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Welcome Oil Vistors

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Progress is the art of trying to reproduce past successes."

This weekend's progress edition marks many weeks of work by the SDN editorial and advertising staffs.

All that work was made possible by the vast cooperation received from many individuals and groups.

In today's economic environment, progress is a delicate and often fleeting concept. You never replace a lost job, you merely help fill the vacuum.

The petroleum industry remains the backbone of the economy, but as production declines, the community must continue to work toward diversity.

That effort has been on-going for at least 50 years. Business and economic development is a slow process. A community takes two steps forward and then often is forced to take a step backwards.

We've watched the progress over the years and have drawn one solid conclusion. There is no one individual who can make things happen, it takes teamwork from the entire community.

So whatever Snyder is today, or will be in the future, you as a citizen will continue to help write the script.

All should pat themselves and others on the back this weekend, and then Monday let's all be prepared to roll up our collective sleeves and work toward the next milestone.

One of our favorite oilpatch stories is told about Dan Gibson, the rancher who received a large lease payment for oil exploration on his property.

Gibson made the most of his new-found prosperity. Like a lot of things that we enjoy in Snyder, oil production in Scurry County made it possible.

In the case of Gibson, he donated the money to build the Boys Club in Snyder, and the building that houses the Boys and Girls Club in Snyder still bears his name.

As the story goes, after receiving his first big check, Gibson stood on the northwest corner of the Snyder square and told his wife, Marion, that he was going to walk around the square and buy everything he always wanted.

It wasn't long before Gibson completed the walk, finding his wife at the same location.

In his hand was the lone purchase he had made, a cigar. Mused Gibson, "Guess I didn't want much."

For Nov. 3 election...

Races heat up as early voting begins

Early voting in the Nov. 3 general election begins Monday morning on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

Early voting will continue each weekday from 8:30 to 5 p.m. through Oct. 30.

"We're predicting a good number of people will vote early," said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

Bunch said voters need to bring their voter registration cards to vote early, or another form of identification.

Bunch said two locally contested races for commissioner, plus the State Senate race in District 70 and the 17th Congressional District race should get voters to the polls.

In Scurry County, there are 11,278 registered voters.

In Scurry County's Precinct 2 election, incumbent Republican commissioner Roy Idom is being challanged by Democratic political newcomer, Linda Sellars.

Idom has served as the commissioner for the past seven years, while Sellars is a 14-year employee of the county tax office.

This election has spurred the creation of a Political Action Committee which has thrown its support to Sellars.

Former Scurry County sheriff Keith Collier is the president of the committee, while former county commissioner Hassie Sneed is the treasurer.

Known as Citizens for Truth in Government, the committee is running advertisements for Sellars disputing Idom's conservative stance.

Idom's campaign has centered on the theme of being a proven conservative.

In a relatively quiet race, Chloanne Lindsey and Milton Adams are vying for commissioner of Precinct 4.

Mrs. Lindsey, a Democrat, has been deputy county auditor for nine years. Adams, a Republican, is a farmer and oil company consultant. He is a former president of the Hermligh school board.

This race was prompted when Democratic incumbent Jerry Gannaway decided not to seek another term.

There are a total of 3,311 registered voters in Precinct 2 and 2,798 in Precinct 4.

In the District 70 race for State Representative, incumbent David Counts (D-Knox City) is being challenged again by Scott McLaughlin (R-Big Spring).

This is the second time Counts and McLaughlin are meeting at the polls, as Counts defeated McLaughlin in 1996.

The race for U.S. Representaive in the 17th District is also a repeat of 1996.

Incumbent Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) is being challenged by Rudy Izzard (R-Abilene).

As the election draws near, the political races are heating up somewhat as indicated by Friday night's forum in El Paso where Gov. George W. Bush and Democratic challenger Garry Mauro sparred over education and taxes.

This was the only debate the two gubernatorial candidates will have prior to the Nov. 3 election.

Bush, who visited in Snyder this summer, said he thought he won the debate.

"I think I won," said Bush. "More importantly, my mother (former First Lady Barbara Bush) thinks I won."



ON DISPLAY AT OIL SHOW — BJ Services employee Randy Kindrik operates a state-of-the-art monitoring van which is on display at Scurry County Coliseum. The display is among many which will be at the coliseum prior to the 6 p.m. Saturday oil banquet. (SDN Staff Photo)

$50 million spurs Lotto sales

From staff and AP reports

The year's biggest Lotto Texas jackpot had tickets selling at more than 9,000 a minute Friday afternoon.

The jackpot for Saturday night's drawing is at $50 million. Lottery officials said that's the highest so far in 1998 and the largest since a $55 million prize claimed almost exactly a year ago.

Tickets were selling at a rate of 9,200 a minute around 2 p.m., with sales expected to hit 18,000 a minute during the homeward rush hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., said Leticia Vasquez, lottery spokeswoman.

Lottery ticket sellers have been busy in Snyder as well, with most buying $5 at a time.

"Most people are buying $5 worth," said store manager C.R. Perez. "When it gets this high, everyone seems to want to get in on the action."

Perez said he had bought $5 worth and so had most of his employees who are 18 and over.

"Our machine has been busy since we opened this morning," added Perez.

Joni Huffman was running the lottery machine at Circle In this morning and she said most people there were also buying $5 worth of tickets at a time.

"It's about even between quick picks and their regular numbers," said Huffman.

Ms. Vasquez said the lottery expected sales to reach as much as 35,000 a minute in the hours just before the drawing.

"When we have a large jackpot on a Saturday, we see our sales really skyrocket between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.," she said.

This jackpot tops the $47 million lotto prize won in February, making it the largest offered in 1998.

Its $50 million total also ranks 10th on the all-time list of Lotto Texas jackpots, Ms. Vasquez said.

And it is the largest prize since Oct. 19, 1997, when a $55 million jackpot was claimed by 20 Texas City residents who patronized the same convenience store but didn't know one another well before that drawing.

The trust formed by those winners, called the "Texas City Lucky Lotto Club," chose the cash-value option for their winnings and was paid $28,237,374.

"It's been almost a year to the day," Ms. Vasquez said. "Maybe there's something about October."

The Texas Lottery began selling tickets in May 1992, with the lotto game starting later that year. Its largest lotto jackpot was $75 million, won by five ticketholders in March 1994, Ms. Vasquez said.

If no ticket matches the six numbers drawn Saturday night, she said, lottery officials calculate that Wednesday's jackpot would hit $65 million. One other Texas jackpot reached that amount, in August 1994.

First Christian banquet Saturday

A banquet celebrating the 100th anniversary of the First Christian Church is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

An address will be given by Dr. Lester Palmer, a preacher and leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Lift of burn ban on court's agenda

Scurry County Commissioners Court will have several items to discuss when it meets Monday, including the possibility of temporarily lifting the county's burning ban and the condition of Towle Park Pond.

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said the county has had numerous calls from farmers and ranchers to lift the burning ban because of large pile-ups of brush.

"We have had lots and lots of calls from people in rural areas about having brush piled up. It is becoming hazardous because of varmits — skunks and snakes."

Fritz said he was not sure if the ban would be lifted, as the court must discuss it first.

"We have had a little bit of moisture so we will see about temporarily lifting it. We will discuss it and see."

The judge also said there would probably be one stipulation.

"We have talked to fire chief Perry Westmoreland and (if the ban is lifted) you would have to call and talk to the fire department so they would be aware of what you were burning."

Concerning Towle Park Pond, Fritz said the court needs to consider the pond because of the large number of fish that have been dying due to lack of water and oxygen.

"We talked about this two years ago and here we are again. We need to discuss all the options and what we need to do," Fritz said.

Also on the agenda, commissioners will open bids for two new cars for the sheriff's office and one car for the juvenile probation department.

The court will also sign a proclamation declaring Oct. 23-31 Red Ribbon Week.

Tax collector Rona Sikes will address the court regarding the contract for the collection of delinquent taxes.

Commissioners are also expected to reappoint an election judge and alternate for voting box 12 in Precinct 4.

Also for the court's review will be the Extension Activity Report, Scurry County Library board minutes and Scurry County Welfare board minutes.

Other agenda items include line-item transfers, budget amendments and approval of the bills.

The meeting gets underway at 10 a.m.

For nominations...

Chamber board to meet Monday

Nominations for 1999 board members will be made Monday at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors' meeting set for 11:30 a.m. at the chamber office.

In addition, a replacement will be named for board member Wendell Sollis.

Sollis, presently an assistant superintendent for the Snyder ISD, will be moving to Odessa where he will serve as the Ector ISD director of human resources beginning Nov. 1.

Several reports on chamber activities will be heard, including Saturday's Oil Appreciation Banquet and Show.

ASK US

Q—What was the total attendance at The Ballpark in Arlington for Texas Rangers games this summer?

A—2,937,409 — the second highest in the team's history. They drew 2,945,244 last year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 77 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Saturday, 74; no precipitation; total for 1998, 7.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy; 20% chance of showers, storms. Low 50-55. Wind becoming N 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy; 20% chance of showers. High around 70. N wind 5-15 mph.



Jay Olivas
Mostly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:49 a.m.
Of 282 days in 1998, the sun has shone 280 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"

John Greenleaf Whittier

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Survey shows public thinks so...

Are journalists guilty of ethical lapses?

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Americans give journalists low marks for integrity, according to a study in which nearly 90 percent of those questioned said they believe reporters use illegal or unethical methods.

The study, released Friday by the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center, asked Americans about general media ethics and about five high-profile cases of inaccurate or unethical reporting by respected news organizations.

Eighty-eight percent said they believed reporters often or sometimes use unethical or illegal techniques, 76 percent said journalists often or sometimes plagiarize material and 66 percent said they believe stories are fabricated and published as real.

During the past year, CNN retracted a story presented jointly with Time magazine that alleged the U.S. military used a nerve agent in pursuing defectors during the Vietnam War. The Cincinnati Enquirer retracted a story based in part on information allegedly stolen from a telephone message system. At The New Republic magazine and The Boston Globe, writers made up quotes and people that appeared in stories.

"There have been more public mea culpas in journalism this year than at any time in history," Robert Giles, executive director of the Media Studies Center, said during a panel discussion on journalism ethics at the Associated Press Managing Editors annual conference.

The survey showed that most Americans knew little about the cases discussed by the panel. Forty-two percent had heard of the CNN report, but fewer than 20 percent knew much about the others.

Panelists blamed the debacles on weak editing, pressure to beat the competition and new journalistic forms that involve narrative retelling of events that reporters don't actually witness.

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Singers needed for Dec. 12 'Messiah'

The Snyder High School A Cappella Choir is coordinating a community performance of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" to be presented on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Worsham Auditorium.

Participation in this performance is open to anyone who has sung the "Messiah" before or is familiar with the music.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Ronda Haire, SHS choir director, at 573-6301 to let her know your voice part.

The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2-5 p.m., Colonial Hill Baptist Church.
Thursday, Nov. 19, 7-10 p.m., high school choir room.
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2-5 p.m., high school choir room.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7-10 p.m. high school choir room.
Thursday, Dec. 10, 7-10 p.m., high school choir room.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2-5 p.m. Worsham Auditorium (with orchestra).
Saturday, Dec. 12, performance, Worsham Auditorium.

The community choir will present the Christmas portion of the "Messiah" and include the "Hallelujah Chorus," one of the most well known pieces from the score.

"We hope to have 100 voices singing in this presentation with an orchestra made up of students and faculty from Hardin-Simmons University," Mrs. Haire said.

"Please consider this opportunity to take part in a wonderful musical experience for our community," she added.

Colonial Hill sets revival Oct. 25-28

Fort Worth Evangelist John Karl Davis will be the guest speaker at Colonial Hill Baptist Church's fall crusade, "Where the Son Shines," set Oct. 25-28. Special music will be provided by Paul and Christy Newberry, music evangelists from Dallas.

Next Sunday's services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. A 5:30 p.m. concert will precede the evening service.

Monday through Wednesday evening services will begin at 7 o'clock. Daily services from noon to 1 p.m. are also set, with lunch provided.

A nursery will be provided free of charge.

Davis has pastored churches in Oklahoma and Texas for nine years, and he has been in full-time evangelistic ministry for 11 years.

He will also sing old favorites such as "People Need The Lord," "Beulah Land," "He is Jehovah," and "I Want To Be You," all recorded on his two gospel albums, "Revival For The Heart," and "Camp Meeting."

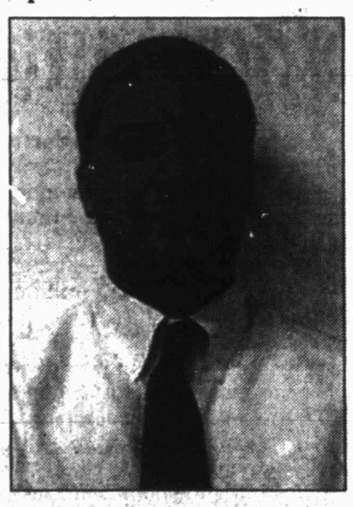
Since entering full-time music evangelism in 1981, the Newberrys have ministered in over 1,000 churches throughout the the U.S., singing in revivals, gospel concerts and camps. They have participated in mission crusades to Brazil and Canada.

They have made four gospel recordings that are available on casette tape and compact disk.

Tim Peiman new administrator at Snyder Healthcare

Tim Peimann has recently joined the Snyder Healthcare Center staff, replacing Benny Gibbs as administrator at the facility.

Peimann, who began his duties Sept. 30, lives in Sweetwater and



Tim Peimann

makes the daily commute to Snyder.

Previously, he worked at Roscoe Healthcare Center, having been there since Nov. 1996.

Peimann is a 1991 graduate of Arlington High School in Arlington.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in August of 1995 in gerontology — the scientific study of the human aging process and problems and needs of the elderly.

Peimann explained that it is basically a sociology degree focusing on the elderly population.

Between graduation in August 1995 and beginning work in Roscoe in November 1996, Peimann was working to meet the requirements to obtain a Texas Nursing Facility administrator license.

In order to receive the license, Peimann had to complete a 200 hour administrators course and a 540 hour internship at a nursing facility.

He and his wife, Kristen, have a

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Tuesday	October 13	8:00-11:30	2:00-5:00
Thursday	October 15	8:00-11:30	2:00-5:00
Friday	October 16	8:00-11:30	1:00-4:00
Tuesday	October 20	8:00-11:30	2:00-5:00
Thursday	October 22	8:00-11:30	2:00-5:00
Friday	October 23	8:00-11:30	1:00-4:00

Annual Fall Festival slated next Saturday

Snyder's annual Fall Festival is slated next Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Sponsored by Central, East, Northeast, Stanfield, and West elementary schools, it is a fun and safe environment for children, preschool through the sixth grade.



Tickets will go on sale Friday. Tickets purchased at the schools will be five tickets for $1. If tickets are purchased at the coliseum, the cost is four tickets for $1. Tickets will be needed for all booths and the concession stands. Since no money will be exchanged on the coliseum floor or in the concession stands, everyone is encouraged to purchase their tickets early.

Booths will include putt putt golf, ghost throw, balloon dart throw, pumpkin throw, basketball throw, cupcake spin, wall of doors, WTC roping, food/drink concession.

Others will be duck pond, Coke ring toss, soak the cop, costume parade, go fish, bicycle drawing, photo booth, WTC tattoo.

Booths will also include football throw, pin tail on tiger, cookie decorating, Plinko, popcorn/Coke concession; cake walk, milk bottle knock down, Lollipop tree.



CONTRIBUTION — Melinda Owens, biology teacher at Snyder High School, presented State Rep. David Counts with a campaign contribution from the Texas State Teachers Association during a reception Thursday at the Dermott school. The reception was part of David Counts Appreciation Day and was sponsored by local public schools. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mobil Salt Creek: one of the biggest production areas

One of the most profilic producing areas in the nation is the Mobil Salt Creek Unit, located some 40 miles north of Snyder.

And while it is not located in Scurry County, many of the employees who work at the unit live in Snyder and the county.

The field was discovered in 1950 and developed by several companies with wells drilled on an 80-acre spacing theme.

In 1952, the field was unitized with General Crude Company being appointed the operator.

In 1953, the field began a water injection program and 17 years later, General Crude began a 40-acre space development.

In 1972, the field reached its peak production rate of 40,000 barrels of oil per day.

Mobil acquired General Crude in 1979 and it became the unit operator.

Mobil continued the 40-acre development by drilling and expanding the water flood with the addition of polymer.

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With hostile longing, children look for mothers behind bars

TROY, Va. (AP) — Caroline Smith brims with anger and sadness over her mother's imprisonment, yet longs for her so deeply that she thinks about becoming a criminal herself so they can be reunited in prison.

"I do when I really want my mom around," she said.

Becky Whitt, 17, had similar thoughts. In a letter to her mother four years ago, she said she wanted to be with her but couldn't because "they'll put me in a child's home, not in your kind of jail."

Such painful situations for moms behind bars are something Caroline's mother, Dorian Smith, would like to end.

Compelled by her own experience and those of other mothers incarcerated at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Ms. Smith has devised a program to try to prevent their children from following in their footsteps. It will have mothers and children participate in group therapy sessions directed by psychologists or counselors.

"You feel like you let them down so much that you want to do something to earn their love," said Ms. Smith, who is in the third year of a 15-year sentence for robbery. "These children are victims of our crimes."

Warden Patricia Leigh Huffman has endorsed Ms. Smith's proposal and hopes to have it up and running within six months.

"I believe it is very important that we involve the moms who are incarcerated in the continuing development of their children," she said. "I see it as a continuation of bonding ... keeping those lines open."

Ms. Smith, 36, said Caroline has run away from her grandparents' home several times, attempted suicide three times and been expelled from school for kicking a teacher and taking an alcoholic beverage onto school grounds. Caroline was released from a hospital on Aug. 29 after four months of treatment for depression.

Caroline said she is doing better in school this year and just brought home three Bs on her interim progress report for the eighth grade. "I want to be like my mom, but I don't want to end up in prison," she said.

She sees her mother every six months and talks to her on the phone but never responds to her letters: "It's my own little punishment for her."

Marguerite Richardson, serving 57 years for armed robbery, said her imprisonment has undermined the self-esteem of her three children, ages 5 to 18. "They think, 'My Mom didn't even want us ... What was the matter with us?'"

