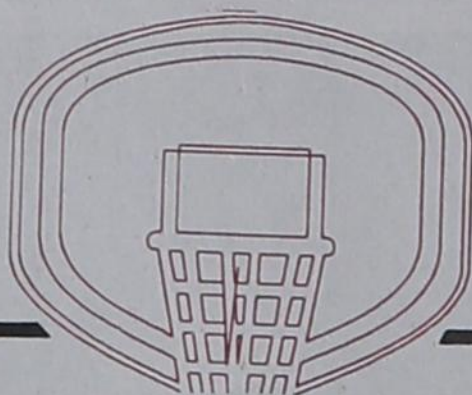




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News seeks Santa letters

Letters to Santa are now being accepted by the *Castro County News* for inclusion in the Christmas edition on Dec. 23.

Letters will be accepted at the *News* office, and at all local schools. Letters from schools should be submitted by Dec. 6. Letters from children not attending school must be turned in at the *News* office, 108 W. Bedford, by Dec. 13.

Letters may also be mailed to the *News* at P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027.

All letters will be printed in the Christmas edition and will, of course, be forwarded to the North Pole for Santa's use.

Weather

Temperatures and precipitation are recorded each day at 7 a.m. for the previous 24 hours by KDHN Radio, official NWS observer

Thursday	55	28
Friday	62	34
Saturday	47	22
Sunday	53	22
Monday	61	26
Tuesday	67	30
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1993 Moisture	16.30	

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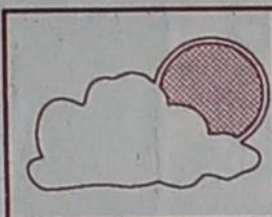
WEDNESDAY:

Snow likely.
Low around 20, high 28.
Chance of snow is 40%.



THURSDAY:

Mostly Cloudy
High 28,
low around 20.



FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:

Sunny and warmer. Highs in the 30s, lows around 15.



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By Don Nelson

No, I won't tell a turkey joke this Thanksgiving. However. . .

This guy was driving down a country road when he noticed a chicken running alongside his car.

He sped up, and the chicken sped up. They were going down the road about 45 per.

He backed off of the pedal and the chicken ran out ahead of him. That's when he noticed that the chicken had four legs.

He was still trying to catch up with the chicken when it made a quick right turn up a lane to a farmhouse.

He followed it, then stopped at the farmhouse and knocked. When the farmer came to the door, he asked, "Is that your four-legged chicken that just passed me on the road?"

"Yep, sure was," the farmer said. "It's got four legs," the visitor said.

"Yeah, I know," the farmer said. "We've got a whole flock of 'em. Our boy went to school over at

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A Thankful Bird



"Big Red," a red-necked ostrich on the Porter Ostrich Ranch north of Dimmitt, has many reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving. For one thing, it isn't his holiday. For another, he's a

breeder instead of a market bird anyway. And for another, he expects someone to come up with full turkey-quill boots any day now. Photo by Don Nelson

Hart, Rankin ready for rematch

Hart and Rankin will be two old familiar faces meeting again when they square off Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Ranking returns 20 lettermen, including nine offensive and six defensive starters, from last year's team that fell, 24-7, in the regional round to the Longhorns. Before Hart fans get too worried, though, 13 Longhorns are back from a year ago, including seven starters each way.

Roy Abalos is back at running back after earning third team All-State honors last year. He picked up 1,730 yards in 1992, including 106 yards on 19 carries against the Longhorns in the regional round game at Seminole.

Also back to key the offense is quarterback Jo Jo Guerra. Guerra had a tough time with the Hart defense, with minus-13 yards on the ground from three sacks. He completed six of 15 passes for 80 yards. The Red Devils had eight first

downs and had to punt the ball eight times against the Longhorns.

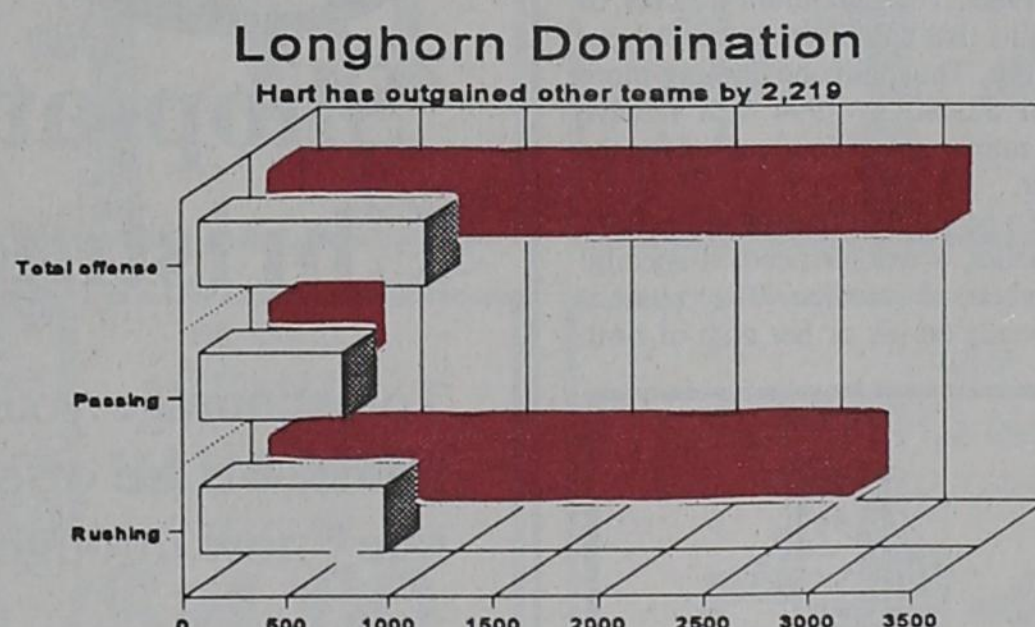
Hart picked up 17 first downs and had to punt the ball only times against Rankin. Jason Aven had a huge day against the Red Devils last year, with 16 carries for 147 yards. He completed one of three passes for 18 yards.

Harvey Robledo had 49 yards on 11 carries last year, while Cesar

Salas had 104 yards on 24 carries.

"We're real familiar with each other," said Hart coach Danny Wilhelm. "We played them at the same time last year, and both teams run the same offense and same defense. We should be real similar, and we just hope the score and outcome are real similar, too."

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Smith wants end to tax-and-spend policy

An Amarillo businessman came pushing his plans for change Friday in a campaign appearance for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Flavius Smith Jr. is seeking the 13th District seat currently held by Bill Sarpalus. He's running on the Republican ballot where he has already drawn an opponent, Mac Thornberry of Amarillo. Sarpalus has yet to officially announce but is expected to do so in the near future.

Smith's appearance drew a small crowd at Dimmitt City Hall. It was the 27th of 30 stops through the vast district which stretches from Texline in the northwest to north-northeast of Dallas.

Smith, a Tennessean by birth, moved to the area in 1988 to work in an oil and gas company and ranching

interests owned by his wife's family. He is currently president of his own small business, a wholesale hardware supply company.

Smith criticized his GOP opponent for apparently trying to mislead voters about his "official" residence, and criticized Sarpalus for "showing his true colors as a tax-and-spend Democrat."

Smith criticized Sarpalus's votes for the Clinton tax plan, the 1993 budget and other items. He said the congressman was wrong when he said the new budget bill would help "40 to 50% of the people in this district."

Smith also criticized Sarpalus votes against opening the files on the House Post Office scandal, against

the revelation of names on discharge petitions, and the president's economic stimulus package.

"I've made all these stops and I haven't met one person yet who said they wanted Bill Sarpalus to vote for the budget plan," Smith said.

Smith only briefly criticized his Republican challenger for taking advantage of a technicality to forge a challenge for Sarpalus' seat. Smith said Thornberry, a former Congressional aide, actually lives permanently in the Randall County section of Amarillo. Randall County is in the 19th District, currently served by Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock). Thornberry is eligible for the 19th District because he owns a house in Donley County.

NAFTA foes not ready to quit fighting

Opponents of the North American Free Trade Agreement say their fight is not over despite the bill's approval last week by the US Congress.

"All of those side agreements still have to be approved by the GATT countries, and the French in particular aren't going to go along," said Carl King, executive director of the Texas Corn Growers Association. "We are closely scrutinizing all of those side agreements ourselves, and it will probably be at least another week before we find out everything we gave away in order to insure the bill's passage."

Several side agreements were included as part of the package, including agreements last Monday and Tuesday that appeased sugar and wheat producers. The side agreements were enough to sway the vote of US Rep. Bill Sarpalus (D-Amarillo). He was one of about 30 House members who decided last Tuesday and Wednesday to support the law.

"Bill called me last week and told me he was going to vote for NAFTA," King said. "I told him I was disappointed, but he could make amends by working on the loan rate so we can get it up there where it needs to be. That's a big

hurdle for us, but if Bill wants our support he's going to have to do something to make amends for these votes for NAFTA and some of these other bills that he's supported."

"We are gathering forces and looking around, but we are going to back up and start over. We have to be insured that these other countries won't run over us, and we have to see how we are going to pay for everything. The money has to come from somewhere, but I don't see how they are going to pay for everything we are going to give away."

Other farm groups are lauding the vote, especially Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"The US is now poised to retain its leadership role in the global beef market," said Les McNeill, TCFA president. "Cattle feeders supported NAFTA from the very beginning because it will increase market potential for beef."

Cattle feeders will receive an immediate benefit from NAFTA when Mexican tariffs on US beef fall to zero on Jan. 1. Mexico had imposed new tariffs last fall. The country is currently the third-largest importer of US beef, at \$260 million.

Program putting HEAT on thieves

A new program is available through the Castro County Sheriff's Office to help deter automobile theft.

Texas H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) is a program that began last year in some parts of the state as part of a pilot program, and is now available statewide. Brian Frieda, crime prevention officer for the Castro County Sheriff's Office, said the program is voluntary and may not be for all vehicle owners.

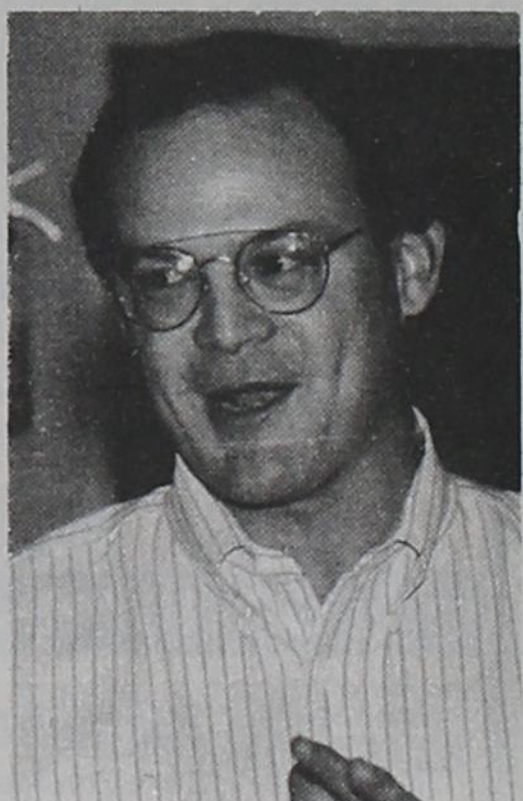
"The owner of a vehicle with a H.E.A.T. sticker gives a law enforcement officer permission to stop the car if it's seen between the hours of 1 and 5 a.m.," Frieda said. "Someone who signs up for Texas H.E.A.T. has information entered into the statewide computer network."

Registration information is already entered into the network; Texas H.E.A.T. registration means the owner's home phone number and a more complete description of the vehicle are included. Once a person signs up for Texas H.E.A.T., the owner is giving "probable cause" for the vehicle to be stopped during the early morning hours.

The program can also deter the common practice of taking stolen vehicles across the border into Mexico.

"Depending on the color of the sticker, the vehicle will be checked and the owner called 24 hours a day when the vehicle crosses the border," Frieda said.

The program costs \$2, and stickers are good for four years.



SMITH

Flu shots still right this year

It's not too late to get a flu shot, and officials say conditions are ripe for another outbreak of upper respiratory infections and flu again this year.

According to Vicki Buckley, infection control nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital, flu is especially insidious because it may be complicated by pneumonia, which usually requires hospitalization. Persons with higher risks include the elderly and persons with chronic or acute diseases.

"About 80% of the deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza occur among persons 65 years of age or older," Buckley said. "Vaccination of persons at high risk is the most effective way to prevent complications."

Flu shots are available through most doctors, Texas Dept. of Health and South Plains Health Providers Organization. The vaccine is virtually the same anywhere you get your shot and all are made the same way: from highly purified, egg-grown viruses that have been inactivated and are non-infectious.

With most vaccines coming from the same source, healthcare

workers are able to match up vaccine strains and virus strains that are circulation each season.

"An effective vaccine can prevent flu in about 70% of healthy children and young adults, and reduce by 70% the need for hospitalization due to pneumonia and other complications among the elderly," Buckley said.

While some recipients may have a bad reaction, flu shots do not cause recipients to get the flu, Buckley said, but could cause some adverse reactions.

"The most frequent side effect is tenderness at the injection site for about two days," said Buckley. "There could also be some skin rash or swelling. Systemic reactions could include fever, malaise and muscle aches and pain. Some people who have problems from flu shots may be sensitive to residual egg protein."

It's not too late for a flu shot this season, Buckley said. Flu shots may be given at the same time as other immunizations.

"Anyone with questions should contact their private physician," Buckley said.



DEAR SANTA CLAUS—Mindy Crow, 3-year-old daughter of Jeff and Trisha Crow of Soham, England and granddaughter of Gary and Yvonne Huffines of Dimmitt, fills Santa's ear with a list of presents she would like this Christmas. Crow and other youngsters visited with the jolly old elf at the gazebo during last Thursday night's Christmas Open House.

Photo by John Brooks

Social Security in Castro County

By Terry C. Richardson

Beginning Jan. 1, 1994, the only taxpayers who will see an increase in their Social Security taxes are those who earn more than \$57,600.

The 1994 "wage base," which is the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax, will be \$60,600, up from \$57,600 in 1993.

The tax rate will remain the same: 7.65% (6.2% for Social Security and 1.45% for Medicare).

The tax rate for self-employed individuals also will remain the same: 15.3% (12.4% for Social Security and 2.9% for Medicare).

Also beginning Jan. 1, individuals who make more than \$60,600 will continue to pay the Medicare portion of the Social Security tax—1.45% for wage earners and 2.9% for self-employed—on the rest of their earnings. In 1993, they paid Medicare taxes only up to a \$135,000 wage base.

The amount of wages needed to earn one Social Security "credit" will be \$620 in 1994, up from \$590 in 1993. The maximum number of credits that can be earned each year is four. Thus, anyone earning more than \$2,480 in 1994 will receive the maximum of four credits for the year.

To be eligible for Social Security benefits, a worker needs a specific number of credits. The number depends on his or her date of birth

and the type of benefit involved. Most people need 40 credits to be eligible for retirement benefits, but some younger people qualify for disability and survivors' benefits with as few as six credits.

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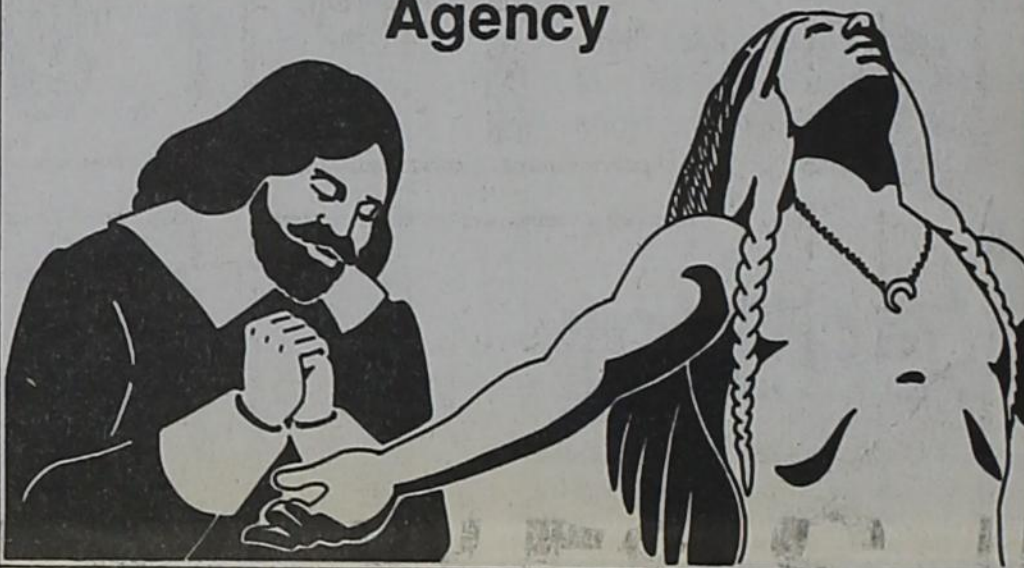
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The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

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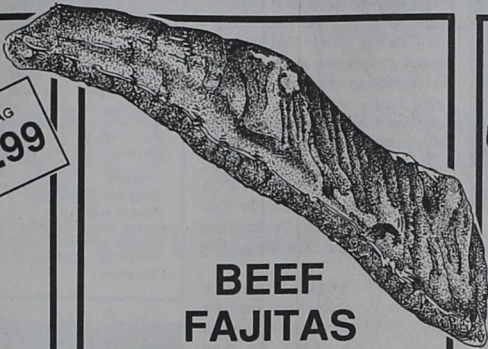
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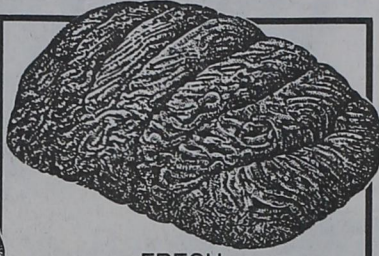
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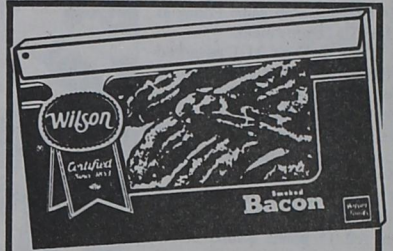
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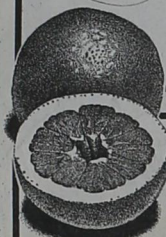
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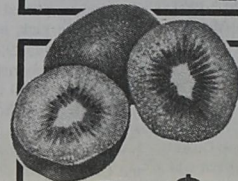
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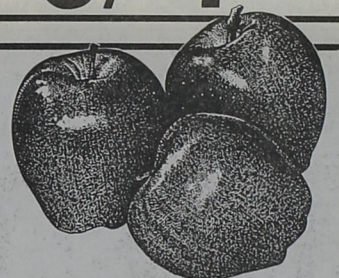
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Sports

Longhorns rally for area championship, 30-20

By JOHN BROOKS
Momentum switched sides more often than a Congressman voting on the latest Bill Clinton plan as the Hart Longhorns rallied for a 30-20 win over Munday in the area championship game Friday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

The Longhorns, 11-1, advanced to the regional round Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. They'll face the Rankin Red Devils in a rematch of last year's regional round. Hart won the 1992 battle, 24-7.

Hart jumped to an early lead Friday against the Moguls (8-3), then fell 11 points behind before rallying with an interception and touchdown catch by J.R. Lee and a 72-yard punt return by Jason Aven to rip the win from Munday.

The 'Horns added a touchdown by Eddy Chavers as time expired in the game.

Hart was once again without the services of the team's top ground gainer, Cesar Salas, for most of the contest. He carried the ball three times for 12 yards. Chavers, for the second-straight week, took up the slack with 29 carries for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

Hart's stifling defense, the best in Region 1, shut down the Moguls most of the night. Munday had 99 yards on 45 rushes, and was two-for-six passing for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Hart had momentum early in the game, rolling to a 9-0 lead with 8:07 left in the first half on a four-yard run by Chavers to cap a short 29-yard drive after a Munday safety.

The Moguls had been pinned deep in their own territory after stopping a Longhorn drive on downs at the Munday 13. Out of the single wing set, fullback Dustin Kiser dropped back to pass but was pressured and dropped the football. The ball was knocked around and rolled into the end zone, where Munday fell on the ball to give up two points.



BIG PUNT RETURN BY AVEN--Hart's Jason Aven (7) turns the corner as he returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter Friday in the area championship game against Munday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field. Aven's return gave the Longhorns a 23-20 lead en route to a 30-20 win.

Photo by Don Nelson

Munday punted the ball on the ensuing free kick, and Hart began from the Moguls 29. Taking just 10 plays, the Longhorns capitalized on an interference call in the end zone on a pass attempt from Jason Aven to Carlos Urbina. The penalty moved to ball to the Munday six, and Chavers scored on third down from the four. Raynea Garcia added the PAT kick to give Hart a 9-0 lead.

The 'Horns held off the Moguls again, but Munday then forced a

short Hart punt. Deep man Bronco Flye flew 25 yards with the return, going to the Hart five-yard line. Three plays later, Dustin Kiser carried the final yard on a cross-back over right tackle. Aaron Kiser ran the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 9-8 with 3:43 left in the first half.

