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Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—
The rain came rolling in and the measurements were from a little over 4 inches to more than 5 inches. No matter what the total, it was a marvelous "rainy spell" and will sure brighten prospects around here as far as this year's peanut farmers are concerned. We thank the good Lord for the fantastic rain and the great boost it gave folks in this area, as they are all sporting great big smiles now.

—J—
Congratulations to the Gorman Panthers on winning the District Championship. They defeated the Lingleville boys in the district playoff and will advance to the bi-district game against Baird tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 in the Cisco Junior College gym.

The runner-up team, Lingleville, will be playing the Eula boys at 8 p. m. following the Gorman and Baird game.

We wish the Panthers the best of luck in their bi-district battle.

—J—
Noticed where the Ranger Chamber of Commerce has set their annual banquet for Thursday, March 9th at the Lone Cedar Country at 7 p. m. Jerry Hodges will be the guest speaker. Mr. Hodges is the vice chairman of the Texas Department of Corrections and the folks of Eastland County are anxious to meet him, as he will be in on the decision as to where the new prison units will be built in Texas, and Eastland County is hoping that one will be located in our county.

—J—
Don't forget about the musical at Desdemona on Saturday night, February 25th at 7 p. m. There will be lots of good musicians and singers present, and the concession stand will be open with lots of goodies. All proceeds will go to the repair of the Desdemona Community Center building.

—J—
In case you are wondering if a bomb landed in the Progress office this week, you are right! We are in the midst of changing things around in the front office, and things sure are a mess right now. So excuse our dust while and until we finally get things rearranged to suit us. Don't know who's bright idea this was, but it sure has things messed up around here. Ugh!

—J—
There will be another group of Eastland County folks taking a tour of the Michael Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections near Palestine on Thursday. This is the third tour so far by folks in Eastland County to see a model of the prison unit which the Eastland County Economic Development Council is trying to secure for our county. This project would be a very large boost for our troubled county economy with a payroll of better than one and one-half million per month.

If you are interested in taking one of these tours please contact the ECEDC office in Cisco at 442-3413

SENIOR CLASS TO SPONSOR 42 TOURNEY FEB. 25

The Gorman Senior Class is sponsoring a 42 tournament Saturday, February 25th at the Gorman Fire Hall.

The tournament starts at 7 p. m. Entry fee is \$5 per person. There will be a double elimination. First, second and third place individual trophies will be given.

Deadline to enter is Friday, February 24th. For more information contact Ina Scitern at 734-2720 or 734-3110. Send your entry fee to Box 8, Gorman, Tx 76454. Att: Gorman Seniors '89.

A concession stand will be open serving hamburgers, chips, baked goods and cold drinks.

Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Welch Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welch celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 17th at 2:30 p.m. in the home of John and Troy Scitern in the Kokomo Community.

The celebration was hosted by their children - John and Troy Scitern, Joel and Anita Welch of Breckenridge, two of the children could not make it in for the celebration, they are: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rich of Grand Junction, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Welch of Houston.

The celebration was enjoyed by all of the couples grandchildren and quite a few guests - Gene and Carolyn Foster, Bonnie Blanche Cox, Bernice Rodgers, Hazel Snider, Ina Scitern, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern all of Gorman; Johnny and Jo Ann Scitern, Keri Scitern, Kris Scitern, Nancy Hendricks, Joe O'Neal all of Kokomo; Jacky Johnson of Carbon; Brad Carr, Deavonna Lee, and LaVerne and Micky Carr all of Stephenville; Randy and Nita Walt, Robert and Jeannie McCullough all of Breckenridge; Wanda and Olan Keller of Lake Leon; Oatis and Pauline Welch of Rising Star; and La Von Snider of Brownwood.

Congratulations to Joe and Claudia.

Gorman Students Named To Cast Of Musical - TSU

The internationally acclaimed musical, "Man of La Mancha" will be presented on the campus of Tarleton State University, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 23-25. The production is sponsored by the Department of Fine Arts and Speech and features the talents of TSU students.

Two students from Gorman have been named to the cast of "Man of La Mancha". They are freshman Theatre major Cody Murray and sophomore Theatre major Bobbie Wilcoxson.

"Man of La Mancha" is one of the longest-running musical hits in American stage history. Written by Dale Wasserman based on the 16th century writings of Miguel de Cervantes, "Man of La Mancha" combines the mad eccentricities of the immortal fictional character, Don Quixote, with a moving account of the adversities that beset his creator.

Mitch Leigh and Joe Darion persuaded Wasserman to turn his TV screen play into a musical and the two provided the musical score. "The Impossible Dream" remains the most familiar of the songs, but "Dulcinea" and "Little Bird" are

and get signed up for the next tour which will be coming up in the near future. It is a very enlightening trip and will let folks see first hand how the new prison units are operated and the security they have built in to these new units.

—J—
Noticed that Carl Dean and Bertie Stacy are in the process of removing the old Dairy Treat building on Hwy. 6 East. We hope to have more details on their plans later. Sure hope they are considering a new business for Gorman!

—J—
And remember to smile - because God Loves You!

Musical Set Saturday Night At Desdemona Center at 7 p.m.

Don't forget the musical Saturday night, February 25th at 7 p. m. in the Desdemona Community Center. We are expecting a large lineup of talented musicians and singers that you will not want to miss.

Among others, we are expecting J. W. (Wade) Seals and wife, T. J. from Fort Worth; R. D. Weeks and sons, Robert and Brandy of Eastland; Raymond Hart of Ranger; Benny Moseley of Lake Leon; O'Dell Hale and his group from Morgan Mill; Dewey Bailey and his group from Gorman; Sid and Ginger Vick of Necessity; Edith Sadler of Eastland; Elwanda (Roberts) Adams of Carbon; plus a number of area musicians and singers.

