas water.

In the early 1940s, an electric company official named J.B. Thomas realized that without water, the region would never survive. West Texas depended on groundwater, and shortages were common. Thomas' efforts to locate sources and ultimately bring a solution to the problem led to the creation of CRMWD and Lake J.B. Thomas bears his name.

His vision of a reservoir and a pipeline costing over $11 million were unimaginable to some in those communities where bond issues of even $1 million had never been attempted. However, the far-sighted group Thomas assembled never faltered, as they worked feverishly to set the legal and financial structure in place. Although they couldn't have known, there was hardly a moment to spare, as West Texas was about to face the worst drought on record.

Snyder was the third of three member cities to join the Colorado River Municipal Water District, authorized in 1949 by an Act of the 51st Legislature of the State of Texas for the purpose of providing water to the member cities of Odessa and Big Spring. Citizens of those two cities approved the District and the bonds by overwhelming majorities rarely seen on any issue involving that amount of money and Snyder soon petitioned to become a member. Then, as now, the City Councils of each of the three member cities appointed four directors to serve on the 12-member Board. The directors were reimbursed only for their expenses. The first twelve faced the daunting task of simultaneously building a lake, a well field, and a pipeline to move the water to residents facing rationing in the three cities.

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Snyder was also the third city to receive its supply of water from the new organization. The first water supplied by the District was from the Martin County Well Field, completed in 1952. CRMWD soon completed construction of Lake Thomas, located in Borden and Scurry Counties, and began pumping water to Snyder early in 1953. By the time the drought of the 1950s eased and the fledging organization completed pipelines to all its member cities, the Board had already begun the legal steps necessary to impound a second reservoir on the Colorado River. Following a lengthy battle for the permit, the construction began on the E.V. Spence Reservoir located in Coke County. It was completed in 1969 and is capable of impounding about 517,000 acre-feet of water.

AT RIGHT, CHARTER DIRECTOR FROM SNYDER R.A. (SKEET) SCHOOLING, JULIAN B. THOMAS AND DIRECTOR J.L. RHOADES OF ODESSA PLY SHOVELS AT GROUNDBREAKING FOR LAKE THOMAS. BELOW ARE OTHER SCENES FROM THE DAY'S EVENTS.

West Texas population was growing dramatically and the drought-prone region needed more water. Other cities and communities such as Midland were looking to the District for water.

However, stiffer opposition to a third reservoir and changes in federal law placed even more obstacles in the way of building the O.H. Ivie Reservoir. Finally, after endless hearings over permits, and millions of dollars spent to mitigate potential damage to water snakes and artifacts, construction began in May of 1987. The reservoir, located near the communities of Leaday and Stacy, was completed in March of 1990, capable of impounding more than 554,000 acre-feet of water. In the largest single undertaking of its kind in the state of Texas, CRMWD constructed a massive pipeline to lift water 158 miles and 1400 vertical feet from the reservoir to junction with the District pipeline between Midland and Odessa.

Together, all three reservoirs are capable of impounding 1.247 million acre-feet of water, and most of the municipal water delivered by the District comes from these sources.

In addition to the three reservoirs, CRMWD operates a total of four well fields. The first field built by the District was the Martin County Field. Two more had been developed independently by the Member Cities prior to 1949, and were taken over by the District as part of early agreements. The fourth well field, located in Ward County southwest of Monahans, was developed in 1971. That field, which is used to supplement surface water supplies during peak summer use periods, is currently being expanded. Ten new wells have been completed and CRMWD has increased the delivery capability of the field from 16 million to 24 million gallons per day.

Today, the District has water supply contracts with customer cities Midland, San Angelo, Stanton, Robert Lee, Pyote, Grandfalls and Abilene (through the West Central Texas Municipal Water District).

CRMWD operates a diverted water supply system, which serves a dual purpose. Its primary function is to prevent the non-potable "normal flow" of the Colorado River and Beals Creek (a tributary of the Colorado River) from reaching the E. V. Spence Reservoir. However, in this dry region, even water high in chlorides has value. CRMWD delivers a portion of this highly mineralized water to oil companies for use in oil field secondary recovery operations, and revenues generated from the sale of diverted water help to defray the cost of water to municipal customers.