Hart fumbled to the Moguls on the first play after the kickoff at the Hart 13, but the Moguls made just two yards and turned the ball over on downs. The Longhorns tried to run out the clock, but two Munday timeouts and an incomplete pass gave the Moguls a chance for a final play with 12 seconds left from the Hart 26. From the shotgun set, Dustin Kiser lobbed the ball over a Hart defender and into the hands of his brother Aaron in the end zone. The two-point run by Aaron Kiser was stopped just short of the end

zone, leaving Munday ahead 14-9 at the half.

After stopping Hart cold on the first possession of the third quarter, the Moguls drove 57 yards in 15 plays. Staying the ground from the single wing set, the Kisers alternated carries to the Hart 25. The biggest gains came at the Hart 26 on fourth-and-one, when Dustin Kiser barely picked up the first down, and two plays later, when Flye checked in for Aaron Kiser. Taking the direct snap from the right halfback spot, Flye flew 16 yards down the left side to the Hart nine. Four plays later, Dustin Kiser bulled in the end zone for a 20-9 lead.

After the Moguls stopped the 'Horns in three plays and forced a punt, Hart came back to regain control of the contest. On third down from the Munday 35, Aaron Kiser's pass was intercepted by Lee at the Hart 40 and returned 32 yards to the Munday 28.

The 'Horns surged into the end zone in six plays, with two passes playing key roles in the drive. On third-and-seven at the 25, Aven hit John Welps with an 11-yard gain to the Munday 14. Three plays later, on third-and-six, Aven threw a 10-yard strike to a leaping Lee in the end zone on the second play of the fourth quarter. After a timeout, Hart decided to go for the two-point conversion. Chavers dove over the top of the line and barely over the goal line to cut the lead to 20-17.

Momentum had definitely switched. Jason Aven was about to make sure it never left the Longhorns' side.

After Munday was forced out on three plays, deep man Aven let the Moguls' punt hit the ground and roll seven yards. It appeared he was going to let the ball roll dead, but he instead scooped it up on a hop, avoided two Moguls and raced 72 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 9:38 to play. The PAT attempt failed on a bad snap, but Hart had taken the lead for good at 23-20.

Hart allowed only one more first down to the Moguls the rest of the way, and took the ball over on downs with 1:15 to play at the Munday 43. Instead of falling on the ball, the Longhorns took advantage of an obviously relaxed Munday defense to score one more time at the end of the game. Chavers reeled off big gains of 15, 11 and 13 yards before going the final three as time expired.

Game at a Glance

	MUNDAY	HART
Penetrations	4	7
First Downs	9	14
Rushing Yards	99	142
Passing Yards	52	35
Total Offense	151	177
Passes Comp/Att	2/8	3/7
Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-2
Punts-Avg	5-24	5-23
Penalties-Yds	2-30	3-20

Hart	0	9	0	21	--	30
Munday	0	14	6	0	--	20

Scoring Summary

Second quarter:
Hart-Safety (Munday recovered a fumble in its own end zone.)
Hart-Eddy Chavers 4 run (Raynea Garcia kick)

Munday-Dustin Kiser 1 run (Aaron Kiser run)

Munday-Aaron Kiser 25 pass from Dustin Kiser (run failed)

Third quarter:
Munday-Dustin Kiser 1 run (run failed)

Fourth quarter:
Hart-J.R. Lee 10 pass from Jason Aven (Chavers run)

Hart-Aven 72 punt return (kick failed)

Hart-Chavers 3 run (Garcia kick)

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Munday-Dustin Kiser 15-27; Aaron Kiser 25-43; Bronco Flye 5-29. Hart-Eddy Chavers 29-127; Harvey Robledo 6-13; Jason Aven 10-(-10); Cesar Salas 3-12.

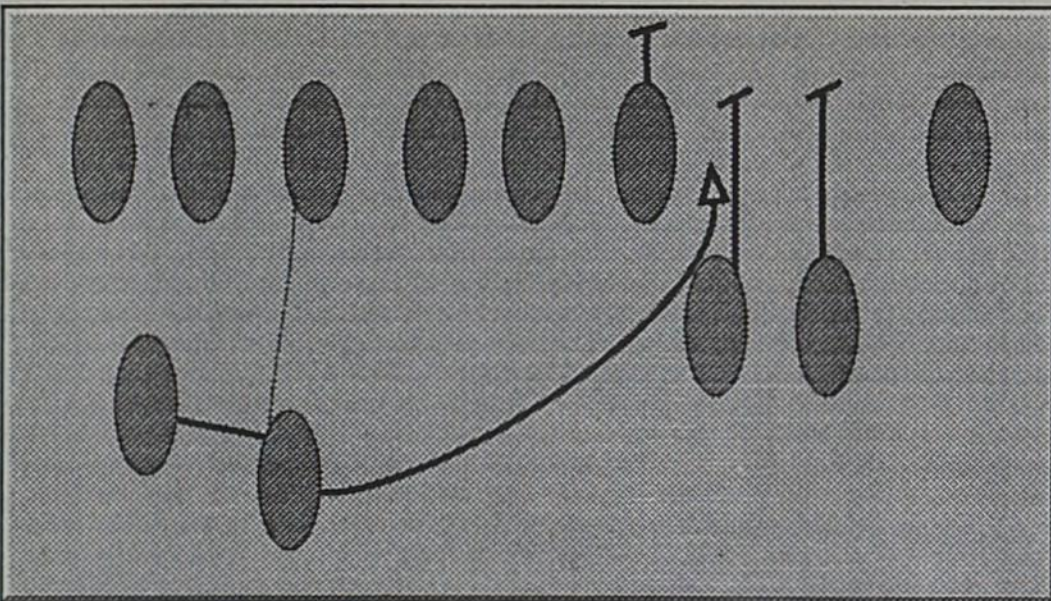
PASSING: Munday-Dustin Kiser 2/6, 52 yards; Aaron Kiser 0/2. Hart-Jason Aven 3/7, 35 yards.

RECEIVING: Munday-Donny Browning 1-27; Aaron Kiser 1-25. Hart-J.R. Lee 1-10; John Welps 1-11; Harvey Robledo 1-14.



BOWLING OVER THE LINE--Hart running back Eddy Chavers bowls over Munday defenders Bronco Flye (22) and Jake Jordan (24) during the fourth quarter Friday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. Chavers' run helped establish Hart's last touchdown drive as the Longhorns grabbed a 30-20 win in the area championship contest.

Photo by D'Lynn Hankins



How the Single Wing works

In this example, the ball is snapped from the center (second from left) to the fullback (along the dotted line). The halfback, to the fullback's left, takes a handoff from the fullback and carries on a sweep to the right side. In front of him is a blocking wall including two other backs (at right) and extra blockers from an unbalanced line. From the same set, the fullback could fake the handoff to the halfback, then keep the ball on a sweep. Munday ran this play several times against Hart on Friday.

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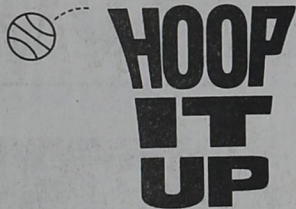
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SATURDAY: Bobcats vs. Randall, there

TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Petersburg, here



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Bobcats 85, River Road 78 (OT)
Bobbies 47, River Road 33
Bobbies 38, Levelland 51
Bobcats 42, Levelland 61

Nov. 23 Borger There
Nov. 25-27 . . . Queens Classic (Girls)
Nov. 30 Petersburg . . . Here
Dec. 2-4 Levelland Tournament (Girls)
Pioneer Classic (Boys)
Dec. 7 Monterey (Girls)There
Dec. 7 Hereford (Boys) .Here
Dec. 10 Estacado (Girls) .Here
Dec. 10 Slaton (Boys) .Here
Dec. 14 Petersburg . . . There
Dec. 16-18 . . . Brownfield Tournament (Boys)
Dec. 17 Ralls Here
Dec. 21 Sudan There
Dec. 28-30 . . . Caprock Tournament
Jan. 4 Clovis (Girls) . . Here
Jan. 7 Brownfield . . . There
*Jan. 11 Floydada . . . There
*Jan. 14 Littlefield. . . . Here
*Jan. 18 Friona There
*Jan. 21 Tulia There
*Jan. 25 Muleshoe. . . . Here
*Jan. 28 Floydada . . . Here
*Feb. 1 Littlefield. . . . There
*Feb. 4 Friona Here
*Feb. 8 Tulia Here
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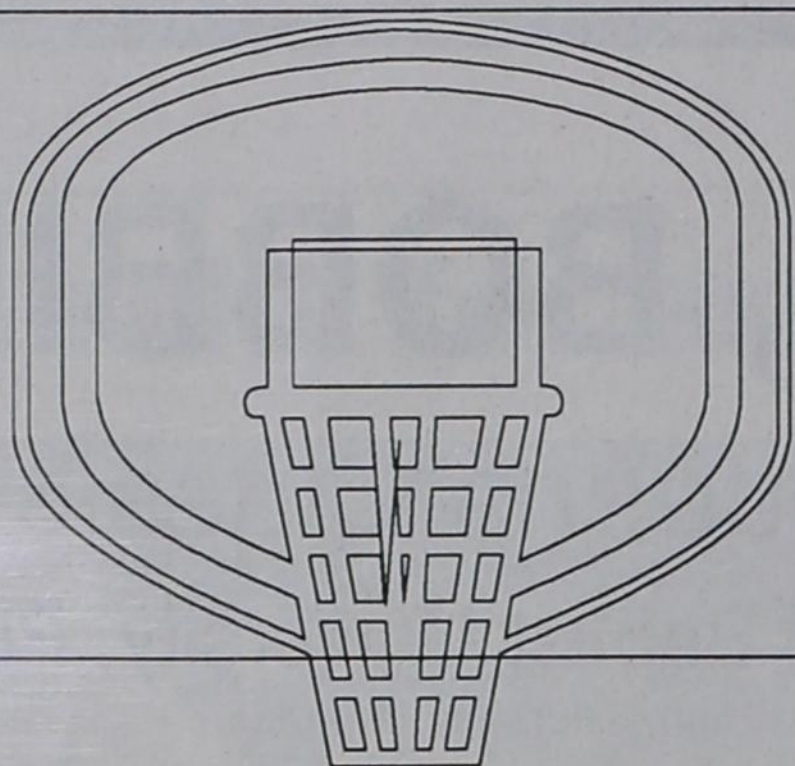
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1993-94 BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Texas Best Basketball

SWIFTS BOBCATS

Pressure, quickness key for '94 Bobcats

After three games, it's easy to see there aren't a whole lot of differences between Dimmitt Bobcats from the past and Dimmitt Bobcats coached by Alan Steinle.

"I developed my philosophy and style from being with Coach Kenneth Cleveland for 10 years," Steinle said. He spent those years at Cleveland's side as varsity assistant before going to Canton as head coach for the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons.

"The things I've tried to do have been the same type of things that have almost always been done here in the past," Steinle said. "Our style is basically the same: we'll have a pressure defense and high-tempo offense."

During those 10 years here as Cleveland's assistant, the Bobcats won two state championships (1982 and 1983) and went to the state tournament four other times.

"Those were some pretty good times," Steinle said. "I hope we have some more good times here, beginning this year. That would take a lot of the sting out of everything."

The sting, of course, comes from the death of Coach Cleveland last May. Steinle has reminders of Cleveland in his office, including pictures of the two of them together.

"The things I miss most are not so much the tight ballgames and the workouts, but the times we would sit in the office and talk basketball or other issues, or riding together to go scout teams or see ballgames," Steinle said. "I already miss that."

Steinle's ready to handle whatever pressures may come his way. To Steinle, you see, there is no pressure at all.

"A lot of people wonder how you replace someone like Kenneth Cleveland, and the answer to that is you don't replace Kenneth Cleveland," Steinle said. "There was only one Kenneth Cleveland, a man who was one of the greatest coaches in the nation, let alone the state."

"Is there pressure on me? In comparison to how much I miss my friend, that's not anywhere near one of my worries. I miss my friend more that I'm concerned about any pressure on me."

Just to add to any other burdens that may be around, the Bobcats have been picked No. 2 in the state in Class 3A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

"That's still a result of the respect and tradition Kenneth Cleveland instilled in Dimmitt basketball," Steinle said. "It's nice to be thought of that way. Our goal is to get to the playoffs and then see what happens. Our ultimate goal is to win state, and that has always been our goal."

The team comes into the season with four seniors: Garland Coleman, Tait Crow, Guy Lewis and Phil Thrasher.

"Garland has shown a lot of improvement over the past two years and has really worked to improve his game," Steinle said. "He's not a flashy player, but he does the job."

"Tait is going to help inside with his size and his ability to play a physical game. His shot will come around with some time in the gym."

"Guy will help us inside. He's not big, but neither are any of the rest of our players. He's really quick, though, especially the first two steps."

"Phil is going to help us when he is well. He broke his finger in the last week of the football season, but he will be able to help us inside and outside when he gets well."

The Bobcats carry 14 players on the roster currently, and all should get plenty of playing time during the year, Steinle said.

"So many of our players are so young they just need some seasoning, some experience at the varsity level," Steinle said. "There's such a big difference between the speed of the game from the freshman level to the varsity level that it's going to take some of these players a while to adjust, no matter how good they are."

"Justin Newman (5-11 sophomore) is really good on the offensive end. He is a good jumper. He's not that big, but as a sophomore he has good post moves."

"Fernando Ontiveros (5-8 junior) plays the middle on our 2-3 zone and also has the ability to go inside or outside for us. He is an excellent jumper and we're going to



READY FOR NEW CHALLENGES--Coach Alan Steinle (second row, far left) is ready to lead the 1993-94 Dimmitt Bobcats through new challenges this year. Team members include (top) Derrick Thomas; (second row, from left) Chad Ellis, Joe Larra, Michael

Hinojosa, Tait Crow and filmer Clifford Ewing; (third row, from left) Eufemio Saucedo, Joe Larra, Phil Thrasher, Johnny Flores, Justin Newman, Guy Lewis and Zach Bell; (fourth row) Joey Martinez and Garland Coleman.

Photo by John Brooks

need help from Fernando inside and outside throughout the year. He has good quickness and he'll have to rely on his quickness more than his height.

"Johnny Flores (5-8 junior) and Derrick Thomas (5-9 junior) are back from last year's team. They started a majority of the games last year, and they're going to have to get it done for us outside. They

have the ability to shoot well and take care of the basketball against pressure from other teams.

"They also draw attention to themselves, and are able to get the ball to others for easy baskets."

"Chad Ellis (6-0) has a nice touch around the basket for a big, husky kid. Chad and Joey Martinez (5-8) and Joe Larra (5-8) are three sophomores that played on the

freshman team last year and are adjusting well to the varsity level. It's been a pretty big jump for them, but I think the pressure from the advanced competition will make them exceptional players in the future."

"Eufemio Saucedo (5-9 junior) has really come around with his skills. He can score big for us, especially with three-pointers. He can be an exciting player for us."

"Michael Hinojosa (5-11 junior) doesn't have a lot of size, either, but is a good defensive player and causes lots of deflections and does things that upset other teams' rhythms."

Dimmitt, like always, faces a tough schedule, including Class A regional champ Petersburg, Class 4A teams Randall, Hereford and

(Continued on Page 7)

Dimmitt Bobcats 1993-94 schedule

Nov. 16	...	River Road	...	Here
Nov. 19	...	Levelland	...	Here
Nov. 23	...	Borger	...	There
Nov. 27	...	Randall	...	There
Nov. 30	...	Petersburg	...	Here
Dec. 2-3	...	Plainview Tournament		
Dec. 7	...	Hereford	...	Here
Dec. 10	...	Slaton	...	Here
Dec. 14	...	Petersburg	...	There
Dec. 16-18	...	Brownfield Tournament		
Dec. 28-30	...	Caprock Tournament		
Jan. 4	...	Caprock	...	Here
Jan. 7	...	Brownfield	...	There
*Jan. 11	...	Floydada	...	There
*Jan. 14	...	Littlefield	...	Here
*Jan. 18	...	Friona	...	There
*Jan. 21	...	Tulia	...	There
*Jan. 25	...	Muleshoe	...	Here
*Jan. 28	...	Floydada	...	Here
*Feb. 1	...	Littlefield	...	There
*Feb. 4	...	Friona	...	Here
*Feb. 8	...	Tulia	...	Here
*Feb. 11	...	Muleshoe	...	There

*District 2-3A games

All games at 8 p.m.

Tournament game times to be announced

Bobbies defend Queens Classic

Dimmitt will open defense of the Plainview Queens Classic when the Bobbies face Amarillo High at 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day at Hutcherson Center.

The field, as always, is tough. The Bobbies are defending state Class 3A champions and Amarillo High won the 1993 5A state crown. Last year, the Bobbies hung the lone loss of the year on the Lady Sandies.

In the other match in the upper bracket, Plainview (1993 2-4A runner-up) will meet Class 4A rival Randall at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders were regional finalists last year.

In the bottom half of the bracket, Canyon and Slaton meet in the tournament opener at 8:30 Thanksgiving morning. At noon, Levelland (Class 4A's state runner-up a year ago) will face Muleshoe, the favorite to win Region 1-3A this year.

If the Bobbies win their first-round game, they will play Friday at 7:30 p.m.; with a loss, they play Friday at noon. The seventh-place game is at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, with

the consolation championship game at noon. The third-place game is Saturday at 4 p.m., and the title game is Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The college bracket is loaded with NAIA's top ladies teams, including the Flying Queen from Wayland Baptist University. Other college squads include Simon Fraser, Southwestern Oklahoma State, Central State, Arkansas Tech, Northern Montana, University of Montevallo and Oklahoma City University. College action will be interspersed during the three days.



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Height, experience are Swifts' strengths in '94

If Nazareth can overcome injuries early in the season, the Swifts should be one of the main contenders in the race for the Region 1-A title this year.

For the past three years the Swifts have seen their basketball season end in the regional semifinals. Their goal this season is to clear that hurdle and get into the championship game.

"We want to get to the regional championship game, and then win regional," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. "We want to make it to state, then we'll worry about winning it. I envision this team to be the best, overall, that I've had. It definitely has the most depth and experience. And all of the guys are dedicated about coming in the gym."

Makeever welcomes back two starters and several lettermen who saw a lot of playing time in 1993.

But right now one of those starters, Nick Johnson, a 6-0 senior guard who averaged 13.5 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals last year, is nursing a dislocated elbow and is being forced to watch from the sidelines.

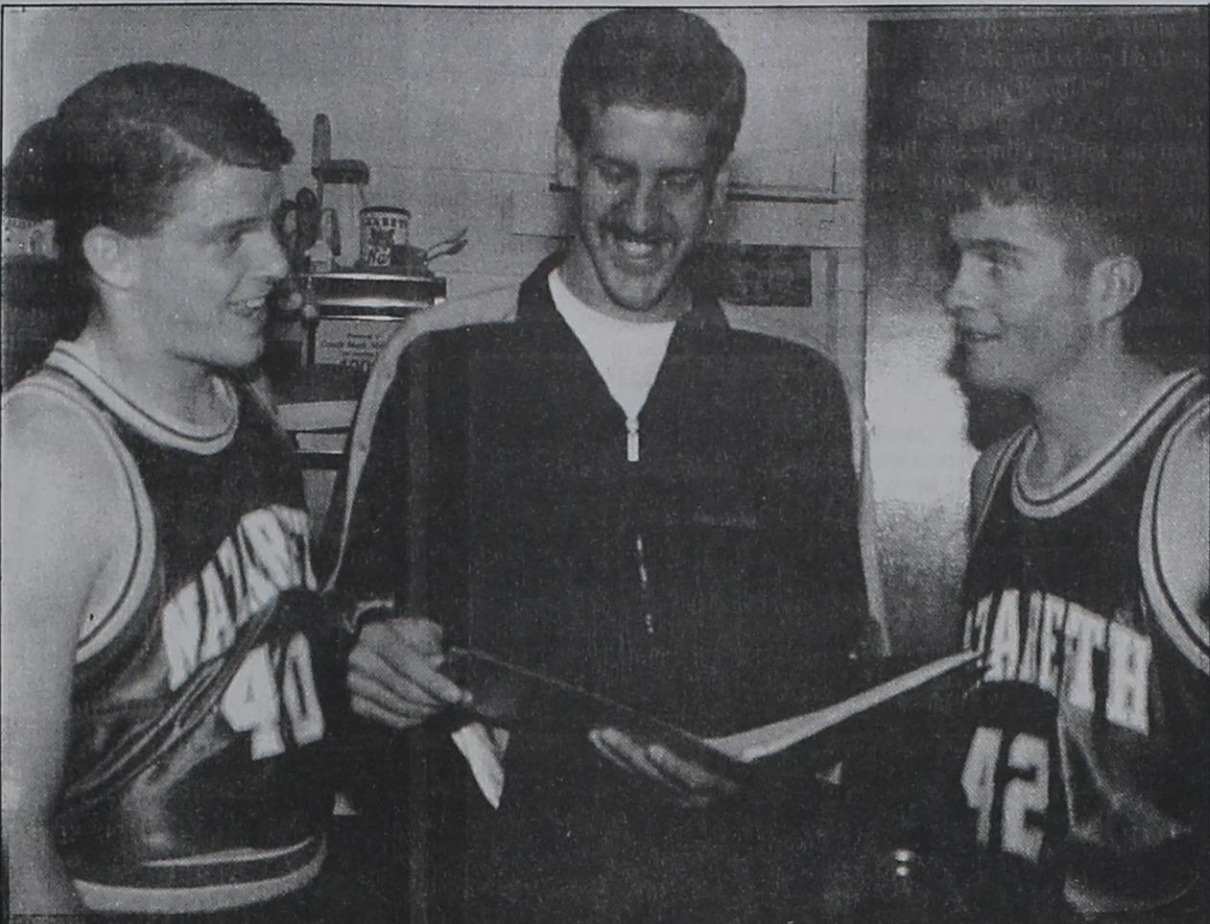
The other returning starter, 5-11 senior wing Justin Wethington carrying an 11-point and four-rebound average, has been battling a knee injury.