There is no admission charge. All proceeds from the concession stand (with lots of sandwiches, pie, coffee, etc.) go to the repair of the Community Center.

Everyone is invited to attend.

also easily recognizable.

The curtain goes up each evening at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center on the TSU campus. Ticket information and reservations are available by calling 817-968-9634.

Outsiders Volleyball Tourney Slated At Desdemona

The Desdemona Community Center will sponsor an Outsiders Volleyball Tournament on March 9-10-11. Entry fee is \$36 per team and must be in by March 1st.

For more information contact Karen Eaves at 758-2202.

The concession stand will be open for all games and all proceeds will go for repairs of the building.

School Trustee Election Set For Saturday, May 6

The Gorman ISD Board of Trustees Election has been set for Saturday, May 6th. at the school.

The three year terms of Dale Curb, Larry Campbell and Terry Clark will expire.

Those wishing to file for these positions may do so from February 20 through March 22 in the superintendent's office.

—GP—

Kokomo Stew Supper Is Huge Success Again

About 150 people attended the Benefit Stew Supper sponsored by the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club on Saturday night, Feb. 18th, coming from Odessa, Haskell, Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, De Leon, Carbon, Gorman, Kokomo, and the surrounding communities.

The tables were appropriately decorated in the President's Day theme with white cloths, red, white and blue streamers and miniature flags on each table.

The profit will be divided between the Carbon and Gorman Fire Departments and the West Texas Rehab Center at Abilene.

The club wishes to thank everyone for coming, and all those who helped in any way.

Club members helping were Anna Laura Clearman, Naoma Morrow, Nancy Hendricks, Wynelle Brown, Mary Frances Bishop, Janette Burreson, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Bernice Rodgers, Johnnie B. Griffith, Norma Webb and associate member, Zelda Jordan, and Ruth Bryant.

Nancy Hendricks, Secretary
—GP—

LISA FOSTER RECEIVES SERVING AWARD AT ACU

Lisa C. Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster of Gorman, received a Serving Award February 18 during Abilene Christian University's Parents Day Luncheon, the highlight of a full day of activities.

Foster, senior accounting major, has been involved in ACU summer camps and has been on the Dean's List. She is a 1985 graduate of Gorman High School.

Eight seniors received major student honors at the luncheon: four Serving Awards and four Caring Awards. These awards represent ACU's guiding theme of "Caring, Serving, Excelling."

Announced at earlier receptions were the winners of Excelling Awards in each of the university's five colleges. Students accepted into Who's Who Among American University and College Students also were introduced at the luncheon.

ACU is the fourth largest private university in the Southwest and the largest university affiliated with the churches of Christ.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

Monday - Rice, juice and milk.
Tuesday - Toast, bacon, eggs, juice and milk.
Wednesday - Cinnamon rolls, juice and milk.
Thursday - Applesauce muffins, juice and milk.
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LUNCH

Monday - Corny dogs, macaronni and cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit and milk.
Tuesday - Sausage patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, biscuits, cookies and milk.
Wednesday - Beef and vegetable soup, fried okra, fruit, cornbread and milk.
Thursday - Hamburger and pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, buttered corn, brownies and milk.
Friday - Hamburgers, curliques, ice cream and milk.

Jesame Jade Taylor and Joseph Glenn Miles to Pledge Nuptials



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor of Tye have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jesame Jade Taylor, to Joseph Glenn Miles. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles of Rt. 4, Abilene.

An October wedding is being planned.

Jesame is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Foxmoor in the Mall of Abilene.

Joe, a graduate of Abilene High School, is employed by General Dynamics and attends night classes at TSTI on the Abilene Campus.

Joe is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan of Kokomo.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere thanks to all for their kind expressions of sympathy thru prayers, visits, food, and cards. A special thanks to Canterbury Villa, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Ray Daniels; and Richard Watson, and to the ladies who prepared and served our lunch at the First United Methodist Church.

We say thank you so much.

The Family of Emma Doyle Boyd Orville Boyd

The Family of Jack Boyd
The Family of William (Butch) Boyd

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Alma L. Vann wish to thank all of the friends and relatives for the many kind words of comfort; thanks to Canterbury Villa for the many years of love and kindness; also thanks to the many people for the food, the beautiful flower arrangements; to the choir for the beautiful songs and to Rev. Ron Carroll for the services and his comforting care and words to the family.

Also thanks to Higginbothams Funeral Home for the very nice service.

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

The Family of Alma L. Vann
Doris and Bert, Terry,
Dianne and John

It's A Girl For Robert and Cherrie Hodges

Robert and Cherrie Hodges of De Leon proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Robyn Lyndon on February 15th at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches long.

Robyn is welcomed home by one

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Public Library, now located in the old Texas Electric building, is now open. The hours are 1 to 5:00 Monday; from 1 to 7:00 Tuesday and 1 to 5:00 Wednesday thru Saturday. (New) Books arriving daily.

