

Commissioners' Court starts new year

Mitchell County Commissioners' Court handled mostly routine beginning-of-a-new-year business during its brief regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Nine names and three alternates were drawn from 36 names picked from the jury list to serve on the County Grievance Committee. Those drawn were David Ginkinger, Charles Goodlett,

Mrs. Carl Moore, Neysa Beights, Vivian Beights, Christine Hall, Vickie Atkins, A. A. Lujan and Nina Meadows. Alternates were Sue Guelker, Carolyn McElvaney and Rose Ella Ball. The committee mainly considers salary and pay grievances of any county employees, unhappy about rates set by the Commissioners' Court.

Court approved a resolution,

required by the state, indicating that county officials would be paid on basis of annual salary. The annual salary bases for the officials are County Judge, \$23,251.68; Commissioners, \$21,787.68; Tax Assessor Collector, \$23,251.68; Attorney, \$22,687.68; Sheriff, \$22,687.68; Clerk, \$22,687.68; Treasurer, \$19,891.68; District Clerk,

\$19,891.68; Justices of the Peace, \$17,016.28; Auditor, \$23,251.68.

Regular terms of the County Court are to be January, March, May, July, September, and November, comprised of two months each.

The 10-day holiday schedule was set as follows:

Good Friday, Friday, April 1.
Memorial Day, Monday, May

Inception, July 4.
Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.
Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11.
Thanksgiving, Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 and 25.
Christmas, Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26.
New Year's, Monday, Jan. 2.

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WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 14, 1988

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Briefly

VFW meeting

VFW Post 9178 and its Ladies Auxiliary will meet Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the post home.

All members are urged to attend.

Pancake supper

The annual Kiwanis Club pancake supper has been set for Friday, Feb. 12, in the Kelley Elementary School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Children under 6 admitted free.

Proceeds go to help sponsor local youth activities.

Diabetes group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the medical building on Chestnut Street.

Dr. Dee Roach will be guest speaker.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Opti-Ms meet

A meeting of the Opti-Ms Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14 at the Boy's Club Building.

All members are urged to attend.

Gospel singing

Christian Temple Church, Fifth and Elm streets, will sponsor gospel singing Saturday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to bring their special songs and worship the Lord in song.

Around town

Ask BETTY CASARES how she feels about ceiling fans ... Happy birthday GWAN AUSBIE ... LEE WOODS and GARY FLOCK sitting on the sidelines ... Happy day, NO SCHOOL Monday! ... SUSAN ANDERSON doesn't like to cry ... TRAVIS TURNER knows where the birds are ... MELBURN JACO mistaken for someone else ... GRADY MORRIS falls asleep in a meeting ...

Deaths

DeLoach ... Lewis Jackson
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Weather

This Year				
Date	Hi	Lo	Prec	
Jan. 9	35	22	.00	
Jan. 10	42	21	.00	
Jan. 11	53	26	.00	
Jan. 12	59	37	.00	
Total Jan. rainfall	.....			0.04"
Total rainfall this year	.....			20.64"
Lake Levels:				
Colorado City Lake	.....			2066.2'
Lake Champion	.....			2079.3'
Last Year				
1987	Hi	Lo	Prec	
Jan. 9	40	36	.65	
Jan. 10	53	30	.00	
Jan. 11	54	25	.00	
Jan. 12	58	26	.00	
Total rainfall Jan. 87	.....			.86"
Total rainfall 1987	.....			20.64"
Record Jan. High	.....			1969. 85
Record Jan. Low	.....			1947. -7
Average Jan. Rainfall	.....			.82"
Heaviest Jan. Daily Rainfall, 1939	.....			1.73"
Heaviest Jan. Snowfall/Sleet, 1966	.....			6.2"

(Official NWS records maintained at TU Morgan Creek Power Plant, Lake Colorado City.)



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Stenholm asks re-election as Congressman

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) has announced he has filed for re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

Stenholm is seeking his sixth term as the representative of the 17th Congressional District, composed of 35 counties in West Texas and parts of North Texas.

First elected in 1978, Stenholm has served on the House Agriculture Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee during his first nine years in office. He is currently chairman of the Subcommittee on Dairy, Livestock, and Poultry.

"I look forward to continuing

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CINDY AND CHARLES STENHOLM

Appraisal Board directors will meet today

A public meeting of the Board of Directors of Mitchell County Appraisal District will be held at 7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 14.

Included on the agenda will be Oaths of Office for new directors, election of Board officers, and recognition of outgoing Board members.

Actions to be taken include approval of bills, approving depository contract and all previous contracts, appointment of member to the Appraisal Review Board for 1988-89, and presentation of the Audit Report.

Also the Board has been asked to purchase a hard card for the office's personal computer.

The meeting will be held at the Curriculum Room of the Administration Building of Colorado Independent School District.

\$16,879.70 tax rebates received

Colorado City has received \$15,935.45 and Westbrook \$944.25 in Sales Tax rebates from sales made during November, 1987.

For Colorado City this represents a 13.95 percent increase over the \$13,997.74 received during the same period the previous year. Westbrook did not have a rebate during the same period the previous year, so the total \$16,879.70 received in the county is represents a 20.59 percent increase.

Other sales tax rebates, percentages and amounts received a year ago in surrounding counties were as follows:

Nolan—\$48,969.49, down 21.53% from \$62,401.37.
Howard—\$78,483.87, down 2.39% from \$80,409.37.
Coke—\$8,527.97, up 182.72% from \$3,016.39.
Scurry—\$45,532.55, down 1.05% from \$46,015.20.
Sterling—\$2,469.01, up 23.71% from \$1,995.85.

In all, State Comptroller Bob

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Charter changes reviewed

Council turns down trailer tax; amends animal ordinance

The Colorado City Council turned down a proposed tax on travel trailers, amended the vicious animal ordinance, and approved a zoning change as the main action taken at its regular meeting Tuesday night at the Civic Center.

In addition, the Council heard recommended changes to the City Charter and passed a resolution of support to the Industrial Team's project to seek a state prison facility in Mitchell County.

In support of some cities' quest for additional taxes, the Secretary of State had asked the City to consider placing taxable valuations and ad valorem taxes on travel trailers. In the discussion it was generally agreed that the small extra income would not be

worth the trouble and unfairly singled out these owners, and the Council voted unanimously not to levy a tax on travel trailers.

On second reading, the Council approved an amendment to the present Vicious Animal Ordinance, by incorporating state statutes that require the owner of a known vicious animal to carry \$100,000 liability insurance in lieu of having the animal destroyed.

The Council accepted and approved the Zoning Board of Adjustments recommendation that Clay Hammond be allowed to build a carport in front of his home at 128 Marshall.

CHARTER CHANGES

City Manager Brenda Tarter outlined the suggested changes in the City Charter that were recommended after a lengthy study by a committee of former Mayors. The committee composed of Marion Bassham, Mike Burt, Henry Bilberry and Elmer Martin, pointed out the following Sections that the City Attorney should revise to conform to present state statutes and be submitted to the voters for approval:

• Sections 8 and 9 pertaining to extension of the City Limits by petition or referendum.
• Section 12 changing the date of the annual City Elections from April to May;

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CISD Performance Report Student test scores improved

The annual performance report of the Colorado Independent School District for 1986-87 shows significant improvement in student test scores compared to the previous year, the board of trustees was told Monday night during its regular meeting.

The school district's "report card" is required to be filed yearly by the state and must be approved by the local board.

Asst. Supt. Don Nimmo presented the findings in a 25-page report to be forwarded to the Texas Education Agency.

Highlights of the school year, as noted in the report, include:

- The CISD served an overall average daily attendance of 1,345.75 students during 1986-87. Instruction was delivered by 174 teachers including five assigned to special education. The programs were administered by four principals and two central office administrators.
- District operations focused upon the continued implementation of House Bill 72, Chapter 75

and the statewide testing program (TEAMS).

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For The Record...

FROM THE SCRIPTURES—"Beasts and birds of every kind, creatures that crawl on the ground or swim in the sea, can be subdued and have been subdued by mankind; but no man can subdue the tongue." James 3.7

Back before I became an "Exhausted Rooster", our local Jaycee Club, put on an annual Fourth of July Turtle Race. So every year, we would have to scour the countryside and roads, collecting a new batch of West Texas tortoise. Catching enough of them and keeping them for a short period of time was always quite a hassle, but it always was an entertaining event and a good fundraiser.



Gene Dow

How did the reptile cross the road? Very carefully. According to National Wildlife magazine, every time a snake or turtle crosses the road, there's one chance in 12 he won't make it. In one experiment, a biologist placed plastic reptiles on highways and studied 22,000 attempted road crossings. His findings: 87 percent of motorists went out of their way to avoid the animal, 6 percent went out of their way

to hit it, and 7 percent scored accidental hits. Not surprisingly, twice as many drivers made a special effort to hit a snake than to strike a turtle.

THE LONE WOLF SAYS, Adolescence is a period of rapid change. While a child is between the ages of 12 and 17, a parent may age as much as 20 years.

A Christian farmer was spending the day in a large city. Entering a restaurant for his noon meal, he found a table near a group of young men. When his meal was served, he quietly bowed his head and offered thanks for the food.

The young men, observing this, thought they would embarrass and ridicule the old man.

One yelled out in a loud voice, "Hey, farmer, does everyone do that where you come from?"

The old man looked at the youth and quietly said, "No, son, the hogs don't."

DID YOU KNOW? A tiny shorebird has set a new record for the fastest long-distance bird flight. The semipalmated sandpiper flew 2,800 miles—from Massachusetts to Guyana, South America—in only four days.

by M. Gene Dow, GM

Chamber Banquet scheduled Feb. 27

Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have set the Chamber's annual Banquet for Saturday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

At the Board meeting held

Monday afternoon, chairman Bob Reilly reported that the Rev. Jerry Kunkel of Amarillo will be the guest speaker for the event. Further planning is underway for food preparation, decorations, programs, etc. A crowd of 250 to 300 is expected to attend.