Becky's mother, Nellie Whitt, 45, has served six years of a 40-year sentence for murder. She tearfully told the story of her 18-year-old son, who was recently was sentenced to six years in prison for robbery.

"Our kids are just going down the drain out there while we are in here and can't do anything about it," she said.

Rudolph manhunt heats up after new bombing charges

ANDREWS, N.C. (AP) — Authorities plan to double the number of federal agents looking for Eric Rudolph, the elusive suspect accused of four bombings over the past two years — two of them fatal.

The manhunt for Rudolph has dwindled to about 100 agents since a confirmed sighting of him in July in the North Carolina mountains. But by next month, the effort should involve 200, Southeast Bomb Task Force leader Terry Turchie said Friday.

"Within the FBI's Domestic Terrorism program there is no higher priority than the capture of Eric Rudolph," he said. "We will not leave until that has been accomplished."

Rudolph is accused of planting a bomb at an Alabama abortion clinic that killed an off-duty police officer and severely wounded a clinic nurse in January. He also was charged this week in three Atlanta-area bombings, including the 1996 Olympic Park bombing that killed a woman and injured more than 100 people.

Rudolph, 32, is on the FBI's 10 most wanted list and there is a $1 million reward for information leading to his capture.

Task force officials said previously that the manhunt would be boosted once the thick forest canopy was no longer a hindrance to searchers.

Turchie said the search will continue to focus on the Nantahala National Forest, and he urged people who might have sympathized with Rudolph's anti-abortion views before to come forward with information.

Local residents had differing views on whether the new charges will turn sentiment against Rudolph.

"I don't know anyone who would sympathize with someone who set off a bomb at the Olympics," said Cherokee County Sheriff Jack Thompson. "My family could have been there or your family might have been there. I think it's much different than the abortion issue."

Steve Hall said residents who may not support Rudolph fear his friends might retaliate against someone who turned him in.

"Once they arrest him they (agents) leave," he said. "Then there's no one left to protect you."

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The Rest of the Story...

Does this sound conservative? In September, 1998, Commissioner Roy Idom made a motion to continue the current county health insurance without giving any consideration to additional bids. Local insurance agent Jene Steakley presented a bid which would have saved the county $75,264.24...all these figures are public record.

Does this demonstrate the conservative leadership that you want in your county commissioner?
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Snyder High School

FFA Student of the Week



Riley Tatum

Riley Tatum, daughter of Mike and Molly Tatum, has been selected as this week's Student of the Week.

Tatum, a sophomore at SHS, currently holds the office of chapter vice president in charge of Greenhand activities and district vice president.

During her first year in FFA, Tatum was a state finalist in both creed speaking and as a member of the junior chapter conducting team.

She was also the national fourth place creed speaker. She has also been active in senior chapter conducting, horse judging as well as a variety of other activities.

"FFA has been a turning point in my life," Tatum said. "I have learned the importance of responsibility, public speaking and organization."

During the current school year, Tatum will be responsible for organizing Greenhand activities (first year FFA students) so that these students will realize the impact and importance that FFA will have on their lives.

She will also be responsible for working with district officers to organize activities on the district level.

Laurie Huddleston, chapter president, said "Riley is a tremendous asset to the FFA chapter. Her speaking skills and motivation are incredible."

Former teacher imprisoned for rape has second baby

By The Associated Press

Former elementary school teacher Mary Kay Letourneau has given birth to a girl, believed to be the second child fathered by the teen-ager she was convicted of raping.

Letourneau, 36, gave birth late Friday to a girl named Georgia at St. Joseph Medical Center here, said her Boston lawyer, Susan Howards. Letourneau and the baby, who weighs between 8 and 9 pounds, were doing well.

"Mary has asked me to convey her appreciation for the concerns and good wishes expressed regarding her new baby," Howards said. "She wants nothing more than to enable her new baby certainly, and all of her children, to have a chance to enjoy normal happy lives."

The boy Letourneau admitted she raped was believed to be the father. Their little girl, Audrey, was born in May 1997 and is in the care of the boy's mother.

Letourneau is serving a seven-year, five-month prison term for second-degree child rape. She has insisted she loves the boy.

Letourneau was a teacher in the Seattle-area Highline School District when she began a sexual relationship with the boy, then 13, who had been her student in the second and sixth grades.

She was married with four children at the time. She has since divorced and her ex-husband has custody of their children.

The boy, now 15, has repeatedly denied being a victim, and his mother and other relatives have said they accept Letourneau as one of their family.

Her sentence originally was suspended and she was released in January, ordered to undergo sex-offender treatment and to have no contact with the boy.

In a 300-page book released this month in Europe, Letourneau said she hid the boy in a Seattle home where she was staying during her release. For two nights — without the knowledge of her hostess — they slept together in a bed and on the floor.

Final rites for Matthew Shepard held

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Tim Townsend never met Matthew Wayne Shepard.

Yet the Denver man felt a special connection to the gay University of Wyoming student who died after he was pistol-whipped, robbed and lashed to a fence on the Wyoming prairie last week.

"I feel that this could happen to me or this could happen to anyone," said Townsend, 30. "I'm gay myself and I've gone to bars, and it could have been me."

He was among nearly 700 people who filled St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Shepard's hometown on Friday to remember the 21-year-old student whose death has focused the nation's attention on attitudes toward homosexuals, hate crimes and discrimination.

The killing has drawn condemnation from President Clinton, who called on Congress to pass legislation covering offenses based on sexual orientation. He sent two administration officials to the funeral.

Mourners lined up three hours before the service despite a wet autumn snowstorm that blanketed the area and caused the lights to flicker at least twice during the ceremony. Outside the church, more than a dozen protesters shouted and carried signs with anti-gay slogans.

Some passers-by stopped to challenge them.

"This isn't what Jesus Christ would do. This isn't what Christians do," said David Anderson, 44.

Shepard died Monday, five days after he was beaten. Authorities say he was lured out of a bar in Laramie, 120 miles southeast of Casper. Shepard was tied to a fence post outside town in near-freezing temperatures.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 18, 1998

You're going into a cycle where the trends that develop will prove to be beneficial to you in some material fashion. This should all begin to happen in the coming year.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you might not feel too lucky of late, today you'll quickly discover your rabbit's foot is in fine working order. Use it where it counts. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not dilly-dally if an opportunity that has been closed to you should suddenly become accessible today. Strike while the iron is hot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Some information may be transmitted to you which could prove to be a very interesting piece of news today. What you learn might be what you need to buoy a project of yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) From out of nowhere, a critical situation might suddenly be shifted around today. When the dust settles and everything is sorted out, it will prove to be to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Although you are very inventive to begin with, today your imagination and resourcefulness will be in full gear. Act on your inspirations instead of trying to dissect them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In all probability, you'll be invited to become involved in an unusual venture someone else has begun today. Be alert for this opportunity, because it will benefit you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Evaluations and conclusions that come to you in a flash should not be discounted because of their quick deductions. You're more effective than usual today in making fast decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't get locked into something today just because it may have been done a certain way. If the method is slow and cumbersome, experiment with new procedures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is a strong possibility today that you will be introduced to someone with whom you'll have an instant rapport. It could be the start of a long-term relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Through the good auspices of a family member or a relative today, something propitious might unexpectedly develop for you. In all probability, it'll have to do with material benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A meeting of the minds today with a person with whom you've been at odds could develop out of the blue. The two of you will discover that your thoughts have always been in harmony in most matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you've been wanting for a long time but was far too expensive for your wallet might go on sale today. It will be affordable for you to attain. Jump at the chance.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Oct. 19, 1998

Something that was extremely difficult to acquire could now become attainable in the year ahead. You will be surprised at how simple and easy the means are at achieving these ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ambition and assertiveness may be in full force today. Luckily, no one will find this offensive or pushy, because you'll go after your objectives with charm and consideration. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Help where you can without calling attention to your good deeds today. They'll be more effective and meaningful when you do so quietly and without fanfare.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you are likely to be equally popular today with both sexes, it'll be the attention you get from the opposite gender that'll bring you the greatest joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What appears today to be the greatest challenge or the most difficult to achieve could in turn be the easiest for you to accomplish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Study the experiences of a successful person you admire, because you can profit from it today. Apply his or her methods to your own situations and they can work wonders for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may be invited into a successful endeavor today that has been inaugurated by another. You can make a meaningful contribution, so don't be reluctant to take this opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because of your innate ability to get along with most people, you shouldn't have any trouble finding a suitable person who'll work with you today on your pet project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Anything that challenges your imagination and creativity will capture your attention today. Because of this, you'll shine taking on almost any new endeavor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless you really mean it, be careful not to shower others with any flirtatious comments today. There is a good possibility that they'll be taken very seriously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Everything might not go your way early in the day, but don't be dismayed. By afternoon, the air will shift bringing with it better times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Terms of endearment will inspire relationships that are meaningful to you, so don't be reluctant to lavishly use them today. Your comments reinforce bonds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Hold onto your dreams, because the ways and means to acquire something that was beyond your reach might open up for you today. You'll never know unless you try.

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UW DONATION — Snyder Lions Club donated $500 to the Scurry County United Way Tuesday. Lions president, county judge Ricky Fritz, presented the check to UW president Dr. Ed Barkowsky, left, and Peggy Vernon, board member. Dr. Barkowsky said the campaign has reached 53 percent of the $64,000 goal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Goulash, cornbread, fried cauliflower, pinto beans, pickled beets & onion, cheese apple crisp

TUESDAY

Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, tossed salad, orange whip

WEDNESDAY

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears and cottage cheese, chocolate cake w/cream cheese frosting

THURSDAY

Chicken spaghetti, Brussel sprouts, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie

FRIDAY

Fried fish, broccoli casserole, hominy, lettuce salad, peach cobbler

Senior Center News

Daily exercise classes begin at 11 a.m.

Monday's activities include bridge, beginning at 9:30 a.m., AARP's noon meeting; and swimnastics at WTC, from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

On Tuesday, 80/88 play will begin at 10 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band entertains at 11 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Wednesday's events begin with bingo at 10 a.m. Line dancing is set for 1 p.m., clogging at 2 p.m. and swimnastics at WTC from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

On Thursday, the Sunshine Choir members will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m.

A bridge tournament and the blood pressure clinic are slated for Friday. Both begin at 9:30 a.m. The sing-a-long is set for 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed Monday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to help make the Halloween favors for the home delivered meal participants. Another work session will be set if the project is not completed Monday morning. Staffers say the 130-140 recipients will "greatly appreciate your efforts."

The Halloween party is just two weeks away. All seniors are encouraged to join the fun. Activities will include carnival type games, a costume contest, a guessing game, and the popcorn machine that everyone enjoyed last year.

Homemade goodies are made for the "the Goody walk" will be needed, so if you can help, please let the staff know. The party begins at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 31.

Staffers say seniors in the community are excited to see the phase IV of the Golden Terrace Project underway. These apartments will be located just west of the hospital between the Big Spring Highway and College Avenue and just south of the new Assembly of God Church.

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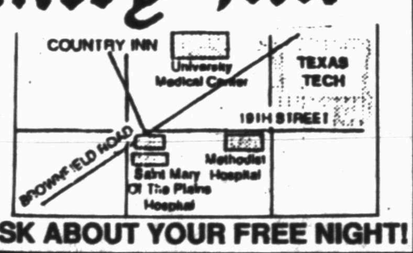

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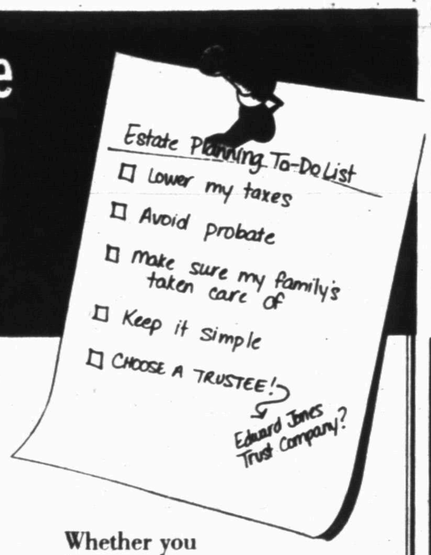

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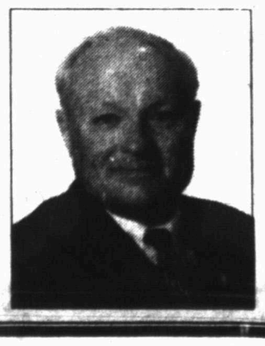

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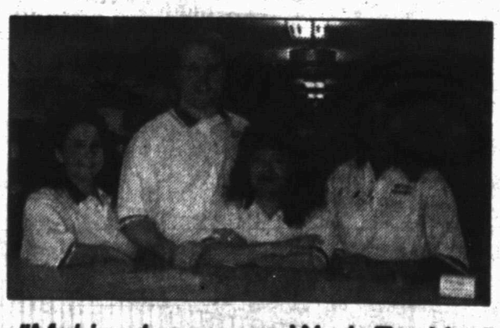


"Making Insurance Work For You"

Rotary Club formed in Snyder in '47 with 20 charter members

The Rotary Club in Snyder has a long history of benefiting the community.

During this upcoming Rotary year in Snyder, Rollin Swanson, president, said "The Rotary Club will continue its efforts to assist Snyder High School students through funding our annual scholarship program, continuing our student shadowing program and presenting our career day at the high school.

The recently organized shadowing program allows students to visit various work places in Snyder and participate in daily activities as is deemed appropriate.

During career day, business and professional representatives spend the day sharing career-oriented information with high school students.

Swanson said, "The Rotary Club is also justly proud of our program for the recognition of law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel and of teachers in the local schools.

"We plan to continue this tradition. We also plan to continue the tradition of supporting the Mexico project which assists a school in old Mexico.

"We also will host two foreign exchange students as well as providing scholarships funds for both a boys and girls summer Rotary leadership camp as well as a special diabetes camp.

"We are proud to continue our help for the underprivileged through Snyder Neighbors Sharing and our very successful Thanksgiving dinner project for low income families.

"In addition we will also continue our support of selected charitable community organizations.

"Our major fund-raiser continues to be our flag program. We obtain contributions from our neighbors and businesses for setting out American flags, on holidays during the year, along College Avenue, around the square, and in the yards of our patrons," he concluded.

Rotary Club officers for 1998-1999 include Rollin Swanson, president; Julie Sentell, president-elect; Frank Miller, secretary-treasurer; Gayle Lomax, past president.

Directors are John Best, Bill Covey, Fran Farmer, Lannie Lee, Joseph Sentell and Joe Smith.

Short History

The Rotary Club of Snyder was organized on May 20, 1947, with 20 charter members. The club was admitted to membership in Rotary International on June 16, 1947, and Charter No. 6660 was presented to the club's charter president, R.A. "Sheet" Schooling, by District Governor J.F. "Jim" McCullouch in the presence of more than 300 persons, including Rotarians from neighboring cities and their wives.

The club has always been an ardent supporter of the Snyder committee. In the early years of the club's existence, members focused their talents, finances, and efforts in various projects for the benefit of the community, including in 1949, sponsoring and endorsing a city wide health program and participating in the beautification of Deep Creek, and in 1945, furnishing a library in the Scurry County Boys Club. The club supported the youth of the community by sponsoring little league baseball teams, a Boy Scout troop, a girls' baseball team, and helped raise funds for a crippled children's rehabilitation center.

More recently, the Snyder Rotary Club has provided financial support to local organizations such as the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Little League, Ritz Community Theatre, the Scurry County Museum, the Noah Project, and the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, and provided both financial support and manpower to Snyder Neighbors Sharing.

In 1994, the club undertook to beautify the entry to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital/Scurry County medical complex, using funds from its own reserves as well as contributions from local physicians and from St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

In 1995, with generous participation by The Shack, Lawrence IGA, Snyder ISD, and the Snyder High School Student Council, the Snyder Rotary Club instituted an annual Thanksgiving Dinner for low income families in the community. The dinner is served every year at The Shack, by Rotary members and their families, as well as employees of The Shack who chose to volunteer their time that day.

The Snyder Rotary Club has actively supported Rotary International's efforts to build world peace and understanding by participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. The club has enjoyed hosting exchance students from Brazil, Belgium, Ukraine, Germany, Denmark and France, and this year will also host a student from Japan. The club has also contributed funds and volunteers to support a district project that provides school supplies and other necessities to children in Madera, Mexico.

The Snyder Rotary Club has sponsored a variety of fund-raising projects over the years. Its current fund-raiser, which it also considers a community service, is the annual flag project through which American Flags are placed in yards throughout the community and the central business district seven times each year.

From its inception the club membersip has always reflected a true cross-section of the community's businessmen and professionals. In 1990, in recognition of the changing times, the club changed its bylaws and began to invite business and professional women into membership.

In June of 1997, the Rotary Club celebrated 50 years of service to its community. As the club moves toward its next milestone, it looks forward to new ways to serve the local community, as well as Rotary's global objectives, with its time, talent and financial resources.



"GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING" — Gov. George Bush has proclaimed Oct. 25 as "Great Day in the Morning" Day for the state of Texas, an emphasis on high attendance in Sunday schools in Texas Baptist churches. Mayor pro tem Vernest Tippens signed a proclamation for the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association. Looking on are Dr. Marty Akins, left, pastor of First Baptist Church and moderator elect for the association, and Dr. Darold Baldwin, association director of missions. They encourage families to attend Sunday school and church next Sunday and receive the benefits that religious study can bring to family life. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

National Multiple Sclerosis Society recommends drug treatment for all

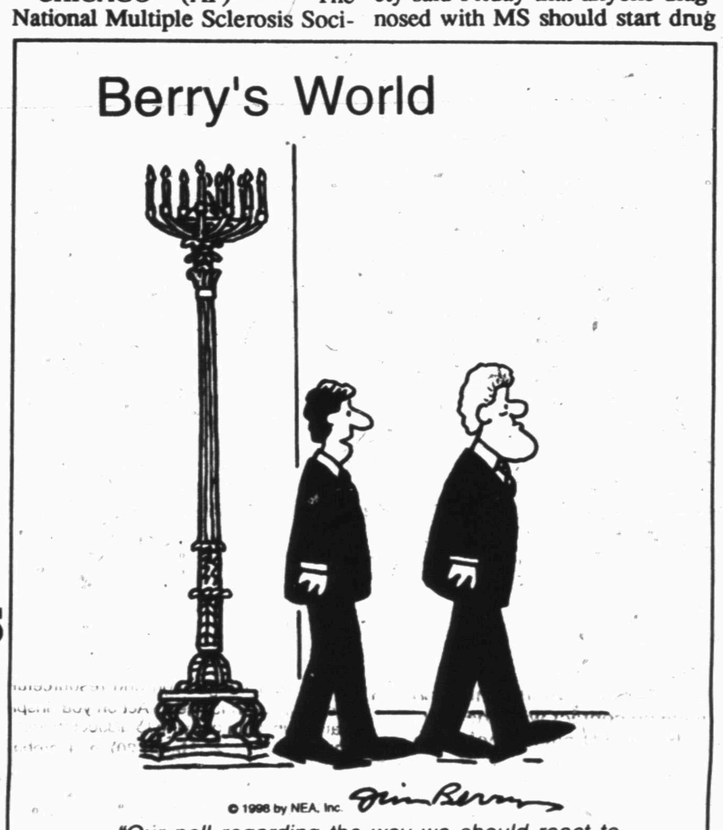
CHICAGO (AP) — The National Multiple Sclerosis Society said Friday that anyone diagnosed with MS should start drug treatment immediately rather than the typical approach of waiting for symptoms to worsen.