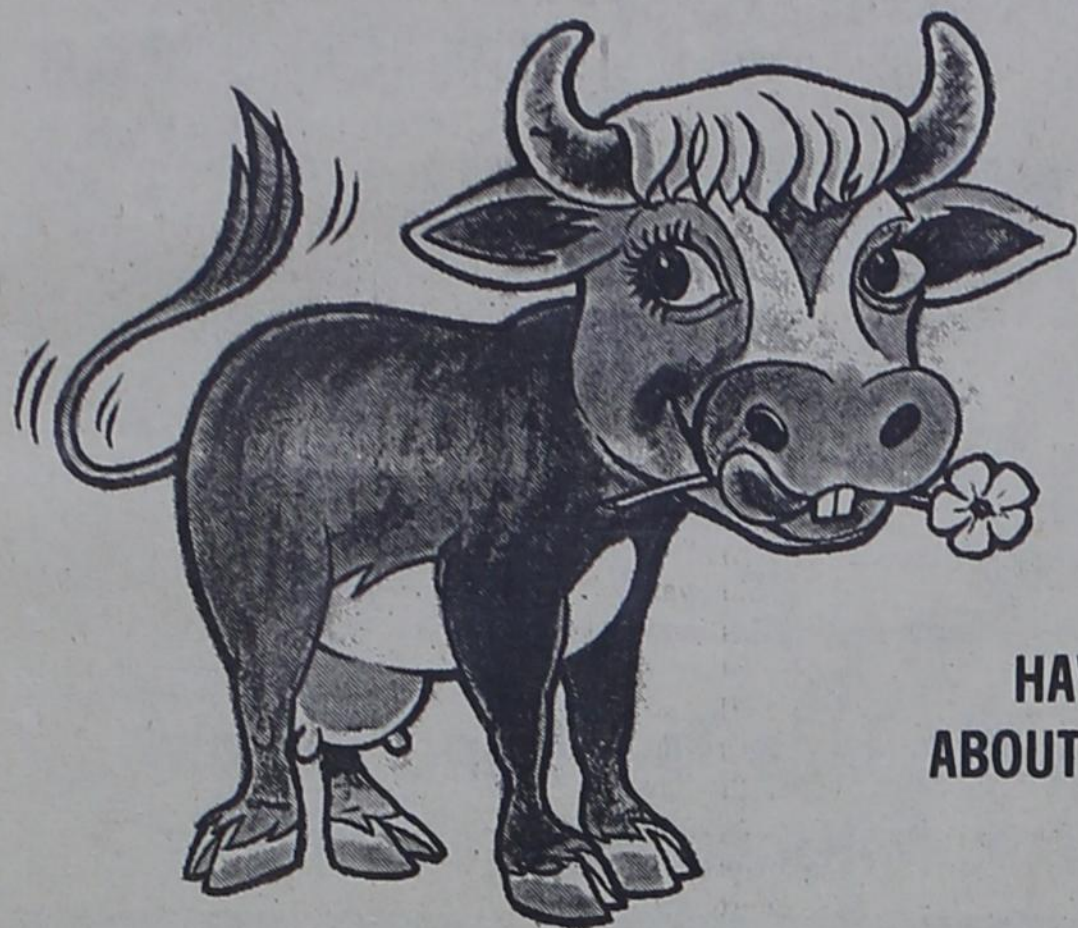
Ida Chandler

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Changed Lives Come About Through A. A. And Al-Anon Meetings at 8 P.M. on Monday and Thursday at 506 Sipe Springs Road, Old Agriculture Building, De Leon, Texas. For further information call 639-2311.

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Area Students On Honor Roll List At Tarleton State

The A and B Honor Roll and Distinguished Student List for the Fall 1988 semester has been announced at Tarleton State University. Dr. Robert C. Fain, Vice President of

Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the fall semester which ended in December. Included on the list were 207 students making

the A Honor Roll and 708 making the B Honor Roll. There were 769 Distinguished Students named.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and be taking a minimum of 12 hours. Students on the B Honor Roll must have a grade point ratio between 3.0 and 3.99 with no grade lower than B and taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and junior and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.5 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Carbon students are: Stacy Marc Morgan, B. D.

Desdemona: Kayla E. Duke, A, D, Susan M. Wilcoxson, B, D, Teresa G. Branham, B, and Bradley L. Johnson, B.

Gorman: Johnnie M. Barnett, A, D, Eddie W. Pettit, A, D, and John Randall Anderson, B, D.

KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan
Phone 639-2289

Wasn't the rain last week great? We received 4.2 inches here at our house. There were reports of 5 inches or more in some places round about. I was really thankful that it didn't get cold enough to freeze during the rainy spell.

A very large crowd attended the annual stew supper sponsored by the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club on Saturday night. Good food and great fellowship with one another.

Woodrow and Helen Brownh and Donna Gatlin rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Visitors were Gary and Donna Gatlin of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Don Woods of Ozona and Lake Leon, Mrs. R. V. Lesley of Comanche, Chad Eaton of Ovalo and Clifton and Frankie Jarrett of Gorman.

Mrs. R. C. Lesley of Comanche and Mr. and Mrs. Roy George of Haskell were visiting during the weekend with Bro. Joe O'Neal and Mrs. Nancy Hendricks.

Don Everton of Decatur visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Everton, Cheryl and Christian during the weekend and on Monday. He also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan.

Mrs. Nancy Hendricks visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan, Kelly and Yancy at Clyde on Tuesday.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Kay Ann Craddock of Plano was a weekend visitor with her mother, Estelle Craddock.

Joel Pittman is visiting his father, Murl Pittman. He will leave soon for Germany to join his unit of the U. S. Marines.

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NANCY HENDRICKS, REPORTER

The February birthday party will be held February 23rd at 2 p. m. on Thursday for Canterbury Villa residents whose birthdays are in February.

The Kokomo EH Club will help honor Nancy Holloway, Stella Thurman, Annie Hale, Lee Roy Wright, Mae Quinn, Margaretta Atwood, Ora Mae Atchison and B. G. (Bruce) Thomas.

Everyone is invited to attend and share in the fun, refreshments and entertainment.

At 2:30 p. m. those from the Kokomo Baptist Church having services were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Hope Joiner, Anna Laura Clearman, Nancy Hendricks and Berneice Rodgers.