The Board also agreed to host a visit from Senator Phil Gramm that has been re-scheduled for Monday, February 8 about 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The public is invited to attend the meeting and discuss any congressional matters with the Senator.

The Board also agreed to hold its annual retreat, to formulate a program of work for the coming year, on Saturday, February 6 beginning at 9 a.m. at the C. C. Thompson Room. Adolph Janca, of the Texas Chamber of Commerce will lead the retreat.

Beginning the new year, the Board approved several annual dues payments, including: Texas Chamber of Commerce \$150; Texas Tourist Council, \$75; Chamber of Commerce Executive Council, \$15; and also re-instated Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance coverage for the Chamber at a cost of \$229.

The Chamber's annual membership drive will be conducted later this month. Contact teams

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TESTS

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national, statewide and regional results.

Based upon the evaluation for 1986-87, the district has determined that the following priorities are in order for 1987-88:

1. Improve student performance in the areas of math, reading and language.
2. Maintain an effective and efficient financial structure to support the necessary programs while considering the increased costs and declining revenues prevalent in the Texas economy.
3. Maintain appropriate teacher/pupil ratios.
4. Significantly reduce the dropout rate, especially at the high school level.
5. Carefully monitor the teaching/learning process and make necessary improvements.

"The 1986-87 school year was the second year that TEAMS test was administered statewide," said Nimmo. "Since this is the second year for TEAMS, we now have a data base to establish a baseline for comparing the 1985-86 and 1986-87 and subsequent years in the areas of math, reading and language arts."

Nimmo pointed out that in math, all grades tested compare with or exceed the passing percentages of the regional and statewide results. In reading, the district scores at each grade level are within four percentage points of the state results. In comparison with the 1986-87 reading scores, each grade held its own with the first grade showing a 21 percent increase (from 52 percent in 1985-86 to 73 percent) on the 1986-87 test. Grade one scored above the state and region in writing, as well, said Nimmo.

Nimmo said the TEAMS results shows "problems are indicated in grades 3-9 in writing", but that an expert in writing conducted a workshop for teachers last fall and that writing scores should improve this year.

"Teachers are to be complimented a great deal in the work they are doing in the classroom this year," said Supt. Charlie Uselton.

Nimmo agreed, adding that test scores are "coming up in all areas."

"We're expressly proud with exit level scores (for grade 11)," said Nimmo. "The scores in both math and English language arts

are higher than state and region." Nimmo said the dropout rate in 1986-87 was .0193 percent with 11 of the 571 high school students leaving school for one reason or another. He said that the rate "was about half that of the previous year."

Complete copies of the performance report are available at the administration office for public view, said Uselton.

CHAMBER

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are being formed to kick off the drive.

The Board received the current financial report and agreed to have the Chamber's books audited again by CPA Steve Smith, at the conclusion of the current fiscal year which ends January 31.

At the next regular meeting, newly elected directors to take office and the Board will elect its officers for the coming year.

Directors present for the meeting, presided over by President Ben Lancaster, were Tandy Curlee, Reily, Gary Parker, Woody Anderson, Beck Manning, Maggie Compton, David Hoover and Robert Alford. Also present were Executive Vice-President David Janca, incoming directors Lee Woods and Gary Flock; and Jim Baum and Gene Dow.

STENHOLM

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the challenge of representing the 17th Congressional District," Congressman Stenholm said. "I have learned much during my time in Washington. Through my experience and growing seniority, I feel I will have a greater opportunity to represent and respond to the needs of this area."

"Cindy and I are grateful for the support we have had while in office," he said. "Our work would not be possible if it were not for the help and encouragement we have had from so many dear friends. We want to say again and again 'thank you!'"

SCHOOL

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da Kay Billings as Mrs. Anderson's replacement. Mrs. Billings, a graduate of Texas A&I University, has nine years teaching experience including two and a half years in fourth grade. Her husband is a Texas Ranger stationed at Snyder.

In other business, the board agreed to raise the driver education program fees from \$110 to \$115 this year. Supt. Charlie Uselton said the program operated last year with a surplus

of \$548.

In other matters, the board:

- adopted an agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards continuing the district's membership in the legal assistance fund at a cost of \$100 a year;

granted permission to advertise for software bids for the computer system at the central administration office with bids to be opened Feb. 8, and;

approved the financial report and tax roll change as presented

by Uselton with the tax roll amended to \$187,904,605 in value and \$1,860,255.01 in tax dollars.

No action was taken following an executive session concerning personnel.

Board members present were Dr. Billy Bridgford, president; Dwayne Harris, vice president; Kathy Bassham, secretary; Floyd Lee Ritchey and Eddie Gregory. Ronnie Aston was sick and unable to attend and Brenda Aguilon was in Lubbock where her husband is hospitalized.

CITY

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Section 12—Updating a previous amendment providing for the election of a Mayor in addition to seven council members;

Section 13—Lowering the qualification age to 18 years of age and current residence requirements.

Section 25—Providing for closed or executive sessions in matters pertaining to personnel, legal counsel and sale of property;

Section 40—Changing to a fiscal year beginning January 1;

Section 73—Increasing the limit of purchases that can be made without advertising for bids and provisions for lease purchasing;

Sections 83-86—Deletion of the sections pertaining to Board of Equalization which have now been superceded by the District Appraisal Board;

Section 90—Calling for the Municipal Election to be held the first Saturday in May rather than April;

Section 96—Change of the date of the Municipal Election for canvassing the votes;

Section 127—To delete and rewrite to state standards the provisions of personal interest or conflict of interest requirements for service on the Council; and finally, Section 132—Zoning

Ordinance changes that are currently referenced to the 1925 State Statutes.

After preparation of the drafts of the changes by the City Attorney Tom Rees and subsequent approval by the Council, the amendments will be presented, individually, for approval of voters in the upcoming May election.

PRISON EFFORTS

Chairman Elmer Martin and members of the Industrial Team, Mike Burt, Gary Parker and Tandy Curlee, appeared before the Council to ask support of the City in the Team's plans to seek acquisition of a state prison in Mitchell County, during the coming year. The council approved and will draft a formal resolution encouraging the Industrial Team to proceed and giving all support possible toward the efforts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business and discussions at the meeting included:

Advertisement for bids for a new 2-year Depository Agreement up for renewal in March, 1988. City National Bank currently is the depository for the City.

Requests for stop signs at 11th Street and Cedar, and 10th and Cherry were to be studied and investigated before approving.

On request of Fire Chief Jerry Hammond, the Council authorized the use of one of two city pumper fire trucks for mutual aid to other cities and for serious structure fires outside the city limits. Request was approved if use is authorized by the Fire Marshall or a Fire Department Officer, and one truck remains within the City at all times.

Several line item adjustments were made to the budget without requiring any increases in the departments affected.

The annual report from the Colorado City Museum indicated that total registered attendance had been 2,480 during the year.

Council approved the sale of several lots obtained in tax suits for \$100 each, less than the opening bids, but allowing them to get back on the tax rolls.

Current bills and vouchers amounting to \$59,097.81 were authorized for payment.

City Secretary Kay Craghead reported receipts to the General Fund the past month amounted to \$161,573,32, of which \$99,438.52 came from current taxes; and \$69,982.90 collected from water and sewer operations.

In the City Manager's report, Tarter reported current balances in the General Fund of approximately \$292,000; and \$232,000 in the Water and Sewer Fund. Balances by the end of the current fiscal year are expected to be \$250,000 and \$190,000 respectively. She also reported that the car for the City Police Department, ordered more than 9 months ago, was being made and hopefully, delivery would be in two or three more weeks. Council expressed concern over the lengthy delay and may set deadlines for delivery in the future.

Ruby Cawthorn has resigned at the Museum and a replacement is needed. Also new budget software program has been installed on the City's computer which should help facilitate formulation of the new budget by the February meeting of the Budget committee.

Councilman Dan Johns reported that his committee, including Dee Hearn and Tom Carlock were meeting every week in efforts to draw up a five-year plan for Capital Improvement Program.

Dee Hearn was the only member of the Council absent. Others present were Buz Rich, David Sanders, Police Chief Bobby Sparks, Billy Williamson and Gene Dow.

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Benefit dance
 A benefit dance for Brittany Rieger, the 23-month-old Sweetwater girl suffering from a rare blood disorder, will be held in American GI Forum in Sweetwater on Friday, Jan. 22. Los Arcos from Dimmitt will provide the music. Experimental treatment for Brittany's disease, Agranulocytosis, is available at a New York hospital if \$25,000 can be raised so she can be admitted.

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From County Offices

Summary of monthly reports

Summaries of the reports of County Offices submitted to the Mitchell County Commissioners' Court regular meeting Monday were as follows:

TREASURER
County Treasurer Ann Hallmark reported a funds balance of \$6,077,648.91 as of Dec. 31, 1987. Receipts year-to-date totaled \$4,708,902.03, transfers amounted to \$2,072,285.03 and disbursement, year-to-date totaled \$2,569,672.29.

LIBRARY
Nancy Mayo, County Librarian reported that 2,421 books were circulated during December, 63 magazines circulated, 78 new books added, 23 new members registered and 10 old members re-registered. Memorial gifts totaling \$95 were given for Myrtle Andrews, Helen Mahon, Alton Free, Mrs. Jinks Powell, and Nova Dunn. The Library took in \$149.24 which included \$103.44 in fines, and \$45.80 in fines.

COUNTY AGENTS
Activities reported by County Agent Mike Mauldin included: County Pecan Show, 34 entries; County Extension Program Council Meeting, 17 in attendance; Extension Open House and Commissioners' Court Appreciation Day, 25 in attendance; Computer Training; Gin Result Demonstration, Lubbock; County Stock Show Finance Committee Meeting, 8 in attendance; Fall Classic Stock Show, Abilene; and preparation for the County Stock Show throughout the month.

Home Economic's Agent Libbi Garnett reported planning and organizing the Pecan Show; met with 4-H's to overview food show scorecards; attended EH Club Christmas meetings in 4 clubs, presenting programs for two; appointment on vocational home economics advisory council for high school homemaking classes; conducted home visits in

Precincts 1, 2 and 4; County-wide EH Christmas luncheon held Dec. 10 at Lone Wolf Medallion Room with 114 in attendance.