Although medication exists to treat MS, fewer than 50,000 of the 300,000 Americans who have the often-crippling nerve disease are taking the three drugs that slow but do not cure MS, society spokesman Dr. Stanley van den Noort said at the society's leadership conference.

Many doctors are still unfamiliar with the drugs since they've only been available since 1993. And there remain questions about the drugs' benefits when weighed against their high cost, effort and discomfort.

But in its first ever treatment recommendation, the society said all MS patients should be on medication, since it appears that those who do will likely suffer less disabling symptoms than those who do not take the medication.

The society has provided information about treatments in the past, but offered no recommendations until now. It has no opinion on which of the three drugs available — Avonex, Betaseron and Copaxone — is best, said van den Noort, a neurology professor at the University of California, Irvine, and the society's chief medical officer.



"Our poll regarding the way we should react to today's polls suggests that ..."

Smokers' suit blames Big Tobacco for years of deception and illness

MIAMI (AP) — When the courtroom fills up, the voices of the attorneys are sometimes drowned out by husky wet coughs and electronic voice boxes.

At the plaintiffs' table is Frank Amodeo, whose raspy voice gives away the surgery he's had on a cancerous larynx. He cannot swallow and has to take food and drink through a surgical hole in his stomach.

He and as many as 500,000 other Florida smokers are part of a landmark case — a $200 billion claim against the tobacco industry, the first such class-action lawsuit ever to go before a jury.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs and the tobacco companies completed three months of jury selection this week and are expected to begin opening statements Monday.

Other tobacco trials have been pursued by individual smokers or by states seeking reimbursement for Medicaid money spent on sick smokers. The state of Washington is in the midst of its trial. The Miami trial is the first for smokers seeking damages as a group.

The smokers claim decades of fraud, conspiracy and concealment by the industry targeted those most vulnerable to addiction and slowly made them sick. They plan to use formerly confidential industry documents dating to the 1950s to try to prove the allegations.

Lead tobacco attorney Robert Heim puts the blame on smokers. "The basic, common sense of the American people for the most part is you knew the risk, you took the choice and you should be responsible," Heim said.

Smokers' attorney Stanley Rosenblatt likens cigarette makers to "the arsonist who comes and watches the fire and pretends he had nothing to do with setting it."

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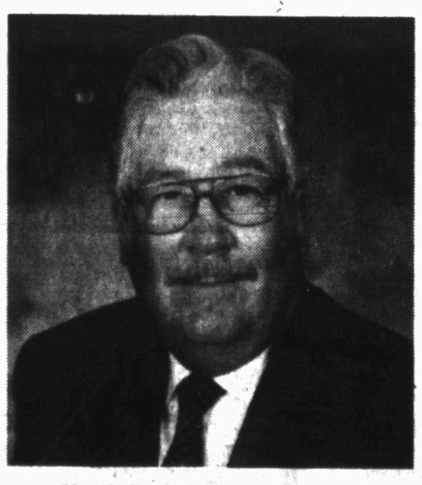

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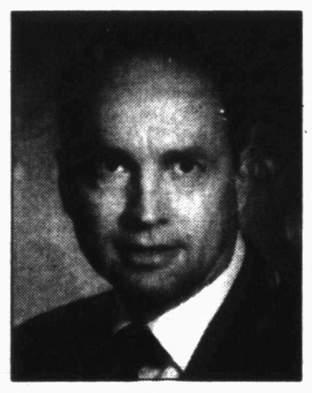

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SPORTS

Tigers take to the air in key 5-4A victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Snyder head coach David Baugh couldn't wipe the smile off his face Friday night.

"This was one our best wins in the past couple of years," an elated Baugh said to his coaching staff in the SHS field house. "Last year against Levelland was pretty big, but this one is just as good.

"This is great. I love good football," Baugh added with a yell.

The reason for Baugh's exuberance was a 28-21 Snyder victory over Big Spring in a must-win District 5-4A contest for the Tigers.

Snyder, now 1-1 in league play and 4-3 on the season, is in the thick of the playoff race, sitting third in the district standings.

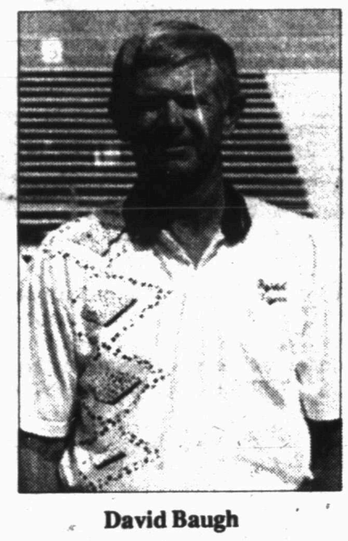
"I was really pleased with everybody's effort tonight," Baugh remarked. "Even when things weren't going our way, the kids' determination never waivered. Everybody, from the coaching staff to the student managers, did a fantastic job."

The biggest difference in this victory, compared to Snyder's other three wins this season, was the route it took to come out on top.

After using their power rushing game to run over Monahans, Littlefield and Seminole, the Tigers were forced to take to the air Friday night.

Junior quarterback Sonny Cumbie hooked up with sophomore wide out Matthew Grimmett for three touchdowns, fueling the Snyder outburst.

"We wanted to get Grimmett more involved in the passing game this week," said Baugh. "I had some certain situations that I wanted him in the game for and he played well. He was open on two or three more plays and we just couldn't get him the ball."



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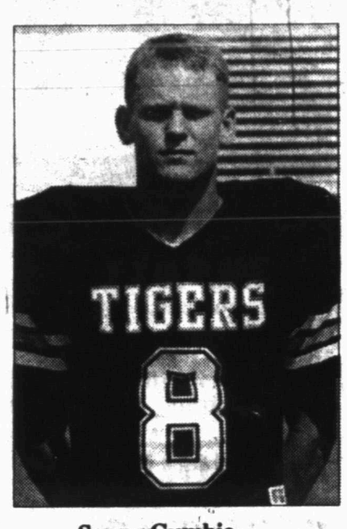
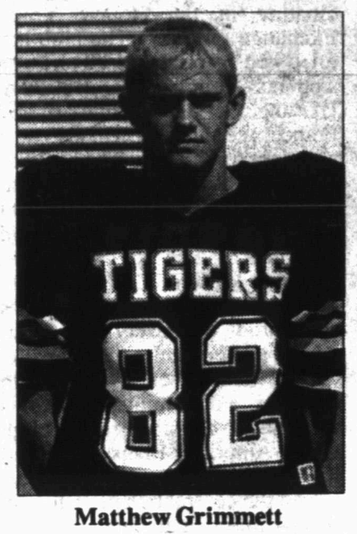


Sonny Cumbie



Matthew Grimmett

Cumbie, who entered the contest in the second quarter when the Tigers got the strong south wind at their backs, was 7 of 13 on the night for 88 yards and the three scores.

Game Summary

Big Spring	07	00	06	08	— 21
Snyder	00	07	14	07	— 28

First Quarter
Big Spring — Colby Ford 20-yard pass from Lance Brock (Chauncy Ford kick), 7:34.
Second Quarter
Snyder — Matthew Grimmett 22-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (Andy Parker kick), :59.
Third Quarter
Snyder — Grimmett 18-yard pass from Cumbie (Parker kick), 8:53.
Big Spring — Colby Ford 78-yard run (kick failed), 7:14.
Snyder — Cheyenne Robinson 24-yard run (Parker kick), :50.
Fourth Quarter
Snyder — Grimmett 10-yard pass from Cumbie (Parker kick), 4:51.
Big Spring — Colby Ford 3-yard run (Casey Cowley pass from Colby Ford), 1:48.

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First downs	15	15
Rushes-yards	38-225	37-127
Passing yards	69	105
Comp-Att-Int	4-11-1	8-15-0
Punts	4-30	6-48
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-25	3-30

RUSHING — Big Spring: Colby Ford, 27-192; Camero, 6-19; Walker, 2-3; Mitchell, 1-12; Brock, 2-minus 1. **Snyder:** Robinson, 11-53; Camp, 10-41; Covey, 6-28; Juan Arizmendi, 2-16; Cumbie, 3-2; Hodges, 1-0; Hackfield, 1-0; Josh Arizmendi, 2-minus 3; McNair, 1-minus 10.

PASSING — Big Spring: Brock, 4 of 11 for 69 yards, 1 TD, 1 int. **Snyder:** Cumbie, 7 of 13 for 88 yards, 3 TDs; McNair, 1 of 2 for 17 yards.

RECEIVING — Big Spring: Colby Ford, 2-31; Chauncy Ford, 1-24; Clements, 1-14. **Snyder:** Grimmett, 3-50; Mandrell, 1-17; Cobb, 1-15; Roemisch, 1-12; Hackfield, 1-12; Robinson, 1-minus 1.

"I put Sonny in when we got the wind and I started him again in the third quarter because we had the wind then, too," stated Baugh. "Then I stayed with him because he had the hot hand. Justin (McNair) did a good job when he was in there, I just stayed with Sonny when things were going well."

Things were going well for the Steers, early on.

Big Spring scored on its first possession when Colby Ford carried in a 20-yard screen pass with 7:34 left in the opening quarter. The Chauncy Ford point after put the Steers on top, 7-0.

The Tigers, who rushed for only 28 yards in the first half, didn't find the endzone until the final minute of the second period.

Cory Mandrell booted a 56-yard punt to the Big Spring 4-yard line and the Tiger defense forced a punt, giving SHS good field position at the Steer 34.

Snyder ran five consecutive pass plays. The final one being a 22-yard TD effort from Cumbie to Grimmett. The Andy Parker PAT sent the two squads to the locker room knotted at 7-7.

Snyder broke the tie early in the third quarter following a Sam Bedell interception and return to the Big Spring 18-yard line.

The Tigers capitalized on the next play when Cumbie hit Grimmett in the endzone with another scoring strike. Parker extended the lead to 14-7.

"The linemen did a good job of protecting the passer most of the night," Baugh said. "Big Spring has a stronger pass rush than Andrews had and our linemen played a good ballgame."

Big Spring's speed paid off just over a minute later when Colby Ford broke loose on a 78-yard TD jaunt. The extra point attempt knuckled off to the left, leaving Snyder with the 14-13 advantage.

In their final possession with the wind at their backs, the Tigers extended the lead when Cheyenne Robinson rumbled 24 yards around left end with 50 seconds left in the third period. Parker was true on his third point after, pushing the tally to 21-13.

On its first possession of the fourth quarter, Snyder put together the drive it needed to all but ice the game.

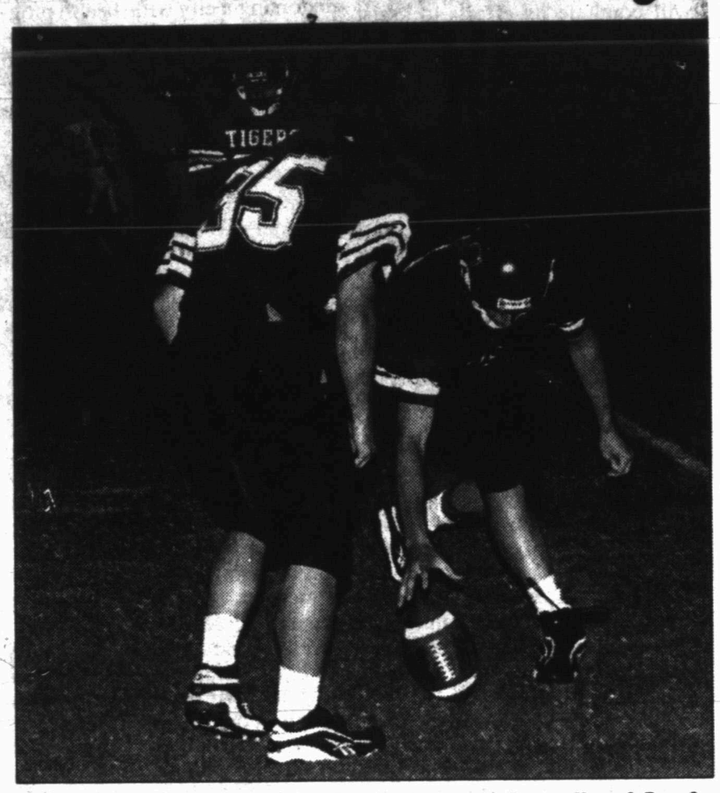
The Tigers chewed over six minutes off the clock, marching 68 yards in 11 plays. Juan Arizmendi picked up a key first down with a 7-yard run on third and six from the Steer 22.

"That was an important drive for us," Baugh remarked. "We hadn't been able to move the ball very consistently earlier in the game, but we did what we needed to do when we had to. That was a key first down that Juan picked up to keep that drive alive."

Grimmett capped the march, hauling in a 10-yard Cumbie toss in the back of the endzone. The Parker kick padded the Snyder advantage at 28-13.

Big Spring closed the gap to 28-21 with 1:48 left in the contest, but had its comeback effort thwarted when Bedell grabbed the ensuing onside kick.

The win gives Snyder a share of third place in District 5-4A. The Tigers visit Sweetwater, a 63-27 winner over Ft. Stockton, Friday at the Mustang Bowl.



FINDING THE HANDLE — Snyder's Aaron Stansell and Jacob Hodges (35) cover a punt deep in Big Spring territory Friday night during the Tigers' 28-21 victory over the Steers.

In the district's other contest Friday night, Andrews shut out Lake View, 42-0.

5-4A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Andrews	2	0	7	0
Sweetwater	2	0	6	1
Snyder	1	1	4	3
Big Spring	1	1	2	5
Lake View	0	2	3	4
Ft. Stockton	0	2	1	6

Friday's results: Snyder 28, Big Spring 21; Andrews 42, Lake View 0; Sweetwater 63, Ft. Stockton 27.
Next week's games: Snyder at Sweetwater; Andrews at Big Spring; Ft. Stockton at Lake View.

To possibly end lockout...

Owners agree to luxury tax

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the first signs of possible progress in the NBA lockout, owners agreed Friday to accept the union's concept of a luxury tax on some contracts to see if such a system will slow salary growth.

"We are willing to try it the union's way, but they have to agree that if it doesn't work, we then have to try it our way," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

The league asked for a two-year trial, with higher tax rates and a lower threshold than the union had proposed. A hard salary cap would kick in for the 2000-01 season if the percentage of league revenue devoted to salaries failed to drop from 57 percent to 52 percent.

Despite the apparent movement on the part of the owners, the union responded negatively.

"It appears at a quick glance to be a step backward ... more onerous than the proposal we received from them Sept. 24," union director Billy Hunter said. "It may be disguised in terms of a tax, but it is in fact a hard cap."

According to the league's projections, the tax would have no impact on 85 percent of future player contracts. But Hunter claimed it would be a tax on all contracts, not just "Larry Bird exception" contracts as the league said, and would cause 90-95 percent of the players to accept the league minimum salary.

The Bird rule allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

"Our intent was to address the concern of the superstar contracts, like the Kevin Garnett contract that everyone points to. The tax they've come back with impacts the entire system," Hunter said.

The league's proposal calls for a tax to be levied on any contract signed under the Bird exception for more than $2.6 million, which was the average salary in the 1997-98 season.

The tax would be paid by owners, with the revenue redistributed to low-revenue teams. In theory, it would deter teams from signing overly lucrative contracts.

The tax rate would be 50 percent of the amount over $2.6 million for all contracts worth up to $10 million annually. For contracts worth between $10 million and $15 million, the tax would be 100 percent; between $15 million and $20 million, 150 percent; and for contracts worth more than $20 million, 200 percent, Granik said.

The league also included an exemption for any player who accepts a Bird contract with a 5 percent raise. Such a rule would allow the Chicago Bulls to re-sign Michael Jordan for about $36 million next season without having to pay any tax.

The NBA has already canceled the first two weeks of the season, 99 games. More games will be lost if the sides can't reach agreement soon.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY
Volleyball: Snyder 9th, JV and varsity at Big Spring, 12:30.
Tennis: Snyder varsity at Big Spring.
Rodeo: WTC at Texas Tech.
MONDAY
Golf: WTC at Gaines County Invitational, Seminole.
Volleyball: Snyder 7th & 8th at Lamesa, 5:30
TUESDAY
Volleyball: Snyder 9th, JV & varsity at Lake View, 5 p.m.

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SPORTS

Grady 33, Ira 26...

Bulldogs fall in heartbreaker

IRA — After matching each other step for step through the majority of the contest, Grady won the battle in the final 16 seconds.

Grady's Frankie Garza scored from two yards out to break a 26-26 tie with just 16 seconds left in the game Friday night as the Wildcats slipped past the Ira Bulldogs, 33-26.

The two squads finished with similar stats. Only 19 total yards and three minutes of possession separated the teams.

Ira's Jerek Brown rushed for 133 yards on 18 carries and three touchdowns, his last coming with 3:02 left in the contest to knot the tally at 26-26.

After Grady took a 6-0 lead in the opening quarter, Brown got the Bulldogs on the board with a 1-yard plunge early in the second. Then Logan Daves PAT brought Ira even at 8-8.

Grady took a six-point advantage later in the period before Brown posted his second score, this one from three yards out with just 11 seconds left in the half to deadlock it at 14-14.