And Joey Hacker, a 5-9 senior wing, is recovering from a knee injury he sustained during football season.

If those players can recover and return to the hardwood, Makeever expects good things to happen. But he adds that having those players down is getting some other players a lot of playing time early in the season, and that can only help down the road.

Other returning lettermen are Colby Pohlmeier, a 6-2 junior wing or post; Scott Brockman, a 6-2 junior point or wing; and Gaylon Schilling, a 6-2 sophomore post. Each logged a lot of playing time last season and averaged between 5 and 6 points apiece.

That trio, along with Wethington and Johnson when they recover from their injuries, will be the Swifts' starting five. Until Johnson returns, Trampas Ball, a 6-3 senior wing or



WE'RE READY! — Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever goes over strategies with his two returning starters, Nick Johnson (left) and Justin Wethington. Although graduation claimed three top performers, the Swifts have a host of experienced lettermen back and hope to be one of the main contenders for the Region 1-A title this season *Photo by Anne Acker*

post, has stepped into a starting role and has looked good in early games.

The season opener saw Ball starting at small forward, Brockman at point, Wethington as a guard and Pohlmeier and Schilling at posts.

Schilling enjoyed a lot of playing time last year as a freshman, and he even started a few games. Makeever said he handles the ball well and has good post moves.

Pohlmeier is a "very versatile athlete who can play anywhere on the floor," according to Makeever. "He has a nice outside shot and he can shoot with either hand."

He expects Johnson, who is a four-year starter, to provide a lot of leadership. "We know he's got the skills to be a great player. He's already proven that," Makeever said.

He added that when Johnson is able to return, he will probably start at point while Brockman will move to the forward position.

"I think Scott is going to have a great year," Makeever said. "He's got the capability of playing either outside or inside. But his best attribute is his mind. He tries to do what we want."

Rounding out the Swifts' roster are seniors Brad Keel (5-11 wing) and Morgan Heck (6-0 post); and sophomore Alston Farris, a 5-9 point or wing.

Makeever plans to utilize his team's overall size and agility on offense.

"With four guys standing 6-2 or better—especially when all of those guys are pretty mobile—we will go mostly with an inside-out type of offense. We're definitely going to try and post people up. We ought to have some mismatches on the floor. Somebody small will have to guard one of our 6-2 guys most of the time. We're going to play fast-tempo

if the game calls for it, or we'll slow down and pound it inside if we're bigger than our opponent."

But the Swifts won't neglect their outside game either. Especially with strong shooters like Wethington, whose shooting Makeever describes as "really strong."

"We told Justin the other day that if he was free for a second, he had a green light to shoot—that's how well he's been shooting the ball. I don't think he's missed two in a row since we started school. He is shooting the ball well and he's got a good vertical on the break. He doesn't hesitate to take it to the hole and when he does, he just glides over people."

How the Swifts play defensively also will determine a lot of their offense. Makeever hopes the press defense will yield turnovers and create a lot of the Swifts' offense from fast break plays.

Nazareth will use a match-up zone press and might run more of a half-court trap this year, especially with its tall players, "to see if we can knock some passes down," Makeever said. From the press the Swifts will drop back into a man-to-man defense.

The senior-oriented Swift bench will be called upon to contribute a lot this season, Makeever said.

"I think we're finally reaping some of the benefits of our junior varsity program," Makeever said. "I expect these guys to contribute a lot. We expect them to become leaders off the bench or to fill as a starter as needed. They all are very athletic and are capable of achieving a lot."

He said Heck gives everything he's got when he's on the floor and he is the type of post player that will draw a lot of fouls because he posts up so well.

Hacker runs the court "non-stop," and has a nice 15- to 17-foot

jumpshot. Makeever expects him to contribute heavily from the bench.

The Swifts, who are ranked 13th in the state, will need a lot of depth when they reach the playoffs. Several area teams also are ranked in the top 20, including defending Region 1-A champ Petersburg. Others mentioned in the poll are Anton and Plains. Makeever expects Sudan and Lorenzo to have strong teams, too.

The Swifts' non-conference slate features a lot of bigger schools like Randall, Tulia, and Abernathy; and they are entered in the Whiteface Tournament, Abernathy Tournament and Sudan Tournament. Nazareth's district slate features just six games, so every contest is important.

Makeever said he expects Happy to be his team's toughest district opponent, with Lazbuddie coming in next and Cotton Center as the weakest.

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Dec. 2-4 . . .	Whiteface Tournament	
Dec. 7	Abernathy	Here
Dec. 9-11 . . .	Abernathy Tournament	
Dec. 14	Tulia	Here
Dec. 17	Vega	There
Dec. 28-30 . . .	Sudan Tournament	
Jan. 4	Friona	There
Jan. 8	Clovis	Here
Jan. 11	Lorenzo	Here
Jan. 14	Valley	There
Jan. 18	Whitharral	There
Jan. 21	Valley	Here
*Jan. 25	Lazbuddie	Here
*Jan. 28	Happy	Here
*Feb. 1	Cotton Center	There
*Feb. 4	Lazbuddie	There
*Feb. 8	Happy	There
*Feb. 11	Cotton Center	Here

*District games

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Tournament game times to be announced

More about

Bobcats . . .

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Caprock, and tough fields in the Plainview, Brownfield and Caprock tournaments.

Then there's District 2-3A.

"Littlefield's probably the team to beat, because they've got four starters back," Steidle said. "Tulia has a bunch of talented kids, good athletes with size and quickness."

"Muleshoe has a new 6-7 kid that has moved in and everyone says he can really play. Friona is real young, just two seniors, but by the time district gets here they should be okay. Floydada has a new coach with big losses from last year. They may be a little down, but they have some good players and could be a factor.

"District's not going to be a cakewalk for anyone."

Also new this year is a double round-robin district season. In the past the district was played in halves, with the winner of each half assured of a playoff spot. This year, it's a 10-game schedule, with a cumulative record determining the top two spots for the playoffs.

"It still just boils down to winning," Steidle said. "A lot of times, 95 times out of 100, the top two teams are going to be the same whether you play halves or a double round-robin. The only bad thing about the double round-robin is that you could get a player hurt or sick and he sits out Friday-Tuesday-Friday. You could be hurt worse."



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Thomas leads all-district team

Dimmitt's Derrick Thomas was named to the first team on offense and defense on the District 2-3A all-district team announced this week.

Thomas led Dimmitt's offense with over 1,500 rushing yards and was the leading tackler for the Bobcats.

Also earning first team honors on offense was center Ramiro Rosales.

Thomas was honored as an all-district linebacker, and was joined on the first team by noseguard Jimmy Casas and punter Tait Crow. Casas made the first team for the second-straight year.

On the second team defense for Dimmitt were Rosales on the line and Crow at linebacker.

Justin Roberts was named to the second-team offense as a line-man.

The team was dominated by district champion Littlefield, who had 15 members.

All-District 2-3A Team Selected by district head coaches

First Team Offense
Linemen: Adam Gonzales, senior, Floydada; Dale Perez, junior, Friona; Ben Zuniga, junior, Tulia; Ramiro Rosales, senior, Dimmitt; Chris Ward, junior, Littlefield; Jeremy Contreras, junior, Littlefield.

Receivers: Jason McCaslin, junior, Tulia; Daniel Garbarino, sophomore, Muleshoe.

Tight end: Brandon Gilliland, senior, Floydada; and Louis Williams, senior, Littlefield.

Quarterback: Sammy Rodriguez, junior, Floydada.

Running backs: Juan Gamboa, junior, Friona; Derrick Thomas, junior,

Dimmitt; Pete Cooper, junior, Floydada; Rene Espinoza, senior, Littlefield.
Kicker: Junior Garcia, senior, Tulia.

First Team Defense
Linemen: Jimmy Casas, senior, Dimmitt; Rafael de Ochoa, senior, Floydada; Leonard Barrow, senior, Tulia; Robert Flores, senior, Littlefield; Jason Reagan, senior, Littlefield.
Linebackers: Junior Garcia, senior, Tulia; Derrick Thomas, junior, Dimmitt; Joshua Villareal, junior, Littlefield; Mark Duran, junior, Littlefield.

Corners: Brent Barnett, senior, Tulia; and Michael Kimble, senior, Littlefield.

Safeties: Cash Love, senior, Tulia; and Justin Johnson, senior, Littlefield.

Second Team Offense
Linemen: Justin Roberts, senior, Dimmitt; Tyson Edwards, senior, Floydada; Chuck Brown, junior, Littlefield; Kalam Puckett, senior, Muleshoe; Rafael de Ochoa, senior, Floydada; Cody Culwell, senior, Tulia; Andy Wilson, senior, Muleshoe.

Receivers: Cash Love, senior, Tulia; Elias Gutierrez, senior, Floydada; Gage Angeley, senior, Muleshoe; Jay Belcher, junior, Friona.

Quarterback: Kareem White, senior, Tulia.

Running backs: Chris Hanna, junior, Friona; Marcus Hicks, junior, Tulia.
Kicker: Kit Preston, junior, Friona.

Second Team Defense
Linemen: Ramiro Rosales, senior, Dimmitt; Cody Culwell, senior, Tulia; Michael Greene, senior, Littlefield; Adam Gonzales, senior, Floydada; Jason Medrano, senior, Friona; Chris Ortega, Senior, Littlefield.

Linebackers: Mike Ochoa, senior, Floydada; Pedro Nunez, senior, Muleshoe; Luis Rodriguez, senior, Friona; Chris Mahaney, senior, Tulia; Tait Crow, senior, Dimmitt.

Corners: Sammy Rodriguez, junior, Floydada; Alfredo Gonzales, sophomore, Muleshoe.

Safeties: Tate Glasscock, senior, Floydada; Chris Hanna, junior, Friona.
Punter: Cash Love, senior, Tulia.

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY						
Tulia 61, Swiftettes 60						
Nazareth	11	17	13	19	--	60
Tulia	17	14	16	14	--	61
Nazareth: Lena Durbin 21, Kristin Brockman 18.						
Swifts 69, Tulia 61						
Nazareth	9	18	16	26	--	69
Tulia	10	17	15	21	--	61
Nazareth: Justin Wethington 15, Brad Keel 13.						
Lady Horns 50, Springlake-Earth 43						
S-Earth	16	12	9	6	--	43
Hart	12	11	13	14	--	50
Hart: Shea Bennett 26, Trinette Finch 8.						

Levelland 61, Bobcats 42						
Levelland	15	19	13	14	--	61
Dimmitt	13	22	12	8	--	42
Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 8, Garland Coleman 7.						
Levelland 51, Bobbles 39						
Levelland	15	15	16	5	--	51
Dimmitt	13	4	9	13	--	39
Dimmitt: Kim Thomas 19, Katrina Acker 6.						

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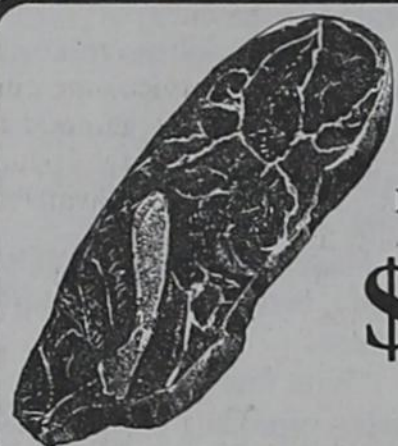
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BASKET BY WILCOX--Dimmitt's Tiffany Wilcox goes up with a shot over a Levelland defender in a non-conference game Friday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The Levelland girls, one of the top teams in the state in Class 4A, downed the defending 3A state champion Bobbies, 51-38.

Photo by Art Ortega

ROW holds meeting

The Republican Organization for Women recently met at First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch and heard a report from Deanne Clark on the state convention of Republican Women, and heard Rosa Acker tell about her days in Italy.

The 22 women present enjoyed barbecued ribs and all the trimmings, served by hostesses Lynn Sides, Carolyn Sides and Marguerite Cole.

Clark gave a rundown on the state convention and discussed the up-beat attitudes of Republican candidates. She also advised the group about petition signing, voting in primary elections and attending precinct conventions.

Irene Wilhelm handed out cards which are to be sent to Montie Hasie, who is on the State Board of Education. The cards are an attempt to alert Hasie of the "unfavorable aspects of Outcome-Based Education and Education for Self Responsibility III, programs that lead to 'dumbing down' curriculum and requirements and sex education without abstinence focus."

Acker told the women about her experiences in Italy, especially during the rise of Benito Mussolini and the war.

She reminded the ladies of the privileges of living in the United States and told them to fight for continued freedoms and for "people taking care of themselves versus having government provide everything."

She said guns were taken from the Italians because of too much violence. The Italians were unable to defend themselves against the usurping government.

"Socialized health care takes the care out of the service wherein the hospitals are unkept and food must be brought in by the patient's family. Nurses are not available to each patient," said Acker.

She suggested that the president, vice president and members of con-

gress voluntarily serve four years without pay in an attempt to get the country out of debt.

Voters won't get new cards

Registered voters in Castro County won't receive new voter registration certificates because a redistricting plan has not been approved by the US Justice Dept.

If new lines are not approved before the March primary election, cards will be mailed out observing lines used in the last election, according to Billy Hackleman, county tax assessor-collector.

Hackleman said new cards will be issued when approved by the Justice Dept.

The blue voter registration cards will be valid through Dec. 13, and the new cards will be yellow.

Any voter who has a change of name, residence address or mailing address within the county should notify Hackleman immediately. Notification of changes should be made in writing, either in person or by mail at the tax office, located in the courthouse.

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Burnam grands barrow show

Jayson Burnam exhibited the Grand Champion barrow, a Berkshire, at the No Name Pig Prospect Show which was held Sunday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The show was sponsored by parents of youngsters who are raising show pigs and it was a "warm-up" show for those new to showing. The emphasis in the show was on showmanship techniques.

Kevin Kelly, vocational-agriculture instructor from Hereford, served as judge for the show.

Earning Reserve Grand Champion honors was a Duroc shown by Brad Keel.

Breed Champion honors went to Joe Sanchez, Chester; Burnam, Hampshire; Sarah Olivera, Poland; B.J. Kern, Spot; Aaron Kern, Yorkshire; and Trinity Robb, Cross.

Earning the Senior Showmanship trophy was Coby Schacher while Matthew Kern won the Junior Showmanship honor. First-year showmanship winners were Trinity Robb and Lisa McLaurin.

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Mountain Climbers

More than 40 years have passed since Tenzing Norgay attained international fame. Some of you are already asking, "Who is Tenzing Norgay and what is he famous for?"

Well, for one thing he saved Sir Edmund Hillary's life. A few of you may remember that Hillary was the first person in history to conquer the mighty Mt. Everest. Norgay went along for the climb. The Everest peak is 29,028 feet above sea level and prior to 1953 when Hillary and Norgay reached the summit, no one had ever made it to the top.

Hillary most likely would not have lived to tell the world about the feat had it not been for Norgay's quick action. On the way back down the treacherous ice covered slope, Hillary slipped and began to fall. Norgay dug in and braced against the inevitable jerk that would come when Hillary hit the end of the rope that linked them together. Norgay maintained his perilous grip on the mountain and Hillary

lived to climb again.

At the foot of the mountain, the huge press corps made a big deal out of Norgay's heroic action. Norgay's answer to all the fuss and bother was simply: "Mountain climbers always look out for each other."

As I envisioned the two climbers descending the face of Mt. Everest, I thought of the parallels of everyday business life. There are many mountains to climb. Every week brings new challenges. We all have an opportunity to be heroes.

Heroes wanted

Few of us will ever experience the thrill of saving someone else's life. When I think of heroes, I envision a fire fighter rescuing the child from the burning building. I see rescue personnel snatching a flood victim from the raging waters. The men and women who put their lives on the line rescuing trapped earthquake victims would also rate hero status.

For most of us, opportunities like those I've just described will never come.

We will live our lives every day with little thought of the dramatic.

Therefore, I should define the type of "mountain climbing hero" I'm talking about. Each of us has an opportunity every day to influence the lives of others. Our children, family, co-workers and friends are all affected by our actions. And just like Hillary and Norgay, we should be looking out for each other.

The heroes that we want--no, more than that, the heroes that we desperately need--are those who are willing to do their part. Our hero recruiting advertisement headline might read "willing helpers wanted."

Critical shortage

There is a critical shortage of willing helpers. Churches, charitable organizations, service clubs, corporations and government are all in dire need of willing volunteers. We need mountain climbing heroes who will dig in and stay tied to the mountain until the job is done. We need men and women who will set heroic examples.

Oh yes, I've hear the excuses, "too busy," "too covered-up just now," "not very good at that sort of thing" and "too many irons in the fire right now." You've heard them too. Maybe even used a few of them yourself. I have.

However, if we don't dig in, who will? Who will carry the burden? Who will accept the challenges? Who will help the helpless? Who will cheer the hopeless? Who will lovingly guide our young people and care for our elderly?

Will you be the mountain climber? Will you be the hero? Will you be the willing helper?

We must not wait for someone else to do for us what we can do for ourselves. I pledge to dig into the mountains of faith, hope and charity this year. I will be someone's example, I will anchor someone's safety rope. Won't you join me and become a mountain climber, too?

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo 79105.

USDA reorganization plan pushes 'one stop'

Interested in the latest farm program information? Conservation programs? Your CRP contract? Cost-share programs?

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That's the plan from the National Performance Review Team, unveiled by President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in September. Their plan for "reinventing government" is included as part of HR 3171, the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1993. Parts of the bill are fine and other aren't so good, according to Carl King of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

TCGA is fighting parts of the legislation, citing three major points:

- The bill's "one-stop shopping" concept would be defeated by the bill, which grants authority to create another federal agency.
- All functions relating to conservation programs would be shifted to that new agency, away from the proposed Farm Service Agency (FSA).
- The legislation calls for the appointment of two non-farmers or non-ranchers to the county committee and state committee.

The contentions are part of a two-page form letter that was sent by TCGA to its members. The letters were part of a packet mailed to members in late October that included a cover letter by King and

addresses for US Reps. Bill Sarpalius, Larry Combest and Charles Stenholm. The three represent most of TCGA's members, and all serve on the House Agriculture Committee.

According to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy, the plans would streamline USDA, cut \$1.3 billion in costs and slice 7,500 jobs over the next five years.

"The new USDA will provide a better level of services at a lower cost through a more efficient use of resources," Espy said.

However, TCGA feels the creation of a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) would add costs. NRCS would be separate from the FSA, and would take away from the one-stop convenience--and streamline--idea of the plan.

If conservation programs are moved from ASCS (and FSA) to the NRCS, that means programs including ACP, CRP, conservation compliance, integrated farm management and others would not be under the FSA's jurisdiction.

"The resources to carry out the administration of the conservation

program currently exist within ASCS," the Texas Corn letter maintains. "SCS should be a part of the FSA."

The letter also calls for the addition of at least two farmer member to county and state committees if non-farmers or non-ranchers are added to the boards. The boards are responsible for supervising the lawful disposition of USDA programs.

Espy maintained at a September teleconference with USDA employees that the program should include one location for USDA agencies, with common service and computer areas. The plan calls for paring the number of field offices from 3,700 to 2,485. The proposal doesn't call for widespread closing of county offices like past plans, but aims for consolidation of USDA agencies under fewer roofs, with fewer walls between agencies.

USDA plans to reform meat and poultry inspection, while combining the Federal Grain Inspection Service with the Packers and Stockyards Administration. Some of the functions spread among FmHA, Rural Electrification Administration

and Rural Development Administration will be merged into the Rural Economic and Community Development Dept. The RDA's and REA's rural community loan programs will be combined with the FmHA's rural housing program in the Rural Community Development Service.

The food and nutrition arm of USDA takes up farm more of the budget than agricultural programs; it, too, will face changes. A Food and Nutrition Consumer Service will combine several departments, while the new Nutrition Research and Education Service will focus on Espy's goal of merging nutritional education with USDA food delivery programs including food stamps, WIC and school food.

Extension Service programs will see slight changes.

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Corn ACR is slashed to zero

A 31% decrease in the 1993 corn crop from 1992 has resulted in the lowering of the 1994 corn acreage reduction program to zero, according to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy.