MENTAL HEALTH
At the Mental Health Center, director Scott Augustine reported 4 new cases added in December and 2 inactivated for a total of 78 active cases. There were 66 individuals served, 121 client visits and 231 client services delivered.

DISTRICT CLERK
Reporting for November, District Clerk Bill Erwin had 26 cases resulting in \$1,521 in collections. General fund fees included \$884 Clerk Fees, \$380 Sheriff fees, \$15 jury fee; \$22 copies; and \$220 fees for Law Library.

COUNTY CLERK
County Clerk Joan Beach reported collections totaling \$3,975.40 in December, including \$1,595 in recording and filing fees; \$910 in Finance Statements; \$1,298.40 for photo and certified copies; \$10 for posting notices; \$50 for Marriage licenses; \$6 for county maps. Civil and Probate fees were \$40 for the Law Library, \$70 for Clerk; \$20 for

Sheriff; \$10 for County Judge and \$6 for CJE.

Criminal fees collected totaled \$760.

In Criminal Court during December, there were 27 new cases filed including 8 for DWI, 3 for theft or worthless check; 5 for drug offenses and 2 assaults. Nine traffic cases and 4 other cases were appealed from lower cases. Eighteen cases were disposed of leaving 136 cases pending at the end of December.

Only 1 civil case was filed and 1 disposed of leaving 14 civil cases pending on the docket. Also four juvenile cases were filed and are pending.

SHERIFF
Sheriff Wendell Bryant reported a total of 344 prisoners days in the County Jail an average of 11.1 per day. For the year, there were 4,626 prisoner days, averaging 385.5 per month and 12.7 per day. Total bill for feeding prisoners during December was \$2,719.74.

JUSTICE OF PEACE
Justice of the Peace Ruby Claxton reported handling 162 cases and total of fines and fees amounting to \$5,980.

SALES TAX

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Bullock sent checks totaling \$53.7 million to 891 cities that levy the one-percent city tax.

Bullock said this month's allocations showed an increase of \$5.1 million over last year's January allocations, an increase of 10.6 percent.

"Last year, we received a late sales tax report of about \$2.3 million from a large statewide corporation, so January 1987 allocations were seasonally smaller. That's why this year's increase appears to be so large," Bullock said.

The actual increase in statewide sales tax allocations

was about \$2.8 million, or 5.6 percent. This year's increase is also due to the wider tax base enacted by the Legislature and the slow but steady healing of our state's economy, Bullock said.

January checks represent taxes collected in November and reported by December 20. October was the first month that the broadened tax base went into effect.

This month's largest allocation, \$8.8 million, was to Houston, an increase of 15.24 percent. Dallas received the second-largest allocation, \$6.3 million, an increase of 5.4 percent. San Antonio's check totaled \$2.5 million.

COUNTY

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OTHER BUSINESS

Other actions taken by the Court included:

- Acceptance of a maintenance contract with Entre Computer Center of Lubbock, at a fee of \$360 per year on the hardware equipment of the computer system in the Extension Office.

- On request of Ed Love, the Court agreed to purchase a drinking fountain at a cost of \$428.27 for the Community Care Building.

Deatherage is honored

Marvelyn Deatherage, R.N., was honored as one of six outstanding employees of Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene for the fourth quarter.

Mrs. Deatherage, a graduate of Colorado High School and Hendrick Medical Center, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Gibson of the Payne Community.

She has worked in perinatal services at the hospital for a number of years.

The honorees received a framed certificate and a cash bonus.

ELECT

GEORGE A. WALKER

AS YOUR NEXT
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MITCHELL COUNTY

Pol. Adv. pd. for by George Walker, Colorado City, Texas

- Signed the rural Fire contract with the City of Colorado City.

- On a request from CISD, the Court agreed to sale two tax-lien lots to Juan Gonzales for \$100; and six lots to Miguel Flores for \$200.

- Approved advertising for bids for a 12-14 yard dump truck for Precinct 2; and a pickup truck for Precinct 4. Specifications to be available at the County Auditor's Office. Bids are to be received at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

- The Court declined to accept the administration and matching funds for the Department of

Human Services EN/TERP program which grants \$1,000 to help needy persons pay for utilities. Thus, the program will be offered and handled by a private contractor as in the past.

- Current bills totaling \$62,509.47 submitted by Auditor Georgie Griffith, were approved for payment.

- Approved regular monthly reports of County offices.

Due to updates being made to the County Treasurer's computer programs, the payroll was not ready, so the Court recessed until Tuesday morning to approve the current payroll.

Commissioner Paul Hunter was absent for the meeting.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

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Westbrook Wanderings

...by Ruby Claxton

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Mason of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell Saturday afternoon.

Raymond Rabb, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ranne, was in Abilene Monday afternoon for a medical checkup.

April Ward of Abilene spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Son-

ny Hollis.

Baptist Women met at 2 p.m. Monday in the home of Mrs. Edith Dawson.

Their study was on "Parents Needed for New Churches."

Those present were Blanche Bell, Nell Rollins, Marlena Rice, Peggy Manning, Edith Dawson

and Lindsey Webb.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Iglehart during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys, Alice and Jason of Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Garrell and Holly of Randolph, New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. James Humphrey and Jacob of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutto of Denver, Colorado.

WTC slates registration

SNYDER - Western Texas College will hold spring semester registration Jan. 18-19 and begin classes on Jan. 20.

Sophomore students are to register from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 18 and evening students may register from 6:30-9 that night. Freshman registration will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Jan. 19. Registration for all students will continue from 1-5 p.m.

Dormitories will open at 10 a.m. on Jan. 18.

Students are to bring their Texas driver's license or current voter registration card as proof of Texas residency. Tuition and fees can be paid with VISA or MasterCard.

Information about registration, courses on the spring schedule and campus housing can be obtained by calling the college at 573-8511.

Loraine Senior Citizens

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

All regular activities.
Blood Pressure with Home Health Care10 a.m.
Nutritional Council Meeting12:30 p.m.
Commodities will be distributed today.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Game Night6 p.m.
Please come and let's have a good time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

All regular activities.
Movies11:15 a.m.

REMEMBER!!!! In bad weather, listen to the morning news to make sure we will serve.

Over-50 Exercise Class set

The Over-50 Exercise Class at Wallace Center will continue meeting each Tuesday and Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. in the Wallace Gym. There is no fee for persons 60 and over. Others will pay \$10 for six weeks of instruction.

Please enroll at the Wallace Center office. For more information, call 728-2392.



CITY SUPREME BABY - La Crisa Dawn Schafer, seven-month-old daughter of Randy and Debbie Schafer of Odessa, was crowned City Supreme Lady in a baby pageant in Odessa on Nov. 27. She is the granddaughter of L.O. and Juanita Schafer of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers of Carlsbad, N.M. Her father grew up in Colorado City and graduated from Colorado High School.

Buford club installs officers

The Buford Extension Homemakers Club met Monday at 2 p.m. in the home of Nelma Ritchey.

Libbi Garnett, county extension agent, installed new officers, presenting the keys of leadership to Teresa Loving, president; Bess Cooper, vice president; Fern Thompson, secretary, reporter; Lucille Blassingame, treasurer; and Nelma Ritchey, recreation chairman.

Following a short business meeting, new year books were issued and programs planned for 1988.

Roll call was answered by "what way can you help your club" by Lucille Blassingame, Geneva Killian, Fern Thompson, Bess Cooper, Irene Ritchey, Betty Boedker, Leona Feaster, Teresa Loving, Ruth Adams, Nelma

Ritchey and visitors Mary Lou Abendshan, Peggy Falkenberg and Libbi Garnett.

Refreshments of brownies, nuts, vegetable sticks and punch were served.

The next meeting will be Jan. 25 at the Wallace Center. Program will be on "water".

Hospital Report

Patients Admitted
January 8
Mike Smith, City, medical; W. W. Holman, City, medical; Ophia Thomas, City, medical.

January 9
Thelma McSpadden, City, medical; Leona Brown, City, medical; J. C. Knowlton, City, medical.

January 10
Hubert Hickson, City, medical.

January 11
Francis Sweatt, City, medical; Karla Sterling, Loraine, medical; Emerson Garrett, City, medical; LaFonda Alaniz, Hermleigh, medical.

Patients Dismissed
January 8
Gwen Brown, City, medical; Josie Espinoza, City, medical; Delores Salazar, City, medical; Ray Massingill, Snyder, medical.

January 9
Mable Graham, Loraine, medical; Frances E. Tutwiler, City, medical; Rex McDaniel, Loraine, medical.

January 10
Emilia Acevedo, Loraine, medical.

December Weather Summary

(Revised from last Issue)

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec
Dec. 1	57	22	.00
Dec. 2	64	25	.00
Dec. 3	73	39	.00
Dec. 4	76	35	.00
Dec. 5	78	38	.00
Dec. 6	71	48	.00
Dec. 7	73	33	.00
Dec. 8	77	35	.00
Dec. 9	68	28	.00
Dec. 10	69	29	.00
Dec. 11	66	35	.00
Dec. 12	69	39	.00
Dec. 13	55	39	.00
Dec. 14	40	31	.03
Dec. 15	33	15	.50
Dec. 16	43	18	.00
Dec. 17	49	20	.00
Dec. 18	45	28	.03
Dec. 19	57	39	.30
Dec. 20	63	32	.00
Dec. 21	55	32	.00
Dec. 22	64	32	.00
Dec. 23	64	35	.00
Dec. 24	69	41	.00
Dec. 25	42	30	.57
Dec. 26	31	23	.32
Dec. 27	30	14	.00
Dec. 28	42	17	.00
Dec. 29	47	24	.00
Dec. 30	42	25	.00
Dec. 31	52	29	.00

Avg. High Temperature 55
Avg. Low Temperature 30
High Max Temperature 79
Low Max Temperature 48
High Min Temperature 29
Low Min Temperature 14
Days 90 Deg. or more 0
Days 32 Deg. or less 17
Total rainfall this month 1.25"
Total rainfall this year 20.64"
Lake Levels:
Colorado City Lake 2066.5'
Lake Champion 2079.6'
Total rainfall Dec. '86 2.00"
Total rainfall 1986 31.55"
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Heaviest Dec. Daily Rainfall, 1968 2.20"

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County Oil and Gas Report

Three more developmental ventures are scheduled in Mitchell County's Turner-Gregory Field by Dallas-based Hrubetz Operating, Inc.