At 4 p. m. on Sunday those from the Gorman Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis Maness, Bro. T. A. Grice, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Georgie and Frankie Stacy, Scythia Alldridge, Dee Smithy, Pernia Faye Smith, Jessie Lee Jones, Zina Simpson, Juanita Files, Lorene Foster and Allie Mae George.

We regret the passing of Emma Doyle Boyd on Saturday, Feb. 11 at De Leon Hospital. Mrs. Boyd had been a resident of Canterbury Villa for 5 years and was the wife of Orvil Boyd, also of Canterbury Villa.

Services were held at 3 p. m. on Monday, February 13 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Her grandson, Glenn Boyd officiated, assisted by Richard Watson. Burial was in the Downing Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Jack Boyd of Desdemona and William (Butch) Boyd of Abilene; three sisters, Christine Lawson of Edna, Billie Conn of Mass., and Shirley Ann Clark of Crowley; five brothers, Gene Gilder of West, Lee of Lubbock, Billy Ray and Herman of De Leon; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Don and Billie Ruth Wilkerson of Odessa visited with her mother, Emma Shugart on Wednesday.

Willo Rice brought the Wednesday afternoon devotional. There were 13 residents present.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Bill Spradling had bingo. Winners were Berta Poynor, Cynthia Earles, Mae Quinn, and two blackouts, Jess Roberts and Ola Walker.

Berta Poynor enjoyed her guests, Bro. Joe O'Neal, Ruth Higginbottom, Tommie Guthery, Emma Shugart, Murtice Rodgers, Mayvis Lasater, James Kinser and Zelma Williamson of Desdemona.

On Thursday at 2 p. m. Irene West and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were Veno Hale, Emma Shugart and Ora Mae Atchison. Emma Shugart and Rudolph Haile.

We regret the passing of Bonny W. McGough, 84 years old, who died Friday, February 17 at Stephenville Hospital.

Mr. McGough had been a resident of Canterbury Villa about five years.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Eastland at Bakker Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Andrews officiating.

He is survived by a brother, W. C. McGough of Eastland; three sisters, Nova Gatch of Eustis, Fla., Margie Taylor of Midland and Nina Sheehan of Big Spring.

Rudolph Haile is a patient in the De Leon Hospital. We wish Mr. Haile a speedy recovery.

Better Records Equal Tax Savings

Good recordkeeping has long been one of the best tax-saving actions any taxpayer can take, but this is particularly true for farmers with their many types of financial transactions.

The IRS offers a few suggestions on recordkeeping and its benefits:

Develop a system of recordkeeping that clearly reflects your business. IRS does not demand any particular method, but the records should explain and prove the items on your income tax return—income; deductions; credits; expenses; sale, exchange, or purchase of assets; etc. 1. records can be simple but the information should clearly reflect your business, should be filed in an orderly manner, and should be stored in a safe place.

Retain the records. Records that support an item of income or deduction appearing on a tax return must be kept until the period of limitations expires. Usually this is 3 years from the date the return was due or filed, whichever is later. Information on the cost, acquisition date, and basis of an asset, such as a tractor, should be kept for at least 3 years after disposition of the asset. These records are necessary to determine depreciation while the property is owned, and gain or loss at the time of disposition. Copies of filed tax returns should be kept even longer than other records because they may be helpful in preparing future returns.

Record transactions. Keep a record

Those visiting Robert McClellan were Agnes McClellan, Helen Welch and Blanche Thurman of Dublin.

Those visiting Polly Coker were Jim and Greta Blackshear and daughter, Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ray Blackshear and Amanda of Winters, Billy Ray and Elaine Bailey Kenneth Lee and Arveta Bailey of Clinton, Okla., Lloyd and Helma Coker of Sidney, Son and Sonny Kellogg, Frances Simpson, Velma Bennett, Lucille Broom, Bert and Bonnie Witt, Geneva Bailey, Jack and Nell Blackshear.

On Monday bingo winners were Ola Walker, Ruby Vandergriff, Jess Roberts and Ora Mae Atchison.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison were Chesley Atchison of Fort Worth, Dr. and Mrs. Chesley Atchison and Robert of Ranger, Ima Lee Burleson and Georgie Iley of Desdemona, Edna Brinegar and Joy Campbell.

We enjoyed the Tuesday singing. Guests were Billie Stacy and R. Lee McDaniel of Carbon, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Joy Campbell, Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Velma Bennett, Melba Frasier, Jr. Fairbetter, Jean Winton, Lucretia Fairbetter, Bill Spradlin, Edna Joyce Brinegar, Oma Lee Dee Garrett and Ava Rodgers.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited Annie and Veno Hale.

Those visiting Ruby Vandergriff were Ruth Higginbottom, Velma Bennett, Lucretia Fairbetter, and Jean Snelson.

Frankie Cook of Olden, Donnie Self of Big Spring, Billie Stacy, R. Lee McDaniel of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackshear and Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Blackshear and Amanda of Winters visited Delma Maupin and Burma Hickey.

Dean and Becky Boswell and children of Eastland visited Ola Walker.

—GP—

FUNNY TALES FROM OMA LEE

Old age is getting us all. I heard William telling a friend, "You know those pills that they use to give us in the Army to get our minds off women?" The other man said, "Yeah! What about them?" William said "I believe mine are beginning to work."

Whoever said life begins at forty was nuts. Did you know that when you get older you get to be an inch shorter. That's to help you when you fall on your face. You won't have as far to fall.

Your hair gets thin or leaves altogether. That's okay, you can't raise your arms to dress it anyway!

When you turn your hearing aid up to six you can hear a hummingbird break wind at one hundred yards. I knew I was getting old the other day when I sat out on the porch and couldn't get the rocker started.

Food has taken the place of everything else in my life, so I had a mirror put up over my table the other day.