According to Scotty Abbott, executive director of the Castro County ASCS, the adjustment was made to zero from the previous 5% mark because of the short crop, and because 1993 carryover stocks are at the lowest level since 1975. The action was taken in part to help assure feed grain supplies for domestic livestock producers and other users and to have sufficient feed grains for export in 1994, Abbott said.

The Agriculture Act of 1949, as amended, requires that the feed grain ARP percentages must be announced on or before Sept. 30. This year, Espy announced on Sept. 30 that 1994 feed grain ARP percentages would be 5% for corn and zero for grain, sorghum, barley and oats.

Espy is also authorized to make adjustments in the 1994 program not later than Nov. 15 if the total supply of feed grains changed significantly after the 1994 ARP percentages were first announced. Since the initial announcement, estimated feed grain supplies for the 1993 crop are down about 8%. Espy said the change was sufficient to warrant adjustment in the corn ARP percentage.

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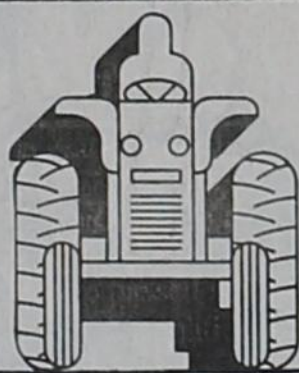
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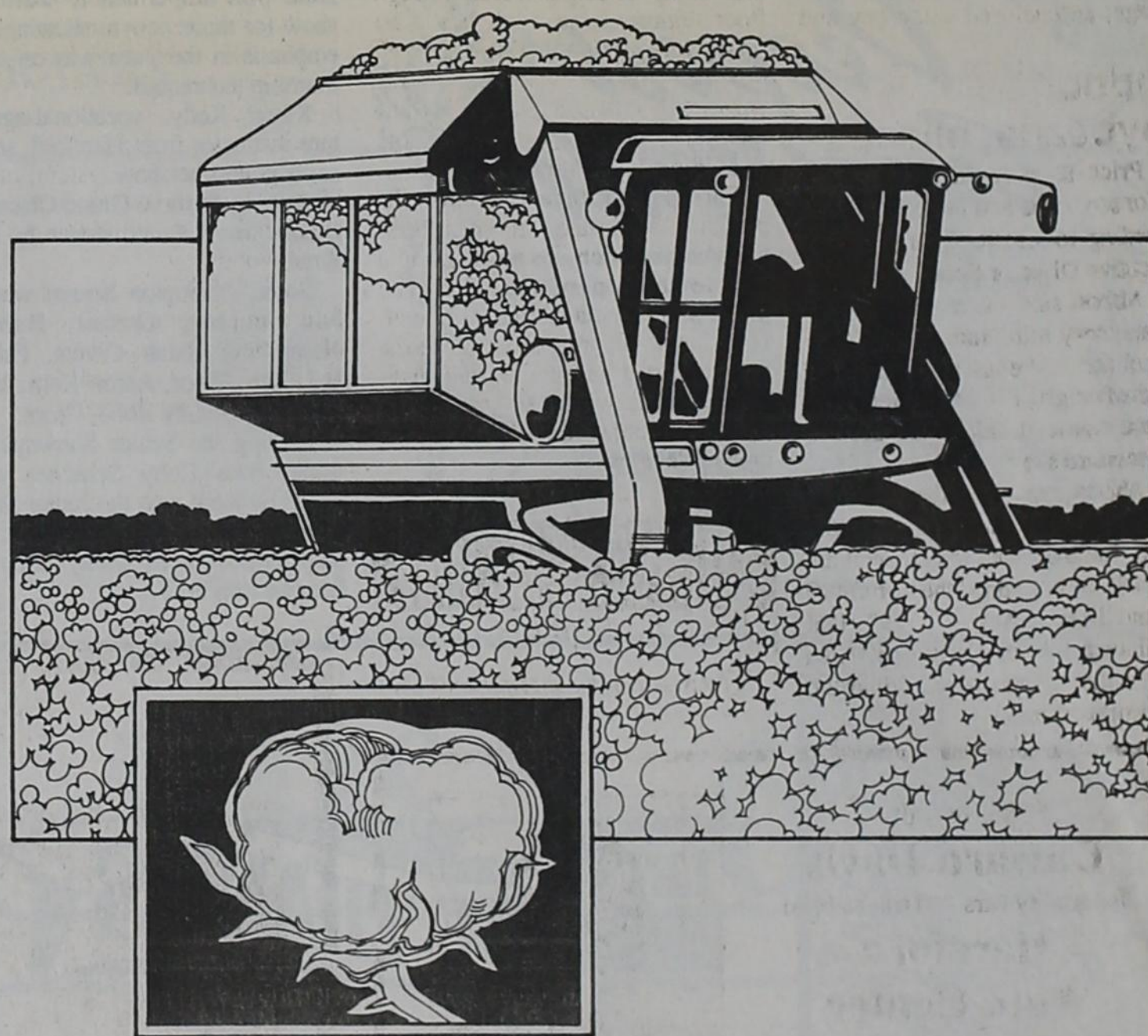
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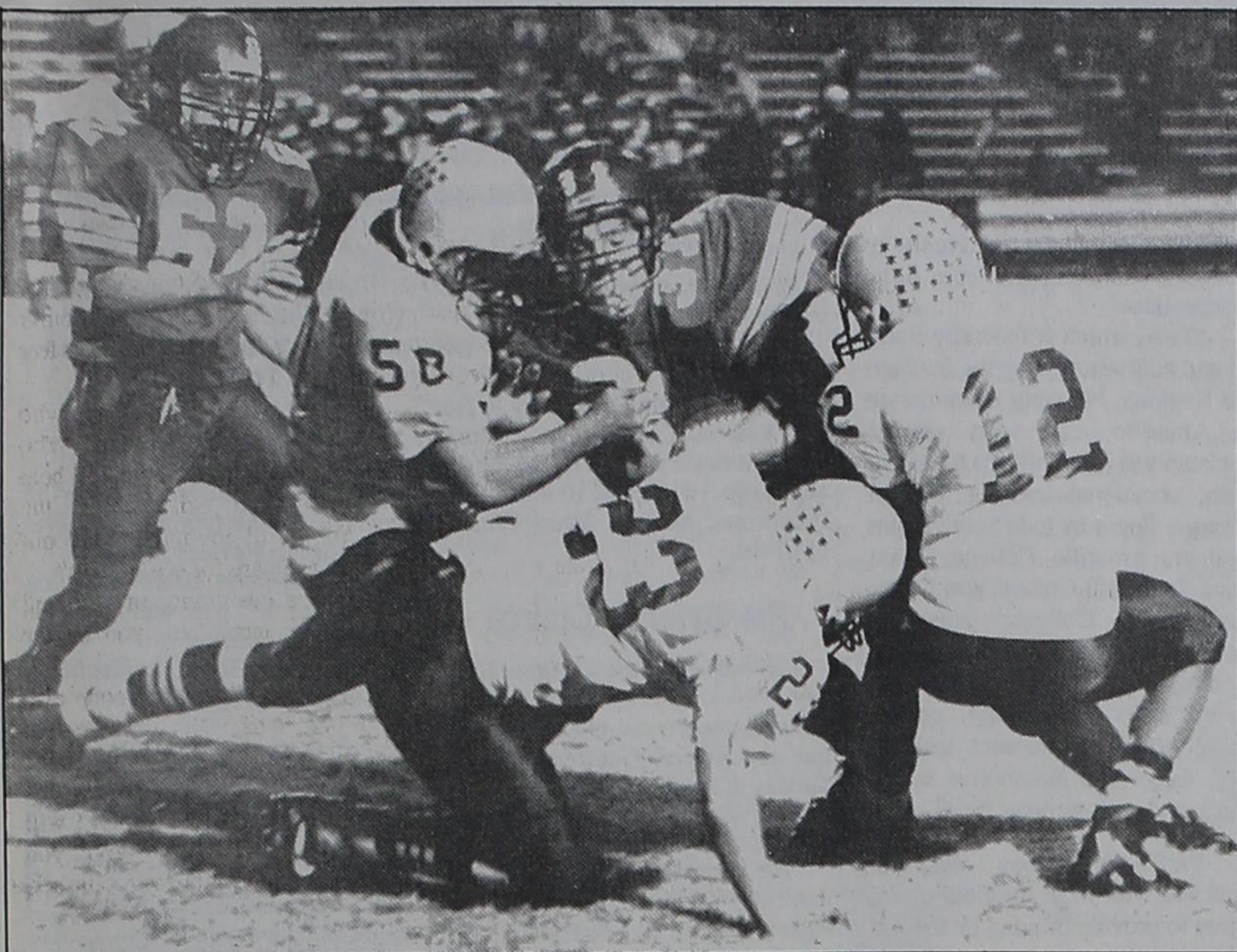
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STACKED UP--Munday running back Aaron Kiser (31) is stopped by Hart defenders Chris Hernandez (50), Jeremy Card (23) and Barry Washington (12) during the second quarter of the area championship game Friday at Lowrey

Field in Lubbock. Kiser was stacked up at the six, and Hart held on downs on the next play. The Horns rallied in the fourth quarter for a 30-20 victory, advancing them to the regional round Friday at Odessa. Photo by Don Nelson

Experiment Station studying pesticide disposal system

With environmental awareness on the rise, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) in Lubbock is evaluating a pesticide disposal system that could make many of these worries obsolete for commercial applicators and farmers in the future.

Lubbock houses one of four pesticide disposal facilities in the state, and since the project's beginning in 1991, Doug Smallwood and Stan Carroll have been in charge of evaluating the performance of the facility at TAES.

Smallwood, a vegetable and potato researcher, is the present safety officer for the experiment station. Carroll, an entomologist and cotton researcher, was the TAES safety officer prior to Smallwood.

The facility consists of three main areas which include pesticide storage, an enclosed wash bay and

a rinsate disposal area. The facility has a number of safety features as well.

Smallwood said the storage area contains locked cages that the pesticides are kept in, and the main building has explosive-proof outlets and heaters. An automatic fan system comes on when the doors are open to draw out of the building any harmful fumes, and to regulate the climate. Anti-siphon valves also are installed throughout the building to keep the pesticides from entering the water system.

He said a large counter and sink provide for on-site mixing and measuring of pesticides. This ensures containment of any spills.

A high pressure sprayer allows for washing of spray rigs in the facility's wash area. The rinsate is drained to the disposal area through floor drains in the wash bay. The rinsate disposal area includes two 8' x 16' rinsate treatment tanks which are constructed of quarter-inch steel plate. They are capable of holding 2,400 gallons of rinsate.

Carroll said timers control the pumping of rinsate into an infiltration media which is suspended in a tray at the top of the tank. The infiltration media consists of concrete sand, decomposed peat moss, silt loam soil and composted manure. Bacteria within the media aid in the decomposition of the pesticide molecules.

Every four hours, approximately 160 gallons of rinsate is pumped to the infiltration media and an audible and visual alarm system is connected to the rinsate treatment tanks to warn of a potential overflow.

"Meters register the number of gallons flowing into the tanks so we can learn what the system is capable of handling," said Carroll.

He added the arid climate in the Lubbock area results in a high evaporation rate which aids in reducing the rinsate volume. Although Carroll said no major problems have been encountered with the system, yet, any modifications that will improve the system will be incorporated into future facilities.

The rinsate treatment area is enclosed by a concrete barrier and an underlying impermeable clay layer in the soil to contain any spills within the barrier, said Smallwood. There also is a security fence to prevent unauthorized entry into the facility.

"It is an enclosed system that, in theory, is designed to contain the chemicals in a defined area," said Smallwood.

Both TAES researchers said that future improvements in the design of pesticide storage and disposal facilities will be possible due to studies involving this facility.

County's top ag receipts come from corn, cattle

Agricultural cash receipts in Castro County were estimated at \$305 million in 1992.

Corn was the county's leading crop, and the crop contributed approximately \$84 million in estimated value. The total value of agricultural crops in the county is listed at \$150 million for 1992. Livestock contributed \$155 million to the county's economy, with the most important commodity being fed beef, worth \$140 million.

That information was compiled by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas A&M University.

"Agriculture is one of the most important industries in Texas and the United States," said J.D. Ragland, county Extension agent. "Many businesses, financial institutions and individuals are involved in providing supplies, credit and services to farmers and ranchers in processing and marketing commodities."

To recognize the contribution that agriculture makes to the United States and its interdependence with Urban communities, National Farm-City Week is being celebrated through Saturday and Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service are taking part in activities.

"With an increasing demand for food and fiber worldwide, and because of the importance of agricultural exports to this nation's trade balance, agriculture is destined to play an even greater role in the future," Ragland said.

Cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings and agriculturally-related activities in Texas totaled more than \$12.5 million in 1992, down slightly from the year before. Prices for most major commodities declined and a record acreage of

cotton was destroyed by adverse weather.

Texas remains in second place behind California among states in farm receipts.

"A large area of productive soils and excellent export and transportation facilities favor farm and ranch

operations in the state," Ragland said.

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Supports set for soybeans, oilseeds

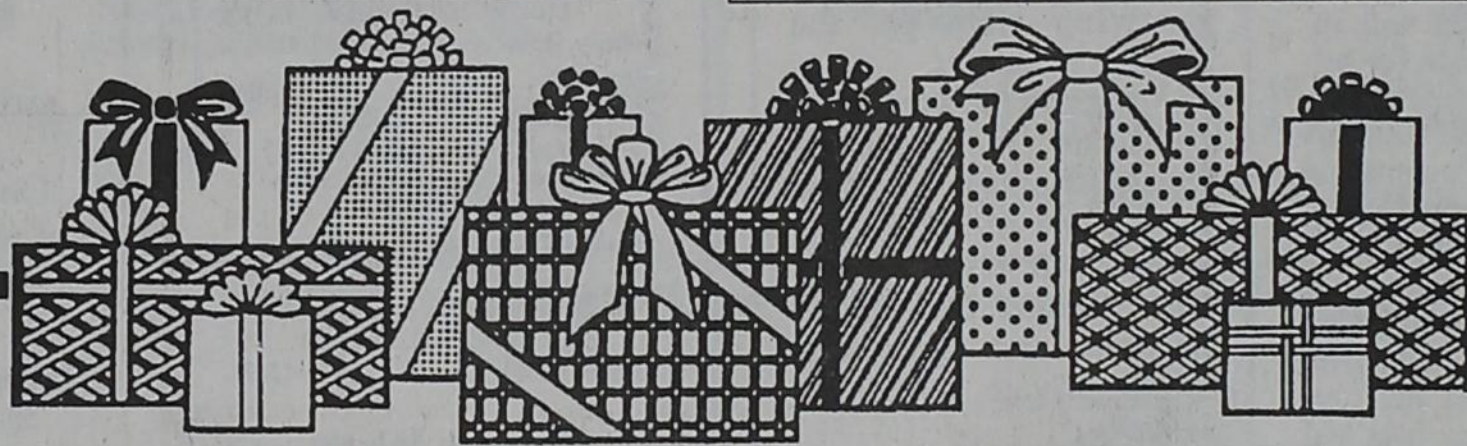
Price support rates have been set for soybeans and minor oilseeds, according to Castro County ASCS Executive Director Scotty Abbott.

Abbott said the rates are set at the statutory minimum of \$4.92 per bushel for soybeans and \$8.70 per hundredweight for sunflower seed, canola, rapeseed, safflower, flaxseed and mustard seed.

Abbott explained that the rates are set at the statutory minimum levels because of the agreement reached in enacting the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993 that eliminated the loan origination fee and reduced statutory minimum price support rates.

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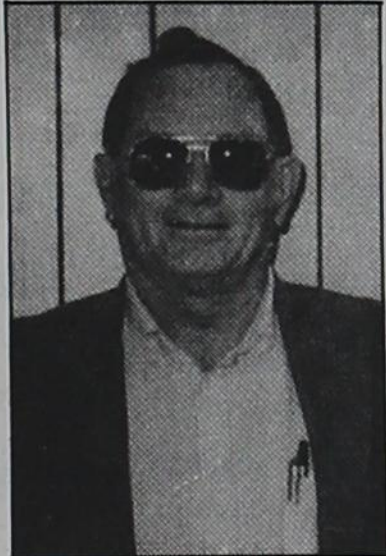


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Amarillo Farm Show scheduled

Farmers, ranchers, suppliers and dealers will all have an opportunity to see or display the latest in agribusiness at the largest indoor agribusiness show in the southwest Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The ninth annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will present over 625 booths. Each year, agribusiness dealers and suppliers from throughout the country display their products and services to over 20,000 people from throughout the region. On display will be tractors, combines, tillage and livestock equipment, seed, irrigation supplies and more.

The show gives producers a chance to see what is new, while dealers and suppliers have the chance to show their products to interested buyers. Organizers estimate 75% of the persons attending are from a 100-mile radius of Amarillo.

"This is one time each year that the farmers and ranchers from the entire region are able to view many new and innovative products and services not usually available," said Tom Martin, spokesman for Champion Productions. "The national manufacturers as well as the local dealers are on hand to be able to answer any in-depth questions about their products."

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, and admission is free.

Irrigation conference is planned

A general session on 1992 energy regulations and how the new rules will affect irrigation will lead off the opening program at the Texas Agricultural Irrigation conference, scheduled Jan. 10 and 11 in Amarillo.

Concurrent programs in agribusiness marketing strategies and chemigation complete the morning program.

The two-day program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The workshops qualify participants for continuing education credits (CEUs) throughout the program.

Bob Givens, a farm show broadcaster from KGNC Radio in Amarillo will open his noonday ag program microphone to a panel of industry and agribusiness experts for a discussion of critical issues impacting irrigated agriculture.

Dealers and producers will reconvene Monday afternoon for sessions on topics ranging from worker's compensation, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) guidelines to a final wrap-up program on chemigation.

Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association's annual membership meeting will begin at 4 p.m. with events slated throughout the evening on Jan. 10. Cowboy poet and humorist, Buck Ramsey, will be the featured entertainment at the evening banquet.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, a program on agricultural commodities will highlight the agenda.



Nikki Kenley

Kenley wins scholarship

Nikki Kenley of Dimmitt has been named a United Postal Service Scholar at Hardin-Simmons University and she will receive a \$2,450 scholarship as the result of a grant from the UPS Foundation.

Kenley, a freshman at Hardin-Simmons, graduated as valedictorian from Dimmitt High School in 1993. While at Dimmitt she was a member of the all-state choir three years.

Since enrolling at Hardin-Simmons, Kenley has taken part in the concert choir and was recently a semi-finalist in the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Kenley is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kenley of Dimmitt. Her father is pastor of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church.

Pesticide course is set Dec. 6

A recertification course for Texas pesticide applicators will be held Monday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Castro County Farm Bureau Office in Dimmitt.

There will not be a lunch break and lunch will not be served. Those attending are asked to bring their own lunch.

The course is for private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators licensed or certified through the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

Five continuing education units (CEUs) will be awarded to participants at receiving sites for the satellite broadcast.

To renew a license or certificate, most applicators must obtain 15 CEUs by the end of 1995. This course will count toward CEU requirements for all licensees and "grandfathered" private certificate holders.

The course will include one CEU in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and two CEUs in laws and regulations.

JTPA info available at local courthouse

A program to help county residents become more self-sustaining is available for review by county residents every Tuesday and Thursday at the Castro County Courthouse.

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) helps persons obtain specialized skills needed in today's job market. JTPA has helped several persons overcome obstacles such as being a teenage parent, a single head-of-household, or out of work for an extended period.

JTPA is operated here by the Texas Employment Commission office in Tulia. Trent Morris, a job service representative from Tulia, is available each Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Commissioners' Courtroom. The phone number here is 647-4784.

"We urge anyone who is interested in JTPA to come to the courthouse and talk," Morris said.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to get your education and learn to be independent."

JTPA, which is federally funded and administered by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo, can send eligible applicants to area colleges for short-term, vocational training. Participating colleges include South Plains College, Amarillo College, Texas State Technical College and Clovis Community College. Approved training programs include nursing, medical records technology, automated office technology, correctional officer, electronics technology, diesel and automotive mechanics, and various other fields.

Participants may also be matched with local businesses who agree to provide training on the job. In return, the businesses receive wage subsidies. Current students and students who will begin school in January are encouraged to talk with Morris to see if they may be eligible for assistance.

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Pedro Gonzales and Harry Riggs will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Ezra 9 and 10 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.

Presbyterian Church

The Advent season begins Sunday.

Presbyterians are responsible for the service at Canterbury Villa Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10.

"The Church's Greatest Need of the Hour" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11 a.m.

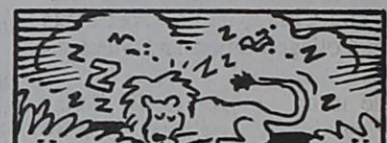
"Prayer of Complaint" from Job 10:2-22, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Christian Church

Bro. Roy Barringer will bring the message for the morning and evening worship services Sunday.

The mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. will cover the book of I Chronicles.

The Youth Group is practicing its Christmas program.