All three wells carry authority for 3,300 feet of hole.

They are designated as the No. 4 and No. 5 Powell "A" and the No. 3 Gospel Trumpet, all located about six miles northwest of Westbrook.

The latter well is in an 81-acre lease in the T&P Survey A-566, while the Powell wells are in a 162-acre lease in the same survey A-1621.

Drilling is nearing the 7,200-ft. mark at the No. 1 Brennan, a developmental try in Mitchell County's Westbrook Field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. The well carries permit for 8,300 feet of hole with Ellenburger production as the target.

It was spudded on Nov. 30, 1987.

Chevron U.S.A. is testing for potential at the No. 705 North Westbrook Unit in Mitchell County's Westbrook Field, seven miles northwest of Westbrook.

The well probed to total depth of 3,170 feet after being spudded on Nov. 12. It has been perforated for production in an undisclosed pay formation.

Drilling operations are nearing the 2,100-ft. mark at the No. 4 Gospel Trumpet, a developmental well in Mitchell County's Turner-Gregory Field. With drillsite six miles northwest of Westbrook, the well was spudded on Dec. 19. It carries permit for maximum depth of 3,300 feet of hole with Clear Fork pay as the target.

Obituaries

DeLoach

Funeral services for Samuel Kennedy DeLoach, 82, were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James H. Sanders, pastor of Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, officiating. Burial was in Ector County Cemetery in Odessa.

Mr. DeLoach died Monday in Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring.

He was born Oct. 27, 1905, in Effie, La., and was retired from Western Pacific Railroad in Portland, Ore. He had made his home for the past several weeks with a nephew, Lloyd DeLoach of Colorado City.

Other survivors include a sister, Sophia Curtner of Hope, Ark.

former employee of the late Howard Rogers. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include three daughters, Peggy Williams and Barbara Evans, both of Big Spring, and Carol Lloyd of Colorado City; and six grandchildren.

Lewis

George Lewis, 82, of Colorado

City died Jan. 3 at his residence.

Graveside services were Wednesday in the Mitchell County Cemetery with Rev. Robert Bracey officiating. Kiker-Seale Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

He was born Oct. 6, 1905 and was a long-time resident of Colorado City.

Survivors include a daughter, Geraldine Richardson; and several nieces and nephews.

Adult education classes offered at Wallace

The Wallace Community Education Center, Robert Lee highway, offers adult education classes for all levels, in preparation for a high school equivalency certificate (GED), Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a second language (ESL). All classes are free to anyone who has dropped out of school.

Classes are held in Room 7 at the Wallace Center each Thursday night from 6-10 p.m.

Instructors are Bob Reily and Orphie Conner.

Daytime classes are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon. Instructor is Mary Ann Wright. Registration may be made at any time during the year.

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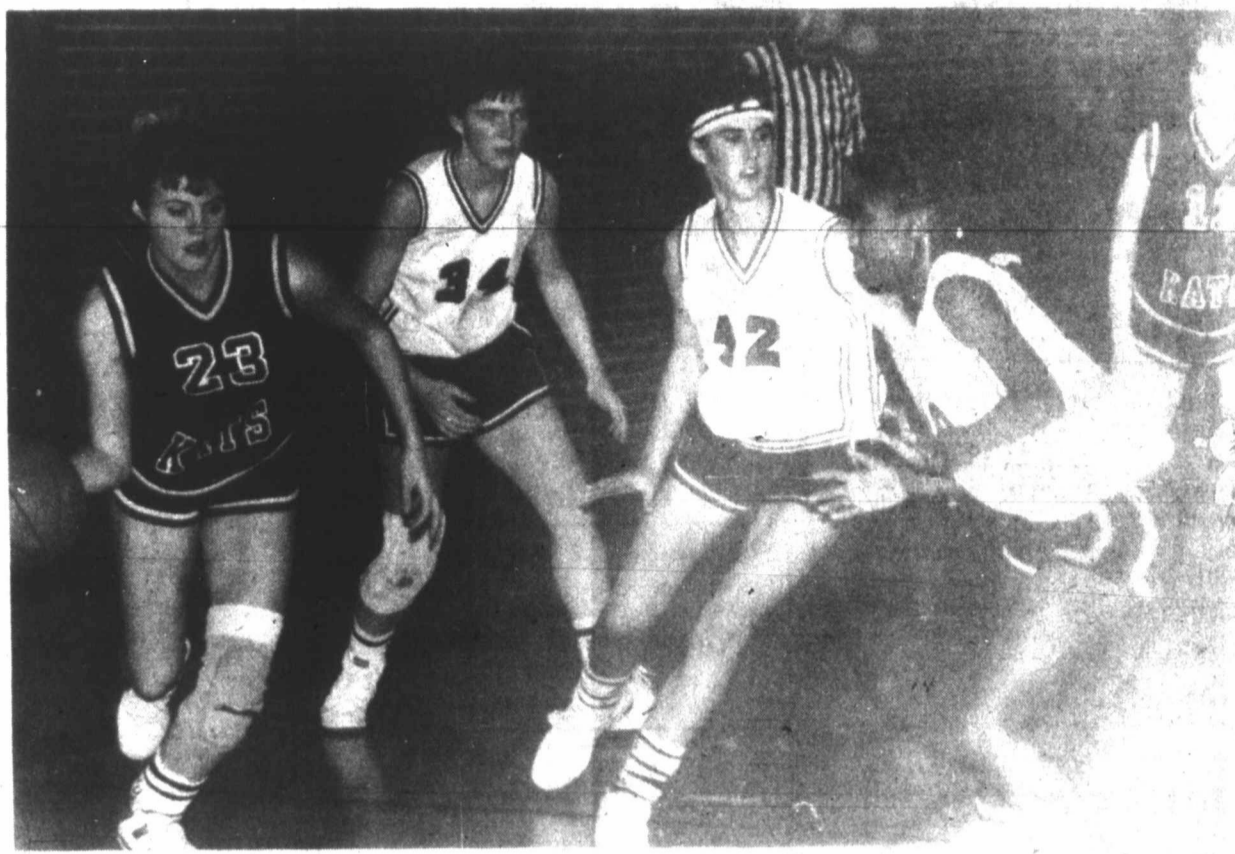
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Sports



LADY WOLVES Denise Lowrance(34), Brittany Bridgford(42) and Sheila Monroe put pressure on a Garden City Bearcat dribbler during action at The Pit Friday.

Wolves win 61-47 over G-City

Colorado High School senior Ken Woods scored 14 points and made 6 rebounds in a 61-47 Wolves win over Garden City in boys basketball action here Friday night.

In the first contest at The Pit Amber Dike scored 22 points in leading Garden City to a comeback 55-47 win over the Lady Wolves.

The CHS varsity boys improved to 11-7 with the win. The Wolves were to have resumed district 5AAA play at Merkel Tuesday and host Wylie Friday.

Colorado City led only 12-8 after one period of the boys contest before outscoring Garden City 22-10 in the second period for a 34-18 halftime lead. The Wolves led 50-30 after three periods.

Woods scored four points in the first period, six in the third and four in the final period. Second leading scorer Beau Rees

scored four points in the first and final periods to finish with 8 points.

Other scoring totals were Mark Russell 7, Chris Perkin, Steve Smith, Dane Hoover and Guy Compton 6 and Pat Ridge, Ismael Silva, Gary Jackson and Paul Ausbie 2.

Codie Scott and Sergio Rosas led the Bearcats with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

Leading rebounder for the Wolves was Hoover with 9. Grading highest defensively were Silva, Rees and Compton with Russell and Compton making three assists.

The Wolves made 28 of 59(47%) field goal attempts and had made 4 of 7 free throws until a 1 of 7 fourth period that left them at 5 of 14(36%) for the night. The Wolves committed 26 turnovers with 10 coming in the final period.

Scoring for the Lady Wolves, 4-13, were Brittany Bridgford 8, Denise Lowrance 7, Michelle Combs 7, Jennifer Monroe 6, Amy Chitsey 6, Sheila Monroe 4, Mandy Conner 4, Kendra Ritchey 3 and Lisa Lamb 2.

The Lady Wolves led 15-5 after one period, 29-19 at halftime and took a 36-31 lead into the final period.

Garden City's Dike, whose 22 points led all scorers, scored 11 points in the final period as the Bearcats outscored Colorado City 24-11 to make a comeback.

D. Hoelscher scored 12 points for Garden City-including 8 in the final period. D. Hillger and M. Schafer added 10 points for the visitors.

Colorado City shot 13 of 26 from the free throw line while the Bearcats were 16 of 24.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Through Monday, January 11 Season, district records	9th boys .....3-6	9th girls .....5-4, 1-0	8th boys .....3-5	8th girls .....8-3	7th boys .....3-5	7th girls .....4-6	Boys .....2-12	Girls .....3-13	JV girls .....2-3	Junior high boys .....4-2	Junior high girls .....6-0
Colorado City	Boys .....11-7, 1-0	Girls .....4-13, 1-3	JV boys .....8-4, 1-0	JV girls .....3-8, 1-3	Westbrook	Boys .....9-10	Girls .....2-15	JV boys .....7-2	Junior high boys .....5-3	Junior high girls .....3-4	
Loraine	Boys .....2-12	Girls .....3-13									

Westbrook boys take consolation

The Westbrook Wildcat boys improved to 9-10 with two wins at an Ira tournament over the weekend that gave the team the consolation title and earned freshman David Botts All-Tournament recognition.