Since the fall of 1992, drought has persisted across the District, with sporadic rain events bringing just enough inflow to prevent critical shortages. In spite of decreasing supplies and increasing demands, the District continues to provide water to a thirsty West Texas region at rates that compare favorably with wetter regions of the state. The Ivie Reservoir and the flexibility of the District's system of more than 600 miles of pipelines across West Texas have provided water security for CRMWD's members and customers. Without the dedication, foresight and perseverance of the men who have served their communities as CRMWD directors over the organization's 54-year history, West Texas would, today, be facing certain rationing. Efforts are underway to locate and develop new sources of water and to reclaim waste and highly mineralized water sources that will be required to meet the needs of the region in the next 25 to 50 years.

Additional information may be found on the District's internet web page at www.crmwd.org, or in the book *Water in a Dry and Thirsty Land. The First Fifty Years of the Colorado River Municipal Water District*, written by Joe Pickle and available in the Scurry County Library.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM CRMWD GENERAL MANAGER JOHN W. GRANT

On behalf of myself and the entire staff of CRMWD, I would like to thank the City of Snyder for appointing some of its best and most dedicated citizens to serve on the Board of Directors. These far-sighted individuals, with backgrounds in business, finance and the law, have devoted their time and efforts to insure a secure and stable water supply in this land where rainfall is often scarce. They, like directors from the other two member cities, have cooperated in ways not usually seen between cities to achieve the best possible result for the entire District. Compensated for only their expenses, they voluntarily devote themselves to overseeing our budget and operations and to countless hours of the short-term and long-range planning activities necessary to meet the water needs of this region.

From its inception to today, we want to thank the following Directors who have served your community and all of West Texas through their efforts:

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Tornadoes hit Waco, San Angelo May 10

(Editor's note: Tornadoes hit Waco and San Angelo on May 10, 1953. In San Angelo, the first count of those killed was nine. In Waco, the first count was 88. The count was later raised to 112.)

A group of junior high students today became the first persons in Snyder reported to be sending aid to the storm disaster areas in Waco and San Angelo.

Hermleigh Tornado

The students, all 13- and 14-year-old members of Mrs. Faye Parker's eighth grade home room, had raised $20 in a Halloween carnival last year, voted unanimously today to send the money to those areas instead of using it for a class picnic, as was originally planned.

There are 23 students in the class. Of the total amount, $15 will be sent to Waco because it was the hardest hit and $5 will be sent to San Angelo, Mrs. Parker said.

May 14

Inquiries about donations to the disaster stricken areas of Waco and San Angelo mounted here today.

Many believed that Snyder can't sit idly by while others shoulder the burden of rehabilitatiog and rebuilding the damaged property. The same tornadoes could have struck here.

The first checks in a disaster fund were brought in this morning. They are being apportioned to the two cities as the donor requests.

(Note: Donations by Scurry County residents to the relief funds eventually reached $1,763. Of this, $1,340 went to San Angelo, since it was nearer, and $423 to Waco.)

SHS band won first division May 4, 1953

Editor's Note: On May 4, 1953, the Snyder High School Band had won first division in concert.)

The Snyder High School band won first division in concert playing and two second division ratings in sight reading at the Region II Interscholastic League Contest held in San Angelo Saturday. The junior high band placed third in concert playing.

This is the first time a Snyder band has ever made a first division, which is superior, in concert playing, according to Melvin Montgomery, director. The judges especially commended the cornet, clarinet and baritone sections of the band, he said. The second division ratings were "plus" ratings, he said.

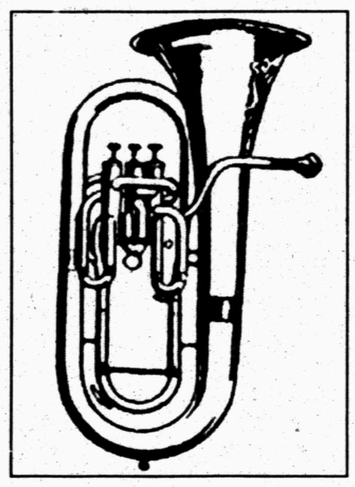
The junior high band, directed by Tim Dennis, entered the contests Friday. Four students in the organization placed in solo contests. Ruth Adcock won a first with a flute solo; Jo Ann Hamblen, first, clarinet; Mary Ethlyn Deffebach, second, flute; and Margaret Spence, second, flute.