An unlucky person is one that gets cavities in his false teeth.

—GP—

WITH FRIENDS

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Eastland visited with Pauline Dennis during the weekend.

CARBON NEWS

Dorothy Jackson

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Oh what a grand site for our eyes to behold - all that water in the fields. Sure was nice just to get out and walk in the mud, with your boots on, of course. It's been so long since we had that kind of rain. I registered 4 and one-half inches. Some registered a little more. Am very thankful for every inch. Another good thing about the rain, it didn't get icy. The weatherman kept saying it was coming but it never did. Now if we could have a few warm days these grain fields would really get green. "Us" farmers might even get the fever to get out and start some work in the fields, gardens and yards. The good rain filled some dry tanks, and will help the pastures. Maybe the cattlemen can cut down on the feeding in a few weeks. Not one person said anything against the rain. All said how GREAT the rain was. Sure did see a lot of smiling faces this past week.

Some extra big smiles were on the faces of some Carbon couples. They have a new grandbaby. Jim and Mitzi McGaha are the proud parents of a new daughter, Ally Kelly. The proud grandparents are Winifred and Elnora Lindley of Desdemona, and Royce and Hope McGaha of Carbon. Great-grandmother is Vadis Phelps of Carbon.

John. LaTonne and Jonna Rodgers are pleased to announce the arrival of their granddaughter and niece. Julieann Elizabeth was born to Kim and Jeff White of Graham on Wednesday, February 15 at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces and measured 19½ inches long with dark brown hair and blue eyes.

Proud great-grandparents include Mrs. Berneice Rodgers of Kokomo and Mr. and Mrs. Clydell Lewis of Desdemona. Okay, you grandparents don't spoil the little ones too much.

Bro. Melvin Fields of De Leon brought the morning and evening messages at the Baptist Church Sunday in the absence of our pastor. Bro. Fields' wife, Skipper, visited also. The Fields spent the day visiting in the Carbon community.

Friday, February 24th at First Baptist Church in Abilene is Senior High "Lock-In". It starts at 11 p. m. and the cost is \$8 per person. Lets have some young people to go.

Sunday, February 26th is men's

prayer breakfast. Cook at 7 a. m. and eat at 8. All men invited.

Sunday afternoon will be time to go to the Canterbury Villa in Gorman for the monthly services.

"Teams" tests were given last week at Carbon. Attendance was 100 percent.

Kyle Bryant will be attending the Houston Livestock Show this weekend.

This week the fourth six weeks tests will be given. Only two more six weeks to go for this school year. My, oh my, where has the time gone.

Seniors will have a Pee Wee Basketball Tournament this weekend at CHS gym. Play will start at 4:30 Friday afternoon, February 24th. There will be four games played. Play will resume Saturday afternoon. There will be a concession stand open. Come on out and watch these little ones play. It will be fun to watch.

Plans are being made for an outsiders basketball tournament on March 16-18 at the Carbon gym. This will be sponsored by the girls athletics of Carbon. Eight womens teams and eight mens teams are needed. Entry fees will be \$50 per team. Eight members per team will be allowed.

Mrs. Marla Paulk of Sierra Blanca visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan, and her brothers, Marc and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Morgan and other relatives and friends.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Bob and Betty Huff from Big Spring visited E. J. Whitlock and Frank and M. L. Skiles over the weekend.

Visiting Mrs. E. J. Whitlock over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherrod of Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Taylor of Dublin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Sutton in Roby one day last week.

Berneice Rodgers and Ima Brown visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers in Brownwood on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fairbetter and Amber Lee of Abilene and Adele Russell and daughter, Stephanie of Everman were Saturday guests of the Fairbetter.

Managing For Ag Profits Shortcourse Set At Eastland Feb. 28 - March 1

A short courst to explore income generating and tax saving opportunities in agriculture will be held February 28-March 1 at the Eastland National Bank in Eastland.

The short course, planned by local citizens and Agricultural Extension Service Professionals, is aimed at providing farm and ranch business management training for landowners, operators and managers, points out DeMarquis Gordon, County Extension Agent and Agricultural Program Leader, Eastland County.

"This will be an in-depth short-course to help farm and ranch managers, operators, and landowners improve their potential for increasing income from their assets," Gordon points out. Members of the agribusiness sector are also welcome.

The shortcourse will begin at 9 a. m. the first day, with opening discussions focusing on the planning process, various management functions, setting goals, production objectives and priorities, and resolving conflicts.

Other discussions the first day will deal with the budgeting process, including enterprise budgets, whole farm and ranch budgets, cash flow projections, partial budgets and financial statements.

Presentation will include how to use financial statements as a tool to evaluate a business' performance and financial condition as well as maximizing the use of accounting data in financial planning.

The second day's program will feature discussions on alternatives for restructuring the agricultural business, such as refinancing, changing the size or business organizational structure, and partial liquidation. Shortcourse participants will actually develop solutions to a case situation.

Other topics during the seminar include leasing arrangements, income tax management and a preview of new Texas A&M Whole Farm Planning and Analysis Software.

Shortcourse speakers include Dr. Danny Klinefelter of College Station, Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville and Jose Pena, Extension Economist from Uvalde.

Individuals in Eastland and surrounding counties who are interested in attending the shortcourse should call the Eastland County Extension Office (817) 629-1093 or contact Dr.

Anna E. Patterson Buried On Monday In Eastland

Anna E. Patterson, 86, of Eastland passed away on Wednesday, February 15 in the Eastland Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Bakker Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wesley Howard officiating. Burial was in the Eastland Cemetery.

Born in Comanche, she was a longtime Eastland resident. She was a teacher in Desdemona, Eastland and Monahans and retired in 1963.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, she was a member of the Suzannah Wesley Sunday School Class, the Wednesday Study Club and was an active participant in the Eastland Memorial Centennial Library.