Icy weather cancelled first round games which would have matched Westbrook against host Ira. Ira advanced to the winners bracket after the forfeit while Westbrook was sent into the consolation bracket.

Roby won the boys championship by defeating Roscoe in the finals. Ira took third.

Westbrook beat Highland 60-

35 and Dawson 47-40 to claim consolation.

Scoring in the win over Highland were Jason Morris 16, David Botts 15, Scooter Hines 11, Marty Browne 6, Wayne Carter 6, Neal Ginkinger 4 and Clayton Cannon 2.

Wright led the Hornets with 15.

Scoring for the Wildcats in the consolation game were Botts 14, Ginkinger 12, Cannon 9, Hines 6, Morris 5 and Carter 1.

Coor led Dawson with 12 points.

"He(Botts) had a pretty good tournament," said Wildcats coach

Jim Hill. "He did a good job in both games. He played good defense and just had a good tournament to make All-Tournament as a freshman. He's a good ballplayer. He's coming on. He'll be a good one for us. We'll probably be playing him a lot more in games to come."

The Westbrook girls lost to Highland 63-36 in their only contest at the tourney. Scoring for the Wildcats were Sherry Putman 9, Katie Walls 8, Lisa Putman 8, Veronica Lopez 6, Glenda Wallace 2 and Crystal Kelly 3.

Hyde scored 17 to lead Highland.

CHS freshmen girls bring home consolation title from Abilene

The freshmen girls basketball team at Colorado High School won the consolation title at an Abilene tournament Friday and Saturday with Amber Mayfield as high point in two of their contests.

"They played excellent," said coach Felicia Sanders. "They were hitting from the outside in the last game."

The Lady Wolves took the con-

solation title with 55-52 win over Abilene Wylie. Mayfield led scorers in that contest with 15 points. Also scoring were Bridgett Bridgford 12, Patricia Molina 12, Bea Rivera 7, Priscilla Rivera 4, Jackie Smith 4 and Kerre Hulme 1.

Colorado City began the tournament with a 29-26 loss to Abilene. Scoring for the Wolves were Mayfield 8, Smith 6.

Bridgford 4, Molina 3, B. Rivera 2, Hulme 2 and P. Rivera 1.

The Lady Wolves rebounded from that loss with a 42-26 win over Santa Anna that put them in the consolation finals. Scoring were B. Rivera 11, Smith 10, Mayfield 9, Corrie Martinez 4, Molina 4, Bridgford 2 and Hulme 2.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Monday, January 4 Colorado City	Stanton 33 7th girls 23 Wolves: Shondilyn Ross 2, Crescent Ross 5, Tammy Lelek 2, Tammy Ceballos 6, Lauren Perkins 8. Stanton 23 7th boys 22 Wolves: James Franco 6, Justin Zamarippa 6, David Castillo 5, Michael Humphrey 2, Kyle Shaw 2, Jason Blasingame 1.	Patricia Molina 3, Dalia Franco 3, Jackie Smith 2. 9th boys 36 Abilene Cooper 31 Wolves: Scott Gailey 9, Wendell Iglehart 8, Jason Lawson 7, Elias Gutierrez 7, LaRon Miles 3, Avon Ceballos 2. Snyder 77 9th boys 31 Wolves: Jeremy Strain 3, Tracy McElvaney 10, Steve Williamson 4, Ronald Appling 2, James Cook 2, Rene Rivera 10, 10, 6, 50	Cardinals: Ramgy 9. Westbrook Junior high girls 44 Ira 21 Wildcats: Angie Morris 25, Stephanie Matlock 11, Angie Morris 6, Naomi Morris 1, Shanna Hudspeth 1. Cardinals: Sorrells 6. Ira 40 Junior high boys 37 Wildcats: Doug Koch 12, Billy Joe Robinette 11, Gary Ginkinger 6, Randal Petty 4, Kendal Beasley 4.
Friday, January 8 Colorado City	JV boys 64 Snyder sophs 61 Wolves: Dennis Smith 13, George Rivera 9, Ricky Westbrook 3, Mark Alvidrez 13, Heath Watlington 14, Tracy Ausbie 8, John Phariss 4.	Junior high boys 60 Hermleigh 6 Bulldogs: David Madrid 7, Chris Phillips 2, Clayton Lee 5, David Mitchell 2, Leo Garcia 15, Donnie Vallery 6, Russell Burt 6, Roger Esquivel 1, Fabian Alvarez 13, Mike LeRoy 3. Cardinals: Britweiser 4, Price 2. Junior high girls 32 Hermleigh 20 Bulldogs: Amelia Vasquez 4, JoAnna Garza 8, Mikki Atkins 16, Natasha Atkins 4.	Cardinals: Luna 13.

SCHEDULE

Friday, January 15
Colorado City
Boys vs Wylie, H, 8 p.m.
Girls vs Wylie, H, 6:30 p.m.
JV girls vs Wylie, H, 8 p.m.
JV boys vs Wylie, H, 6:30 p.m.

Westbrook
Boys, girls vs Highland, H, 5 p.m.

Loraine
Boys, girls vs Lueders-Avoca, T, 6:30 p.m.

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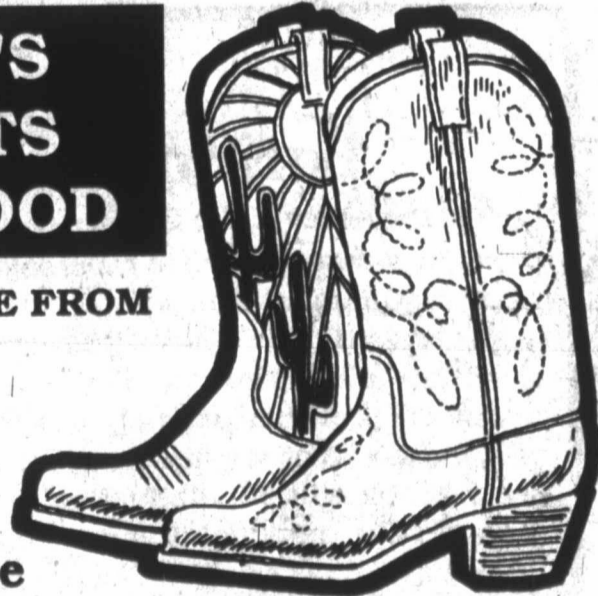
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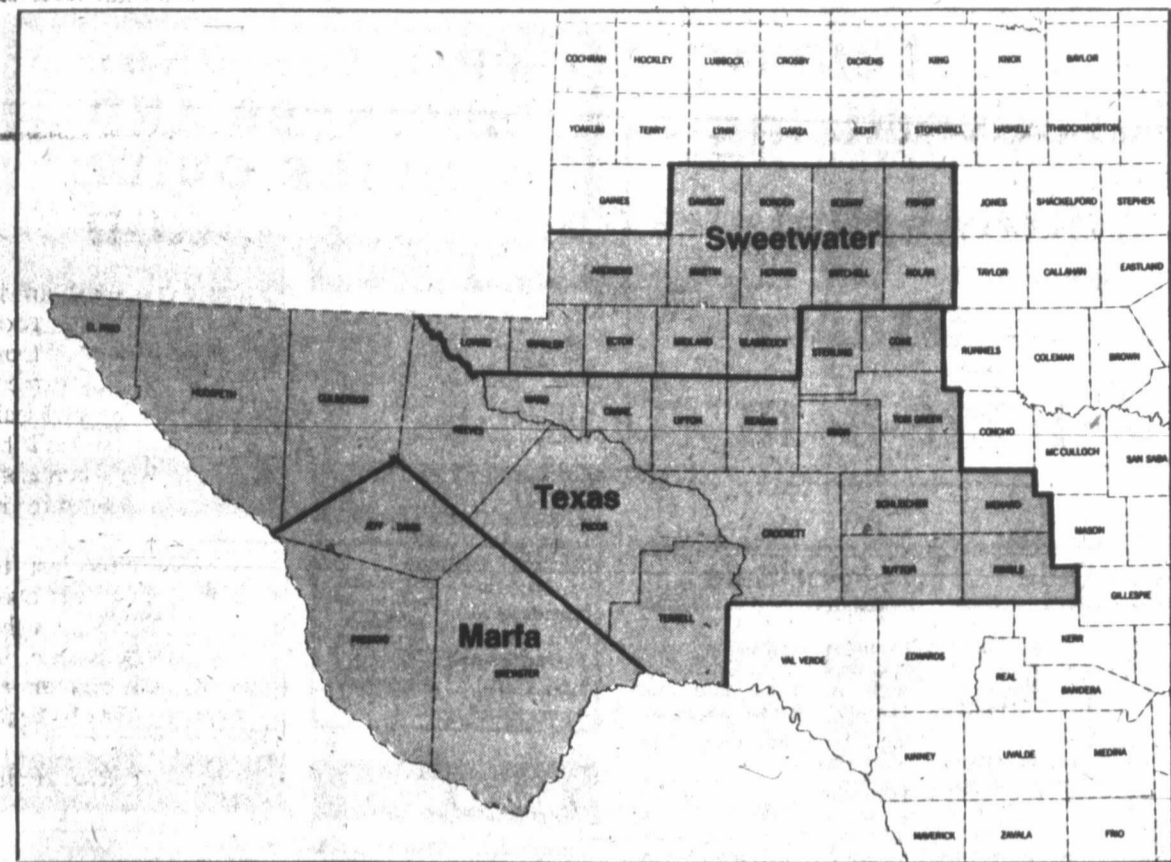
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Recently, member-borrowers of three West Texas Production Credit Associations (PCAs) got together to do something about rising interest rates. Member-borrowers of Texas, Sweetwater and Marfa PCAs voted by an overwhelming margin to merge their lending association.

Earlier in 1987, directors of the three associations, foreseeing the economic gains of joint management, appointed Kenneth Smith of San Angelo as president of Marfa and Sweetwater PCAs in addition to his continued role as president of Texas PCA.

"The merger does away with duplicated administrative costs and gives the continuing Texas PCA a much stronger capital base," says Smith. The new association has \$53 million in assets and \$14.5 million in net worth.