The third quarter belonged to Garza who ran for one TD and passed for another, putting Grady back up by a 26-14 measure.

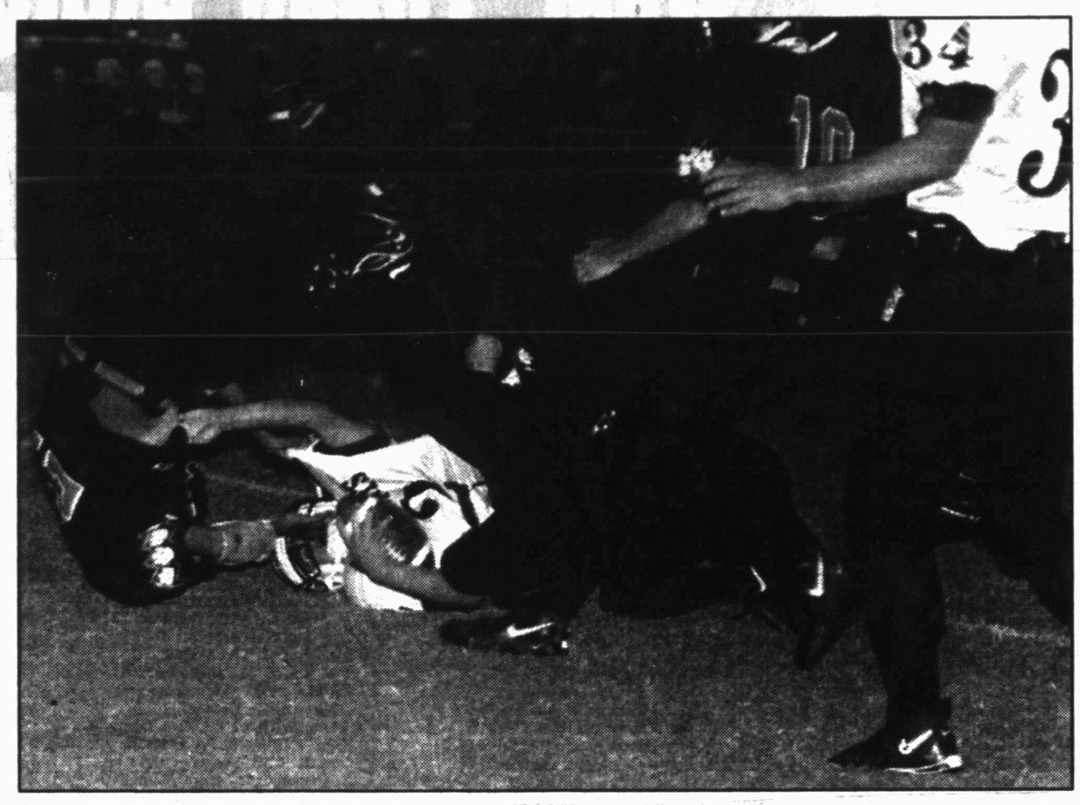
But midway through the final period, the Bulldogs began to reel the Wildcats in.

Jose Juarez broke loose on a 57-yard touchdown scamper, before Brown's 3-yard dive which brought the teams even at 26-26.

Juarez finished with 84 yards on just five carries, with Perry Jamison chipping in another 45 yards on the ground.

Brown and Ira freshman Nathan Smith posted identical passing numbers. Both QBs were 4 of 6 for 30 yards.

Ira, now 0-2 in District 6 play and 3-4 on the season, will be in action again Friday when it visits Hermleigh.



USING YOUR HEAD — Ira's Jose Juarez lands on his head while helping bring down a Grady runner Friday night during the Bulldogs' 33-26 last-minute setback in Ira. Grady posted the winning score with just 16 seconds left in the contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

JV rallies to top Big Spring

BIG SPRING — The situation couldn't have looked much more bleak for Snyder JV — trailing by a point, 70 yards to go, into the wind, two minutes left, no timeouts remaining and only 13 players suited up.

The Tigers had no problem though, as Tavares Brandon plunged in from a yard out with :03 showing on the clock to give Snyder JV a 26-21 win Thursday night over Big Spring.

The Steers had taken an early 6-0 lead, before the Tigers posted 20 unanswered points in the second quarter.

Brandon found the endzone from 3, 37 and 72 yards out, with Jessie Haines running in a two-point conversion for a 20-6 Snyder advantage at halftime.

The Steers closed the gap to 20-14 in the third period, before taking a one-point lead with exactly two minutes left on the clock.

The key play in Snyder's winning drive was a 40-yard pass from Haines to Sam Aviles, moving the Tigers to the Big Spring 4-yard line.

Brandon took it in from a yard out, two plays later.

Snyder will be back in action Thursday night when it hosts Sweetwater at 6:30.

Mustangs upset top-ranked Coyotes with late comeback

GAIL — Sooner or later, all good things must end.

The Borden County Coyotes just wish it would have been later.

Sands, just 1-5 entering the contest, pulled the biggest upset of the year thus far in six-man football Friday night, edging out top-ranked Borden County, 35-34.

The Coyotes' streak of consecutive victories ends at 21 as Borden turned the ball over four times and surrendered 328 yards rushing to the Mustangs.

Sands posted the night's first score, before Borden County's Ed Rodriguez reeled off three unanswered touchdowns.

Rodriguez found the endzone from nine, three and then two yards out, with Colt McCook booting one PAT for a 20-6 Coyote advantage.

Following a Mustang safety, McCook scampered 34 yards and kicked the extra point, extending the margin to 28-8 at halftime.

But the second half was all Sands.

The Coyotes managed to find the endzone just once in the final two periods when Robert Stamper hauled in a 31-yard TD strike from McCook.

The Mustangs scored once in the third quarter and three times over the final 10 minutes to notch the upset.

The Coyotes, now 6-1 on the season and 1-1 in District 6 action, will look to get back on track Friday night at Grady.

Bears realize Garrett's ability as Cowboy QB

CHICAGO (AP) — When Chan Gailey arrived in Dallas, everyone told him Jason Garrett would be the perfect No. 2 quarterback. Chicago Bears safety Marty Carter disagrees.

Forget that No. 2. Garrett is better than some No. 1s.

"As of right now, they have two great quarterbacks," Carter said. "He's got a great quarterback rating and probably the biggest thing is that he hasn't made any mistakes to actually hurt the team."

After spending most of the last five years as the Cowboys' third-stringer, Garrett was thrust into a starting role Sept. 13 when Troy Aikman broke his collarbone. All he's done since then is surpass everyone's expectations.

The Cowboys (4-2) are 3-1 with Garrett, and at 367.7 yards per game, their offense is third-best in the NFC. Garrett has completed 60 percent of his passes (71-for-118), and his 92.3 quarterback rating is third-best in the NFC behind Minnesota's Randall Cunningham and Steve Young of San Francisco.

But like all other good things, Garrett's run as the Cowboys' quarterback is coming to an end. He will start Sunday's game against the Bears (1-5), but after next week's bye, Aikman will take his old job back.

Aikman might be in uniform this week, but Gailey said there's almost no chance of him playing.

Harless keys 'Cats win over Cards

WESTBROOK — Despite the running of Andy Luna and the passing of Chris Doggett, the Cardinals couldn't overcome Westbrook's Sam Harless.

Westbrook evened its district mark at 1-1, topping Hermleigh, 38-22.

Harless had a hand in all five Wildcat touchdowns. The Westbrook QB had scoring runs of 17 and 22 yards, while tossing three TD passes.

Luna powered the Hermleigh rushing game. Luna rumbled in from 10 yards out and broke free on a 55-yard sprint for his second score of the night.

Doggett capped the offensive effort for the Cardinals with a touchdown strike to Caleb Callaway.

Hermleigh, now 0-2 in District 6 play and 1-5 on the season, will be in action again Friday when it hosts the Ira Bulldogs at 7:30.

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N.Y.Jets	2	3	0	.400	114	105
Indianapolis	1	5	0	.167	81	159
Central						
Jacksonville	5	0	0	1.000	124	92
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	70	81
Baltimore	2	3	0	.400	86	90
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	103	115
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	80	89
West						
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	203	109
KansasCity	4	2	0	.667	118	103
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	88	117
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	127	79
SanDiego	2	4	0	.333	70	102

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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TampaBay	2	3	0	.400	75	99
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	134	158
Chicago	1	5	0	.167	116	146
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Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	141	100
SanFrancisco	4	1	0	.800	164	86
NewOrleans	3	2	0	.600	89	105
St.Louis	2	3	0	.400	129	125
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	101	153

Thursday's Game

Detroit 27, Green Bay 20

Sunday's Games

Arizona at New York Giants, 1:01 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1:01 p.m.
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Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1:01 p.m.
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Monday's Game

New York Jets at New England, 8:20 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	3	0	0	6	10	3
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	4	7	4
NewJersey	1	2	0	2	4	6
N.Y.Islanders	1	2	0	2	5	7
N.Y.Rangers	0	4	0	0	4	14
Northeast Division						
Toronto	3	0	0	6	12	6
Boston	2	0	1	5	9	3
Montreal	2	0	1	5	10	3
Ottawa	2	0	0	4	8	4
Buffalo	1	1	1	3	6	6
Southeast Division						
Florida	2	0	1	5	7	3
Washington	1	1	1	3	5	5
Carolina	0	1	2	2	8	9
TampaBay	0	3	1	1	7	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	2	1	0	4	8	5
St.Louis	1	1	1	3	8	9
Nashville	1	1	0	2	3	3
Chicago	1	2	0	2	6	9
Northwest Division						
Calgary	1	1	1	3	11	13
Vancouver	1	1	0	2	5	6
Edmonton	1	2	0	2	7	6
Colorado	0	4	0	0	5	15
Pacific Division						
Dallas	2	0	1	5	9	4
LosAngeles	1	1	0	2	4	5
Phoenix	1	1	0	2	6	6
Anaheim	1	3	0	2	6	9
SanJose	0	1	1	1	6	8

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 5 Tampa Bay 2
Montreal 2, Washington 2, tie
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Florida 2, Buffalo 2, tie
Detroit 4, St. Louis 1
Toronto 7, Calgary 3
Boston at Los Angeles, (n)

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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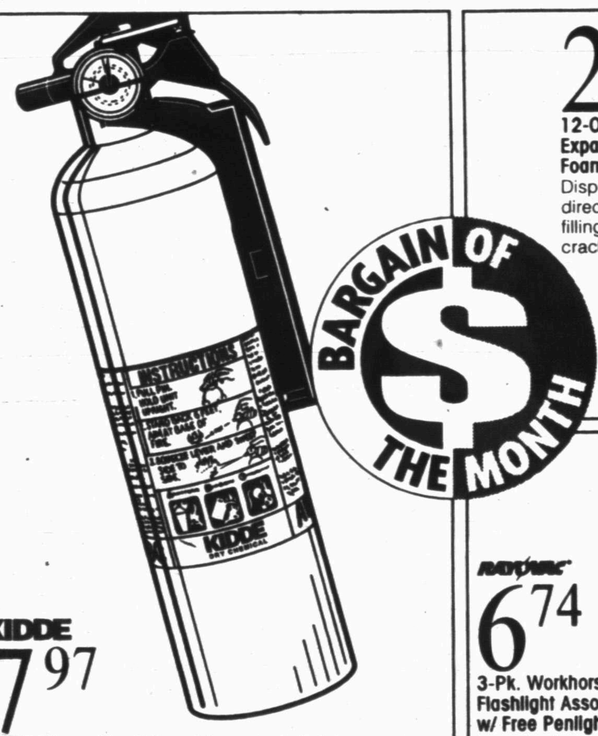

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Snyder 28, Big Spring 21
Southlake Carroll 21, Keller 7
Springtown 17, Weatherford 14
Stephenville 23, Cleburne 14
Sulphur Springs 44, North Lamar 3
Sweetwater 63, Fort Stockton 17
Terrell 56, Kaufman 12
Texas City 35, Friendswood 14
WF Hirschi 44, Wichita Falls 25
Waxahachie 32, Red Oak 13
Weslaco 36, Brownsville Hanna 13
West Orange-Stark 36, Nederland 9
Willis 28, Conroe Oak Ridge 0

Class 3A

Aledo 39, FW Carter-Riverside 0
Alvarado 39, Kennedale 0
Amarillo River Road 28, Perryton 17
Aransas Pass 20, Taft 6
Atlanta 21, DeKalb 0
Ballinger 44, Grape Creek 7
Bandera 45, Liberty Hill 10
Barbers Hill 41, Anahuac 6
Bishop 29, Falfurrias 7
Brady 51, Clyde 0
Breckenridge 59, Dublin 0
Bridgeport 42, Little Elm 6
Buna 28, Woodville 9
CC West Oso 35, Ingleside 7
Caney Creek 17, Magnolia 14
Carrizo Springs 35, Crystal City 0
Childress 28, Vernon 14
Colorado City 38, Brownfield 7
Columbus 34, Smithville 15
Comanche 35, Clifton 12
Corrigan-Camden 43, Splendora 0
Daingerfield 41, Clarksville 0
Diboll 52, Huntington 18
Dimmitt 43, Tulia 12
East Chambers 27, West Sabine 6
Elgin 28, Caldwell 13
Floresville 26, SA Southside 9
Forney 41, Kemp 0
Fredericksburg 21, Medina Valley 14
Freer 23, Premont 6
Friona 58, Lubbock Roosevelt 6
Gainesville 27, Lake Dallas 7
George West 41, Poteet 7
Giddings 31, Bellville 30
Gladewater 34, Bullard 27
Glen Rose 45, Eastland 7
Goliad 40, SA West Campus 32
Gonzales 21, Cuero 20
Hamshire-Fannett 28, Huffman Hargrave 21
Hardin-Jefferson 49, Hardin 0
Hidalgo 12, Rio Hondo 0
Hitchcock 28, Rice Consolidated 15
Hondo 35, Devine 14
Hooks 35, Redwater 0
Huffman Hargrave 28, Hamshire-Fannett 21
Industrial 14, Luling 7
Iowa Park 21, Bowie 14
Kountze 20, Kirbyville 14
LaFeria 48, Lyford 0
LaGrange 29, Hempstead 12
Lake Worth 51, North Crowley 7
Lamesa 30, Denver City 0
Lampasas 22, Austin Lake Travis 13
Lindale 27, Brownsboro 7
Linden-Kildare 30, Winnsboro 9
Littlefield 21, Lubbock Cooper 3
Llano 29, Burnet 19
Mabank 33, Ferris 0
Madisonville 19, Fairfield 17
Marlin 28, Gatesville 0
Mathis 62, Hebbronville 0
Muleshoe 21, Shallowater 6
Navasota 37, Montgomery 0
Newton 42, Orangefield 7
Orange Grove 43, San Diego 0
PA Austin 21, PA Houston 12
Pearsall 52, Somerset 0
Pittsburg 16, Mount Vernon 0
Post 22, Coahoma 14
Queen City 44, Pleasant Grove 14
Rains 30, Mineola 15
Robinson 21, Cameron 13
Rockdale 11, Manor 8
Sanford-Fritch 64, Dalhart 0
Sanger 25, Decatur 0
Santa Rosa 22, Progreso 12
Sealy 52, Needville 0
Seminole 55, Slaton 13
Sharyland 31, Mercedes 13
Shepherd 15, Tarkington 8
Sinton 39, Odem 18
Taylor 34, Hearne 25
Van 31, Quitman 28
Waco Connally 41, West 15
Waco LaVega 47, Whitney 0
Waller 29, Brenham 0
White Oak 40, Spring Hill 27
Whitesboro 32, Quinlan Ford 24
Wills Point 13, Estace 10
Wimberley 20, Ingram 13
Wylie 58, Merkel 0
Yoakum 21, Palacios 0

Class 2A

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Albany 17, Anson 14
Alto 15, Garrison 10
Banquete 28, LaVilla 6
Ben Bolt 21, Riviera 6
Benavides 29, Santa Maria 6
Big Sandy 28, Winona 14
Blanco 35, Stockdale 19
Bloomington 34, Nixon-Smiley 18
Boling 34, Danbury 0
Boyd 21, Lindsay 8
Brackettville 27, Jourdanton 0
Buffalo 29, Groveton 20
Caddo Mills 31, Community 13
Cayuga 12, Crossroads 8
Centerville 24, Elkhart 7
Cisco 17, Milsap 7
Coleman 29, San Saba 0
Comfort 47, Dilley 7
Cooper 42, Rivercrest 0
Cotulla 15, Lytle 14
Crandall 17, Canton 14
Cushing 35, High Island 6
East Bernard 37, Van Vleck 0
Eldorado 42, Junction 7
Farmersville 42, Alba-Golden 0
Farwell 13, Sundown 8
Floydada 13, Abernathy 0
Franklin 41, Rogers 21
Goldthwaite 60, Bangs 0
Grand Saline 26, Lone Oak 0
Hale Center 35, Morton 0
Hallettsville 10, Edna 7
Haskell 21, Archer City 14
Hawkins 25, Jacksonville 19
Hemphill 48, West Hardin 7
Holland 47, Salado 14
Holliday 34, Olney 13
Howe 55, Whitewright 0
Hughes Springs 28, Elysian Fields 0
Hull-Daisetta 52, Colmesneil 0
Idalou 41, Ralls 0
Iraan 54, Anthony 0
Jacksboro 48, Callisburg 0
Jim Ned 24, Stamford 16
Karnes City 20, Skidmore-Tynan 14
Kerens 34, Malakoff 20
LaVernia 22, Marion 21
Leonard 12, Van Alstyne 0
Lexington 41, Somerville 0
Mart 35, Moody 12
Maypearl 20, Venus 0
New Deal 21, Lockney 20
Nocona 22, Paradise 21
Pilot Point 24, Celina 13
Plains 16, Tahoka 0
Poth 26, Navarro 0
Pottsboro 22, Bonham 15
Refugio 53, Kenedy 8
Rio Vista 27, DeLeon 20
Rosebud-Lott 43, Hutto 0
Royse City 27, Commerce 13
S&S Consolidated 24, Aubrey 12
SA Cole 12, Randolph 0
Sabinal 34, LaPryor 18
Schulenburg 36, Shiner 6
Seagraves 33, Stanton 21
Stafford 21, Sweeny 17
Tatum 14, Jefferson 13
Three Rivers 13, Woodsboro 12
Tidehaven 56, Brazos 0
Troup 38, Frankston 14
Troy 47, Florence 13
Union Grove 14, Harmony 13
Warren 42, Deweyville 21
West Rusk 56, New Diana 0
Winters 35, Early 12
Wolfe City 12, Tom Bean 0
Yorktown 28, Weimar 25

Class 1A

Alvord 9, Chico 0
Asherton 41, D'Hanis 20
Aspermont 41, Knox City 0
Baird 23, Eden 21
Bartlett 13, Jarrell 12
Boles 34, Fruitvale 0
Bronte 28, Cross Plains 9
Celeste 59, Fannindel 0
Center Point 41, Natalia 0
Charlotte 53, Pettus 0
Era 57, Savoy 6
Falls City 26, Agua Dulce 6
Flatonia 18, Burton 7
Frost 29, Itasca 6
Gorman 64, Evant 0
Granger 41, Bosqueville 0
Iola 30, Louise 14
Irion County 42, Harper 6
Kress 25, Happy 12
Leakey 34, Medina 0
Lometa 43, Rising Star 0
Lorenzo 9, Valley 6
Maud 20, Simms James Bowie 0
Meadow 30, Dawson 8
Menard 16, Nueces Canyon 0
Miles 28, Santa Anna 7
Motley County 26, Spur 20
Muenster 28, Valley View 6
Munday 49, Crowell 13
Nazareth 40, Hart 8
O'Donnell 51, Whiteface 12
Paducah 21, Throckmorton 7
Petersburg 40, Crosbyton 7
Petrolia 12, Perrin-Whitt 6
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Rocksprings 50, Christoval 0
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Sudan 62, Anton 6
Tolar 62, Santo 13
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Windthorst 50, Bryson 7
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Jayton 42, Guthrie 32
Klondike 40, Wilson 26
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Trinidad 58, Abbott 10
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FW Country Day 39, Cassidy Okla 21
FW Southwest Christian 42, Lubbock Christian 6
First Baptist 23, Carrollton Christian 0
Houston Christian 31, St. Pius 24
Houston Kinkaid 7, Greenhill 0
Houston Second Baptist 41, Houston Lutheran North 8
Houston Strake Jesuit 27, Lamar Consolidated 22
Irving Cistercian 46, Austin St. Stephen's 0
SA St. Gerard 13, Austin St. Michael's 8
St. John's 31, Tulsa Okla. Holland Hall 28
Trinity Valley 21, Arlington Oakridge 0

Yanks vs. Padres...