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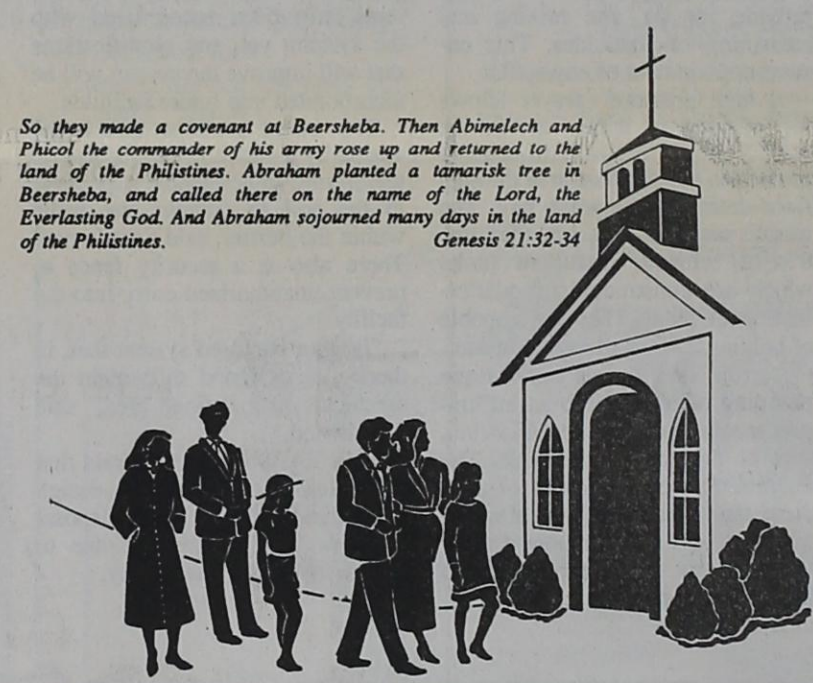
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BAR G FEEDYARD

Peanuts could become new South Plains crop

The High Plains region is noted for its abundance in cotton production, but another crop is making waves in the agricultural fields of West Texas which were once dominated by bolls of white cotton.

The new commodity is peanuts and Dr. Mike Schubert is paving the way for the crop's expansion in the area.

Schubert is involved with the Peanut Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) in West Africa and serves on the CRSP technical committee which makes recommendations about projects and funding through the Peanut CRSP program. Schubert also works closely with the peanut breeding program at College Station and with Extension specialists from College Station and Stephenville.

He is no stranger to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station system of research centers throughout the state. He has been working for the Texas A&M University System since 1976 and moved to the Lubbock Experiment Station in July.

Schubert will be working primarily with peanuts and some oilseed crops at the Lubbock station and he is developing a peanut research program.

Schubert said that the peanut industry in Texas has been on the rise and that acreage in this part of the state has increased from less than 8,000 acres in 1980 to more than 100,000 acres presently. The concentration of peanut production on the South Plains is in Gaines, Yoakum and parts of Terry and Dawson counties. There also are some major peanut growing areas in the Northern and Southern Rolling Plains.

"Peanut producers out here can efficiently and profitably produce some good quality peanuts," said Schubert. "A lot of producers have access to fairly large portions of land, which will make peanuts a good crop to rotate with cotton. Rotation will be the key ingredient in the success of peanut production in West Texas."

Schubert's research will study how peanuts interact with the environment in West Texas and adapt to the cool temperatures. He has set up weather stations to gather climatic data and is examining irrigation methods for peanuts as well.

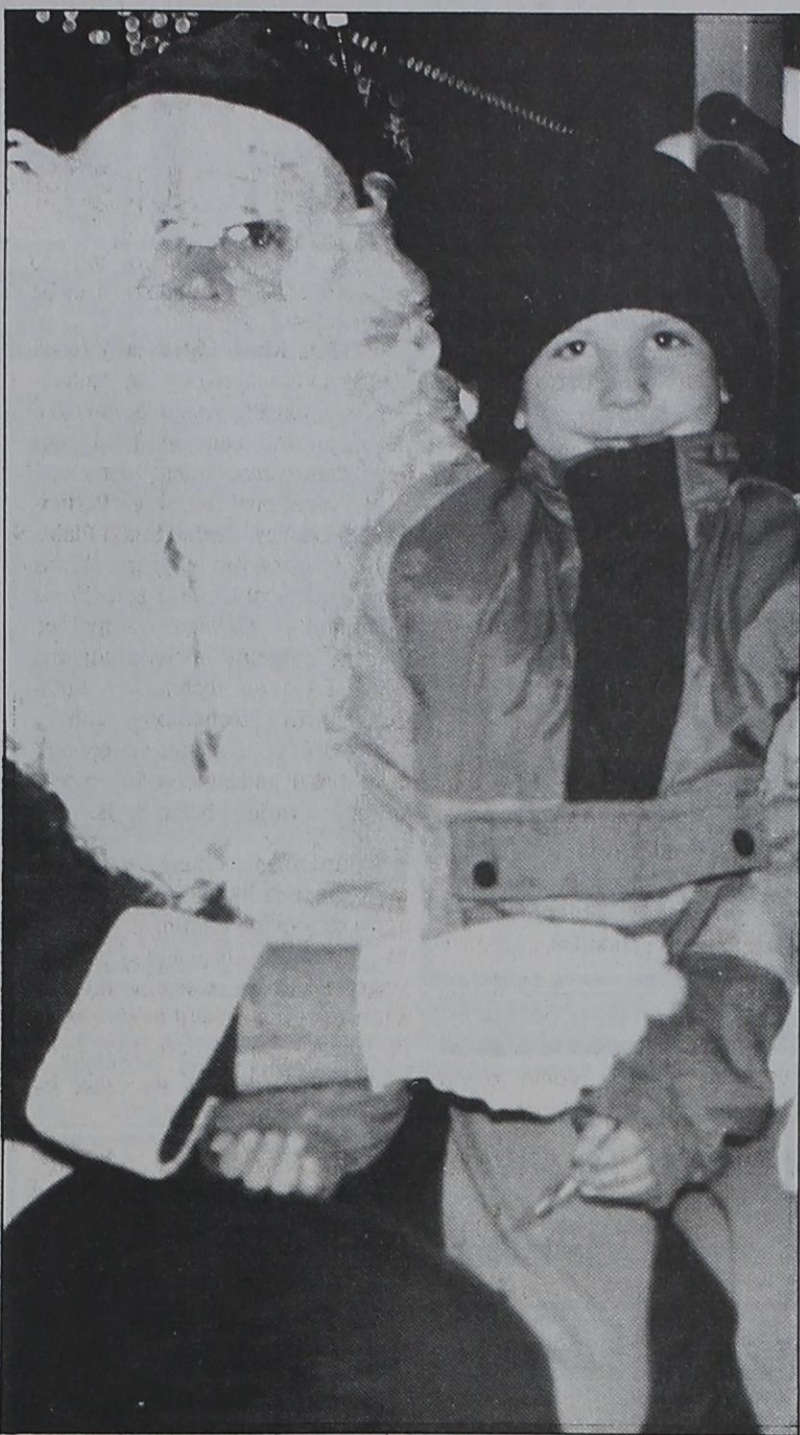
Schubert believes that peanuts have the capacity to become a well established crop on the South Plains.

"I think they're here to stay," said Schubert. "They seem to be well adapted to the other crops growing here and when the soil and water are present, it's a good crop."

Ky Kirby is honored

Ky Kirby has been named the fourth-grade Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Kirby was born Feb. 11, 1983. He likes the teachers in school, enjoys carving wood, eating pizza and reading *Call of the Wild*. His favorite animal is a lamb and he thinks George Strait is "cool." He hopes to be rich some day.



SANTA, BRING ME ONE OF EVERYTHING--Brian Hall, 6, of Dimmitt shares his Christmas wish list with Santa Claus during the Christmas Open House held Thursday in Dimmitt. Santa's visit at the gazebo was sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Entertainment at the gazebo included music by the Dimmitt third grade and high school choirs.

Photo by John Brooks

Cargill to offer 250 scholarships

County seniors may apply for \$1,000 scholarships which will be awarded to 250 high school seniors from US farm families.

The Cargill Foundation will sponsor the scholarships under its Scholarship Program for Rural America.

All high school seniors who will graduate this spring may apply for the awards. The seniors must come from families that derive at least half of their income from farming. Scholarship candidates must enroll full-time next fall at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

Information and application forms can be picked up at any Cargill office or at high school FFA departments. Students also may request forms from the Cargill Scholarship coordinator, National FFA, P.O. Box 45205, Madison, Wis. 53744-5205. The application deadline is Feb. 15, 1994.

"The program has helped to honor academic achievement among rural students," said Bill Pearce, president of the Cargill Foundation. "It's an endeavor that has received an enthusiastic reception in rural communities. We are committed to this scholarship program."

The Cargill Foundation established the program in 1986 to recognize and encourage academic achievement, accomplishment and talent among rural youth. Thus far, the Cargill Foundation has presented 1,503 awards for a total of \$1.75 million.

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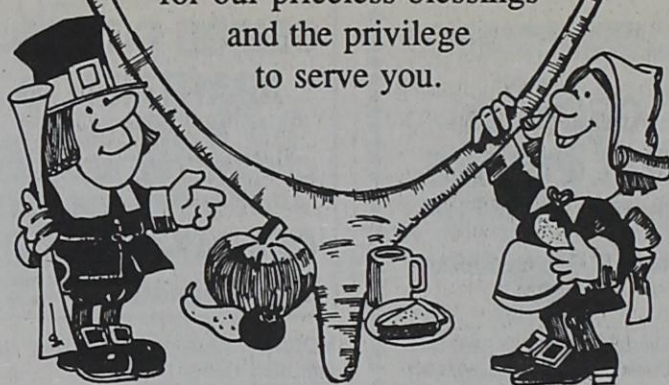
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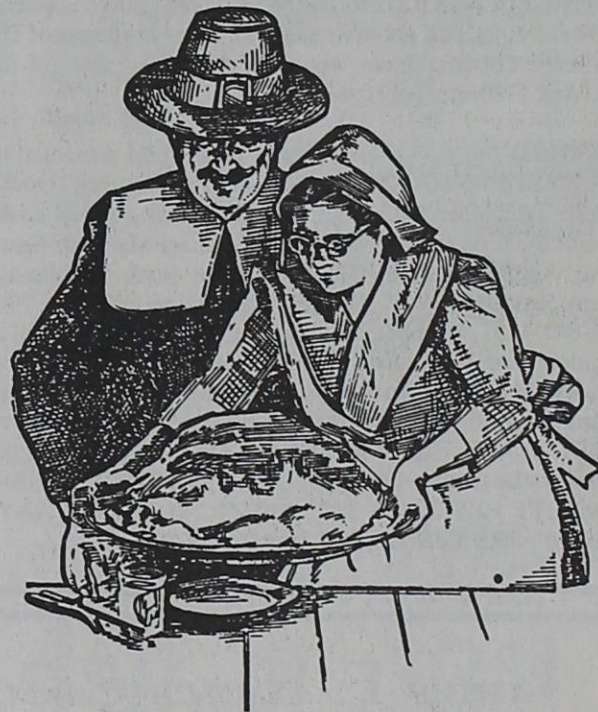
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24—Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

The community turned out great for the Christmas Open House on Thursday evening. This is due largely to the kind of community support for which Castro County is known, but also to so many of the businesses getting into the holiday spirit and extending their hours — 24 businesses to be exact—and the other businesses who lined their buildings with lights.

It is a lot of trouble to keep those lights burning, but the community appreciates it and it shows a lot of pride.

Others who helped to make it a fun night where the Third Grade Choir, led by Ruby Teaschner and the DHS Choir, led by Dwight Joiner.

Santa Claus really enjoyed the Gazebo for visiting with all the children, the fire truck escort and wanted to apologize for the long wait for some.

A special thanks to Johnny Vick, Jerry Frazier and John Brooks for working the sound system, and to the Dimmitt Dairy Queen for the hot drinks.

The winner of the first \$50 Dimmitt Dollars was Lucille Schacher, who registered at Dimmitt Thriftway. Look for places to register when shopping Dimmitt, because there will still be \$600 more given away between now and Dec. 20. Thanks to all who helped.
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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25—Legal Notices

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Dimmitt Independent School District Food Service is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of food, non-food, chemical and paper product items for the second semester of the 1993-94 school year. Information may be obtained from the Administration Office at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All bids must be returned to Neal Bryan, business manager, or Billie Kirby, Food Service Director, at 608 West Halsell by noon Friday, Dec. 3, 1993, and will be awarded on Monday, Dec. 6, 1993, at 2 p.m. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be stated for the full semester.

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NOTICE

The Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept. is hereby accepting sealed bids on custom-processed quarters of beef. The whole beef is to be donated by B&W Cattle of Nazareth and Prairie Livestock Inc. of West Point, Miss. The processing is to be done by Swisher Meat Co. of Tulsa, Texas. The four highest bids will be awarded quarters with the highest bidders receiving choice of quarters and choice of cut. Bids will be accepted until 12 noon on Dec. 12, 1993.

Please send all sealed bids to Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 24, Nazareth, Texas 79063, or please contact any Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept. member to submit your bid and good luck!

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WEST TEXAS IRRIGATION — Used pivots for sale. Also new pivots under \$30,000. Location 608 South Highway 385. Phone 647-4717; nights, 647-4338. 9-33-7tp

SPS honors Bryan Irons

Bryan Irons of Dimmitt has been recognized by Southwestern Public Service Co. for serving 10 years with the Dimmitt office.

He was recognized at the annual Southern Division awards dinner on Nov. 11 in Lubbock.

Irons is among 72 SPS employees in the division and at area power plants who were recognized for thousands of years of collective work.



THIRD GRADE CHOIR ENTERTAINS AT GAZEBO—Steve Martinez and Marcus Bentura, third graders at Richardson Elementary School, sing a holiday song at the Christmas Open

House last Thursday at the gazebo. The third grade choir and the Dimmitt High School choir entertained for a large crowd. Photo by John Brooks

County discusses options on TDH, TDHS office space

Castro County Commissioners discussed housing options for the Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) and Texas Dept. of Human Services (TDHS) Monday during their regular meeting.

Tommy Snell with TDH told Commissioners he had looked at several vacant buildings in Dimmitt which could be remodeled to meet the department's needs.

Commissioners had heard reports from the agencies in recent meetings, when agency represent-

atives asked for help with rent money.

TDH currently is housed in the same building with South Plains Health Provider, but is having to look for different office space because SPHPO is planning to expand and needs the additional office space.

At Monday's meeting, Snell told Commissioners that TDH had \$50,000 available for renovations and rent.

He said he also talked with representatives from TDHS and representatives from that agency would be willing to attempt to find money to share a rental payment.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having the county rent a building, then have the departments sub-lease the space from the county.

But renovations in some of the possible locations would take a while to complete, and Snell said TDH needs a place to operate from now.

A suggestion was made to find a temporary site to house the office until a long-term site could be located and remodeled.

"We've got to find something," Snell said. "And the best temporary site we've found so far is the old Sears building. If we could rent something like that on a short-term basis, we wouldn't have to pull any of our services from the county."

Among the long-term sites discussed were the old Cobb's building on the square, a building between Texas Corn Growers and McGuire Refrigeration and others.

Commissioners did not agree to do anything until checking out different buildings and options available.

The matter was tabled pending further investigations.

A portion of County Road 625 between Sections 31 and 35 has been closed by Commissioners.

In a unanimous vote Monday, commissioners agreed to close the portion of the road by Taylor-Herring Feedlot.

Attorney Jimmy Ross told commissioners that a petition to close the road had been posted for more than 20 days, and that the road, which is located in Precinct 2, could be closed because no one objected during the comment period.

He added that the specified portion of road has been under water for several years.

Commissioners refused to pay a bill submitted by DePauw Construction.

The bill for \$1,115.05 was for fly ash requested by former Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith.

But Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson reminded the court that representatives from DePauw Construction had been informed, in an open meeting of the commissioners court, that the



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More about 1:1

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Tech and learned animal husbandry and genetics and all that stuff, and when he got home he developed these four-legged chickens so we could all have a drumstick."

"Well, do they taste okay?" the visitor asked.

"Don't know," the farmer replied. "We haven't caught one yet."

I've told you this one before, but you've forgotten it:

"A lot of people think our family is kinda strange," this guy said. "But actually, we're pretty traditional. Every Thanksgiving, we gather at Mom's and Dad's for a big dinner. Mom bakes the pies, my younger sister makes the salad, my older sister does the vegetables, and Grandma brings the swan. . . ."

If things went as planned, all our readers in the Panhandle - Plains area got their copies of the *News* by Wednesday this week.

Since the folks at the US Postal Service insist on taking Thanksgiving day off with the rest of us, we always go to press a day early with our Thanksgiving edition so the postal subscribers in the region won't have to wait until Friday for it.

Last year it didn't work. We had the paper just about ready to go to press Monday night, then the blizzard hit, paralyzing the entire region. All the roads were closed; only half of our staff could even get to work that Tuesday; and we lost the day we had gained.

This time, we barely beat the Thanksgiving blast. It was due to hit here Wednesday and get really messy Thursday.

Now our main concern is getting to the Queens Classic Tournament in Plainview with the Bobbies and Swiftettes Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and to the Longhorns'

regional championship game at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Friday night.

I love a challenge, and I thrive on complications. But the older I get, the better I could do without ice on the highways and a freezing wind on the football field.

Dimmitt's "Christmas Open House" last Thursday night was delightful—again.

This was only our sixth annual one—and only the third one using our Gazebo—but it already seems like an old tradition here.

You could hardly find a parking place downtown, and one mother told me that she and her children waited in line 35 minutes to see Santa. The old gentleman was so swamped that the High School Choir's concert at the Gazebo had to be delayed.

There's so much going on during Christmas Open House that you have to make a choice. You can either visit as many stores as possible in three hours, or go to the Gazebo to watch the kids with Santa and listen to the carols. Verbie and I didn't get to do enough of either before we ran out of time and energy.

But it's a delightful dilemma, isn't it?

So you think government bureaucracies and the military are the only ones that use obfuscating terminology? Look again.

Many business offices use high-sounding phrases that gloss over the actual situation.

Consider these daffynitions making the rounds now. They're entitled "Office Vocabulary," with each officious phrase followed by the real meaning:

"It's in the process." *It's so wrapped up in red tape that the situation is hopeless.*

"We'll look into it." *By the time the wheel makes the full turn, we assume you have forgotten about it, too.*

A project: *Any assignment that cannot be completed with one phone call.*

Expedite: *To confound confusion with commotion.*

Coordinator: *The guy who has the desk between two expeditors.*

Consultant: *Any ordinary guy more than 50 miles from home who carries a briefcase.*

To implement a program: *Hire more people and expand the office.*

Under consideration: *We're looking for the file.*

Reliable source: *The guy who told the guy you just met.*

Informed source: *The guy who told the guy who told the guy you just met.*

Unimpeachable source: *The guy who started the rumor.*

A clarification: *To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.*

Note and initial: *Let's spread the responsibility for this one.*

We are making a survey: *We need more time to think of an answer.*

Tell us what you think: *We'll listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we've already decided.*

Have a great Thanksgiving. And in the course of it, don't forget to count your blessings.



AND A DOLL, AND A BIKE, AND A DOG...2-year-old Megan Crow was one of many children who sat on Santa Claus' lap and asked for special Christmas gifts last Thursday during the Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Open House in Dimmitt. Santa made his first appearance of the year in Dimmitt during the promotion and he visited with children at the gazebo. Megan is the daughter of Jeff and Trisha Crow of Soham, England and she's the granddaughter of Gary and Yvonne Hufhines of Dimmitt. Photo by John Brooks

More about Hart, Rankin . . .

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Salas's status is still in doubt. He missed the last half of the final regular season game against Nazareth with an ankle injury. He carried just one time against White Deer in the bi-district game and three times last Friday against Munday.

"He's still day-to-day," Wilhelm said. "He played a little the other night and hurt it a little. We re-taped it and he said it felt a lot better, but we didn't want to put him back in there and risk a permanent injury or anything."

Rankin will come out against the Longhorns in a pro-style Veer, which will feature an option attack with Guerra and Abalos, and the potential for a passing game.

"They're both real good football players," Wilhelm said. "Abalos is quick and fast and the quarterback does a real good job. He does a pretty good job on reads and options. Their passing game is not real complicated, but he does a pretty good job handling things."

Several other Red Devils earned honors last year, and are

back for more action in 1993: OG/LB Keith Braden (5-9, 180); C/DE Baylor Walker (6-1, 190); RB/LB Juan Bautista (5-9, 145); offense-sive tackles Jimmy Armendarez (5-9, 145) and Edmundo Rey (5-9, 150); OG Justin Preskey (6-0, 180); TE Robert Guadarrama (6-0, 180) and LB Joel Armendarez (5-9, 160).

The Red Devils will run a split-six defense against Hart, but may make a few changes for a bigger presence across the line of scrimmage.

"They know what we did to them last year and how we hurt them, so they may make a few changes, but I don't expect many. They've run this defense all year," Wilhelm said. "Rankin doesn't have a lot of size, but they are quick and aggressive. We should match up really well with them."

Playing the game in Ratliff Stadium is something of a dream-come-true for some of the Hart players.

"They wanted to play down there, and Rankin said it was fine with them. Our players are happy to finally be playing there."

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Christmas bazaar set in Littlefield

A Christmas bazaar will be held in Littlefield on Dec. 4.