Smith indicated the association has better than a 27 percent capital to assets ratio compared to a required commercial bank ratio of only 6 percent.

"This puts us in an excellent position to offer more competitive interest rates and provide more cost-effective borrower services."

Smith stated the association would be emphasizing increased related services such as crop hail multiperil and credit life insurance.

Based in San Angelo, the new Texas PCA will continue customer service through offices in Marfa, San Angelo, Snyder, Stanton, Clint and Sweetwater.

"I'm extremely pleased with the experienced personnel and loan officers we have in all our offices," says Smith. "They understand the nature of agricultural lending and put that financial expertise to work every day for farmers and ranchers."

"Not only do we have the highest quality credit officers and staff, we have a board of directors sensitive to the current and future needs of agricultural lending because they are active farmers and ranchers themselves."

Directors selected by the association's member-borrowers are Chairman C. G. Van Court Jr. of Christoval, Vice Chairman Gene West of Marfa, B. J. "Bill" Bishop of Presidio, Buster Haggard of Stanton, A. K. McCarley Jr. of Colorado City, Nolan Niehues of San Angelo, Robert H. Oglesby of Eldorado, J. E. Powell of Vancouver and Jeffrey K. Sutton of Ozona.

According to Smith, this merger gave all three associations the ability to diversify their own operations.

"In reviewing the loan portfolios of the three associations, we found them to be complementary. Texas and Marfa PCAs had a majority of livestock loans. Sweetwater PCA, on the other hand, had a greater volume of crop loans. The merger puts the Texas PCA's overall loan portfolio in a very well-balanced position," says Smith.

"With this PCA's strong financial base, the growing membership and loan portfolio, and a commitment to professional agricultural lending, the new Texas PCA stands positioned to become the premier West Texas agricultural lender," says Smith.

The new Texas PCA will offer short- and intermediate-term credit to finance a wide range of operations from livestock and field crops to real estate and feedlot loans. The PCA has more than \$47 million in loans outstanding to more than 585 farmers and ranchers in 37 West Texas counties.

Gas, oil discoveries reported

AUSTIN -- Texas oil and gas operators reported 47 gas and 25 oil discoveries in December, according to Railroad Commission Chairman James E. (Jim) Nugent. In November, a total of 21 gas and 24 oil discoveries were filed with the Commission. A discovery is an exploratory well that is completed in a previously untapped reservoir.

Gas discoveries in December included one in the San Antonio area (District 1), 15 in the Refugio area (District 2), seven in Southeast Texas (District 3), 14 in deep South Texas (District 4), three in East Texas (District 6), three in West Central Texas (District 7B), two in the San Angelo area (District 7C), and two in the Panhandle (District 10).

Oil discoveries included five in the Refugio area (District 2), four

in Southeast Texas (District 3), four in deep South Texas (District 4), one in East Central Texas (District 5), two in East Texas (District 6), three in West Central Texas (District 7B), one in the San Angelo area (District 7C), three in the Lubbock area (District 8A), one in North Texas (District 9) and one in the Panhandle (District 10).

Those discoveries were included in the 675 oil, 218 gas, and 44 service completions operators reported in December. In November, operators filed 593 oil, 166 gas, and 79 service completions. A total of 199 dry holes were reported in December, compared to 297 in November.

In 1987, operators reported a total of 7,327 oil, 2,542 gas, and 733 service completions.

Texas ASCS committee named

Don Stewart, county executive director of Mitchell County ASCS office, has been notified that U.S. Senator Phil Gramm has announced the reappointment of three members of the Texas State ASC Committee and the naming of one new member. The committee, which consists of Jerry D. Harris, chairman, George W. Eller, Dale V. Hunt and new member D.V. Guerra Jr., oversees the administration of Federal farm programs in Texas.

Chairman Jerry Harris of Lamesa, who raises cotton and grain sorghum in Dawson and Gaines counties, was named to a fourth one-year term and his third term as chairman. Harrison operates a 7,000-acre family farm, as well as being active in cotton ginning, warehousing and marketing. He serves on the

board of governors of Lubbock Christian University. Harris also is active in the National Cotton Council, the Lamesa Cotton Growers, the Texas Food and Fiber Protein Commission and the Texas Cotton Ginners.

George of Panhandle, appointed to his fourth one-year term, farms grain sorghum and wheat and raises cattle on his 1,700-acre cropland farm. He has operated his Carson County farm for 36 years. Eller is a 25-year member of the Carson County 1889 Farm Bureau.

Dale Hunt, who farms rice and raises cattle in Garwood, was named to his second one-year term to the committee. His background in agriculture includes participation on the National Commission on Agriculture Trade and Export Policy and is a former president of American Rice, Inc., a regional milling and marketing cooperative which serves 2,000 rice farmers on the Gulf Coast of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Hunt also has served as chairman of the Five-State Rice Producers' Legislative Group, as president of the Texas Rice Research Foundation and is currently a director of the Garwood Division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative.

New member D.V. Guerra Jr. farms and raises cattle in Hidalgo, Starr and Brooks counties. Guerra was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" in 1977 by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association and has served as a member of the Governor's Task Force in Agriculture. He also was a member of the USDA's Agriculture Structure Planning Committee in Washington, as an officer of the Hidalgo County Farm Bureau, as a director of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and as a chairman of the Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District.

The formal appointment of these committee members was made by Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng.

Mitchell County ASCS committee members are Rob Holman, chairman, Jim Dockrey, vice chairman, and newly elected member George Martin.

The farm program administration is carried out through the Texas State ASCS office in College Station and 239 county ASCS offices. Terry Harman is state executive director of the Texas operation. Texas ASCS employees 1,400 people with an annual budget of \$35 million.

Play Day set at Wallace

A Play Day for kids will be held at the Wallace Center on Monday, Jan. 18, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth are invited to visit Wallace Center for the day and have fun while parents and teachers work.

Registration will be \$5. Snacks are included in the fee. Bring a sack lunch...drinks will be furnished.

Activities will include games, movies, storytime, singing, skating, relays, exercise, safety and health programs and other organized recreation. Students are asked to wear socks.

Jessie Nelson will be the supervisor for the day, assisted by other Wallace Center staff. Parent volunteers are welcome to participate.

Registration is limited to 50 students.

Students must sign up by Friday, Jan. 15, at the Wallace Center.

For more information call the Community Education office at 728-2392.

Auction to benefit Lubbock hospital

Just in time for Valentine's giving, a charity estate jewelry auction is being held featuring a wide range of jewelry from costume and silver to estate jewelry.

A 10th birthday party for Lubbock General Hospital and the third annual "Estate Jewelry Auction", benefiting the Children's Pavilion of Lubbock General Hospital, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6. The new location is Antiques Lubbock, 2219 34th Street. Jewelry preview and appetizers will begin at 6 p.m. The live auction starts at 7:30 p.m.

Body control classes to start

New body control classes are set to be Monday, Jan. 11, at the administration gym, 12th and Hickory streets. The instructor is

Joanne Sanderson. The classes will meet three nights per week starting on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for a

total of six weeks. Pre-registration is required through Wallace Center before the classes begin.

The Fast Paced Class will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m. The Slow Paced Class will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 p.m. The cost will be \$25 for two night and \$30 for three nights. A \$3 late fee will be charged for payment after first class night.

Both classes will involve a series of exercises set to a variety of music that emphasize weight loss, muscle tone and cardio-vascular fitness. The workout will utilize both floor and aerobic type exercise programs. The Fast paced Class is designed for those participants with previous exercise experience and the ability to withstand a moderate to high level workout capacity for a lengthy period of time. The Slow paced Class is designed for those participants with limited or no exercise experience who wish to begin an exercise program that will emphasize all fast paced areas but yet at a much slower pace.

For more information, call the Community Education Office, 728-2392.

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Card Of Thanks

With grateful hearts, we thank all those who did so much for us during our recent bereavement. A special thanks to the Golden Age Club of Westbrook for serving the meal on Monday. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown was indeed helpful.

The Family of Jessie Reyna
Henry & Henry Jessie Jr. Reyna
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuentes & Brothers

Legal

Billy Upshaw is not responsible for Kisha Upshaw's debts.

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FOUND: Leather chaps. Phone 728-8248 after 5 p.m.

Notices

ANTIQUES-We have fine furniture, over 400 clocks, and numerous old lamps for you to purchase, plus many gift items. We also repair and refinish clocks, lamps and furniture. Call us or bring in. All work guaranteed. House of Antiques, 4008 College, Snyder, TX 79549, (915) 573-4422.

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Alcoholics Anonymous will meet every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the All Saints Episcopal Church.

To give away. Mattress and box springs. By 904 E. 7th.

TO GIVE AWAY: Nice-a-bed couch and full size box springs and mattress by the weekend. Go by 1828 Locust or phone 728-8203.

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Veterinary Assistant - Kennel Director - Janitorial Duties. Professional Caring Attitude. Good Public Relations Ability. Dependable, non-smoker - non-drinker. 20 to 36 hours per week. Send resumes only to P.O. Box 642, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

Need a babysitter in the evening hours for 2 children, my home or yours. Phone 728-3934.

HELP WANTED: Service station employee wanted at I-20 Texaco. Phone 728-8138 or 728-2867 for appointment.

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Mature and dependable graduate student looking for job in the business field. Phone 766-3511 or 766-3559.

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Restored 2 story house, 705 Vine. Ready to complete with furnishings for any type of family living or professional offices. It has 2 front doors, which gives complete privacy. Three large rooms upstairs, one bath for living quarters. The windows furnish good lighting and will give growth to indoor plants. Entrance on south for stairway, large room, bath, hall and large room on SW corner. Three large rooms on north and entrance hall to bath. This can be finished to a beautiful place. Sold by owner. Phone 728-8928 or (915) 573-2033.

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HELP WANTED: Local established company looking for a full time experienced accountant with at least 2 years experience. Send resume to Accountant, P.O. Box 92A, Colorado City, TX 79512.

Great Western Motel is now taking applications for cook and maids. Apply in person at East Highway 180, Snyder, Texas.