She was the widow of Guy Patterson.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Patterson of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Barbara Ann Cox of Breckenridge; a sister, Ruth Jones of Jonesboro, La.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Hazel Smith Host Edna Smith Class Meeting

On February 14th the Edna Smith Sunday school class met in the home of Hazel Smith for their Valentine party.

The salad supper being first on the agenda with Estelle Erwin asking the blessing, a red lace table cloth held all the beautiful salads, dips and chips, with hot apple cider.

As it was Estelle Erwin's birthday, the center of the table held a beautiful, heart shaped, white cake decorated with red hearts. Many useful gifts were presented to her.

Business meeting was opened with prayer by Louise Brown. Minutes were read and all officers reports were given.

Plans were made to carry cakes to the shut-in members for their Easter gifts in March.

The devotional was given by Gladys Chambless on Love. Scripture reading was from John 14:15-25.

Before going home we were served birthday cake and angel food cake topped with cherry sauce and Jello salad.

Those attending were Estelle Erwin, Connie Hall, Louise Brown, Geraldene Wright, Leta Richardson, Bonnie Croft, Gladys Chambless and Hazel Smith.

Ina Mae Gressett Laid To Rest On Thursday

Ina Mae Gressett, 79, of Comanche, died Wednesday, February 15th in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday at the Hall and Chaney Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Joyce Dennis and Rev. W. A. Ross officiating. Burial was in the Taylor Chapel Cemetery.

Born in Comanche, she was a lifelong resident.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Taylor Chapel Congregational Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Bill Gressett of Gorman; a daughter, Bobbie Jordan of Granbury; a brother, E. G. Power of Comanche; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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Carbon Students Attend Workshops At ACU

On Saturday, February 11th, Mrs. Lewis took ten students for junior high and high school to Abilene Christian University to attend he workshops and contests of the Big Country Student Writers Day.

Several Carbon students participated, including Earl Hamilton, Angie Girtz, Shonna McAdoo, Shelley McCoy, Clay Phillips, Robbi Daskevich, Rusty Duke, R. W. Daskevich, and Jason Koonce. Earl Hamilton, Angie Girtz, Shonna McAdoo, Clay Phillips and Robbi Daskevich were contestants in an essay contest on Saturday morning. Results of this competition will be announced next week.

Winners of other writing events include Rusty Duke, first place winner of poetry competition for grades 8-9. This category had 31 entries from throughout the Big Country. Rusty is the son of Rebecca Duke. Also winning an honorable mention in this category was Jason Girtz. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Girtz. Mr. and Mrs. Girtz are also the proud parents of Angie Girtz. Angie, a junior at Carbon High, won third place in Persuasive Essay competition.

There were eighteen entries in this category from Abilene and surrounding areas. Everyone had a good time.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery
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Don't forget the musical Saturday night, February 25th at 7 p. m. in the Desdemona Community Center. We are expecting a lineup of talented musicians and singers that you will not want to miss.

Among others, we are expecting J. W. (Wade) Seals and wife, T. J. of Fort Worth; R. D. Weeks and sons, Robert and Brandy of Eastland; Raymond Hart of Ranger; Benny Moseley of Lake Leon; O'Dell Hale and his group from Morgan Mill; Dewey Bailey and his group of Gorman; Sid and Ginger Vick of Necessity; Eddie Sadler of Eastland; Elwanda (Roberts) Adams of Carbon; plus a number of area musicians and singers.

There is no admission charge. All proceeds from the concession stand (with lots of sandwiches, pie, coffee, etc.) go to the repair of the Community Center.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Bernard and Ann Keith spent the past 3 weeks in Mission, Texas on vacation. They reported a good time.

There is still lots of flu and colds in our area. Maybe when February is over - it will all clear out.

Remember the old saying: "Thunder in February - Frost in April!" So mark your calendar and see what happens.

Homemakers Sunday School Class and their husbands enjoyed a nice supper Saturday night in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church. Nell (Grimshaw) Ragland is the teacher of this class. Durwood and Mac Ragland of Breckenridge were visitors and brought the special music.

Dorothy Roberts visited the weekend in Waco with her daughter, Ulenda and Kevin Weaver and family.

"Happy Birthday" on February 27th to our good friend, Myrt Reid, who lives in Baton Rouge, La. with her daughter, Iris June Townsend. Her address is 563 Burgin Ave., 70808 zip, and she would enjoy hearing from her Desdemona friends. Myrt lived in Desdemona a long time and her children, Phil, Billie and Iris attended school here.

—GP—

RONALD AND DONALD MAJORS HONORED ON 11TH BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Irene Majors had all her children for Sunday dinner to celebrate Ronald and Donald Majors' eleventh birthdays. They are the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Majors of Gorman.

Those present to celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Majors of Desdemona and their two daughters, Kelli and Kim; Rod Ryon and Tim Miller; Barbara and Donna, sisters of the birthday boys and a friend, Frank Fenley of Lubbock; Charley Majors of Florida also was here briefly to enjoy a large dinner, cake and all the trimmings.

Kelli and Johnny also had a birthday this month. Happy Birthday to all!

4-H CLUB NEWS

Announcing the 1989 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor/Coach Spring Workshop - This workshop is designed for adults and senior 4-H members willing to coach or manage a shooting sports program within the county. Workshop sessions will include: Basic Shotgun, Advanced Shotgun (skeet or clay), Smallbore Rifle, Archery, Basic Pistol, Muzzle-loading Rifle, Smallbore Silhouette and Personal Protection Course. NRA Instructor Certification will also be offered.