The bazaar is sponsored by the Littlefield Arts and Heritage Committee and it will be held at the Lamb County Ag and Community Center.

Churches, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the bazaar and reserve booths for rent.

Booths are 10' x 12' and may be reserved for a \$15 fee. Deadline for reserving spaces will be Nov. 15.

Wood crafts, handmade items, baked goods, candies, Christmas decorations and more will be on sale during the bazaar.

First-, second- and third-place ribbons will be awarded for the most "decorative booths."

Santa Claus will be there to talk with the children and give out candy canes. Christmas carols will be performed and a concession stand will be open during the bazaar.

Exhibitors may set up booths from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and the show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Eva McDonald at 385-3476 or June Armistead at 385-3540.

4-H leaders set meeting

4-H club managers and parent-leaders will hold a meeting Nov. 29 in the courthouse basement.

The club managers will meet at 6:30 p.m. while the parent-leaders will convene at 7.



Mr. and Mrs. Euleess Waggoner

Couple to celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Euleess Waggoner will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center.

Friends and relatives are invited to the reception, but the couple asks that no gifts be presented.

Euleess Waggoner married the former Hazel Williams on Nov. 26, 1933, in Clovis, N.M.

The couple are retired farmers and live in the Cleo Community in Castro County.

They have six children including Frances Pharis of Abilene, Harold Waggoner of Green Forest, Ark., Winston Waggoner of Dimmitt, Alice Gamblin of Sulphur Springs, Ed Waggoner of Lubbock, Evelyn Lindsey of Plainview and Delores Jackson of Edmond, Okla. The Waggoners have 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from Nov. 25 to Dec. 3.

DIMMITT
 THURSDAY: No school!
 FRIDAY: No school!
 MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, fruit and milk.
 TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, Jell-O and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Beef tacos, whole kernel corn, lettuce and tomato salad, cherry cobbler and milk.
 THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, buttered rice, pinto beans, crackers, fruit and milk.
 FRIDAY: Beef stew, pineapple slices, cinnamon rolls, cornbread and milk.

HART
 THURSDAY: No school!
 FRIDAY: No school!
 MONDAY: Enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tostados, banana pudding and milk.
 TUESDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli and cheese, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Ham, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, fried okra, sliced bread, cinnamon rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, hot rolls, Jell-O with fruit and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, sliced tomatoes, pickles, lettuce, French fries, brownies and milk.

NAZARETH
 THURSDAY: No school!
 FRIDAY: No school!
 MONDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, hot rolls, pineapple and milk.
 TUESDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, peas, peach cobbler

and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Chili, carrot and celery sticks, peanut butter and crackers, cinnamon rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Tacos, lettuce, cheese, pinto beans, hot rolls, pears and milk.
 FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk.



Guess What's on Sale!

June Sutton (left) and Barbara Bain model beautiful Christmas sweaters from Tots and Teens. If you don't have yours yet, you're in luck—we'll be selling beautiful holiday sweaters such as these for 20% OFF, Friday and Saturday only!

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Robel weds Armijo

Joan Margaret Robel and William James Armijo were married in a private ceremony in Corpus Christi on Sept. 17. Justice of the Peace Ben Garza Jr. officiated at the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Irene Robel of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, and Roland J. Robel of Cleveland, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Kathryn H. Robel of Cleveland. The groom is the son of Ladislado and Micheline Armijo of Belen, N.M. The bride attended West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College. She is attending Tarrant County Junior College, Northeast Campus. She is employed with Trammell Crow Company in Carrollton. The groom attended the University of New Mexico and he served eight years in the US Navy. He works with the Federal Aviation Administration at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

CPS drive focuses on children's needs

There are several children from the county who may not be home for Thanksgiving. And they probably won't be home for Christmas. They may never return to their original homes, again.

But those children have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season.

They are grateful to the people in Castro County who opened their hearts and pocketbooks this month and donated to Castro County Child Protective Services in an effort to ensure those children have a happy holiday season.

And Castro County Child Protective Services is thankful that through the generosity of the people in the county, it will be able to meet the needs of children receiving "out-of-home" care.

This month the board launched a campaign to raise money for children receiving out-of-home services. Local banks included in their customers' November statements a postcard asking for donations to be made to Child Protective Services. A self-addressed return envelope was included. That project, along with other appeals, resulted in the board collecting \$760 in donations.

"We didn't have any idea what to expect going in, but I am really pleased with the response we've received so far," said Randy Smith-

son, secretary-treasurer for Child Protective Services. "And I think as the month progresses we could double the amount we've already received."

"We should be able to meet the needs of foster children currently in our care, but you can never tell when something else will come up," Smithson said. "Our plans are to meet each child's needs. And those needs vary day-to-day and year-to-year."

Any size donation is appreciated and will be used to support the children of Castro County. The board stresses that money raised will not be used by the state agency or by other counties.

Anyone who wishes to help defray expenses of caring for the children by making a donation can send it to Castro County Child Protective Services Board, P.O. Box 517, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or donations may be given to Smithson at First State Bank of Dimmitt.

One specific need the board still has is to furnish clothing for two teenage girls, junior sizes 9-10 and 11-12.

Other children attend counseling sessions in Plainview on Tuesday evenings, and Child Protective Services is looking for volunteers to transport these children to Plainview.

If you can help by offering transportation, contact Donna Stump, Child Protective Services specialist, at 647-4181.

And volunteers are needed for the We Help Ourselves (WHO) program, which is an educational program designed to teach students how to handle peer pressure and other negative situations. Anyone interested in participating in this program should contact Clara Patton at 647-4591.

Two members of the Child Protective Services Board have resigned and the group is looking for volunteers to replace those. The two spots open are from Pct. 1 and 2. If you are interested in serving on the board, contact any member.

Names are due for CofC board

Nominations are being accepted for four positions on the board of directors of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

A nominating committee will submit a list of four names for four positions at the annual meeting on Dec. 8.

Those wishing to make a nomination should call the Chamber by Monday.

Nominations also will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

The committee would appreciate any nomination or suggestions.

Those presently serving on the board are Reta Welch, Danny Rice, Danny Newton, Acie Boyd, Ray Bain, Charles Axtell, Gary Thompson, Les Miller, Gail Bruegel, Layne Myatt, Jerrye Lilley and Eddie Matthews.

According to the by-laws, directors are limited to two consecutive terms.

Newton and Rice just completed their second term. Members up for re-election are Bain and Boyd.

The annual meeting will be held at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. A complete fiesta dinner will be served by Lorann Hamilton's bridge club and other volunteers. Cost will be \$5 per person with a reservation and \$6 per person if you don't have a reservation.

A business meeting will be conducted along with the meeting and new membership plaques will be presented.

All chamber members are encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Because this is a special time for giving thanks, we wanted to let you know how much we value and appreciate your business.

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We bow our heads in thanks

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Nazareth

Let us be thankful for **SIGHT**, with which to view the beauty of the earth.

And let us pray for **VISION**, that we might preserve that beauty.

Dr. Morris Webb
OPTOMETRIST
647-4464
300 W. Bedford

Let this be a time to show our gratitude for all the many blessings we have to share.
We wish you and yours the happiest ... healthiest Thanksgiving.

CASTRO CO-OP GIN
Randall Small, Manager

THOUGHTS FOR Thanksgiving

... a Time for Togetherness, with Prayer and Gratitude

Family, neighbors, friends ... everyone joins together in a community spirit of Thanksgiving as glad voices show gratitude through prayer. We share in this joy of Thanksgiving, with special thanks for the opportunity and obligation of serving our friends and neighbors, and working with them for the betterment of our community, that we may fully deserve the many blessings for which we are always grateful. To all, a happy Thanksgiving.

Holly Sugar

Basketball trick artist to perform Wednesday

A basketball trick artist with a message about staying in school and staying away from drugs and the Dimmitt English as a Second Language class's play, *Pinocchio Don't Smoke That Cigarette*, will highlight Wednesday's CAPS program at Dimmitt schools.

Dave Davlin will be the special guest during the school's program. He performed in Seoul, Korea during the 1988 Olympics. He is in the 1990 Guinness Book of World Records and has been featured on the television program *Roggins Heroes*.

Theme for the program is CAPS, Concerned About Pressure Situations. It will be held Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Davlin will present his program three times Wednesday—at 8:30 and 10 a.m. at Middle School auditorium, and at 1:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

Parents and others interested are invited to attend.

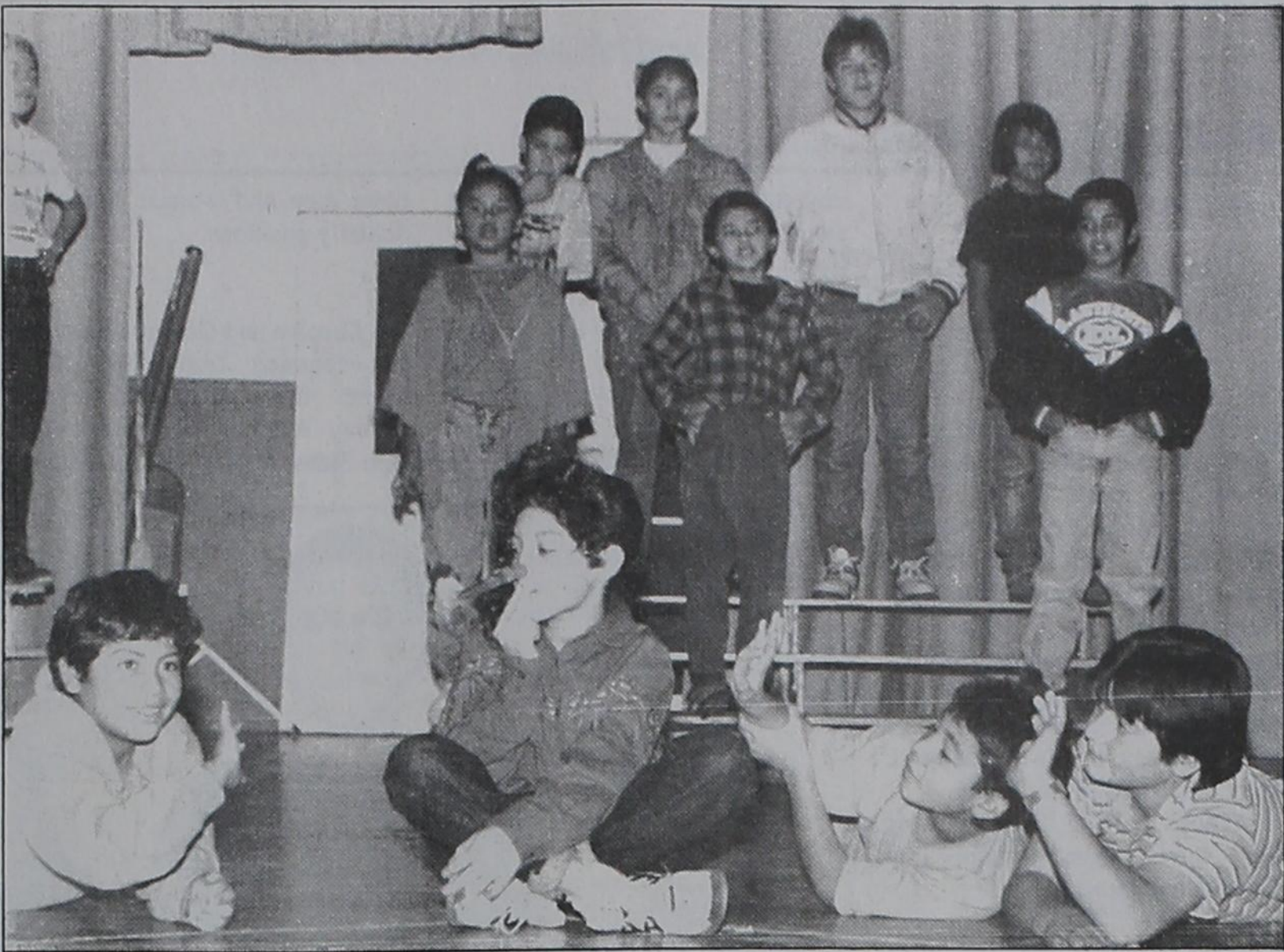
The program is being sponsored by the Drug Free School and Community Project.

The ESL class will present its 45-minute play beginning at 1, then at 1:50, at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium.

Garden Center plans festival

Amarillo Garden Center will host its 30th Festival of Trees Dec. 4-5 at the center, 1400 Streit Drive.

The theme is "Happy Holidays," and seven unique trees will be featured. Also planned are pictures with Santa and elves each day from 2 to 4 p.m., gift shop, baked goods, grab bags and a lunchroom. A drawing will be held Dec. 5 for a queen size quilt, giant Christmas stocking, tree with ceramic ornaments and art work by Carolyn Fotheringham.



OH, PINOCCHIO—Three "cigarettes" are trying to entice "Pinocchio" to take up smoking. These students from ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at Dimmitt Middle School are rehearsing a play that was scheduled for performances Wednesday.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

We received .50 of an inch of moisture Monday night with light snow, which fell first. The rain quickly melted the snow, but it was on the ground for a while.

Anthony and Lori Sisemore, the new Sunnyside Baptist Church's pastor and his wife, had another little girl Wednesday morning. She was born in the Hale Center Hospital and weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. She was named Ashley Lauren. Lori took a six-week leave of absence from her job to be with the girls.

Anthony still has a little cotton left to strip, but he has been helping Lori as much as he can. Lori and the baby were dismissed from the hospital Thursday evening.

Rev. Anthony Sisemore will preach Dec. 5 for his first time at Sunnyside Baptist Church since he was called as pastor. Lori, Amber and Ashley plan to come with him. He will be preaching each Sunday morning and evening, as well as

Wednesday evening from then on. He also will be visiting in the afternoons when he doesn't have classes at Wayland Baptist University.

Gay Sadler and her mother, Ruth King of Hereford, spent last Thursday in Canyon visiting with her sister, Brenda Johnson and the new baby; and with Steve Johnson's parents, who had come down from

Iowa to see the new baby.

Bess Bills was honored by the Birthday Club in her home Monday. They enjoyed a domino party. Those attending were Emma Jean King, Verba Sadler, Nelda Curtis, Betty Loudder, Frances Duke, Mattie Axtell and Beatrice Shirey of Earth. The group also played a new version of "42" and had a good time.

RWSWCD taking orders

Orders for windbreak trees are now being accepted by the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt.

Windbreaks are valuable to homeowners, according to SCS personnel. The trees protect homes from wind, snow and blowing dirt, and can provide good cover and food for wildlife.

Forty potted evergreen trees may be purchased for \$65, and 50 bareroot hardwood trees may be purchased for \$25. The trees come from Texas Forest Service in Lubbock.

Available trees include Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Redcedar, Rocky Mountain Juniper, White

Pine, Bur Oak, Desert Willow, Mulberry, Pecan, Sandcherry, Native Plum and Russian Olive.

Also available this year will be trees from Colorado: 30 potted evergreen trees for \$55 and 50 bareroot hardwood trees for \$25. Trees available from Colorado will include Lilac, Golden Willow, Colorado Blue Spruce, Pinon Pine, Honeysuckle, Hybrid Cottonwood, Scotch Pine, Siberian Elm, Sumac, Cotoneaster and others.

The trees will be delivered to Dimmitt in March. Trees may be ordered by calling the RWSWCD office at 647-4324 or by stopping by 114 W. Belsher, Suite B.

Drivers should 'winterize' cars

Winter driving on wet, icy, or snow covered roads is different and drivers should prepare themselves by "cold proofing" their vehicles and adjusting driving habits, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.

"Batteries, tires, windshield wiper blades and anti-freeze are items that need to be checked," Beighle said. "Tires should have good deep treads, weak batteries should be replaced, and good wiper blades are vital in winter when visibility is poor."

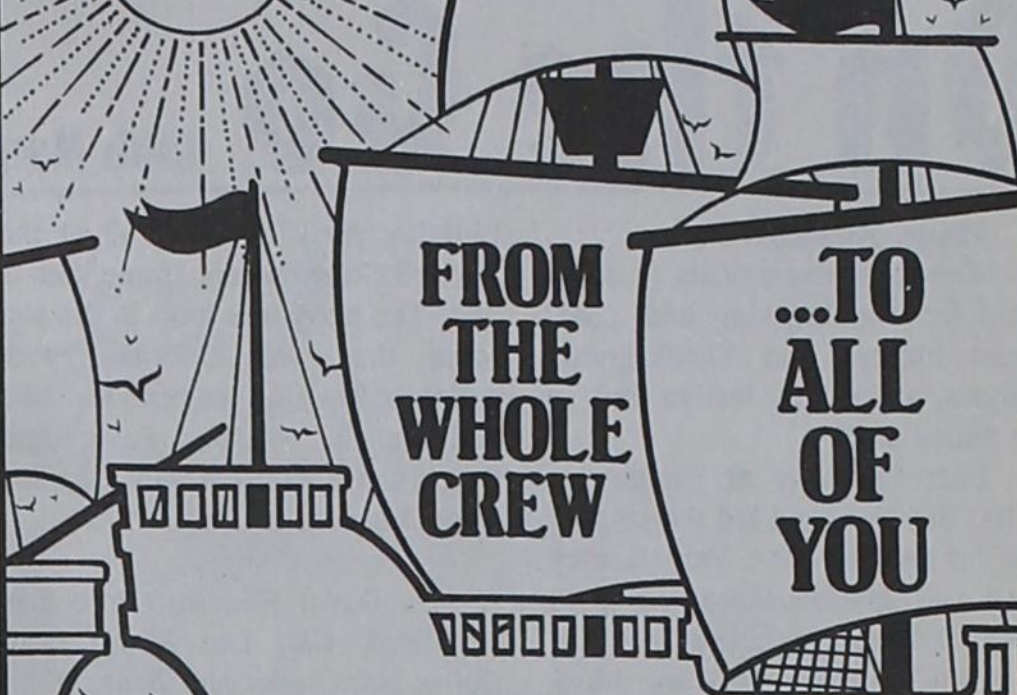
Safe driving in winter requires more patience, Beighle said, so motorists should start early, adjust their speed for road and traffic conditions and avoid sudden driving

maneuvers.

"Skidding on slick roads is a major accident factors and is usually caused by driving too fast for conditions or from locking wheels when drivers slow down," Beighle said.

Beighle said if a skid occurs, the driver needs to ease off the accelerator, then turn into the skid. If your car's rear end slides left, turn your steering wheel to the left; for right skids, turn right. Pump your brakes if necessary; don't lock them.

He emphasized that impatience won't get you to your destination any faster. Patience won't get you there any faster either, but, he said, "It'll sure make the trip more pleasant and safe."



FROM THE WHOLE CREW

...TO ALL OF YOU

Happy Thanksgiving and Heartfelt Thanks!

We're all hoping your holiday is smooth sailing all the way.

Nazareth Feed & Supply

This Thanksgiving holiday, we honor the brave men and women whose bold vision for a new land of freedom continues to guide the American spirit today.

Don Hargrove Building Contractor



THANKS, FRIENDS!

Our very best wishes this Thanksgiving season.

Farm Bureau Insurance





happy turkey day!

Hope this holiday is stuffed with good times and good friends! Thanks for everything!

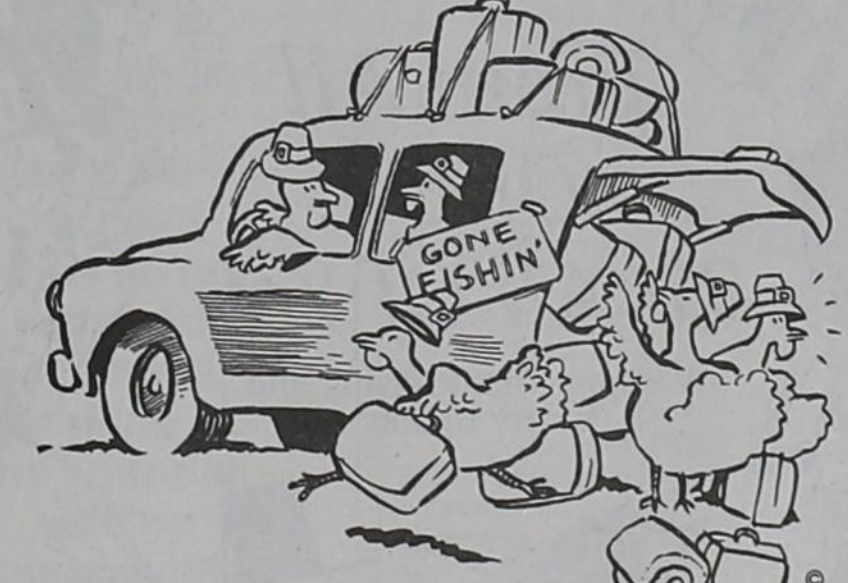
MW Carrot

Together For Thanksgiving

One of the things we're so very thankful for is your continuing good will and patronage. Have a joyful Thanksgiving.

Flagg Farmers Gin





Looks Like That Time Of Year Again!

No matter where you're headed, we hope your Thanksgiving holiday is a runaway success.

We appreciate your loyal support.