Winningest team not always World Series Champion

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been nine years since the winningest team in baseball won the World Series.

After setting an AL record with 114 victories, the New York Yankees want to end that streak in the World Series, starting tonight against the San Diego Padres.

Not that the Yankees think they have an easy task against the Padres.

"They keep doing things that people say can't done and they are playing with a lot of confidence," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Friday.

Not since the 1989 Oakland Athletics had the top-winning team during the regular season gone on to win the World Series.

So it was no surprise that after taking the No. 4 subway from Grand Central Terminal, Tony Gwynn arrived at Yankee Stadium for the first time in his life Friday and pronounced his Padres ready.

"It's our chance to put our city on the map," he said.

To do that and take their first title, the Padres will have to topple baseball's most successful team. Coming off a season in which they set an AL mark for victories, the Yankees will try to win their record 24th crown.

"I think there is always going to be a place in history for us," said David Wells, who will pitch tonight's opener against Kevin Brown.

The Padres hope to make their own October mark after surprising Houston and Atlanta in the NL playoffs.

"We have been underdogs every time and we are still underdogs in this series and we look forward to that," Padres postseason hero Jim Leyritz said. "We like the challenge."

Leyritz, who helped the Yankees win the 1996 World Series and will serve as the Padres' designated hitter in New York, is just one of many players with ties to both teams.

NLCS MVP Sterling Hitchcock and Brian Boehringer formerly pitched for the Yankees. San Diego reserve Ruben Rivera also played for them, and he's a cousin of New York closer Mariano Rivera.

Gwynn, on the other hand, had never been inside Yankee Stadium until now. He arrived at the ballpark about two hours before Friday's workout and toured Monument Park.

"The first plaque you see is Babe Ruth," Gwynn said. "It hits you like a ton of baseballs. This is what it's all about."

"We're going to play on the same field where Babe Ruth hit 700 home runs, (Joe) DiMaggio had his streak, (Lou) Gehrig had his games played streak, Don Larsen. The list is endless."

Wells, a native San Diegan, pitched his perfect game at Yankee Stadium against Minnesota in May. The ALCS MVP is 3-0 in the postseason this year and 7-1 lifetime.

Brown, too, has had his moments at Yankee Stadium. Overall, he's 12-3 with a 2.50 ERA against the Yankees, his top win total versus an opponent.

"It has been a while since I have faced most of these guys over here," Brown said. "So I don't know if there is any real advantage one way or the other. Some of them have seen me in the past. I am probably a little bit different than what they remember."

Yankees DH Chili Davis hopes so. Like many of his teammates, he doesn't remember having much luck against the Padres ace.

"Kevin Brown will go out there and be Kevin Brown," Davis said. "We hope he's not Kevin Brown. We hope he's Downtown Julie Brown."

Downtown Julie Brown, the former MTV personality, probably won't be at the ballpark. But MTV made a presence at the relaxed practices, doing an interview with stylish Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter.

There was a bit of lineup news — rookie Ricky Ledee will start the opener in left field for the Yankees, ahead of Chad Curtis, Tim Raines and Shane Spencer. All four started during the ALCS against Cleveland, and Torre picked Ledee because he bats left-handed and does well in the field.

Torre also said Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez will pitch Game 2 on Sunday night, followed by David Cone and Andy Pettitte. Andy Ashby will start Game 2 for the Padres, followed by Hitchcock. Brown remains a possibility for Game 4.

In the playoffs against Texas and Cleveland, Pettitte started the second game. Pettitte was not at the stadium Friday — he was in Texas with his father, who had heart bypass surgery a day earlier.

"I am not sure when we are going to see him," Torre said.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Tacky shower invitations get response they deserve

DEAR ABBY: I recently received two invitations that rubbed me the wrong way. Perhaps, in spite of my young age (26), I'm old-fashioned, but I think they were tacky.

The first was from a coworker who is getting married. The invitation was for a paper shower. I assumed that meant the guests should bring paper for games or other activities. Just to be sure, I called the bride-to-be to find out exactly what to bring. Boy, was I shocked! She told me she wanted only money or gift certificates. I was so put off I didn't attend or send a gift.

The other invitation was to a baby shower for a friend of a friend whom I barely know. I'm a fun-loving person and planned to attend until I read the invitation carefully. The shower was being held at an expensive restaurant, and the invitation said, "No host lunch." Abby, I got the impression that I was to bring a gift, pay for my own lunch, then leave. I didn't attend that shower either; however, I did send a gift for which I never received a thank-you or acknowledgment.

I have been the honoree of both a bridal and baby shower. The bridal shower was traditional with food, cake, games and close friends with whom I enjoy spending time. The baby shower was a luncheon, but my hostesses and I picked up the tab. I hope my guests never felt as pressured or insulted as I did when I received the invitations I have described.

Abby, am I overreacting to this, or is it proper for the '90s?

NOT ATTENDING MANY SHOWERS IN TENNESSEE

DEAR NOT ATTENDING: You are not overreacting. I don't blame you for refusing the invitations. Let your silence speak for you.

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DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter about the boy who was causing his neighbor a lot of trouble. Many years ago, I had the same problem.

I was at my wit's end and decided, as a last resort, to try to make the boy my friend.

I went out of my way to be kind to him and, on occasion, even asked his advice. The problems quickly came to an end. Surely the neighbor, when gardening, could offer a bouquet of flowers to take to his mother. Wouldn't it be worth the effort to offer friendliness to help a troubled boy?

A CONCERNED CANADIAN

DEAR CONCERNED CANADIAN: Yes, it would. Leave it to my readers to remind me that compassion is alive and well, and perhaps all that is necessary to turn this youngster around.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Worried Neighbor" was bothered by a boy on her block who throws rocks, etc., but his mother never listens when neighbors complain. Now he comes and stands in front of her house and is always "starting something" with her. Although there was nothing wrong with your advice that she speak to local police or a juvenile investigator or counselor, you might also have pointed out that the mother probably never listens to the boy either, and he may be constantly "bothering" her because he is looking for adult attention. Perhaps if she responded warmly to him, difficult though that may be, there might be a more positive outcome for everyone.

JUST A THOUGHT IN ARIZONA

DEAR JUST A THOUGHT: No need to point it out; you and many other kind-hearted people did it for me. Thanks to all of you for a refreshing perspective.

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DEAR ABBY: All of us at the Westside Center for Independent Living thank you for not only making the impossible happen for us, but also for making our everyday wishes come true.

Who would have thought nine years ago that WCIL would have orders from all over the country for our "Please Call Police" banners? Thank you on behalf of each individual whose quality of life was improved because of the orders and donations we received from your readers. The funds generated by the banner project have translated into some vital services and wonderful stories. Here are just a few from last year:

— Exhausted from the constant caring for his wife who has Alzheimer's disease, Charles H. sought help from WCIL's "Linkages" program. We helped him locate and pay for a personal assistant, so he now has some respite from his wife's care.

— Erika didn't want her disability to keep her from being self-sufficient and supporting her son. She completed WCIL's computer training program and now works full-time at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center.

— Juan G.'s motorized wheelchair broke down just two weeks after he had become employed. WCIL helped him obtain $500 in emergency funding so he could quickly return to work.

— Anita V. has multiple disabilities and is dependent on disability benefits to survive. When she was threatened with the loss of this funding, WCIL helped her get through the bureaucratic maze and resolve her problem.

— Steve S. was struggling with chronic pain due to multiple surgeries and degenerative diseases. After receiving peer counseling and training in independent living skills at WCIL, Steve said, "I feel like I've been given back my life."

— Loraine B. came to WCIL seeking counseling to learn to live with her disability, and also received help in learning how to resolve some problems she was having with her housing providers.

Thank you, Abby, for once again publicizing our "Please Call Police" banner project. I'm sure it will bring many more such stories, and once again, WCIL's mission is to ensure happy endings for all of them.

MARY ANN JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WCIL, LOS ANGELES

DEAR MARY ANN: Congratulations for the terrific job you are doing to assist people with disabilities. With the holiday season fast approaching, I'm pleased to remind readers that the "Please Call Police" banners make wonderful stocking-stuffers. They can literally be lifesavers in a roadside emergency. Having them in the glove compartment brings incalculable peace of mind not only to senior citizens, but also to parents of teen-age drivers.

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Panel to decide payment for JFK assassination footage

WASHINGTON (AP) — A three-member arbitration panel will decide how much the family of the late Abraham Zapruder will receive from the government for his home-movie film of the assassination of President Kennedy. They could receive up to $30 million.

Family and government representatives signed an arbitration agreement Friday under which the family will retain ownership of the copyright in addition to receiving compensation for the 26 seconds of footage, said Chris Watney, a Justice Department spokeswoman.

The department and LMH Co., which represents the Zapruder family, each will appoint one person to the panel, she said. The two panel members then will select a third person to be chairman.

"The panel of three arbitrators will decide the amount of just compensation that LMH is owed based on evidence and arguments from both sides," Watney said. "They expect a decision by next June."

Robert Bennett, an attorney for LMH, did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

The original Zapruder film, considered a key piece of evidence in Kennedy's assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, has been stored at the National Archives since the 1970s.

Congress to vote next week on $500 billion spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new tunnel in Boston, a tax break for oil products importers, a longer duck-hunting season in Mississippi — as usual, there's plenty of legislative pork in the $500 billion budget deal reached by the White House and congressional Republicans.

But the largess will not arrive back in members' districts until Congress votes on the colossal bill next Tuesday, when it dismisses lawmakers for campaign-season bragging about the amount of bacon they brought home in time for the Nov. 3 elections. Congress on Friday passed a resolution keeping the government fully operating through Tuesday.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Friday the agreement was the best "you could get when you have a conservative Republican Congress and a liberal Democratic president."

Mississippi duck hunters will get an extended season, thanks to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who won a long-running dispute with the Interior Department. Lott said he resorted to legislation after the department reneged on an agreement to extend the season after the Senate confirmed a new assistant secretary.

Questioned about the provision at a news conference Thursday, Lott stressed that hunters won't get a single dollar — just more ducks to kill.

"It allows them to have ducks to hunt," he replied.

"It's true. It does," added Gingrich.

"You've got to hunt where the ducks are. That's what this would do," continued Lott. "No funding involved. Just an opportunity to hunt ducks."

But while Lott got more ducks, Gingrich was losing an effort to help important constituents — peanut farmers seeking to overturn a Transportation Department order barring allergy-inducing peanuts from domestic flights where a passenger has a medically documented peanut allergy.

Standing in the way is Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., chairman of the House Appropriations transportation subcommittee, who is sensitive to the issue: He's allergic to crabs.

"This has reached the highest level of the food chain," said Rob Leebern, chief of staff for Rep. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., who was pushing with Gingrich and other top GOP leaders to add to the catchall spending bill legislation overturning the order.

Some loose ends and disagreements remained Friday over specifics of the deal clinched Thursday, including a dispute over how to distribute $6 billion in emergency aid to farmers.

House and Senate negotiators and staff met all day to translate the agreement into legislation that's likely to exceed 3,000 pages and stand more than a foot tall. As the drafting proceeded, some lawmakers launched 11th-hour bids to get pet projects into the final bill.

Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., said he was pushing to get limited access through protected federal lands to a historic mansion on Cumberland Island, Ga. In exchange, the government would spend $11.9 million to buy more land for the affected federal preserve.

But most such projects were part of Thursday's agreement.

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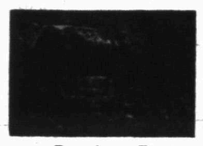

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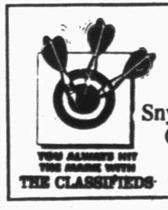

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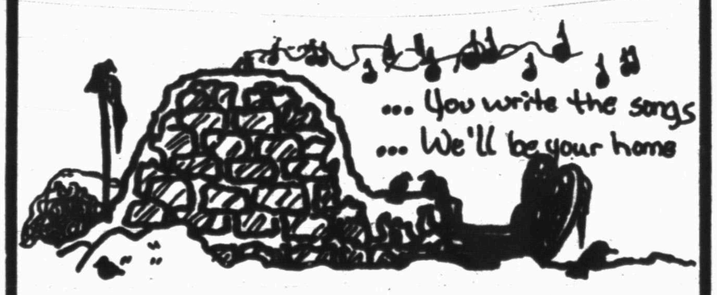

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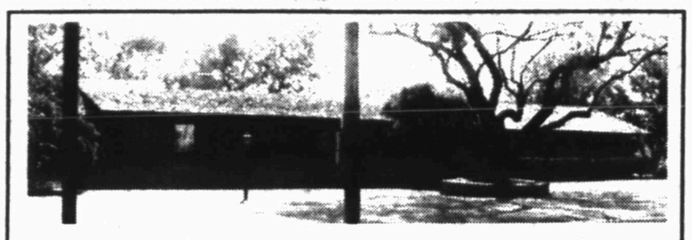

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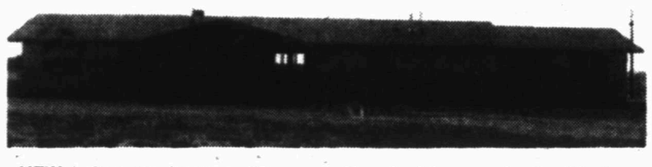

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Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, Texas Election Code
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Scurry, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Scurry, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 3, 1998, for voting in a general election to elect _____, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and FOR the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the _____ Legislature._____session(s), of the State of Texas.

(Notificase, por las presente, que las casillas electorales usadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3rd de noviembre de 1998, para votar en la Elección General para elegir _____, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura,) oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto y PARA adoptar o rechazar las enmendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la _____ Legislatura _____ Sesión(es), de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: County Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Courthouse, Snyder, TX 79549
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Precinct 12	South Side of Coliseum
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Precinct 14	Northeast Community Center
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between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 19, 1998 (date)
(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde comenzando el October 19, 1998 (fecha)

and ending on October 30, 1998 (date) *(y terminando el October 30, 1998 (fecha)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Joan Bunch
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

1806 25th Street S. 300
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of the business on: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)
October 27, 1998
(date) *(fecha)*

Issued this the 21st day of September, 19 98
(Emitado este dia 21st de September, 19 98)

Signature of County Judge *(Firma del Juez del Condado)*

**In a presidential election year, the words "presidential electors" go on the ballot.*

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Hormones may promote breast cancer

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has prescribed estrogen and progesterone because I am post menopausal, yet still have hot flashes. Do these medicines put me at higher risk of breast cancer?

DEAR READER: Traditional opinions were that the administration of these hormones in cycles is not associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. Based on new evidence, however, we may need to revaluate this edict.

As reported in the *Scientific American Medicine Bulletin* (July 1998), women who exercise at least three hours a week have a 50 percent reduction in the incidence of breast cancer. Similarly, female college athletes who experience menstrual disruptions because of physical exertion and women who have had their ovaries removed also show a dramatic decline in the risk of breast cancer. The authors conclude that "taken together, these observations support a unified hypothesis that breast cancer development is promoted by prolonged exposure to cyclic ovarian secretion of estrogens and progesterone."

Although the final word is not yet in, women considering hormone replacement need to consider this information before agreeing to such therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I believe that managed care is a fatally flawed concept. If doctors can make more by doing less, health care will never be what it should. How about a national single payer plan?

DEAR READER: Many doctors would agree with you, because managed care has largely taken medical decisions out of the hands of physicians. Now, non-medical personnel are responsible for such decisions. Managed care is presently being driven by profit and loss.

A national single payer plan may seem to be a logical alternative, but consider this: The cost of medical care has been escalating to astronomical heights. Therefore, any insurance scheme, private or federal, will have to address the same problems. Fee-for-service is on the way out. Most doctors don't wish to be salaried employees of the government. So what's the answer? I don't know. But a lot of experts are addressing this very issue and, I expect, the final decision will reflect a compromise.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the current status of therapy for the common cold?

DEAR READER: It's understandable that the popular press has focused so much attention on remedies for the common cold. There is really no other strategy to manage these ubiquitous infections. A vaccine is unlikely because so many different types of virus cause the common cold.