Those placing first in solo contests for the high school band were Bruce Evans, clarinet; Tommy Smith, baritone and student conducting; Margaret McPherson, piano; Davie Floyd, French horn; Kenneth Lawrence, piano; Clinta Blackard, flute; Doris Agee, bass clarinet; Karleen Roberts, cornet; Sandra DeFore, piano; Jane Patterson, piano; a clarinet quartet consisting of Evans, Lawrence, Barbara Boydston, Robert Dabbs and a saxophone quartet of Cecil Agee, Mary Ann Doak, Charlotte Colley and Miss McPherson.

Those taking second places were Bert Rand, cornet; Roland Barton, cornet, and Agee, student conducting.

Placing third were P.W. Cloud Jr., trombone, and a brass sextet of Tommy Smith, Miss Roberts, Rand, Jimmy Boyd, Joe Anderson and Cloud.

Piano students were taught by Mrs. E. L. Kubala.



Community college was founded in 1969

Western Texas College continues to look at programs that will attract on-campus students to the community college founded in 1969.

Last year, WTC added baseball and softball to its sports package after shutting down girls basketball and men's golf.

Some years ago, the boys basketball program folded.

The sports program with the longest tenure is the college's rodeo team that consistently does well in conference and national competition.

And according to Dr. Greg Williams, WTC's president, the two-year college is in the process of researching the feasibility of adding three new sports program by next fall.

The school is exploring whether it can add volleyball, golf and cross-country to the athletic department.

The volleyball team would compete in a Division I program, while the other two – cross-country and golf would compete in Division II.

Dr. Williams came to the college two years ago and the college has since undertaken several projects, including the addition of the two athletic programs and facilities to house them.

The sports complex for baseball and softball is currently under construction.

Dr. Williams said the addition of the athletic programs and the complex will help WTC stay ahead of the curve with other colleges.

"Everyone benefits from the addition of these programs," he said. "We get two exciting sports teams to watch, we get many new students who might otherwise go somewhere else for their education and we get a top-notch playing complex that will improve our campus and the community as well."

Under Williams' direction, WTC also has been busy raising funds for many of its programs.

The college has received a half-million dollar grant for renovation of its Health and Physical Education building.

The facility houses WTC's basketball court and swimming pool and expansion will include updated locker rooms and classrooms for new programs.

WTC has a lot to offer students, with on-campus dormitories and apartments, numerous available fields of study and an on-campus nine-hole golf course.

This semester, enrollment at the college is 1,649 students — only three short of the total at this time last year.

This includes 730 in-district students, including inmates, and the out-of-district total is 919. Last year, there were 784 in-district students, 352 of those inmates, and 868 out-of-district students.

Concurrent enrollment continues to be popular with high school students who gather public school credits and college credits at the same time.

There are 598 students in concurrent programs as compared to 524 last year.