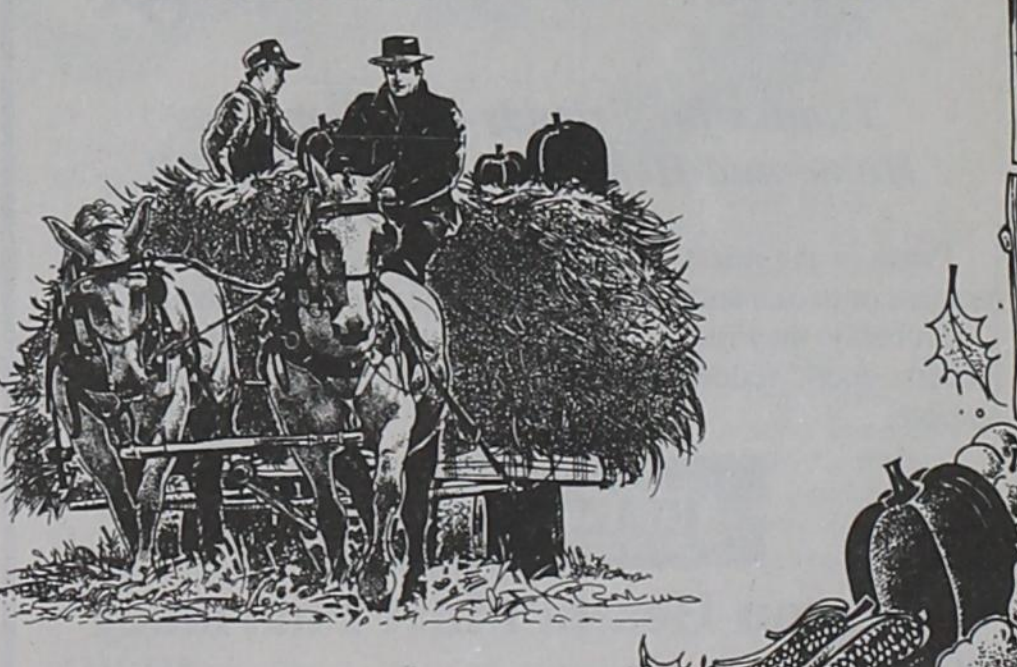
WE WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY

George's Exxon Station

Happy Thanksgiving To All Our Friends

As we celebrate the many blessings that this year's harvest brings, we also give thanks for the wonderful people who grace and enrich our lives. We're proud to count you as friends!

Dimmitt Feed Yards



On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Happy Thanksgiving!
The Canterbury Villa is decorated for Thanksgiving with cardboard turkeys and Thanksgiving plaques, and a very festive look in the dining area.

Last Thursday at Canterbury Villa, Bill Newland led the singing and he and the Rev. Paul Kenley sang two specials, More Love to Thee, O Christ, and Now I Belong to Jesus, accompanied by Mary Edna Hendrix. Bobbie Baldrige gave the devotional on the Thanksgiving season. She said in her devotional God is the source of our strength, He is the builder of our life, He is God of all and He is our redeemer. He hears our prayers and He is the giver of all things.

Many people are hungry, many are homeless and many do not have a car totake them places--so let's thank God for our many blessings! Bobbie red a Thanksgiving poem and Bro. Paul Kenley led in prayer. Mauzee Youts was the only other one participating; some were out of town and some were sick.

This group from First Baptist Church will not meet this week at Canterbury Villa, since it is Thanksgiving Day.

Marie Perrin, Rose Acker, Mary Cluck, Dorothy Mayfield and Dorothy Gilbreath attended a craft show recently at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Several women from Parmer County, the Bovina and Friona Extension Homemakers clubs, met with the Castro County Extension Homemakers clubs recently for a covered dish luncheon in the court-house basement. Faye Mohon decorated the tables with scarecrows in a basket of dried leaves. Colorful leaves were scattered all down the center of the table. Scarecrows were given as door prizes.

Robin Gonzales showed several gift ideas for Christmas: Santas painted on bricks, cans and blocks of wood; a covered basket filled with potpourri; a basket filled with pine cones and lights; and a Santa and an angel made from Coke cans.

Faye Mohon showed some painted Christmas sweatshirts. Rosetta Bellinghausen displayed stuffed toys and a board to hang stuffed toys on, and a soap potpourri. Rose Acker showed some Christmas pillows. A woman from Friona exhibited a pretty vest and another one had an unusual dish carrier. Each member brought a favorite recipe that will be made into a cookbook.

What happened to Joe Stevens pickup at the hospital? It was full of cut-up paper! Someone forgot where the trash dumpster is located!

Wayne Mohon's grandmother, Mary Ellison, was honored with a

birthday party on Nov. 13 at the Farwell Convalescent Home. She is 104. The party was held in the sun room that was decorated with balloons. They served birthday cake and punch. Wayne, Faye, and Faye's dad, Clell Bonifield, attended from Dimmitt.

La Dawn Richling from San Francisco, Carl Lee Kemp from Dallas and Ginger and Jinsie Ward from Atlanta, Ga., have all been in Dimmitt visiting their mother, Louise Kemp.

Bob and Mildred Sheffy met their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cobren of Phoenix, in Hereford on Friday night. They were on their way to Cordell, Okla., for Thanksgiving. Bob and Bud were together in the service in World War II.

Downtown Dimmitt was bright with all the Christmas lights that were turned on for all the excitement last Thursday night. there were many children who enjoyed talking to Santa, who came to the gazebo on a fire truck with all the lights shining and the sirens blaring. I saw many of my little friends there and two little sets of twins. The third grade choir sang several songs, and the high school choir ended the festive evening with a 30-minute concert.

Judilee held Christmas Open House in her home on Saturday. She and her husband, Winston Waggoner, have worked all summer and fall on redecorating their Front

New stickers start Jan. 1

A new anti-theft device will become available in January: a new vehicle registration sticker that goes on the inside of a vehicle's windshield instead of outside on license plates.

The sticker is larger and of a different design than current stickers. Its main purpose is to deter theft. If the sticker is peeled off the windshield, the word "VOID" appears on it, making it a useless scrap of paper.

In 1992, 568,885 replacement license plates and stickers were issued. Texas Dept. of Transportation said 60% of replacement stickers were issued because of theft. At \$5.30 per replacement, replacing the stickers cost the public \$1.8 million and a lot of time and aggravation.

Transportation officials said that the true cost of stolen stickers, including fraudulent uses of stolen stickers, costs the state and individual counties about \$17 million annually.

Street home.

Virginia Crider was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a day of bridge. She served Tropical Delight Cake for dessert and she served peanut butter cookies for snacks. The members bring their brown bag lunch. Dugan Butler won high score and Johnnie Vannoy won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Dude McLauren, Bernice Hill, Susie Reeves, Loranell Hamilton, Louise Mears, Ina Rae Cates, Emily Clingsmith, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Mattie Swircynski, Mary Small and Retta Cluck.

Those palying Skip-Bo were Nell Davis, Ocie Bolton, Lily Kunetka and Inez Lee.

Tina Rawlings was honored on her birthday Nov. 15. There is a question about birth certificates, so she is either 93 or 94; the family really doesn't know how old or young she is. The Coffee Klatch group met for coffee and presented Tina with birthday cards and had cake at the Senior Citizens Center, and then a group took her to Clovis to Poor Boys for lunch and shopping.

Deanne Clark, Ann Kern, Rosa Acker and Fran King met former Dimmitt resident Irene Robel at the Amarillo Civic Center last Thursday for the Phyllis Schlafly-Sarah Wed-dington debate on abortion, family values and traditions.

The two attractive, intelligent lawyers represent two distinct views on abortion, women in combat,

stay-at-home motherhood and career women, but drew clear lines between government involvement and individual choices. There were about 200 people there and, with no prior arrangement, the crowd divided in seating by age groups with the college age persons supporting Weddington ideas and

older men and women supporting Schlafly positions.

Carolyn and George Sides have just returned from Georgetown where they welcomed Emma Aubrey Watson, baby daughter of Kim Sides Watson and Ed Watson.

Shannon and Marie Powers have moved back to Dimmitt from Elizabeth City, N.C.

Shannon is retiring from the Coast Guard.

They will be visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Powers, and her grandmother, Emily Ramey.



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FOR NOVEMBER--Dimmitt Middle School has named its outstanding students for November. Honored include (back row, from left) seventh grader Valerie Gonzales, eighth graders Charley Sanders and Amy Matthews, and fifth grader

Cherie Bell; (front row, from left) fourth grader Miguel Mantos, sixth grader Justin Sutton, seventh grader Rusty McDaniel and fourth grader Sally Stahl. Not pictured are Valentene Olvera, fifth grade, and Stephanie Flores, sixth grade.

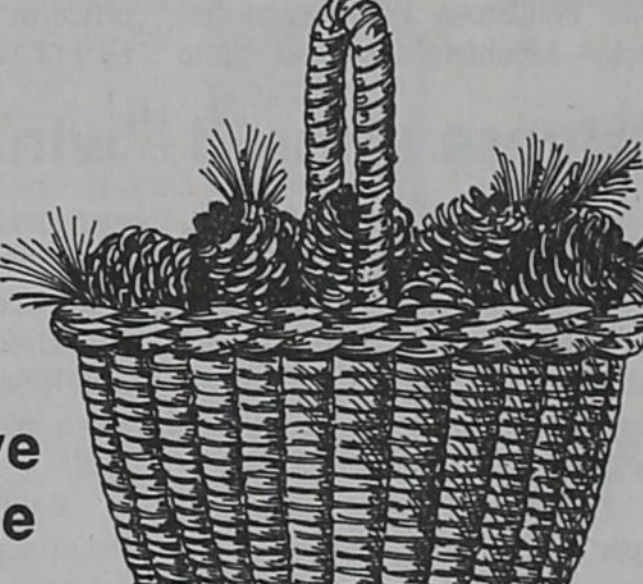
Photo by John Brooks



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wishing you and your loved ones an abundance of good fortune this Thanksgiving holiday.

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A BOUNTY OF GOOD WISHES

As we give thanks for our many blessings, we're grateful to count your kind patronage among them.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

Brown, Graham & Co., P.C.
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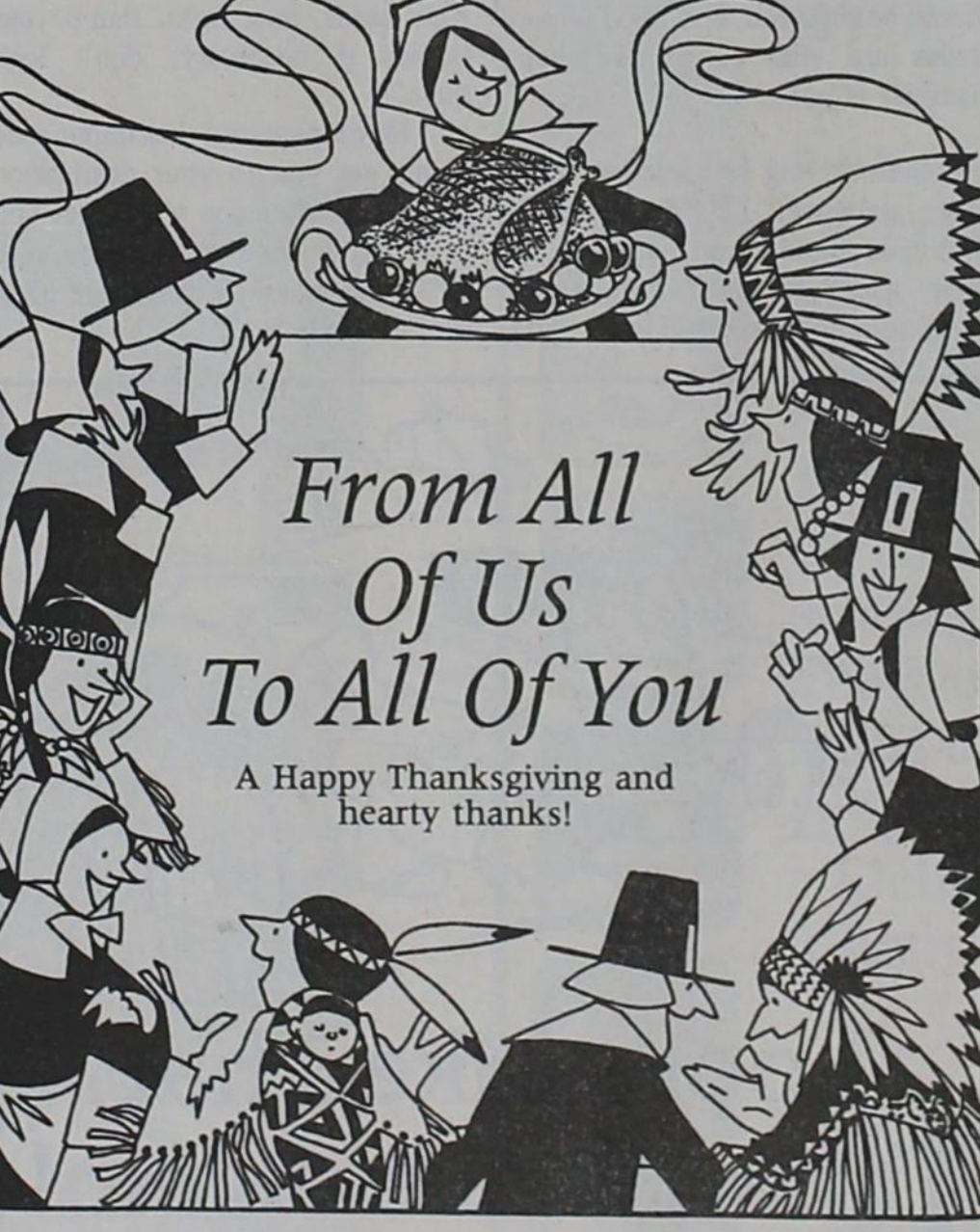


*Thanks for Friends and Family ...
Home and Hearthside ... Be Grateful!*

Pause in the midst of the fun and the feasting ... reflect for a moment or two ... and count up the things you're glad about. Probably they're the same things that inspired the Pilgrim Fathers: food, fellowship, and a sense of caring, sharing and purpose.



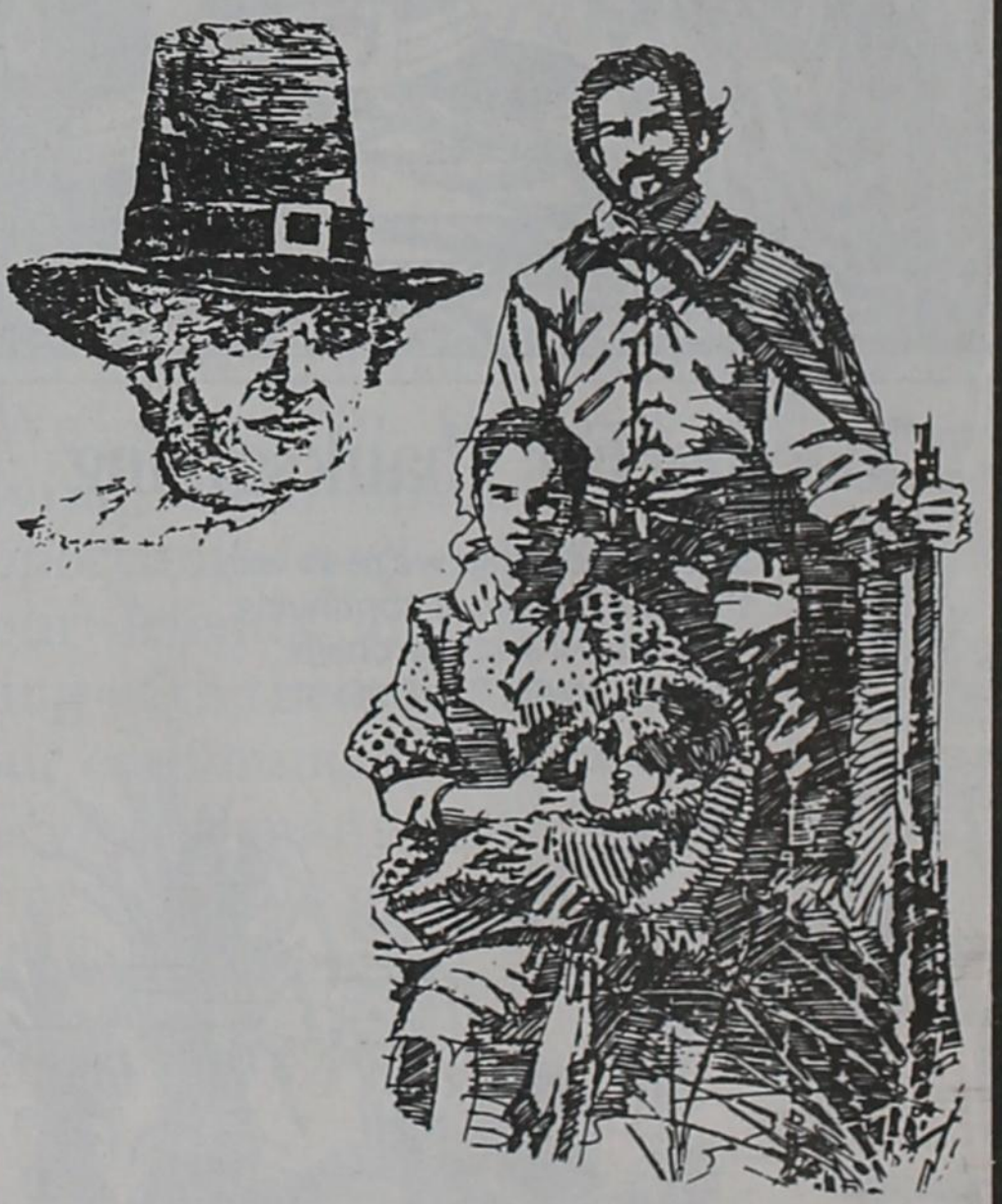
Coleman Health Mart Pharmacy
201 NW 2nd St. 647-3151



From All Of Us To All Of You

A Happy Thanksgiving and hearty thanks!

Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.



Let's pause a moment and reflect upon the true meaning of the Thanksgiving holiday . . . and all the gladness it brings to us.

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Op-Ed

opinions, editorials, letters

Guest editorial

Local citizens must bear costs of unfunded mandates

By A. WAYNE WYATT

Federal and state regulatory agencies are paralyzing ordinary citizens with phobic fears about the dangers of environmental contamination.

All too often, regulations set down by these agencies in an attempt to solve a perceived environmental "crisis" carry exorbitant price tags for compliance, which ultimately are passed along to water users.

Take the City of Lorenzo, for example. With a population of 1,208, it is larger than many other small towns in the High Plains of Texas. It has an annual operating budget of \$410,884. According to Mayor Tommy Fondren, 37% of the city's population is classified as low moderate income, 48% as low income and rest are "definitely not rich folks."

The main functions of city government of a town like Lorenzo are to oversee the operation of a landfill, operate water and wastewater systems, and provide police/volunteer fire/ambulance services. The city also may have an underground storage tank of gasoline to fuel its vehicles.

Yet Fondren and others in city government must find means to comply with four major federal environmental acts — the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle D, Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Clean Water Act (CWA) and RCRA Underground Storage Tank.

Complying with these four environmental acts could not impact the small town of Lorenzo any harder than if the federal and state governments had drawn a circle around the town and targeted it with a smart bomb.

The repercussions of environmental regulations are not limited to small towns in rural states, although the economic impact on a per-resident basis is much greater in small towns. City governments of large cities in California, Texas and South Carolina, and local officials from Ohio and Alaska are grappling with the same problems. It is a national problem.

State agencies are not just another interest group; they are the building blocks of federalism.

"States are not merely subdivisions of the United States," wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. "State governments are neither regional offices nor administrative agencies of the federal government."

The problem here is that environmental extremists, the mainstream media and bureaucrats brainwash the public into believing that more environmental protection is needed when, in fact, it may not be needed at all.

There are six principal reasons that we have an over-regulation crisis and that changes *must* be made before the small cities and towns of America are bankrupted:

◆ Environmental rules are too often written to a one-size-fits-all standard. Standards are written by people residing in the Washington, D.C. area who are ignorant of or ignore the vast ecological differences in our country. Utah is nothing like Connecticut, nor is East Texas anything like West Texas.

◆ Environmental regulations appear to be developed without consideration of other requirements being developed. Even individual offices with EPA clearly operate on their own time schedules. Landfill and drinking water regulations can arrive more or less simultaneously—with either having the capacity to exhaust the financial resources of a small town.

◆ Environmental rules and procedures are inflexible, not allowing for differences in specific situations. For example, petroleum-contaminated soil where the ground water is five feet below sandy soil needs to be cleaned up before cleaning up an area where ground water is 1,500 feet below shale. State officials have been given some authority to prioritize, but not the authority to waive the cleanup. And federal grants cannot be transferred from one environmental medium to another. A western state with its drinking water in jeopardy, but with few or no air quality problems, is not allowed to shift federal money from air to water.

◆ Increasingly, environmental standards are not accompanied by the necessary funds to implement them. For example, under the law, drinking water must be tested for 25 new chemical parameters, but the approximate \$10,000 cost per analysis falls entirely on the community. Unfunded mandates by Congress, administered through federal agencies, give the illusion that Congress is doing great things to protect the environment, when in fact a community may be overburdened financially with little or no improvement in its environment.