Therefore, prevention is key. Cold viruses are easily spread by infected respiratory droplets. Therefore, to prevent colds most effectively, a person should avoid oral or nasal contact with such droplets and should engage in careful hand washing after being out in public — or, obviously, after having been in contact with someone with a cold.

Most of us will get one or more colds during the winter season. When we suffer the tell-tale symptoms of achiness, fever, runny nose, sneezing and cough, we automatically reach for the aspirin or acetaminophen. Surprisingly, this may not be a good idea. Recent research has suggested that these compounds may actually worsen symptoms by increasing viral shedding, suppressing the formation of antibodies and aggravating nasal irritation.

Decongestants and steam inhalation may increase patient comfort. Antihistamines also can relieve symptoms but can impede sinus drainage by thickening secretions. Ipratropium (Atrovent and others) in the form of a nose spray will decrease the runny nose and sneezing. Zinc supplements are not helpful. Antibiotics have no place in treating the common cold and should be avoided, even if nasal secretions are discolored.

So, in summary, we're stuck following the old saw: If treated, the common cold lasts about a week; if not, about seven days.

DEAR DR. GOTT: On a strict diet, I lost 160 unwanted pounds. Now I feel great, more youthful, more energetic. However, my abdominal skin hasn't snapped back. It's still flabby and hangs down like an apron. What can I do tighten it?

DEAR READER: The elasticity of skin is unpredictable. After pregnancy or weight loss, skin usually shrinks back to its normal size. However, skin on some parts of the body — such as the abdomen — may remain permanently stretched. In such cases, medical help may be necessary.

Plastic surgeons are often quite adept at removing unattractive skin bulges and returning the appearance of the abdomen to normal. Ask your family doctor to refer you to such a specialist.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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MBC sets revival Oct. 23-25

Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St., is having a revival Friday through next Sunday. Service times include 7 p.m. on Friday and next Saturday and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. next Sunday.

Rev. Gary Lawrence from Abilene will be the guest speaker.

Special music will be provided by "4-Given."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas §
County of Scurry §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of F.S. EADES, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,463:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of F.S. EADES, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 29TH day of September, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to Ruby Pearl Eades, 213 33rd Street, Snyder, Tx 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 29th day of September, 1998.

(s) RUBY PEARL EADES
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
F.S. EADES, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of CHARLES CLINKINBEARD, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,468:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of CHARLES CLINKINBEARD, Deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 15th day of October, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to Doris Clinkinbeard, 402 35th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 15th day of October, 1998.

(s)DORIS CLINKINBEARD
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
CHARLES CLINKINBEARD,
deceased

Judge upholds flights' limits

FORT WORTH (AP) — A state judge on Friday upheld an agreement between Dallas and Fort Worth to limit flights from Dallas Love Field, despite Congress' efforts to override the deal.

State District Judge Bob McCoy's ruling was a victory for American Airlines and the city of Fort Worth, which sued Dallas last year to stop scheduled long-distance commercial flights out of Love Field.

Under the judge's ruling, Dallas is obligated to block scheduled interstate passenger service between Love Field and any point beyond Texas and the four adjoining states.

The ruling is a setback for Houston-based Continental and the fledgling Dallas-based Legend Airlines, which wanted to expand service from Love Field and offer longer flights.

Balloons, loved ones greet boy who was taken

NEW YORK (AP) — A disabled 6-year-old Hasidic boy was safe at home Friday, surrounded by balloons and smiling at loved ones after a baby sitter allegedly kidnapped him because he needed "a better place to live."

Jacob and Leah Weill opened a bottle of Manischewitz wine to celebrate son Chaim's return as friends and neighbors packed their small apartment.

"This is a big miracle," Weill said.

Chaim, who has cerebral palsy and can't speak, disappeared Tuesday with Theresa Goldberg when she took him for a walk while his family celebrated the Jewish holidays.

Mrs. Goldberg and her husband, David Goldberg, were charged with kidnapping Chaim, who is in a wheelchair, and taking him out of state. They believed, according to a federal complaint, that Chaim "needed a better place to live."

The complaint said that Goldberg told the FBI his wife planned to take Chaim to South Carolina.

Goldberg initially told police his wife wanted to go to South Carolina to seek a religious or medical cure for Chaim, but that was not addressed in the complaint. Mrs. Goldberg is a Jehovah's Witness and had once been Chaim's full-time nanny.

Mrs. Goldberg appeared briefly Friday before a federal magistrate in Richmond, Va., and will have another appearance there Monday. Her husband had a bail hearing in federal court in Brooklyn and was released on a recognizance bond.

Mrs. Goldberg, 40, was arrested Thursday night in a hotel parking lot in suburban Richmond after she and Chaim were found sleeping in a car.

Cards Of Thanks



Thank You

The family of Lloyd Rinker would like to thank the people at Cogdell Hospital, the emergency room staff, the EMS people, the care takers on 3rd floor, Dr. Burleson, Dr. Thompson, Chris and staff at the Clinic. We will always remember the kindness and sympathy of Brother Marty Akins and First Baptist Church, Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, friends and neighbors. You all have made our time of sorrow easier to bear.

Fae Rinker
Barry & Karen Rinker
Susan & Jerry Anderson
Randy & Michelle Rinker
and Grandchildren

Thank You

We wish to take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us during our loss. Your kind words, prayers, flowers, cards, memorials and food have made this time more bearable. May you have such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you.

The family of Orville Taylor
Roberta Taylor
Lawton & Patsy Taylor
Peggy & Danny Fenton
Cynthia & Mark Davis
Carrie & Jim Richardson
Radell Whitehead
Taylor Whitehead

Authorities search for explosives

LA GRANGE (AP) — A day after a long standoff in rural Fayette County, authorities spent Friday sweeping the suspect's home for explosives.

Members of the Austin bomb squad and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms detonated at least one booby trap-style bomb Friday at the rural barn Lawrence Hrncirik, 49, calls home, Sheriff Rick Vandel said.

Hrncirik was arrested around 7:30 p.m. Thursday after Vandel called on the Austin police SWAT team to help end a standoff that began after Hrncirik allegedly shot at a passing motorist earlier in the morning.

Hrncirik fired shots during the standoff but there were no injuries, Vandel said. He surrendered after authorities fired tear gas into the barn, located about 50 miles southeast of Austin. He is being held in lieu of $150,000 bond.

Hrncirik is charged with aggravated assult for the alleged shooting Vandel said. The sheriff said he also faces a retaliation charge in Travis County for sending a 63-page letter peppered with death threats to Vandel, Fayette County Deputy Tommy Tipton and an Austin municipal judge.

The letter also threatened others, including the Texas Department of Public Safety, Vandel added.

"He's a sympathizer with David Koresh, Timothy McVeigh, the Unabomber and people like that," Vandel said, citing Hrncirik's anti-government rhetoric. "He despises the police. He's just that kind of guy."

The bombs could bring federal charges, too, Vandel said.

Hrncirik had lived in southwestern Fayette County for about a half-year and had been under investigation for about six weeks after he and Tipton engaged in an armed standoff at the land Hrncirik occupied, according to a news release.

Officers make five arrests

Charges varying from outstanding warrants to driving while intoxicated landed five subjects in jail Friday.

At 8:13 a.m., officers arrested a 36-year-old male in the 100 block of 37th Street on warrants for failure to wear safety belt.

A 41-year-old male was taken into custody by officers in the 400 block of 37th Street at 2:12 p.m. on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants for motor vehicle over allowed gross weight and failure to appear.

DPS troopers arrested a 23-year-old male at 5:45 p.m. for no drivers license.

Officers took a 24-year-old male into custody at 9:36 p.m. in the 2200 block of Sunset for violatin of protective order.

At 11:31 p.m., DPS troopers arrested a 31-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, an offense report was filed for runaway at 4:19 p.m. in reference to two female juveniles not returning home from school.

An offense report for family violence was filed at 9:57 p.m.

Peimann

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six-month-old son, Grant.

Commenting on his job, Peimann said, "One of the things I see is there is still a real negative perception of nursing facilities. That people come to a nursing facility to spend their final days is a real common misconception of what we are about."

Peimann said the nursing facility also offers a great deal of services that may allow people to return home.

"A variety of therapies may allow them to gain strength and make their stay temporary. Just because you come here does not always mean you will not return home," he said. "We are here to care for people who are unable to care for themselves."

He added, "We are here to provide a valuable service to the community and we want to be recognized as a service that is desirable."

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Oct. 17, 1998

Today is the 290th day of 1998 and the 25th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1777, British forces led by Gen. Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y.

On this day in 1966, "Hollywood Squares" premiered on NBC television.

On this day in 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jupiter Hammon (1711-1790), poet; Nathanael West (1903-1940), novelist; Arthur Miller (1915-), dramatist, is 82; Rita Hayworth (1918-1987), actress; Montgomery Clift (1920-1966), actor; Evel Knievel (1938-), daredevil, is 60; Margot Kidder (1948-), actress, is 50; George Wendt (1948-), actor, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, the Oakland A's won their third consecutive World Series by beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 in game five.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Where choice begins, Paradise ends, innocence ends, for what is Paradise but the absence of any need to choose this action?" — Arthur Miller

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, only the foundation of a house near White Deer, Texas, was left after being hit by a tornado.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 12) and new moon (Oct. 20).

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Oct. 18, 1998

Today is the 291st day of 1998 and the 26th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1962, Dr. James D. Watson, Dr. Francis Crick and Dr. Maurice Wilkins won the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for their discovery of the structure of DNA.

On this day in 1977, Reggie Jackson of the New York Yankees tied Babe Ruth's record by hitting three home runs in a single World Series game.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henri Bergson (1859-1941), philosopher; Jesse Helms (1921-), U.S. politician, is 77; Chuck Berry (1926-), singer-songwriter-guitarist, is 72; George C. Scott (1927-), actor, is 71; Mike Ditka (1939-), football star-coach-commentator, is 59; Lee Harvey Oswald (1939-1963), assassin; Wynton Marsalis (1961-), musician, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, Illinois halfback Harold "Red" Grange scored four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes of a game between Illinois and Michigan.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Most of the most important experiences that truly educate cannot be arranged ahead of time with any precision." — Harold Taylor

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1911, the fourth game of the World Series, between the Athletics and the Giants, was delayed until Oct. 24 — the longest rain delay in World Series history.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

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Homeless man turns out to be fugitive

HOUSTON (AP) — A homeless man and his family, befriended by a businessman who offered them his house, didn't mention many references.

If Patrick Henry had called New Hampshire authorities for references, he would have discovered that Joseph Denapoli was wanted on a 2½-year-old warrant for allegedly selling crack cocaine to an undercover officer.

Denapoli was arrested on the outstanding warrant Thursday at his plush new home in Fort Bend County, just southwest of Houston.

"He was very upset when he was arrested," Fort Bend sheriff's department spokesman Jim Bob Conner said. "His wife was crying."

He said Denapoli did not resist arrest.

New Hampshire authorities were tipped off by news reports stemming from Henry's offer, which received prominent play in the Houston Chronicle and local television stations, Conner said.

Manchester police referred calls to the Hillsborough County sheriff's department. A dispatcher there said any officials who could comment on the case had left for the day by 3 p.m. CDT.

Mrs. Denapoli told Houston television station KRIV on Friday that the drug charge "happened years ago in a state we used to live in. I have nothing else to say."

Henry had lived in the suburban Houston home for 16 years. That changed when he read an Aug. 23 Chronicle story about the plight of the Denapolis and their five children.

The family lived in a local homeless shelter during the summer until moving into the four-bedroom house late last month. The deal included a pool and all utilities paid in exchange for nominal rent until the family got back on its feet.

The couple contended they arrived here from Boston last year, but their savings were eaten up by funeral expenses for Mrs. Denapoli's father.

More funding recommended for 'academic boot camp' program

By The Associated Press

Gerald Villarreal didn't mind this kind of boot camp, which exercised his mind instead of his feet.

In its third year at embattled Prairie View A&M University, the academic camp responsible for giving more than 200 high school graduates a boost into college could get a new infusion of funds.

The university, which is appealing a Southwestern Athletic Conference suspension in the wake of a band brawl, is recommended for $1.5 million to help fund its Academy of Collegiate Experience and Student Success (ACCESS).

Villarreal, 19, of Cy-Falls High School completed the program last summer and received a scholarship to Prairie View, said his stepfather, Bryan Barrows.

Barrows is assistant to the Prairie View A&M president, Charles A. Hines, who was notified Friday by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's office that the money is included in the final 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

The measure awaits Congress' final passage and President Clinton's signature.

Those who complete the Prairie View program have outscored other Texas students in the Texas Academic Skills Program test. The ACCESS passage rate is 59 percent compared with a 43 percent state average, according to the Texas A&M University System.

To broaden students' experience, they toured the Texas Capitol, Johnson Space Center and other important sites in the state.

"The teachers give them a well-rounded look of what they can get out of college," said Barrows, adding that his stepson successfully completed the program.

Judiciary panel and White House lawyers to meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first meeting between White House lawyers and House Judiciary Committee aides conducting an impeachment inquiry against President Clinton will be held Wednesday.

The meeting, to be held in the committee's offices, is expected to focus on logistics and on guidelines established by the House earlier this month when it authorized a formal impeachment investigation.

Republican committee spokesman Paul McNulty has said GOP investigators will invite the White House to offer any material that could help Clinton's case. But a White House official said there were no plans so far to discuss the substance of allegations by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr that Clinton committed perjury and other crimes in his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

White House Counsel Charles Ruff, legal adviser Gregory Craig and Clinton's private attorney, David Kendall, are expected to attend on the president's behalf, said the White House official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Health, human services get big boosts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medical research was a big winner again in the budget battles, leading the way for a healthy infusion of dollars into a host of health and social service programs.

With spending increases for Head Start, AIDS drugs and public health, the Department of Health and Human Services will see its largest financial boost in seven years.

"This is a remarkable and historic budget for this agency," said Laurie Boeder, an HHS spokeswoman.

The department's budget includes all sorts of domestic programs that must battle each year for a share of the federal pie. It does not include entitlements like Medicare and Medicaid.

Final budget breakdowns were not available Friday, but it was clear that HHS was among the departments treated most generously.

HHS didn't do as well on the policy front. Congress didn't approve new money for child care or pass anti-tobacco legislation or a bill giving patients new rights in dealing with HMOs — all health policy priorities for President Clinton.

But money was another story. Overall, the department will have about $40 billion to spend in 1999, up 10.3 percent from 1998. That's $1.3 billion more than Clinton requested.

"Quality-of-life matters are very much on the American people's minds," said Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., who chairs the House Appropriations subcommittee that handles HHS. "That obviously puts health at the highest priority."

The biggest winner was medical research at the National Institutes of Health, which accounts for $2 billion of the increased money. Research has been a popular cause on Capitol Hill, even among conservative Republicans who are generally opposed to big government spending.

"We think that NIH is the crown jewel in the federal government. In fact, it may be the only jewel in the federal government," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds HHS.

The NIH budget will jump from $13.6 billion this year to $15.6 billion in 1999 — a 14 percent increase that many hope will pave the way for a doubling over the next five years.

Espy trial continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lavish party that former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy attended as a guest of the nation's largest chicken producer was all pleasure and no business, the company's top executive testified Friday.

The 1993 party in Russellville, Ark., featured a long weekend of drinking and music hosted by Don Tyson, senior chairman of Tyson Foods Inc., Tyson's son testified.

With music by Ronnie Milsap and B.B. King, the party "was for purely one reason — to have fun and get drunk," the son, 45-year-old John Tyson, testified at Espy's federal corruption trial.

John Tyson, who this month became chairman of the $6 billion company, did not talk business with Espy that weekend, he said. Nor to his knowledge did his father, the younger Tyson said.

"Dad never mixes drinking with business," Tyson said. "Dad's a serious business guy and a serious drinker. He does both of them well."

Espy's then-girlfriend, Patricia Dempsey, was also a guest at the party and flew to Arkansas at company expense.

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Obituaries

Silvia Cerda

1952-1998

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Silvia Cerda, 46, of Snyder who died Saturday, Oct. 17, in University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was the wife of Ernesto Cerda of Snyder.

Felix Gutierrez

1917-1998

Felix Gutierrez of Snyder died Saturday, Oct. 16, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service for Mr. Gutierrez, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Gerald Leatham, pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in Snyder Cemetery.



Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Oct. 15, 1917 in Caldwell County, he married Ofila Reyes on Feb. 16, 1941 in Austin. Mr. Gutierrez had worked as a farmer and a truck driver. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by three sons, Andy Gutierrez, Alex Gutierrez and David Gutierrez.

Survivors include four sons, Juan Gutierrez and Felipe Gutierrez, both of Snyder, and Felix Gutierrez and Isidro Gutierrez, both of Midland; six daughters, Helen Rocha, Patty Terrazas, Maria Zamora, Esther Martinez, all of Snyder, Eloisa McCarty of Alvarado and Jaunita Ybarra of Colorado City; three sisters, Maria Alvarado, Sophia Gerra and Avita Ybarra, all of Dallas; two half sisters, Severa and Elena Pena, both of Dallas; three brothers, Juan Gutierrez, Isidro Gutierrez and Delfino Gutierrez, all of Dallas; four half brothers, Lus Hernandez, Jessie Gutierrez, both of Dallas, and Delfino Gutierrez and Guadalupe Gutierrez, both of Snoop; 47 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Dolores Rios Jr.

1924-1998

Dolores M. Rios Jr. died Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Wilbarger General Hospital in Vernon.

Funeral service for Mr. Rios, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Gerald Leatham officiating.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Rosary is set for 7:30 Saturday in the funeral home chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born on July 21, 1924 in Taylor, Mr. Rios was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Rios in 1991, and his parents, Dolores M. Sr. and Maria Rios.

Survivors include four sons, Alex Rios of Amarillo, Pete Rios of Snyder, David Rios of Round Rock and Robert Rios of Midland; five daughters, Eva Ybarra of Crowell, Mary Garza of Troy and Frances Braziel and Delores Guerrero, both of Snyder, and Elizabeth Rangel of Artesia, N.M.; a brother, Adam Rios of Austin; three sisters, Mary Ybarra of Snyder, Nickie Becerra of San Angelo and Eva Lopez of Taylor; 24 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Jose G. Prieto

1910-1998

Jose G. Prieto, longtime Snyder resident, died Thursday, Oct. 15, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Prieto, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Joseph Vazhupadickle, associate pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Deacon Salome Barrera officiating.