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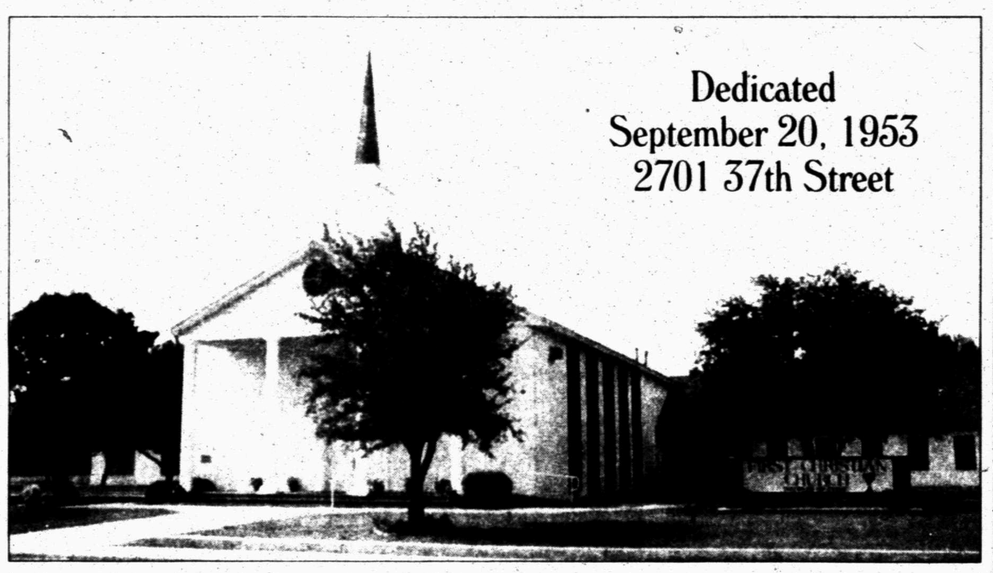

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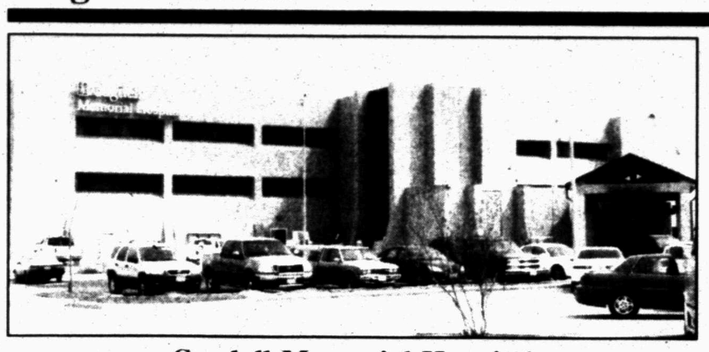

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Cogdell Memorial Hospital serving Scurry County area

Snyder, Scurry County and the entire area is served by Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A chief executive officer and a six-man board of managers appointed by the Scurry County commissioners' court manage the facility.

The management structure of the facility could be changing, as plans are underway to hold an election in December to establish a hospital district.

In recent months, the hospital has completely renovated and added on to its emergency department.

It has also completed renovations of its radiology department, and day surgery unit.

It is a county-owned hospital and annually receives $395,000 yearly in subsidy from taxpayers. However, the hospital will receive some $800,000 from the county next year due to financial difficulties.

Proponents of the hospital district contend that the formation of a hospital district will enable the hospital to continue with its present slate of services with the funding coming from the taxing ability of the district.

The hospital's full time medical staff consists of six family practitioners, an internist, and an emergency medical treatment physician.

The vast majority of the staff is board-certified.

A multi-specialty clinic is provided in the hospital by visiting physicians in the areas of otolaryngology, gastroenterology, urology, oral surgery, dermatology, cardiology, podiatry, ophthalmology, ENT, pediatric cardiology and audiology.

The rehab center includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, pediatric physical therapy, fitness center and wellness programs.

The modern, comfortable obstetrics suite includes three LDRPs, and five post-partum rooms and a nursery.

The hospital has its own home health service and complete ancillary services.

It also has a rural health clinic staffed by a nurse practitioner.

Services include chemistry, hematology, microbiology, blood bank, radiography, fluoroscopy, CT, nuclear medicine, diagnostic ultrasound, vascular ultrasound, echocardiography, mammography, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehabilitation and other services.

The hospital has 24-hour, seven-day-a-week physician coverage in the emergency room.

Cogdell Hospital also offers assisted living and a swing bed unit.

'Housewarming' held at new high school

(Editor's Note: Snyder was proud of its new high school in 1953. On April 17, the SDN society editor wrote this account of the school's open house.)

By Sue Holmes

Some 400 Snyderites gathered for the appreciation banquet and super "housewarming" at the new high school last night and saw one of the marvels of modern education, materially speaking.

Faculty members had decorated the banquet tables with bird houses mounted on flower-covered plastic foam bases.