◆ The cost of compliance with environmental regulations is not considered in the development of regulations by federal agencies, and each mandate is given equal weight for compliance. When finite resources have to be expended on lower-priority problems at the expense of higher-priority risks, society lacks the funds to attack real problems.

◆ As the federal government faces increasing budget problems, most of the financial burden is being shifted to the states. States such as Texas that have their own budget problems shift the burden of cost to local government through fees and fines levied by state agencies. The local government has no choice but to increase its fees for services and/or its local taxes. The local residents hurt the most are the blue collar workers and retired people living on fixed, limited incomes from Social Security.

The irony of this whole bureaucratic mess is that the retired citizens of our small cities and towns are being hurt the most. They are the ones that built our small towns and cities through hard work and sacrifice. They also are the parents and grandparents of those writing the regulations which are making their retirement years increasingly difficult.

Maybe it is time we sat down with our children and grandchildren to teach them a little common sense. Certainly we all need to contact our legislators and encourage them to fix the problem.

A. Wayne Wyatt is manager of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.



Babbling Brooks

By John Brooks

I'm NOT the grinch who stole Christmas, the curmudgeon who kidnapped Kris Kringle or any of that. I just think we start Christmastime too darn early ever year.

I feel so strong about it, I may run for Congress. Just kidding. Heh, heh, heh. I have too many skeletons *outside* my closet, much less the few dozen on the inside, to run for Congress.

But wait, if Bill Sarpalius can get elected, and re-elected...

Anyway, I got in trouble a few years back when I wrote in the *Hereford Brand* that it started too early, so I already know I'm out of favor with the merchants.

It just disgusts me to see Christmas stuff out in October. Some places, I'm sure, have it out in September, but I don't go in those stores. I cross them off faster than Santa marks out a bad boy or girl.

Even most of November is out. Day after Thanksgiving, lets kick in with a big Merry Christmas and let the sales and the decorating begin.

Christmas has become far too long of a proposition. Kind of like politics. Used to be the election stuff really didn't start 'til Labor Day. Not any more. We have to have primaries and caucuses and all kinds of things we never had before. And, we have them so many months before the general election. Next year's primary, for instance, will be in March. The general election will be in November. Even though I am a direct recipient of money that flows from campaign advertisement, I say it's far too long.

I'm afraid we'll get the too-early elections solved about the same time we get the too-early Christmas solved. That time will be on the 32nd day of the 13th month of the 101st year of the next century.

The same time Texas Tech gets to the Cotton Bowl. bb

But wait! Texas Tech could wind up in the Cotton Bowl, I guess. It may depend on what the NCAA does to those cheatin' Aggies.

The Aggies are denying that they knew anything about eight players who "worked" for a Dallas-area contractor who just happened to be a former student at

TAMU. It took the Aggies half of the Piney Woods to make enough paper to deny all of the allegations. What was it, 1,200 pages or something, just to say "I know nothing" with the same firmness as Sergeant Schultz did on Hogan's Heroes. In fact, the whole matter looks like Sergeant Schultz was at the controls.

Anyway, the Aggies may be about to get their hands slapped again by the NCAA.

If the Aggies knew and are lying, why not put the Aggies in the same league with, say, Odessa Permian.

Wouldn't that be a nice league. No rules. Or, make your own rules.

I've doubted the sense of some federal judges in the past, but finally a ruling came out of El Paso's federal court that made some sense. Judge Harry Hudspeth (surely he's kin to the Hudspeth that the county is named for, but I don't know for sure) ruled last week that the Mojoes were not above the law, that Permian must follow the rules like everyone else.

Mojo was no mo'. It's not the only time Mojo was made no mo'. My friend Jerry Taylor used to be the coach at Odessa High. He finked on Permian a few years ago, told about how they were holding some illegal practice sessions. Mojo was banned from the playoffs. Taylor stuck it out for the year, told 'em all to take a hike and moved back home to Breckenridge.

Permian is not above the law, and neither are the Aggies. If they're wrong, take care of them. They knew the rules, in both cases, and should have to pay the piper. One day the piper may come in and take all of their football gear away. If that happens, I won't be too sad.

I used to be a big sports fan, and then I had to put things in a little different priority. I still like sports, but dang it, it's a game. If it's so important to these folks that they have to cheat; if their egos are so big that they want to play by their own set of rules, then I say run them out, kill their football programs and get down to the business of having school.

Winning, no matter what the prize, whether it's a trophy or a bigger paycheck or whatever, is not worth being dishonest.



Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government?

Write and tell us about it. (*Castro County News*, Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo):
Rm. 126 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202)225-3706.

Local office: P.O. Box 7926, Amarillo, 79101; phone 371-8844.

Larry Combest (R-Lubbock):
Rm. 1527 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202)225-4005.

Local office: Federal Bldg., Suite 613, 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 763-1611.

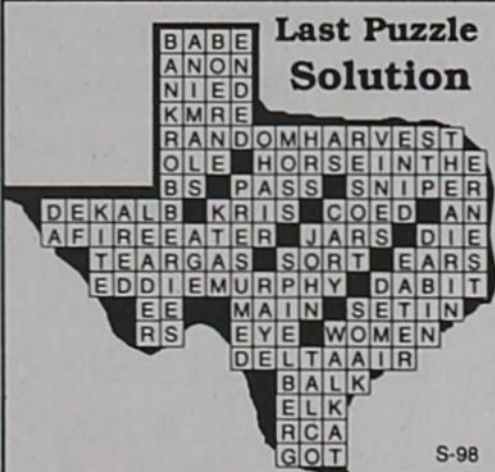
US SENATE

Phil Gramm (R-Texas):
Rm. 370 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-2934.

Local office: 113 Federal Bldg., 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 743-7533.

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas):
Rm. 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-5922.

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- TXism: "will miss ___ you blink" (small town)
- in Uvalde County: ___ Peg Mountain
- TX melons: honey ___
- TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"
- music not heard on C&W radio
- Ruby went to Dallas jail ___ Oswald
- TXism: "mobile mouse ___" (cat)
- Laredo throws big New Year's ___
- Bush was his VP (init.)
- TX Vikki Carr album: "___ Hombres" ('89)
- this Alfred won pres. nomination in '28 in Houston (init.)
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- weed chopper
- TXism: "cold enough to make cows ___"
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- extra performance by TX Van Cliburn
- TXism: "___ dice"
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- TXism: "___ it in" (collect money)
- TXism: "up ___ snuff"
- dry oil wells
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- TXism: "happy as a kid ___ Santa's lap"
- convent sisters
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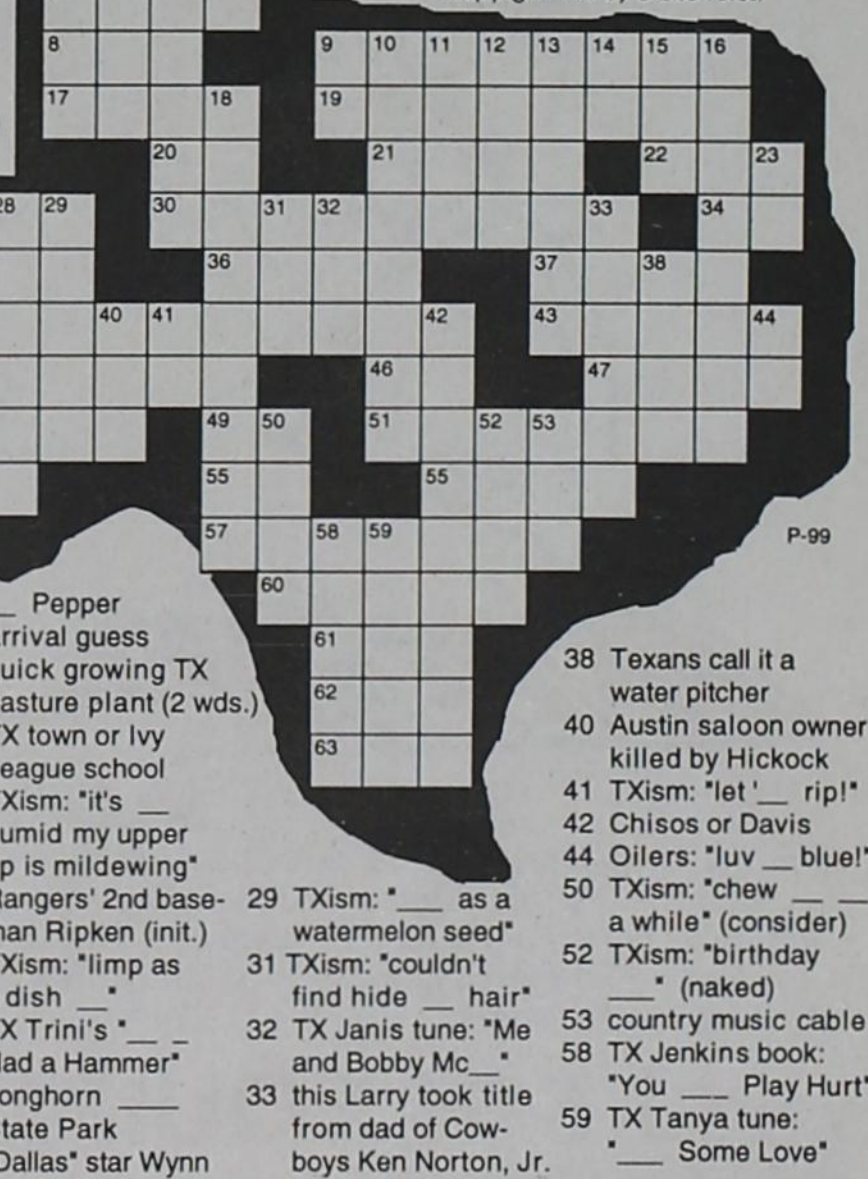
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- Ranger oil field was "The Boom that Won ___"
- in Wichita Co. on hwy. 287
- this TX Parker was "Davy Crockett"
- Cowboys safety Everett (init.)
- Butterfield ___ Mail passed through El Paso
- TX plateau
- TXism: "bone ___" (study)
- this David was in "Silhouette" about a TX community
- ___ Pepper
- arrival guess
- quick growing TX pasture plant (2 wds.)
- TX town or Ivy League school
- TXism: "it's ___ humid my upper lip is mildeewing"
- Rangers' 2nd base- man Ripken (init.)
- TXism: "limp as a dish ___"
- TX Trini's "___ Had a Hammer"
- Longhorn ___
- "Dallas" star Wynn
- Texans call it a water pitcher
- Austin saloon owner killed by Hickock
- TXism: "let '___ rip!"
- Chisos or Davis
- Oilers: "luv ___ blue!"
- TXism: "chew ___ a while" (consider)
- TXism: "birthday ___" (naked)
- country music cable
- TX Jenkins book: "You ___ Play Hurt"
- TX Tanya tune: "___ Some Love"

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CHAMPION SKI RACER—Harold Waggoner, a skier from Green Forest, Ark., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Eulless Waggoner of Dimmitt, has claimed a spot as Arkansas' top Budweiser Challenge NASTAR racer. Waggoner finished first in the 50-59 year-old category and was first overall as part of the Budweiser All-Star rankings program. Waggoner has been involved in recreational ski racing for the last 12 years. He won first place in the 1987 Dr. Pepper-New Mexico State Finals Ski Race Series and placed third in the 1988 Coca-Cola Challenge Cup New Mexico State Finals. He is a 1954 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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Efforts underway for safety program

Two county women are leading an effort to establish a chapter of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids in Castro County.

Cindy Gerber, an LVN from the Nazareth area, and Laura Hart, who works at Cargill Grain Division at Hart, are attempting to form a county-wide chapter.

"We hope also to serve other counties through our chapter here, since the movement is just now getting underway in Texas," Gerber said. The program is active in 43 states, and is coordinated nationally by the University of Iowa NIOSH Center.

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids was formed in 1987 after the death of 11-year-old Keith Algreen in an accident on the family farm in Earlham, Iowa. Keith's mother, Marilyn Adams, began the effort to help educate children and increase awareness of hazards to children and adolescents around farms.

The objectives of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids also include providing individuals, families and communities with appropriate skills and resources to make the farm a safe a healthy environment, and to motivate and empower individuals, families and communities to make positive changes regarding farm safety and health issues.

According to farm safety statistics, about 300 children died from farm-related injuries in 1990,

and 95% of boys age 7 to 9 are allowed to be extra riders on tractors, a very unsafe practice.

Farm Safety



Gerber, mother of three children age 11 and under, and her husband, Stanley, live on a farm near Nazareth. She first became involved with the program through the Tri-State Trauma Symposium in Amarillo in September. Hart became involved with the program through Cargill's sponsorship of the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids program this year. Other national sponsors are DowElanco, Nationwide Insurance Foundation and Farmland Insurance Companies.

There are currently only two chapters in Texas, in Hale and Floyd counties.

"We'd sure like to out-do both of them," Gerber said.

She said 10 members are needed to form a local chapter. Annual dues are \$15 for a family and \$25 for a business. Gerber may be contacted at 945-2506, and Hart at 938-2178.

CRP management seminar to be here

A Conservation Reserve Program and Wetland conference will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the courthouse basement.

The program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. It is being sponsored by the Castro County Agricultural Committee in cooperation with Soil Conservation Service.

The conference will offer producers helpful information concerning CRP and wetland laws, regulations, management, and on what to anticipate when CRP land comes out of the program.

Speakers on the agenda are Presley Hatcher with the USDA Corp of Engineers, Charles Coffman with US Dept. of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, and J.R. Bell, a Soil Conservation Service specialist on range conservation.

There will be a question and answer session at the end of the program. Producers interested in attending should contact J.D. Ragland at the Extension Office, 647-4115, by Friday, Dec. 3.

Those attending the workshop will qualify for two continuing education units (CEUs).

Nominees listed for ASCS board

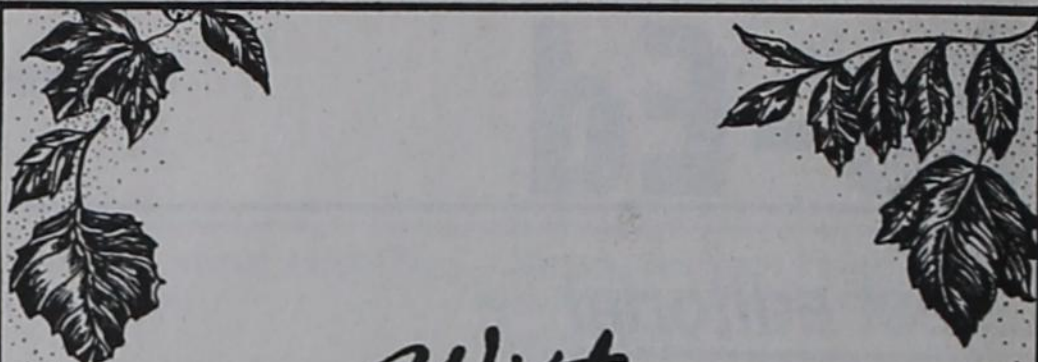
Nominees have been named for the election in Community C for the Castro County ASCS.

The slate includes Hubert Backus, Shari Bradley, Bruce Fuller, Dan Schmucker and Rodger Schilling. Scotty Abbott, county ASCS executive director, said the ASCS election will be conducted by mail from Friday until Dec. 6. Voters may also get ballots at the County ASCS office at Belsher and SW Second.

Eligible ASCS voters will receive their secret ballot in the

mail with instructions on how to vote for candidates of their choice and should return the ballot to the county office by Dec. 6. Ballots will be counted at 8 a.m. on Dec. 8 at the county office. The opening and tabulating of ballots is open to the public.

"Your farmer-elected community committee members elect your county committee members who represent their area and see that farm programs are administered according to law," said Abbott.



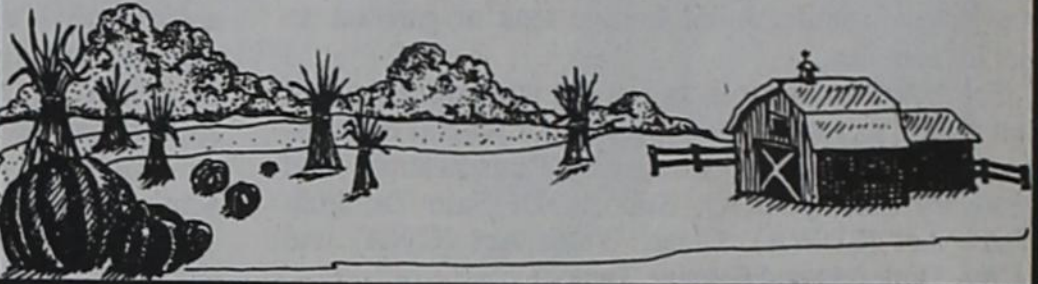
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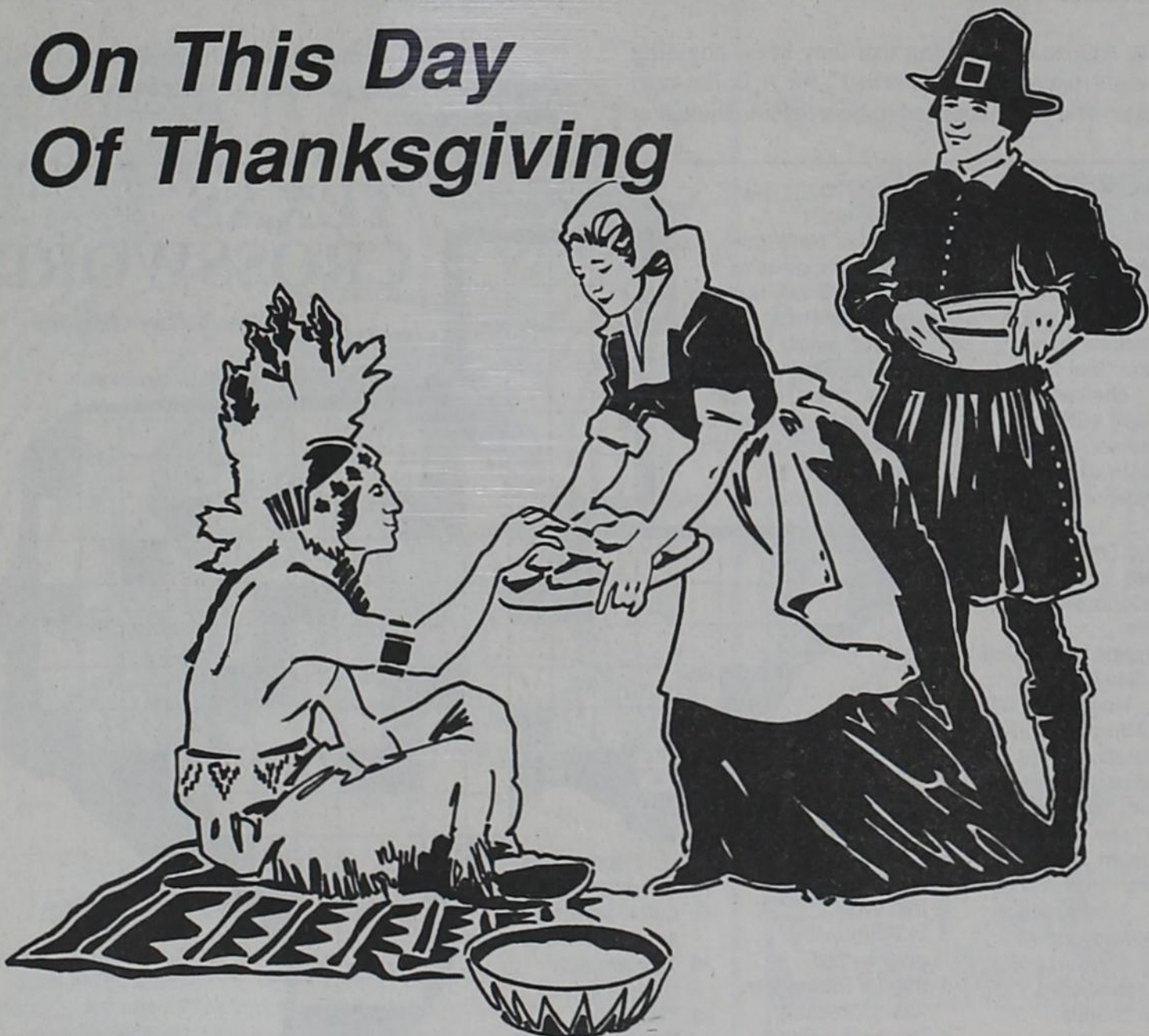
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On This Day Of Thanksgiving



For the happiness in our families today. For the beauty around us. For the friendships we've made. For the laughter and the difficult times that we have endured and that have helped us grow. For the food on our tables, and for the blessings we have received, let us join together in the early tradition of our country and give thanks for past and present blessings of this land.

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From our Family
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a time to be thoughtful ...
a time to be prayerful ...
and a time to be
grateful and thankful to
all the wonderful people
of our county for the
privilege of serving you.*

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Jim Hoelting, Location Manager
Mark Gerber, Plant Operator
Al Maurer, Nazareth Plant Operator
Norman Gerber, Salesman
Julene Gerber, Secretary
Mick Gerber, Asst. Plant Operator