Born on Aug. 11, 1910 in Del Rio, he married Guadalupe Gutierrez on July 8, 1944 in Eden. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Prieto was a retired farmer and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Guadalupe Prieto of Snyder; a daughter, Teresa Aquilar of Snyder; three sisters, Semona Chapoy and Juanita Solis, both of Eden, and Fedilia Rodriquez of Arizona; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Ex-attorneys enter fight to get paid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lawyer for Kathleen Willey, an unwilling witness in the Paula Jones case, is representing Mrs. Jones' former attorneys in their battle to get paid, injecting new acrimony to the fight over the still hypothetical settlement.

One of Mrs. Jones' current attorneys, John Whitehead, accused his predecessors Friday of inflexibility and said they were imperiling efforts to settle the case before Tuesday. That's the day lawyers are to argue before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals over the April dismissal of Mrs. Jones' 4-year-old sexual harassment suit against President Clinton.

"If they're not willing to give or whatever, there may not be a settlement in this case," said Whitehead.

The return to the stage of Dan Gecker — who bitterly fought Mrs. Jones' current attorneys to keep Mrs. Willey from giving a deposition in the Jones case last year — adds to the animosity surrounding the case.

Gecker is trying to help Joe Cammarata and Gil Davis recover at least $800,000 in fees for their work in the lawsuit's first three years, said a lawyer involved in the case. It was not clear if Gecker was being paid, and he declined all comment.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Billy Davidson, Guadalupe Garcia, Melissa Smith of Rotan, Georgia Wood, Morris Surratt, Jennifer Jaimes.

DISMISSALS: Amalia Echavarria, Rosemary Silva and baby boy, Carolyn Torres, Mike Otto.

CENSUS: 42 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-25, OB-3, Nursery-2).

Births

Jennifer Jaimes of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 10:03 p.m. on Oct. 16 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces.

Trey and Jacqueline McWilliams of Vancouver, Wash., are parents of a daughter, Alexandra Brooke, born at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 2 in St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Ore. She weighed two pounds, two ounces. Alexandra has two sisters, Mackenzie and Courtney.

Grandparents include Paula McWilliams of Snyder, and the late Jerry McWilliams, and Stan and Sharon Johnson of Toppenish, Wash.

Kerry and Linda Dollins of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Skylar Logan Dollins, at 2:26 p.m. on Oct. 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Skylar weighed eight pounds, four ounces.

Grandparents are Randy and Belinda Dollins and Charlie and Dee Wilson, all of Snyder.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Area-wide women's conference

The 4th annual area-wide Women's Conference continues at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Sound of Jubilee, 908 E. Hwy 180. Mercy & Truth is leading the music, and Barbara Collins of Dallas is the speaker.

Masonic Lodge presentations

Ira Lodge No. 934 will present two 50-year pins at 7:30 p.m Saturday. All Masons are invited.

Varsity football Tiger moms

The varsity Tiger Moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS student center.

Jury call cancelled

Prospective jurors called for duty Monday in 132nd District Court need not report, according to District Clerk Elois Pruitt.

AARP meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. Scott McLaughlin, candidate for state representative, will be the speaker.

Quarterback club meeting

The quarterback club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center. Coaches will review the previous games and discussion will be held on the sports tunnel construction.

SHS choir concert

Snyder High School choirs will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. A reception, hosted by the Booster Club, will follow in the choir room.

Short courses at WTC

WTC short courses at Western Texas College include introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint, Basic which begin Monday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 390 for additional details.

East Parent Council

The East Elementry Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Be Not Troubled," followed by "Faith and Discovery."

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's disease community support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Richard Stout, physical therapist, will speak.

SHS band holiday gifts

The Snyder High School band will sell holiday gifts and food for one week starting Tuesday. Proceeds go to purchase chairs for the high school band hall.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder diabetes support group meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at 5301 Trinity Blvd. The speaker will be a glucose meter representative. Bring your meter to the meeting and any questions you have about blood testing.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are available to adults and meets the second and fourth Thursday each month at First Baptist Church, L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teens and parents. Child care is provided.

Farewell reception

A reception in honor of Snyder ISD Assistant Supt. Wendell Sollis will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friday in the school administration building board room. Sollis will become director of human resources for the Ector County ISD.

Legion bingo back

Bingo returns to the American Legion Friday. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. with regular bingo at 7 p.m.

Trick or treat canned food drive

The Western Texas College student government will be trick or treating on Saturday, Oct. 31, looking for canned goods to be donated to local charities.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
18-26-52-74
(eighteen, twenty-six, fifty-two, seventy-four)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-9-5
(eight, nine, five)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
33-38-32-36-3
(thirty-three, thirty-eight, thirty-two, thirty-six, three)



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Characters in West Texas are remembered

(Editor's Note: The first part of this two-part series appeared in the Oct. 11 issue of the SDN.)

By Mike Cochran
and John Lumpkin
Associated Press Writers

ABILENE (AP) — West Texas has always been fertile grounds for religious fervor.

In fact, there's even a barbecue joint with a spiritual twist in Abilene, which, with three church colleges, is pretty much unchallenged as the buckle on the regional Bible Belt.

At Harold's, Harold himself is known to serenade customers with lunchtime hymns.

But even Abilenians don't deserve the House of Yahweh. According to Texas Monthly, the religious sect believes Satan is a woman, the Pope is her puppet and the world will end in a couple of years.

The group's "pastor and overseer" is a former Abilene cop who calls himself Yisrayl Hawkins, but was known as Buffalo Bill when he sang with a rockabilly band called the Whippoorwills.

"Weird don't describe them," says an Abilene reporter.

In the Seventies, the Children of God settled near Thurber for a spell, and the followers of David Terrell overran the area near Bangs and Coleman until allegations of tax evasion eroded Brother Terrell's appeal.

More recently, it was revealed that the Heaven's Gate guru, Marshall Herff Applewhite, was from Spur.

In the 1960s, the dean of women at one of the Abilene's church schools fretted openly over the carnal concerns of students jamming into cars to go to Sunday School. She decreed that boys place Sunday newspapers in their laps if girls intended to sit there.

This year, a Baptist minister in Wichita Falls denounced a pair of public library books, "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate," that depict homosexual parents.

So far, the campaign has triggered a controversy that polarized the city — and compelled the library to obtain more copies to keep up with the newfound demand.

Such excess surely would tickle Marge Carpenter, a tough, salty, Scotch-sipping ex-newspaper reporter from Big Spring and, again illogically, the region's most famous contemporary Christian.

Unlikely as it seemed to former colleagues, Marge served as moderator of the entire Presbyterian Church U.S.A. for a year and traveled the globe with a missionary's zeal.

Everyone loved her.

Fifty or 60 years ago, golfer Hoolie White made a hole-in-one at the No. 6 hole on the Anson municipal course. Did it again last year, at age 91.

"The women in town have been all over him since the news came out," said fellow golfer Jeep Spurgin, referring to an Abilene Reporter-News story.

West Texans are sports crazy, which was demonstrated most recently by the rousing, red carpet welcome of the Dallas Cowboys to their new summer camp at Wichita Falls.

Maybe it's because West Texas has no Cowboys — or any other major professional sports team — of its own.

But it does have the Winters Blizzards, Hereford Whitefaces and the only high school team named after a West Texas dust storm, the Amarillo Sandies.

Improbably, minor league hockey has gained a West Texas foothold. And with exotic names: Odessa Jackalopes, El Paso Buzzards, San Angelo Outlaws, Amarillo Rattlers.

And then there's the Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist College, who put Plainview on the sports map in the mid-1950s with the nation's winningest women's basketball program. Long before gender equity in college sports, aviator and alumnus Claude Hutcherson flew the team to road games, hence the name.

Claude's son Mike continues the traveling tradition today.

Stamford's Charles Coody was one of Gordon Wood's star quarterbacks but attended Texas Christian on a basketball scholarship and somehow majored in golf. A smart move. A Masters champ, he now is a millionaire fixture on the PGA senior circuit.

And who can forget the incredible Bobby Morrow, age 20, representing the U.S.A. and Abilene Christian College in the 1956 Olympics? His haul: gold medals in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter relay.

They called Donnie Anderson the "Golden Palomino" when he galloped out of tiny Stinnett in the Sixties to shatter rushing records at Texas Tech and break a whole slew of Texans' hearts on New Year's Eve 1967. That's when Anderson spearheaded the final Green Bay drive that lifted Vince Lombardi's Packers to a 21-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the infamous "Ice Bowl."

"You grew up today," Lombardi told Anderson with a hug.

Strange things happen in West Texas.

Foremost, perhaps, is the weather: droughts, floods, tornadoes, dust storms, hail storms, searing heat, blue northers.

Blackie Sherrod, the Dallas sports scribe, says there once was a West Texas county so dry "rainwater was wet only on one side."

It's a fact that West Texans shielded their dinner tables during the Dust Bowl days by eating under white sheets.

Years ago, someone staged a rock concert outside Lubbock. It attracted as many state troopers and reporters as paying customers and was memorable only because of the hot weather followed by blowing dirt, rain, cold and finally an ice storm.

All within hours.

The region's No. 1 cash crop, cotton, invariably suffers from too much or too little rain. And when everything is just about right, hail, boll weevils or other pests cripple the crops.

"It's kind of a mixed bag," sighed one cotton official.

Just this past June 1, decades-old high-temperature records fell in Lubbock, where it was 105; Amarillo 103; Midland, 106; and San Angelo, 105.

Temperatures soared to 109 in Wichita Falls and 110 in Childress.

By July, a relentless heat wave rivaled the nightmarish summer of 1980 and the drought was killing people, fish, wildlife, vegetation and cash crops. September brought only scant relief; Fort Worth had a 108-degree day.

President Clinton made it official: West Texas, along with the rest of the state, was a disaster.

A freak hail storm near Dalhart once dumped waist-deep volumes of pellets, closing farm roads.

On May 11, 1953, a storm system developed over San Angelo, spawning a tornado. It zigzagged in, out and around several West Texas hamlets as it proceeded eastward.

It then ripped the heart out of Waco, killing 114 and injuring 597.

Killer tornadoes in Lubbock and Wichita Falls and even Hale Center rank among the most devastating in West Texas, but there really was nothing like what occurred at Saragosa on May 22, 1987.

The twister descended on the tiny farming center between Fort Davis and Pecos and crushed a community center where residents were attending a preschool graduation. Thirty people died and more than 100 were injured.

The community center and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church were reduced to strewn piles of debris.

"I started to remove some of the walls that collapsed," Herman Tarin said 10 years later, recalling how he worked with a backhoe to free victims trapped in the wreckage. "Every time you tried to pick up a piece of the wall, somebody would scream."

More recently, it was revealed that the Heaven's Gate guru, Marshall Herff Applewhite, was from Spur.

Although West Texans rarely hang horse thieves anymore, justice sometimes is iffy. In a forerunner to the O.J. Simpson and Johnnie Cochran Show, an Amarillo jury spurned the testimony of three eyewitnesses in 1977 and acquitted millionaire Cullen Davis of killing his young stepdaughter during a bloody shooting spree at his Fort Worth mansion.

Davis' attorney, Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, also figured in a West Texas case in which police brutality was rivaled only by police stupidity. Several of Borger's finest chased a fugitive onto the famous Four Sixes Ranch, and in the darkness and confusion gunned down not the fugitive but the ranch foreman.

They even handcuffed the mortally wounded rancher and jerked him around before he died. Thanks to Racehorse, that cost the city of Borger a bundle.

In another strange case, a Rotan medical aide named Bobby Templin was accused of killing his young wife in 1976, then covering up the crime by tossing a radio into a bathtub containing her nude body.

After a medical examiner ruled the death accidental, the victim's parents spent five years and thousands of dollars conducting an investigation on their own. They eventually succeeded in arousing official suspicion, and Templin, still proclaiming his innocence, landed in prison for murder.

He's still there.

Almost as bizarre was the case of Ralph Erdmann, who was West Texas' main forensic pathologist in the 1980s, handling bodies for 48 counties.

Make that mishandling bodies.

Among his more gruesome errors were a misplaced head and parts from two different corpses packed in the same container. Erdmann once ruled a woman's death was accidental, but it was determined later she had been smothered by her former lover.

Then there was the "Friday the 13th Murder," the stuff of horror stories.

On that July night in 1990, 17-year-old Frankie Garcia of Panhandle was lured to a dilapidated barn near a deserted shack known as the "Haunted House." The killer forced him to his knees, stuck a rifle barrel in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

The gunman: Kenneth Glenn Milner, 19, a handsome, self-styled satanist.

Friends said Milner was obsessed with death, horror movies and creating special effects like those used in slasher movies. After Milner pled guilty, Judge John Forbis declared:

"What you have done is the most heinous, heartless event that has ever occurred in the history of the 100th Judicial District."

In October 1987, the nation's attention was riveted on West Texas for 58 incredible hours. That's how long it took to rescue Baby Jessica from a well in Midland.

Alone in the yard while her mother answered the phone, little Jessica McClure was a year old when she plunged 22 feet into an

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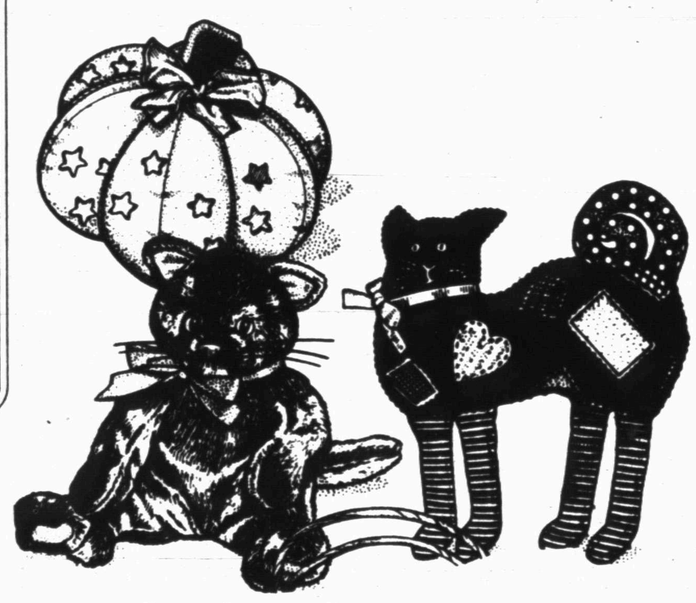

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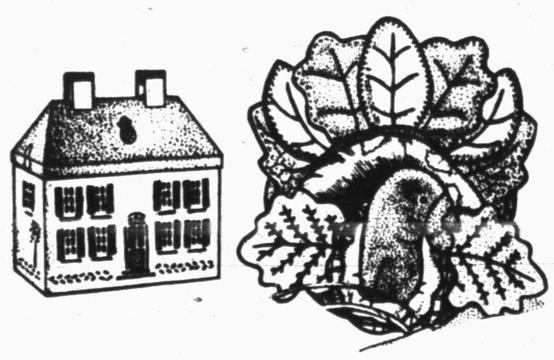

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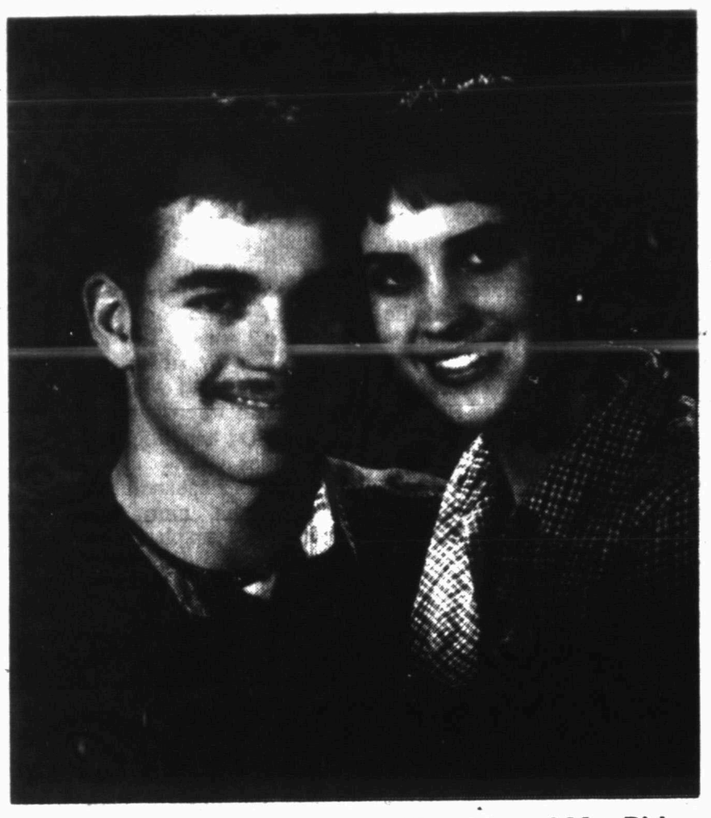

PLANNING DECEMBER WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Daniell announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Nicole, to Curt Rinehart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rinehart. The couple is planning a December wedding at First Christian Church in Snyder. (Photograph by Photo Image)



90th BIRTHDAY — A 90th birthday reception honoring Eunice (Murr) Houston is planned for next Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1909 16th. Born on Oct. 18, 1908 in Paris, Tex., she moved to Scurry County in 1939. Mrs. Houston worked for Tot-2-Teen for 18 years until it closed. Her family is hosting the event and invites all her friends to join in her celebration. (Contributed Photo)

Canada, Broyles married

Colonial Hill Baptist Church provided the setting for the exchange of wedding vows between Shannon Joann Canada and George Conway Broyles at 2 p.m. on Aug. 22.

The Rev. Lakan Mariano, pastor of College Hills Baptist Church in San Angelo, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Britt Canada of Snyder. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Measles of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Caddel of Plainview, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Canada of Vernon.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broyles of Wichita Falls. His grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Prestage of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Nina Broyles, also of Wichita Falls.

Guests were seated to light classical selections by Triesta Lilly at the piano and Valerie Greene on the violin. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" marked the seating of the grandparents, and the parents of the couple entered carrying lighted family tapers which the fathers placed next to the unity candle.

The wedding processional was announced with "Pachebel's Canon in D" and the bride was escorted to her groom with Wagner's "Bridal March," all of which was performed on piano and strings.