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3520 acre ranch, western Mitchell County, full minerals, royalty income. Robert J. Cook, Box 1629, Big Spring, 915-267-2529.

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10 lots w/storage bldg., 12th & Waco, \$15,000.

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Very nice 3 bd., 2 bt., brick w/fireplace, 937 E. 18th, \$80,000.

Lovely large historical home, 334 E. 4th, \$165,000.

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3 bd., 2 bt., living room & sep. den w/10 acres, \$52,500.

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Mobile Home lots for sale. Call for information.

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Approx. 85' lake front deeded land w/3 bd., 2 bt., mobile home w/25x40' barn, \$22,000.

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FOR SALE: 3 bikes, two girls 26 inch in size and 1 boy's bike, racer 20 inch. Phone 728-3658 or come by 810 E. 17th Street.

FOR SALE: Used satellite system, 10 fiberglass dish with remote control receiver. Phone 728-2276.

FOR SALE: Man's western quilted beige jacket, size medium, \$25; full size quilt, \$10; few stuffed toys, 50 cents. Go by 1820 N. Colorado Street.

FOR SALE: 9 drawer chest, \$50; and oak picture frame, 24 inch by 30 inch, \$20. Phone 728-8203 or go by 1828 Locust.

FOR SALE: Pea lows and peabooks. Phone 728-2967.

FOR SALE: 48 inch diameter trampoline exerciser, like new, \$30. If interested, phone 728-3654.

FOR SALE: Baby crib, springs, mattress and bumper pads, used not more than 5 nights, \$45. Phone 728-2238.

FOR SALE: General Electric electric 15 HP motor. Phone 728-8294.

FOR SALE: 26' Winnebago travel trailer, ready to go, \$3500; 79 GMC Rally Van, new tires and battery, runs great, \$2500; 1-aluminum one Star boat and trailer with 18 hp motor, new battery, \$400; utility trailer, \$100. Phone 728-9658.

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Need 1 bass amplifier medium size. If you have one please call 728-8059 after 3 p.m.

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FOR SALE: '72 Chevrolet Blazer, 4x4, V-8, 4 speed, power and air, low miles on rebuild. Phone 915-863-2267.

FOR SALE: 1976 Black Cadillac Deville, low mileage, fair tires, red interior, 500 engine. Phone 728-5048.

FOR SALE: 1981 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, 2 door, nice inside and out, \$4,000. Phone 573-7822 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1949 Dodge 4 door Sedan, runs good, original upholstery, new paint, \$1,275. Phone 728-2306.

FOR SALE: 1980 Blazer, 2 wheel drive, good condition, must sell, make an offer. Phone 728-3782.

FOR SALE: 1979 Camaro, good motor, and transmission, \$1,200 firm. Can be seen at 2043 Hickory, 728-3661.

Bidding opens for forfeited land

AUSTIN - Detailed information on 357 tracts of quality rural acreage offered in a February high bid sale of forfeited land is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board by calling toll-free 1-800-252-VETS.

Located in 108 Texas counties, the tracts range in size from 10 acres in several counties to a 64-acre tract in Jones County.

"I want to encourage all Texans

that have been looking for quality land to take advantage of this unusual high bid sale. Everybody has an equal shot at winning under the terms of this sale," said Texas Land Commission Garry Mauro, who also serves as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

The tracts are divided into two groups, with 193 tracts restricted to bidding by eligible Texas

veterans. The 164 remaining tracts are open to bids from the general public as well as eligible Texas veterans.

Winning bids from eligible Texas veterans will receive an 8.75 percent interest rate while the interest rate for the general public will be 10.25 percent. Both will carry a 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan. A \$25 non-refundable bid fee for each bid submitted has been set by the board.

The Texas Veterans Land Board will finance the entire loan amount of all winning bids less a 5 percent downpayment. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on.

The sale will be sealed bid only, with the minimum bid set by the Texas Veterans Land Board. All bids must be received by the board no later than Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. Any and all bids received after that time and date will be rejected.

"Since these sales offer complete financing at low interest rates, there's always an enormous amount of interest in these sales," Mauro said. "So I urge you to get out as soon as possible, take a look at the tracts that interest you and get your bids in."

Details of the sale and a brochure describing each tract and its location can be obtained by calling the Texas Veterans Land Board toll-free at 1-800-252-VETS Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Test your health care knowledge...

Test your skills regarding America's health care system by marking your choice and checking your score against the correct answers at the bottom of the page.

1. The United States spends more money on health care than any other country in the world, yet approximately one million Americans are denied health care because they can't pay for it. How many Americans are without health insurance?

- a) a couple of million
- b) one out of every ten Americans
- c) 37 million Americans
- d) more than any of the above

2. Approximately half of all indigent pre-schoolers are not immunized against preventable diseases, but the number of children vaccinated by the Federal Childhood Immunization Program has dropped 20 percent every year for the past four years. What has been the increase in the incidence of whopping cough during the same period?

- a) less than 5 percent
- b) 162 percent increase
- c) half of each first grade class
- d) more than 300 percent

3. One out of every seven dollars spent in health care, or \$50 billion nationwide is spent in which of these periods of human life?

- a) infant to 15 years of age
- b) during pregnancy
- c) in the last six months of life
- d) the first two days patients are hospitalized

4. A Living Will, which is an advance directive as to our wishes in the case of extended life by support systems or if we are comatose, is a legal document in which of the following?

- a) 39 states, but not nationally
- b) nationally
- c) in 20 major metro medical centers
- d) it is illegal in the United States

5. In the United States 40,000 babies die every year because they are born prematurely with low birthweight. How many of these deaths are a direct result of the mother having little or no prenatal care?

- a) about 10,000 of the babies
- b) very few since America spends so much on health care
- c) one in five die for this reason
- d) two thirds of all these deaths are a result of little or no prenatal care for the mothers

6. The United States has excellent ranking throughout the world in health care statistics. In the area of infant mortality the U.S. ranks where?

- a) about second or third
- b) 90th in the world
- c) 20th worldwide
- d) somewhere in the hundreds

7. America is working hard to defeat cancer, which is a major killer of its people. In this fight, are all Americans equal?

- a) yes, cancer death affects everyone the same
- b) there are no statistics at this time
- c) no, cancer deaths are 15 percent higher among the poor
- d) none of the above are correct

8. Hospitals that perform transplant operations many times give multiple transplants to the same patient -- in one case a person received three liver operations. At the same time this is happening how many people don't ever receive a first chance?

- a) 500 last year
- b) one-third of all patients

waiting for a transplant organ die before they get a first chance

- c) one in every five waiting
- d) everyone gets a chance

9. Nationwide America spends \$30 billion a year on Intensive Care Units (ICUs), however, studies indicate that half of the patients are either too sick or too well to benefit from ICU treatment. What percent of ICU patients survive?

- a) 70 percent walk out
- b) one in every six make it
- c) only 30 percent leave the hospital OK
- d) 10 percent die while in the ICU

Key to Answers: 1) c; 2) b; 3) c; 4) a; 5) d; 6) c; 7) c; 8) b; 9) c;

Lorraine Personals

...by Lela Lucas

Jack and Mary Love Allbright of Odessa, visited her mother, Syble Walker, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Aleene Marth of Columbus, Ga., is here visiting her mother, Jenny Hallmark.

Virgil Richburg, brother of Eldie Bryant, Effie Wheeler,

Homer and Lester Richburg is hospitalized in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddison Wilson of Fredericksburg were overnight guests in the home of his sister, Mrs. Clara Butler Saturday night.

Emma Jean and Troy Kegans of Arlington are visiting her mother, Syble Walker.

Gage hosts homemakers

The North Lorraine Extension Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Veida Gage at 2 p.m. on January 6 for a regular meeting.

First on the agenda was installation of new officers for 1988.

Margaret Brame, one of the club members, installed new officers. She made a salad, using vegetables as symbols for each officer's duties.

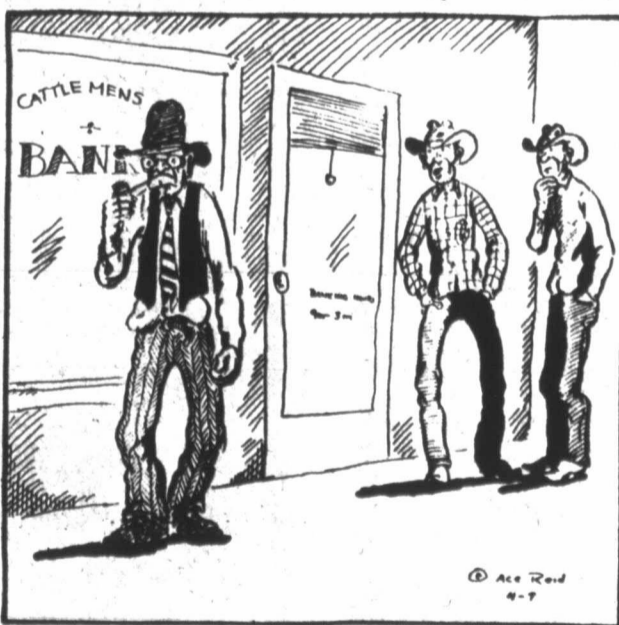
Officers for the year are: Nina Meadows, president; Veida Gage, vice president; Eva Wells, treasurer; Effie Wheeler,

secretary and reporter; Jimmie Jacks, council delegate and Blondie Hamilton, alternate delegate.

The roll call was answered with "What we can do to help our club." Items of business were taken care of before filling out the year books.

Mrs. Gage served refreshments to the following: Bessie Ann Vaughn, Eva Wells, Billie Schroeder, Blondie Hamilton, Margaret Brame, Jimmie Jacks and Effie Wheeler.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



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Farmers have two years to obtain conservation plan, retain benefits

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminds farmers with highly erodible cropland that they have just two years to meet the conservation requirements of the 1985 Farm Bill and remain eligible for USDA program benefits.