This workshop is scheduled for March 3-5, at the Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood. It will begin with registration Friday evening, with sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration forms may be picked up at the County Extension office and are DUE BEFORE MARCH 1, 1989.

There is a lot of interest in shooting sports with our 4-H members. Two adults within the county have volunteered to help develop a 4-H Shooting Sports Club. Stay tuned for further details.

DON'T FORGET THE 4-H Showmanship and Grooming Clinic and Contest scheduled for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, at the Eastland County Livestock showgrounds.

Sessions and time frame are as follows:

Dairy Goats - 9-10 a. m.

Rabbits - 10-11 a. m.

Lambs - 11-12 noon

Cattle - 12 to 1 p. m.

Swine - 1-2 p. m.

Horses - 2-3 p. m.

All 4-H members with livestock projects are encouraged to attend. Trophies will be given to Champion Showman in each division.

Instructions on how to prepare your animal for show and one-on-one work with showmanship technique will be provided.

The Eastland County 4-H Youth Leadership Task Force will give \$50 to the county 4-H club that has the most participation at the County 4-H Round-up. County Round-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 1989. Round-Up activities will include contests in Method Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Share-The-Fun and Judging Team Events.

First place winners in each division will advance to District 8 4-H Round-Up scheduled for Saturday, April 15th, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Method Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks may be presented on a variety of topics including animal science, nutrition, clothing, health, horse, wildlife, and many others. ALL 4-H MEMBERS are encouraged to present a demonstration or talk.

WORD OF GOD

Old Testament [Prophecy]

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Psalms 41:9

Computer Contests Held In Abilene Saturday

During the past three weeks the computer classes from Carbon High and De Leon High Schools have met for several times at CHS to practice for the computer programming contests at the Educational Service Center in Abilene.

The contest was held on Saturday, the eleventh of February. Mrs. Becky Morgan, sponsor for Carbon, took one team, consisting of senior and team captain Kyle Bryant, junior Kenny Halford, sophomore Monica Norris and freshman Jason Girtz.

Mrs. Karla Colcleasure, sponsor for De Leon High, also took one team consisting of senior and captain Nathan Wright, Tammy Vera, Dan Collum, and Rosemary Tovar.

Both teams had practiced a great deal for the competition and although neither team placed, we had a wonderful time getting to know others and competing for the first time in computer programming.

Both schools and sponsors are looking forward to next year's competition.

The teams would like to say thank you to our school administrations and parents for their continued support.

—GP—

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tidmore of Stephenville visited Monday with Bill and Louise Clark.

Rev. Donna Ware of Arlington, Mrs. Lillie Ogle of Clyde and William Lee Sadler of Los Angeles, Calif. were visitors Sunday with Lorena Clark.

Rev. Donna Ware of Arlington was a weekend house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chandler. She preached at the Sunday morning worship service at First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lillie Ogle of Clyde and William Lee Sadler of Los Angeles, Calif. visited Sunday with Ruth Brown.

Bud Chancellor of Hurst spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collins of Arlington visited Sunday with friends and attended church services at First United Methodist. Mrs. Collins is the mother of Rev. Donna Ware.

Loretta Anderson of Arlington was a visitor with Fanny Merle Cribbs on Monday.



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Export verification plan outlined by Hightower; looked upon favorably in D.C.

(AUSTIN)—Saying that "national leaders on both sides of the Atlantic should help agriculture make trades, not trade wars," Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has released an outline of an export verification system that would allow producers in Texas and elsewhere in the United States to end the U.S. Department of Agriculture's embargo on beef sales to European customers.

"The staff of the Texas Department of Agriculture has been working with officials from the European Economic Community during the past month to devise a beef export certification procedure that will allow our enterprising producers to meet the specialty market demands of our European customers," Hightower said.

On January 31, top European veterinary inspectors were in Austin to review with Texas officials the EEC's new import regulations for shipping certain beef products that are free of artificial growth hormones.

The day after the plan was presented, Reuters news service quoted a ranking official at USDA who said, "If Hightower can figure out some partial solution, we will not pour cold water on it."

"As we suspected, meeting the EEC's technical requirements turns out not to be the 'impossible task' that USDA officials claimed it was," Hightower said. "Indeed, practically all of the verification procedures required by EEC are either already being practiced by USDA or can easily be incorporated into their current practices."

"Based on the guidelines set forth by the EEC veterinarians, TDA has drawn up a plan under which the U.S. government and beef suppliers from Texas and elsewhere could quickly meet the new standards and regain this export market. The Texas proposal is in line with the same beef trade agreements that Argentina, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and other major U.S. competitors already have worked out to allow the continued exportation of their beef into the 12 member nations of the EEC," Hightower said.

"This specialty beef product is what our Number One agricultural import customer wants. In turn, we have good producers, feedlots, slaughterhouses and meatpackers who say they can provide it for them. So now, it just makes good sense to try to cut the bureaucratic crap so the market can work and so we can avoid losing beef sales to our competitors," Hightower said at a State Capitol news conference.

In recent trade negotiations, the EEC asked that its foreign and domestic suppliers meet its new standards for this untreated beef.

"Rather than test this market, however, U.S. trade negotiators and officials of the USDA abruptly broke off negotiations, claiming that our country could not meet those standards, even though each and every one of our major beef exporting competitors quickly moved to do so and even though our own producers said that they could supply the demand," Hightower said. "The rationale of this beef export embargo by U.S. officials has been that our government has no procedures for verifying that beef has been produced without the use of growth stimulants."

"Then what is this?" Hightower asked, pointing to an official "U.S.-Inspected-and-Passed" label stipulating that "no hormones or growth promotants" and "no artificial or synthetic ingredients" have been added to certain brands of beef now being sold in the United States. "The foundation of a workable procedure already is in place."