Spring colors of pink, blue, lavender and yellow were used, and irises were arranged for the head table. Elementary school children made ceramic leaf ash trays for plate favors.

As the crowd finished the boiled ham and strawberry short cake menu, a quartet of high school girls sang "Lullabye of Broadway." The girls were Jenny Cargile, Suzanne and Jane Houston and Sally Glover, who returned to sing "Make Believe."

During the second number the girls strolled through the audience as they sang and provoked pleased blushes from T.D. Wiman, Harry Reed, Dr. John Blum and Rex Nall, who were singled out and surrounded by the singers. Emcee the Rev. Ronald Hubbard quipped to the teachers who got the special attention: "Besides a $600 across-the-board raise, they get that."

Dr. J. W. Edgar's talk was barley into its serious stage when the complicated public address system in the new school came forth with "Over the Waves." The state education commissioner commented, "I always liked that tune."

During the awards session when long service among school personnel was recognized, two men. M.E. Stanfield and Ernest Craig, shared honors with 10 women. Later, in the recognition of past members of the school board, one woman, Mrs. C.B. Whatley, was recognized among some 200 men.

Mrs. J. P. Nelson and Mrs. Porter King, who received pins signifying some 21 years service, wore suits. Mrs. Nelson's was a gray and blue plaid worn with a forward-tilting straw hat. Mrs. King wore a steel gray suit and silvery straw hat. Mrs. C.W. Popnoe, who received a 20-year service pin, wore a beige suit with black blouse and black straw hat.

Spotted among the audience: Mrs. C.L. Yarbrough's deep rose suit; Mrs. Walker Dabbs' red stole over a brown dress; Mrs. M.M. O'Rear's pink straw derby; Mrs. J.B. Turner's white hat with green veil matching her white and moss green print silk dress; Mrs. Malven Stevenson's navy silk shantung dress with pleated back and red, white and blue straw hat; Mrs. Bill Ballard's white straw hat trimmed in black velvet; Mrs. Jack Shelley's blue suit piped in navy velvet worn with matching hat trimmed in navy velvet.

Two songs were sung by Jack Beard, a representative of Star Engraving Co. which made the award pins and certificates. His first was "All the Things You Are," and "With a Song in My Heart" was second.

Following the talks, awards and music, tours of the school were conducted by Fred Buford, the architect, and Mr. Wiman, high school principal.

Despite the late hour, the tours started (elevenish, by then) the spectators walked up and down the halls and often remarked at the necessity of a compass and map to keep sections straight in the building.

Mrs. Fritz R. Smith, looking rested and tanned following her recent Caribbean cruise and wearing a turquoise silk shantung dress, was giving the school infirmary room a double check.

No lack of color was noted throughout the school and an especially bright spot was the principal's secretary's office. Bright tangerine walls.

Seats in the plush new auditorium were tried out by the visitors among whom were Mr. and Mrs. R.D. White and the George Fraziers.

School Supt. Yarbrough half-seriously said the school wouldn't be locked until the next school day, since it was entirely possible somebody might not get out of the big school which covers some three acres.

It was a memorable night for the ones who attended, and as the persons left you could hear them voicing amazement at the 3,000 miles of electrical wiring which were used in the school. "Quite a change from the three-teacher school I attended 60 years ago here," one woman said.