Wilson Scaling, chief of USDA's Soil Conservation Service, said those provisions require farmers who have highly erodible land to have a conservation plan approved by their local conservation district by Dec. 31, 1989, and have it implemented by Dec. 31, 1994, to remain eligible for USDA farm program benefits, loans or guarantees on all their land.

About 8 million conservation plans need to be developed in the next two years, Scaling said. "The sooner farmers ask for a plan, the greater the chance that we will get to everyone by the deadline," he said.

Scaling said only 20 percent of the highly erodible cropland was placed under a conservation plan as of Oct. 1, 1987. "Our goal is to have 65 percent of this land under a conservation plan by the end of 1988 and the rest by the end of 1989," he said.

Another option is to enroll highly erodible cropland in the Conservation Reserve Program. Under CRP, landowners receive annual rental payments for putting highly erodible cropland in permanent cover such as grass or trees. The next CRP signup will be Feb. 1-19.

Since highly erodible land is not always obvious to the eye, farmers should check with their local SCS office to see if they have land that meets the criteria.

"Contacting the local SCS office for a conservation plan soon is probably one of the smartest New Year's resolutions a farmer can make," Scaling said. "Most farmers who participate in USDA programs can't afford to lose those benefits. And, the economy of most rural communities is dependent on the financial health of its farmers."

Veterans Qs & As

Q - Is there a penalty if a VA guaranteed home loan is partially or fully paid before it becomes due?

A - There is no penalty if a VA loan is partially or fully paid in advance.

and older?

A - VA's eligibility assessment procedures apply to all nonservice-connected veterans regardless of age. Public Law 99-272 repealed a provision in The Veterans Omnibus Health Care Act of 1970 that allowed veterans 65 years of age or older to receive care in VA facilities regardless of income.

Q - Do the VA eligibility assessment procedures for medical care apply to veterans 65

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On TEAMS exit-level test

Math scores up, passing rate down

Although scores improved slightly from 1986 to 1987, passing rates declined for Texas high school juniors who took the TEAMS exit-level test this fall due to a significant increase in passing standards on the mathematics section of the exam.

Seventy-five percent of the eleventh graders who took the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills exit-level test in October 1987 passed the math section, 89 percent passed the English language arts portion and 72 percent passed both.

In October 1986, 89 percent passed the math section, 87 percent passed English language arts and 83 percent passed both.

Although the passing rate on the math test fell by 14 points and prompted an eleven-point decline in the overall passing rate, scaled scores (a statistical procedure that allows test results to be compared from year to year) on the math portion rose from 760 to 769. Scores remained at 785 on the

English language arts section.

The State Board of Education in July 1987 raised the number of math questions which must be answered correctly in order to pass from 39 to 50 on the 72-item test. The passing standard was set at 50 of 72 questions on the English language arts section in 1986 and was unchanged for 1987.

While the overall passing rate for both sections of the TEAMS exam declined from 83 percent in 1986 to 72 percent this year, the improvements in scaled scores show that students answered more test items correctly.

Approximately 53,000 students need remediation in the basic skill areas measured by the TEAMS exam in order to be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

Sixty-three percent of high school seniors who also took the test in October passed both sections of the test, compared to 65 percent in 1986. Twenty-nine percent failed one section of the test and seven percent failed both sections.

Most of these seniors had failed one or both sections of the TEAMS exam on at least one previous attempt. Their math exams were graded under the standards in place when the students first took the test.

Predictions of how TEAMS scores will compare with national norms show Texas eleventh-graders ranking at the 69th percentile in mathematics, 43rd percentile in reading comprehension and 58th percentile in language.

The 50th percentile is considered to represent average performance of students nationwide.

The Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills testing program was established by House Bill 72 and measures the performance of students in all odd-numbered grades on reading, writing and mathematics. Students must pass the exit-level (eleventh grade) test in order to be eligible to receive a diploma and have four opportunities, beginning in their junior year, to pass the exam.

Data shows veterans population shifting in both age, location

The number of America's older veterans is rising dramatically, and many are moving to Sunbelt states according to Veterans Administration (VA) projections based on current U.S. Census data, said Waco VA Regional Office Director Stephen L. Lemons.

The VA estimates the current number of U.S. veterans at just over 27.4 million, compared to 27.8 million the previous year. There are 1,782,800 veterans living in Texas. Counties with the largest veteran populations are Harris with 318,920, Dallas with 206,900, Tarrant with 133,640 and Bexar with 127,090.

An estimated 780 veterans currently live in Mitchell County, including 210 Vietnam era veterans and 370 World War II veterans.

Unlike most states, Texas has more Vietnam era veterans - 628,000 - than there are World War II veterans - 581,500. Nationwide, the number of Vietnam era veterans is expected to surpass the number of World War II veterans by 1992, Lemons said.

Lemons noted that the number of Texas veterans 65 and older will increase significantly during the next 10 years and, nationally, the number of veterans 75 and older will triple by the end of the century.

"Our veteran population projections predict a dramatic increase in the numbers of older veterans seeking assistance from the VA," Lemons said. "Our work is cut out for us. Our current veteran population, plus veterans'

dependents and survivors, represents some 79.3 million people - one-third of America's population - all potentially eligible for VA services or benefits."

Those seeking information of assistance in applying for VA benefits can visit the Waco Regional Office at 1400 North Valley Mills Drive or phone one of the office's benefits counselors toll-free on the following numbers: in Waco, 772-3060; in Amarillo, 376-7202; in Austin, 477-5831; in Dallas, 824-5440; in El Paso, 545-2500; in Fort Worth, 336-1641; in Killeen, 699-2351; in Lubbock, 747-5256; and elsewhere in the northern half of Texas, 1-800-792-3271.

Clements: Economic recovery requires changes in the state judicial system

By Governor William P. Clements, Jr.

One hundred years ago the Texas population stood at about 2.2 million. Our population in 1990 likely will approach the 17 million mark.

Texas--like communities across our state--has experienced explosive growth during the past century. We have witnessed an era of unprecedented prosperity and opportunity, heightened by our ability to respond to changing economic conditions.

Our current efforts to revive our economy can no longer tolerate a status quo approach to economic development--or a judicial system that drives businesses and industries away from Texas, not to Texas.

Judicial reform is a major goal of my administration because it is a major goal of all Texans. We have made some progress; we must make more.

The problem is easily stated. Between 1981 and 1985, the number of court filings involving civil claims jumped from 27,000 to 38,000, or an increase of 41

percent. Put differently, the number of tort filings for every 100,000 Texans increased from 190 in 1981 to 230 in 1985.

Those statistics reflect an increase in the filing of frivolous lawsuits seeking extraordinary damage claims and virtually limitless judgments.

All are counterproductive and anti-business.

Businesses provide jobs only when they are in business. Those jobs start to disappear the moment a business begins focusing its attention on legal proceedings, not its competition.

To help end that threat to economic recovery, the Texas Legislature passed--and I signed--a sweeping package of tort reform legislation.

Our tort reform measures send an unmistakable message to the judicial system that Texans are tired of frivolous lawsuits clogging up the courts, making it hard for the real victims of injustice to plead their cases.

Tort reform also sends an equally clear message to businesses that we want them to prosper, not be driven out of busi-

ness.

Now it is time to take another step and restore confidence in our Texas Supreme Court--the ultimate arbiter of civil law in Texas.

That court has become the laughing stock of the nation. It has been scrutinized by television's "60 Minutes," ridiculed by the New York Times and lambasted by the Wall Street Journal.

All three have noted that our current method of selecting members to that court--through statewide elections--fosters attempts at influence buying through judicial campaign contributions.

Confidence must be restored to our Supreme Court.

A step in the right direction was taken in November when I selected Tom Phillips of Houston as chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court to replace John Hill, who has resigned.

His selection represents the dawning of a new judicial day in Texas. Judge Phillips has no hidden agenda. He represents the first volley in the fight for a judicial selection process in Texas in which merit and fairness are the determining factors in the selection of Supreme Court justices.

That issue will spark a lot of debate during the 1989 Legislature. A 15-member Joint Select Committee on the Judiciary already is hard at work studying ways in which our Supreme Court can be enhanced through some type of revised judicial selection process.

My position is well-known. I will actively campaign for a system that allows the governor to select members of the Texas Supreme Court from a pool of talented jurists compiled by a blue-ribbon panel.

Those judges would then stand for public election. Through such a merit selection system, the people will still provide a philosophical direction for the court.

This is not a minority opinion. Texas is one of the few states that elects its judges on the basis of popularity and who can raise the most money.

Birth

Logan Reid, son of Donna and Lynn Boyd, was born Dec. 29, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces. He is welcomed home by his brother, Lynn Jr., 9, and a sister, Stephanie, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Marie Sanderson of Colorado City and Lonnie Wyrosdick of Knickerbocker.

Paternal grandparents are Audie and Jean Boyd of Loraine. Great-grandparent is Maurine Iglehart.

Silver Haired candidates file

Prospective members of the second Texas Silver Haired Legislature began filing petitions for candidacy Friday, January 1, 1988. The filing process will continue through February 29.

The election will take place on Tuesday, May 24. Candidacy forms and petitions can be obtained from the West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (J025 E.N. 10th Street in Abilene) or in Senior Citizens Centers around the region.

There are three basic requirements for those seeking election to the Silver Haired Legislature: the individual must be at least 60 years old by January 1, 1988; a registered voter; and reside in the region for which he or she is seeking election.

The Silver Haired Legislature was authorized by the 69th Texas Legislature. It is a non-partisan body of senior citizens who will meet in Austin in September 1988


to draft and propose suggested legislation to be considered by the 71st Texas Legislature which convenes in Austin January 1989.

The Silver Haired Legislature provides the opportunities for the senior citizens of Texas to become actively involved in the issues which concern them. The first Silver Haired Legislature met in September 1987 and addressed many issues, some of which were homestead taxes, catastrophic health insurance, and Medicaid.

One does not need to be an experienced politician to serve in the Silver Haired Legislature. A concerned citizen with the willingness to learn about the legislative process and the desire to use that process for the betterment of others will find this to be a challenging and rewarding experience.

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