"This label from Coleman Natural Beef Company in Colorado and this one from B3R Country Meats of Childress, Texas, are among those presently used by some two dozen U.S. firms already verified by USDA to be producing beef in compliance with the standards sought by our customers in Europe. The U.S. Department of Agriculture inspects it, certifies it and approves the label for it," Hightower said.

"This same proof of no hormone treatment that USDA offers to U.S. shoppers can readily be the backbone of a verification program that would get U.S. beef moving again to our \$145 million-a-year European beef market," Hightower said. "Indeed, a negotiated settlement on this matter would result in the expansion of U.S. sales to

Europe, since EEC negotiators have indicated a willingness to consider doubling the current U.S. quota of 10,000 metric tons of high-value primal



During a press conference at the State Capitol, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower displays two enlarged "U.S. Inspected and Passed" labels certifying that "no hormones or growth promotants" and "no artificial or synthetic ingredients" were added to certain brands of beef now being produced and sold in the United States. "This same proof can readily be the backbone of a verification program that would get U.S. beef moving again to our \$145 million-a-year European beef market," Hightower said. One of the labels Hightower is displaying is from B3R Country Meats of Childress. The other is from Coleman Natural Beef Company of Colorado. Officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture now say they are willing to present the plan proposed by Hightower to representatives of the European Community in hopes of ending the dispute with the United States' leading agriculture trading partner.

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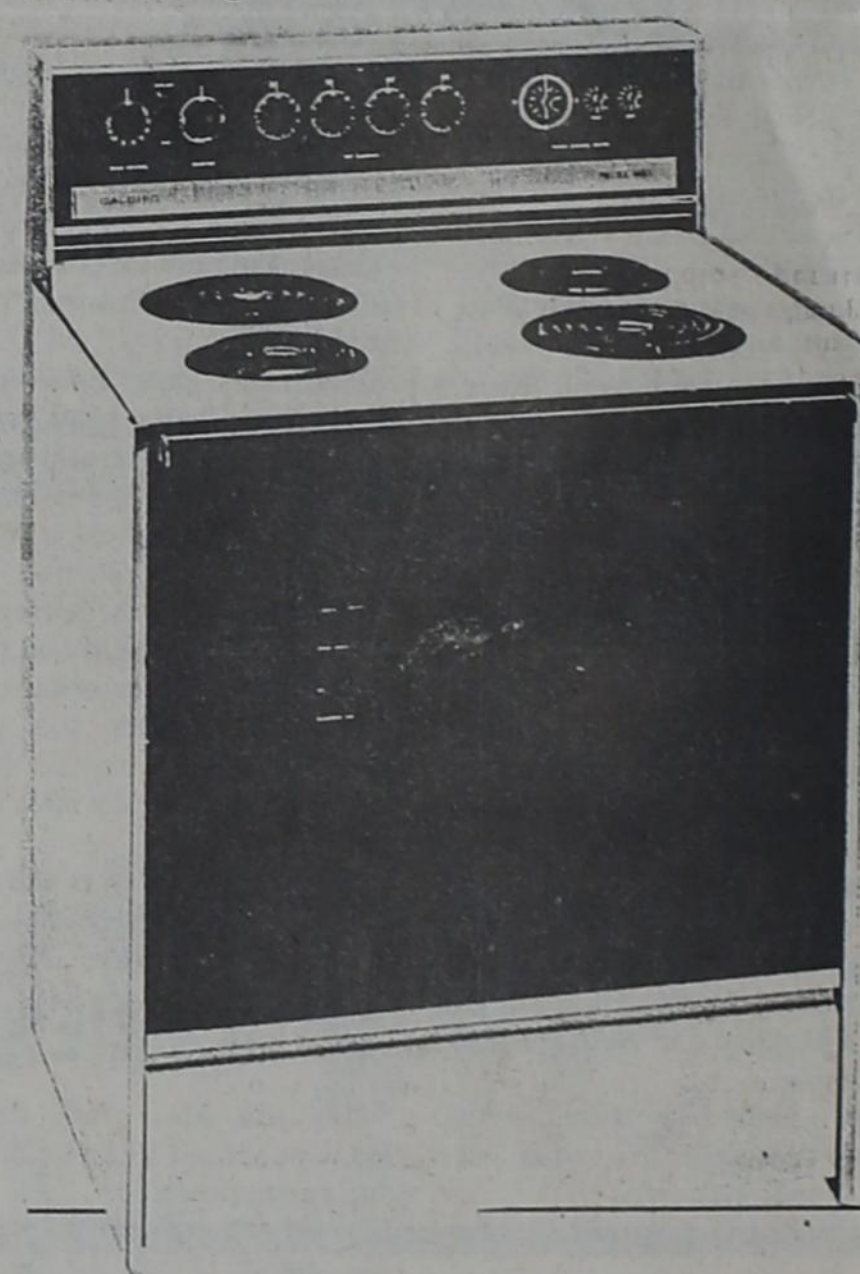
present.

The essence of the Texas proposal is that beef shipped to Europe would receive the same USDA certification now authorized for selling "no-hormones-or-growth-stimulants" beef to U.S. customers, based on an identical system of federal affidavits in which the producers affirm that the animals were produced without the addition of growth stimulants. Second, urine and fecal tests would be performed by USDA inspectors on one of every 2,000 live animals destined for European export at the feedlot to determine if synthetic hormones are

"This is, in essence, the same verification procedure used by all of our competitors for their sales of this specialty product to European importers," Hightower said. "If they can do it, we can do it better."

Other provisions of the proposed certification plan, as they pertain to animal identification and testing and to slaughter-facility approval, are virtually identical to the various requirements already being met by ranchers, feedlot operators and packers.

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