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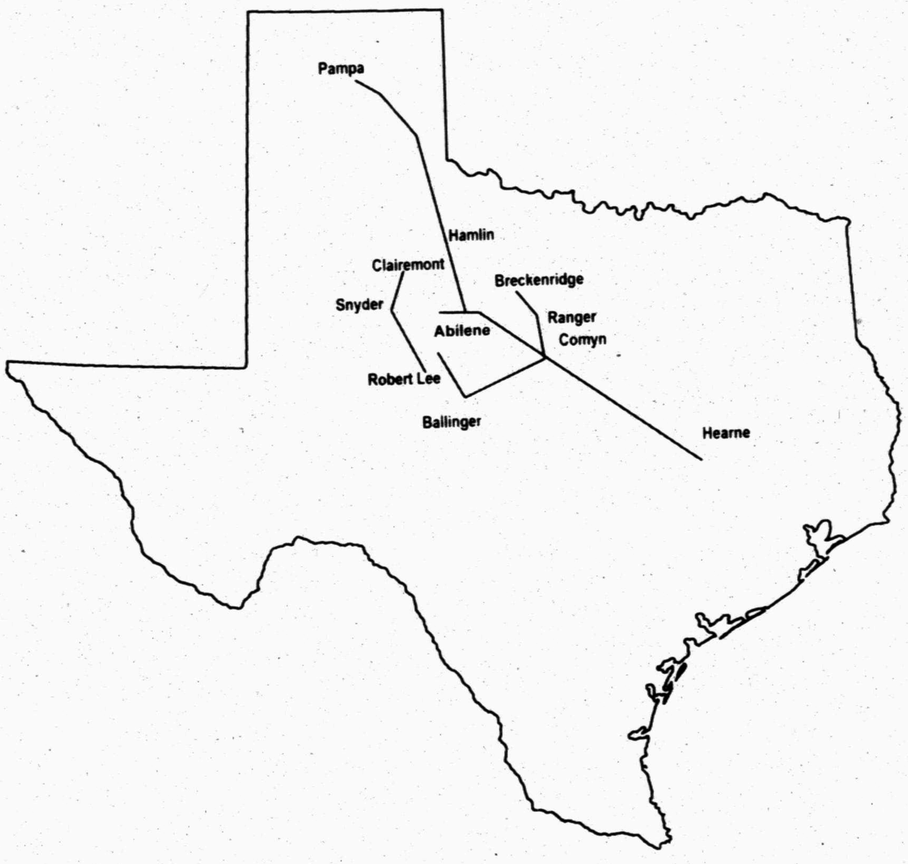

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1st city budget was $313,671

(Editor's Note: In 1953, the city had just adopted a new home-rule charter creating a city manger form of government. The first budget adopted was for six months and totaled $313,671. The budget for the fiscal year that began this month is $9.6 million. This article appeared on April 27, 1953.)

The first budget ever used by the city of Snyder was adopted by the city council in a special meeting this morning. It is a temporary budget to cover operations of the city from April 1 to Sept. 30.

All services of the city and several capital outlays are provided for in the six-month budget.

It was made to balance by the transfer of $33,832.29 from the water and sewer fund to the city's general fund.

Several changes in operation of the city and many improvements to the city are provided for in the budget.

One of the major improvements will be an expenditure of $1,000 from the general fund for seal coating about 30 blocks of the city's paved streets.

Another major change is the work schedule of the police department, now on duty seven days each week for eight hours each day, will be changed to six-day weeks, working eight hours per day.

Estimated revenues and expenditures of the general fund during the next six months are $80,171.90. Revenues to the water and sewer fund are estimated to be $233,500.23 for the six months and total expenditures budgeted are $133,537 in addition to the $33,832.29 to be transferred to the general fund. That should leave a balance of $66,130.94 in the water and sewer fund at the end of the period.

The temporary budget was drawn up by B.J. Shelley, city manager, to carry the city until the beginning of the next fiscal year on Oct. 1.

Before that time an annual budget will be considered and a special budget hearing will be held as provided by the city charter.

A breakdown of expenditures of the general fund are: streets, $26,925; police department, $29,990; fire department, $13,660; general government administration, $7,820. Interest and sinking fund requirements of $540 were also included in the general fund expenditures.

Income to the general fund for the six month period were estimated to be: delinquent tax collections, $3,000; franchise and gross receipts tax, $3,471; licenses and permits, $570; police and corporation court income, $2,400; and streets, $6,000. That total is $16,041. The balance in the general fund at April 1 was $30,296 and the transfer of $33,832 from the water and sewer fund would make the budget for the general fund balance a total of $80,171.90.

Revenues to the water and sewer fund are estimated to total $125,960 plus a beginning balance of $107,540.23 for a total of $253,500.23.

The breakdown of estimated revenues is: sewer charges, $25,200; sewer taps, $2,400; water sales, $85,500; water taps, $3,00; garbage charges, $9,000; plumbing permits, $240; plumbing inspections, $570; and miscellaneous income, $50.

The expenditure budgeted from the water and sewer fund are to be: water department, $51,460; sewer department, $15,960; water and sewer refunds (60-40 contracts on purchase of lines) $11,000; water district monthly charges beginning July 1, $15,705; water purchases from Colorado River Municipal Water District beginning July 1, $9,500; garbage collections paid to privately contracted collection service, $7,500. That gives an expenditure total of $111,134 which does not include the $33,832.29 to be transferred to the general fund.

Also included as an expenditure to the water and sewer fund will be $22,403 for retirement of revenue bonds voted in the past for extension of the water and sewer lines.

Snyder Concrete founded in 1949

What is now Snyder Concrete Company began in 1949 as Caprock Materials. The name was changed in 1976 to Concrete Inc. and finally to Snyder Concrete Co. in 1991.

A few of the major projects that Snyder Concrete has poured are American Magnesium, Price Daniel Unit, Western Texas College and Wal-Mart.

The company has 10 full-time employees, with six local mixer trucks, one long haul truck, and a boom truck.

In addition to ready mix concrete, the company sells block, precast, tools and materials.

SNYDER'S FIRST INDUSTRIAL Development team trained by Texas Electric Service Company were (seated from left) Herb Reed, George Patterson, Cecil Boren, Malven Stevenson, John Boren, Dr. John English; (standing from left) Bobby McCormick, Bill Nabors, Karl Mawhorter, Henry Clark, Hubert Cargile, Ernie Sears and Les Francis. Team members not pictured were Bill Hood and Pat Falls. (Contributed Photo)

School homecomings haven't changed much

(Editor's note: Some things never change in 50 years, like a high school homecoming.)

A full schedule of events was planned for the homecoming celebration of Snyder High School.

Open house was being held all day at the new high school in Southwest Snyder, which was put to use this fall. Students were to guide ex-students through the new building.

Ex-students from as far back as 1901, when Mrs. Willie Johnson of Snyder graduated here, were expected, while replies to invitations to the homecoming were received from classes of 1904, 1910, 1912 and 1919.

At 4 o'clock a two-hour social in the high school cafeteria will begin for exes. At 8 o'clock exes will attend the Snyder-Lamesa football game. Former football players will be seated in a special section along the sidelines. A homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime.

After the football game, ex-students will gather at Ballard's banquet room on the East Highway for a party. Steve Birdwell's orchestra will furnish musical entertainment. A student party will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Homecoming Queen candidates were Barbara Nichols, Mary Alice Richardson, Jane Houston, Rose Marie Roe and Margaret Trevey. (Miss Roe was named Homecoming Queen and was escorted onto the football field by Joe Davis.)

The Snyder Tigers took their old familiar place at the bottom of District 1 AAA Friday night after suffering their third loss in as many loop games. The game was played before a small homecoming crowd of 2,000 persons after a shower had soaked Snyder.

The Tigers fell to the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes, who took their first district win here 21-14 after moving from behind and fighting a desperate Snyder attempt to catch up after Lamesa had plunged ahead.

Oct. 29, 1953

At least one class of ex-students of Snyder High School will hold a reunion this week during homecoming activities of the school.

It is the class of 1910, which had 14 graduates and expects at least 11 of them to be here tomorrow for the reunion.

Hugh Taylor of Snyder, one of the class members, said the group will meet at the high school during tomorrow afternoon's open house reception. The reception for all exes begins at 4 o'clock. It will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Taylor said his class will then go to the Country Club for a 6 o'clock dinner. One member of the class is deceased. She was Mrs. Roy T. Ellis.

Other members are Taylor, Ernest Taylor, Mrs. Louisa Porter Stewart, Mrs. Connie Noble Longbotham, Mrs. Nellie Wilson Mebane, Mrs. Mattie Nelson Erwin, all of Snyder; Mrs. Ada Huffman Davis and Rob Strayhorn, both of Rotan; Mrs. Cora Sturdivant Young of Lubbock; Mrs. Ella Baze Suits of Petersburg; Dr. D. C. Lee of Hot Springs, Ark., and Miss Alice Graham of Eugene, Ore.

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