Vows were pledged before an altar surrounded with ivy, baby's breath, and miniature crystal lights. The choir loft and baptistry shimmered with single and double arch candelabra tapers which were generously dressed with greenery, baby's breath, and navy bows.

Two heart-shaped candelabras, enhanced with greenery, baby's breath, and navy bows, stood on each side of the bride and groom, and the altar was further adorned with two white wicker baskets filled with lush Boston ferns. Silk trees, glistening with miniature lights, and two generous cascades of wildflowers, containing purple lisianthus, yellow Dutch mums, white Monte Casino, white daisies, yellow button poms, red carnations, baby's breath, and greenery were placed along the piano and organ railings of the church, complementing the simple elegance of the afternoon.

The round unity table, placed between the heart candelabras, was covered with a navy cloth and crisp white battenburg overlay. The family tapers and unity candle were encircled with greenery and baby's breath. The church pews were marked with large navy and white tulle bows and sashes, and the center of each bow held bright wildflowers and white satin ribbon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an elegant traditional gown of white satin from Mary's Inc. The gown featured a scalloped, square neckline, both front and back, with a princess bodice and full-length illusion sleeves tapering to a point. The bodice and sleeves were enhanced with rich heirloom cut-away lace encrusted in pearls, crystal sequins and beads.

The fitted Basque waist and tiny button closures down the back accentuated the full skirt that swept the floor with a scalloped trim. Cut-away heirloom lace motifs, detailed with pearls, sequins and beads, completed the skirt. A royal length detachable train, heavily embellished with cut-away heirloom lace, sequins, pearls and beads, was held in place with a large white satin derriere bow.



Mr. and Mrs. George Conway Broyles
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Her double-layered fingertip veil of sheer English tulle was secured with a delicate headband of white satin roses, pearls and beaded flowers. The bride selected white tennis shoes, adorned with beaded appliques and laced with sheer white organza ribbons for her special day.

She wore a pearl necklace given to her by the groom. The necklace was orginally a gift from the groom's father to the groom's mother, the late Sue Broyles.

For "something old," the bride carried a handkerchief that had been carried by her mother and the previous four generations of grandmothers on their wedding days. Her pearl earrings were borrowed from her mother, and she carried a blue and white handkerchief that had been fashioned into a baby bonnet when her groom was brought home from the hospital as an infant.

Her wild flower arm bouquet, hand-tied with satin ribbon, was filled with purple lisianthus, yellow Dutch mums, white Monte Casino, white daisies, yellow button poms, misty blue lace, red mini carnations, baby's breath and matron of honor Teresa Stidam of Dallas, along with bridesmaids Chrystal Bales of Midland and sisters of the bride, Britney and Laura Canada of Snyder wore navy crepe and satin-trimmed formal-length dresses. The flattering square neckline was accentuated with an empress satin band and graceful flowing skirt. The back bodice gently dropped into a v and was accented with a satin bow and long sash.

Each wore a strand of pearls and matching earrings. Their arm bouquets were a smaller version of the white satin, hand-tied wildflowers carried by the bride.

The groom selected a traditional classic black tuxedo with a white satin brocade vest, white pleated shirt and black bow tie. His boutonniere was accomplished in wildflowers, including mini red carnations, yellow Dutch mums, baby's breath and greenery.

Best man Geoff Hall of Opelika, Ala., and groomsmen Shawn Wahl of Lubbock, and brothers of the groom Sam Broyles of Lubbock and Justin Yates of Wichita Falls, wore traditional black tuxedos with white pleated shirts, black satin cummerbunds, and black bow ties. Their boutonnieres were of mixed wildflowers.

Ushers Mike Warner and Jack Wilcox of San Angelo, Landon Newsom from Odessa, Tahle Kirk from Wichita Falls, and Anthony Vardimon of Waco selected khaki slacks, white shirts and dress ties for the day. Each wore a wildflower boutonniere.

Flower girls Emy and Katherine Canada, cousins of the bride from Hereford, were dressed in identical white satin tea-length dresses featuring a sheer organza neckline and sweetheart bodice with sequined appliques. The short puffed sleeves and derriere bows complemented their wedding look. Each wore a wreath of wildflowers in red, yellow and purple with ribbon streamers in the back. They carried white wicker baskets, tied with navy organza bows, each containing more of the red, yellow and purple flowers.

Ring bearer Michael Canada, cousin of the bride from Hereford, wore a black tuxedo with a white tuxedo shirt, black cummerbund and bow tie. His boutonniere was of wild flowers. He carried the couple's rings on a white satin pillow handmade by the bride. The pillow was covered with a delicate lace handkerchief belonging to the bride's great-grandmother.

Following the welcoming prayer, Shelly Varela of San Angelo performed a vocal solo of "I Will Be There," and Ephesians 3:14-19 was read by the bride's grandfather, Rev. Roy Canada, as inspirational scripture. Following the couple's vows, Miss Varela sang "Household of Faith" and as the groom kissed his bride, chords of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" marked their departure.

Guests were greeted by the couple and their parents in the fellowship hall. A Powerpoint presentation of slides of the bride and groom from childhood through their engagement had been prepared by the couple for the wedding guests.

A lace cloth was placed over the piano with fresh wildflowers and greenery surrounding pictures of the couple and a formal portrait portfolio of the bride. A large wicker basket tied with navy and white tulle and wild flowers held miniature packets of wild flowers that had been collected over the spring and summer months by friends and family.

The guests were seated at tables draped with navy cloths and white lace overlays. Crystal ivy bowls were centered on some tables and contained colored floating candles, made by the bride's sister. These were encircled with greenery, navy tulle, and wild flowers. Other tables held crystal vase centerpieces filled with colorful wild flowers.

A large oval cake table was covered with a white lace tablecloth over a navy cloth and white pleated skirt. The bride's bouquet of bright wild flowers and the couple's navy napkins added vibrant color with the silver serving pieces. A latticed tri-fold screen served as backdrop for the table and was embellished with navy drapes, iridescent crystal lights, white tulle, ivy and pearls.

A three-tiered white basket weave cake, accented with fresh wild flowers and ivy draped pillars, was topped with a bride and groom bear figurine. Guests also enjoyed nuts and red, yellow, and purple heart shaped mints made by the bride and groom. Almond punch was served from a lighted table fountain. The bride and groom toasted their marriage from crystal goblets.

A fruit and cheese buffet featured a three-tiered fruit cascade of pineapple, strawberries, grapes, kiwi, cantaloupe and watermelon balls. The centerpiece was designed and created by Beverly Caddel, grandmother of the bride. Coffee was served from a silver coffee service and sparkling water flowed from a silver fountain. Silk ficus trees filled with brilliant miniature lights served as the backdrop for the buffet.

Servers for the tables were Brandi Doyle of Lubbock, Jennifer DiMaggio and A'ndea Bellemore of San Angelo, and Carissa Yates, sister of the groom from Wichita Falls. Each wore a corsage of wild flowers.

A guest registry table, covered with a navy cloth, white tulle and dried wild flowers, greeted guests for the afternoon celebration. A generous arrangement of sunflowers and mixed wild flowers enhanced the registry, and wedding programs bearing the engagement picture of the bride and groom were attended by Kim Thompson of San Angelo and Valerie Winkles of Abilene. The girls wore corsages of wild flowers.

Under a shower of wild flower petals, the bride and groom left in a 1938 Packard convertible owned and driven by Jack Greene Sr. of Snyder. The couple honeymooned in Barbados.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School. She is a 1998 magna cum laude graduate of Angelo State University where she was a member of Alpha Chi, Epsilon Delta Pi, and Pi Mu Epsilon honor societies. She is employed by ASU in the micro computer lab. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Wichita Falls High School and is a senior at ASU where he is also a member of Alpha Chi, Eplison Delta Pi, and Pi Muy Epsilon honor societies. Mr. and Mrs. Broyles make their home in San Angelo.

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Ripping library books first crime

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Some people steal library books. An autograph dealer has admitted to stealing just the front and back pages.

William Linehan, 57, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief Tuesday for ripping out the pages of 300 library books. He has agreed to pay a fine of $1,200 and restitution to the library.

Linehan says he doesn't know why he did it.

"I don't really know. It was just a stupid thing. I think it was the risk which was a kick," he said. "I've never done anything like this before."

But police and prosecutors have a different theory. The pages Linehan ripped from the books were blank and authentically aged — perfect canvasses for forged autographs.

Linehan, a dealer in historic autographs for the past 15 years, denied he used the stolen pages for forgeries.

However, the Universal Autograph Collectors Club removed him as regional director last summer and then expelled him after a customer made an ethics complaint against him.

Shari Westbrook is now at

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Shari Westbrook is a graduate of Texas College of Cosmetology in Abilene. She has three children - Justin, Jason, and Jacci.

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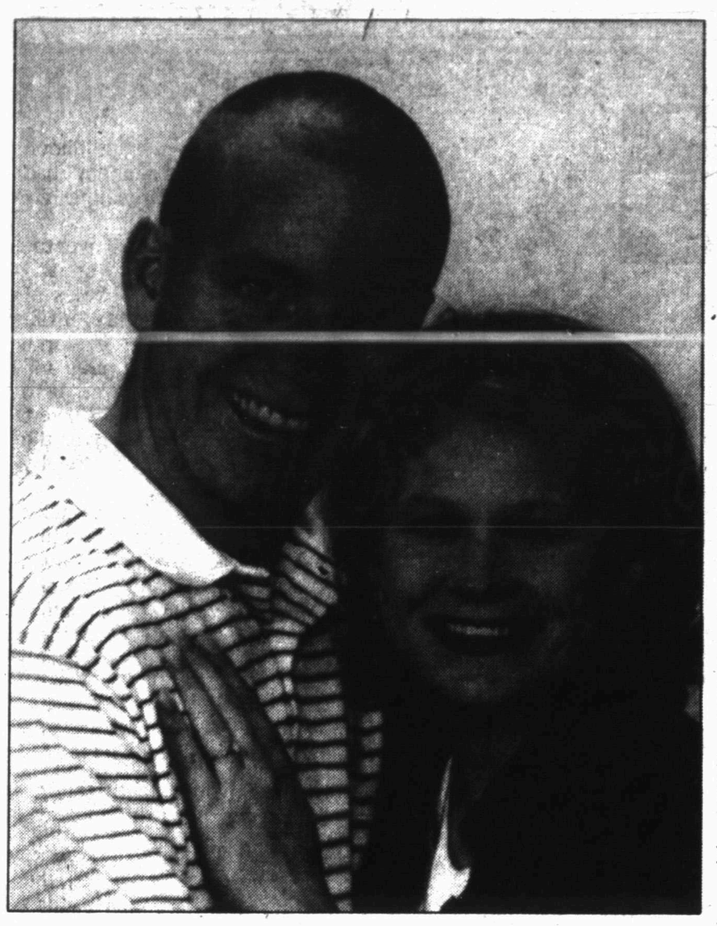


ATKINSON-GRIMMETT TO MARRY — Billy Don and Carol Atkinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Dawn Atkinson, to Chad Caton Grimmett. He is the son of Ray Max and Judy Grimmett. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ray and Betty Atkinson, and the future groom is the grandson of Libby Grimmett and Grady and Hope Adcock of Lubbock. The couple are planning a Jan. 2, 1999 wedding in the First Baptist Church in Roby. (Contributed Photo)



SENIOR CENTER OFFICERS — Bernhard Bartels is president for the Senior Center board of directors and Leda Beck was elected vice president at Wednesday's meeting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club's rescheduled meeting at the clubhouse; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; call Pauline Broyles for more information at 573-5144; 7 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; WTC Fine Arts, program by Ty Brunson 6:45 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; program by Hugh Campbell of San Angelo; Evelyn Mebane, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

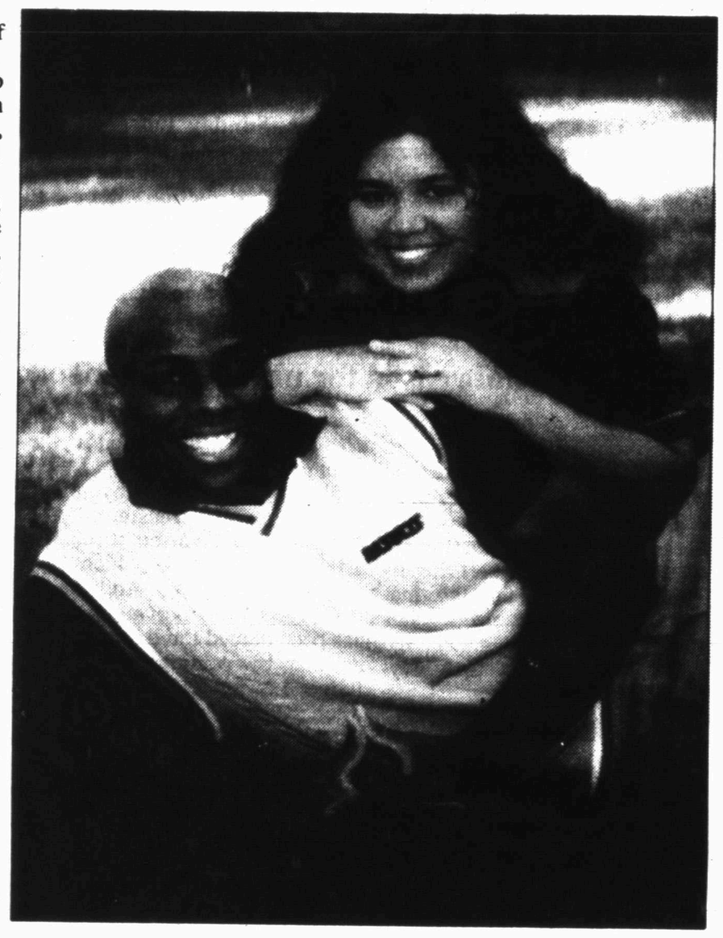
Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Densell and Jeanie Fambro announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie, to Wayland Harrison, son of Willis and Darlene Harrison. The couple will be married on Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. in the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. (Wadleigh Studio Photograph)

A. Daughters program was by Dr. Curry

Altrurian Daughters Study Club members heard a program on ministering to others by Dr. Craig Curry, minister of First United Methodist Church.

Kathy Curry began the program with a solo entitled "Broken and Spilled Out." Dr. Curry explained the purposes and the works carried out though the ministerial alliance. The ministerial alliance focuses on several main projects, he said, these are to provide hope and meet the physical needs of those in the community and to offer aid to transients, providing food, gas and lodging when necessary. It also helps the churches in Snyder with the CROP Walk held in November.

Following the program, a business session was conducted by president Francene Noah. She pointed out the walls of the clubhouse had been painted and new carpet was laid in the foyer.



From 1853 to 1862, the city of Paraná was the capital of Argentina.

Babys are born to learn

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The first three years of life are the optimum time for a child's emotional and intellectual development, says Dr. Roni Leiderman.

Leiderman, director of the Family Center at Nova Southeastern University, says that the neurons in a baby's brain are fully developed at birth. What changes is the brain's structure, in response to experience. Studies have shown that babies who lack stimulation during the first 18 months of life have brains that are 20-30 percent smaller than those who have been stimulated by interaction with their parents.

She suggests several ways to help baby achieve:

— Hold, rock, talk to, play with and love your baby from birth.

— Be sure your baby is safe, nurtured and stimulated whether at home or in child care.

— Notice what interests your baby. It might be something new to look at or listen to. It could be something fun to hold and play with. Help your baby explore these interests.

"It's important for parents to learn their child's cues. If your child is starting to develop motor skills such as learning to crawl, then complement that development with activities which allow the baby to do more crawling."

— During the first year, sing to your baby. Play music. Show pictures to him or her. Carry on babbling conversations. Classical music, nursery rhymes and lullabies will stimulate baby, Leiderman says.

— Introduce games, activities and toys that allow baby to build on his or her special interests. During the second and third years, read books, share nursery rhymes and talk with your baby.

— Encourage the child to pretend and to create. "Play stimulates children and helps develop their motor skills," Leiderman says. "You can help them pretend and create by providing props and toys, such as building blocks or train sets."

— Give your child opportunities to play with other children the same age or older.

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AUCTION ITEM FOR MAWC — A Sunday luncheon and auction will be held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 1. Tickets are $8.50 for an adult and $4 per child. Along with a meal of two entrees, a silent auction will be held and one of the items is a Dickens' Village Church from the Heritage Village Series, donated by Robert and Maria Patterson at Snyder Health Mart Drug. MAWC board member Sandra Robinson, right, receives the gift. Proceeds are used to maintain the woman's club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Commuting not reason for unemployment

DETROIT (AP) — And you thought your commute was bad.

Dennis Oliver had to commute 101 miles each way from his home in rural Addison to his job in Warren, a suburb of Detroit.

The commute was so tiring he quit his job at Raytheon Information Systems. But state officials said the commute was not enough to justify paying him unemployment compensation.

"I was always dead tired," he said this week. "When there were blizzards in the winter, the drive was really hard. I thought it was going to get a lot better in the summer, but it sure didn't. I used to like to drive. Not anymore."

Oliver was transferred by Raytheon to Warren from its office in Ypsilanti, which was only 48 miles from Addison.

Oliver's unemployment claim has been denied three times, most recently by Administrative Law Judge Lawrence Hollens. Last week, Hollens said he was "sorry for the gentleman" but noted that the 38-year-old engineer endured the commute from early January to late June.

Drive-through flu shot station set up

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A flu shot to go, please.

Cars clogged the street Wednesday as St. Joseph West Mesa hospital began offering free drive-up flu shots to people over age 65. Motorists started driving up at 7:30 a.m., forcing the hospital to start the shots earlier than planned.

"We have 400 flu shots, and it looks like we're going to give out every one of them," said spokeswoman Janet Blair.

Cars drove to a first stop where the passengers filled out consent forms and paperwork, then drove to the next station where nurses waited on both sides of the vehicles, ready to give the shots.

"The nurses are shooting them as fast as they can," Blair said.

Afterward, flu-shot recipients were offered coffee and cookies at a refreshment stop.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-17-98
♠ A
♥ 7 4
♦ A K Q J 10 9 6 5
♣ K 3

West
♠ K 8 3
♥ A Q 9 8 2
♦ 2
♣ A 8 5 4

East
♠ Q 10 7 6 2
♥ J 10 5
♦ 8
♣ Q 10 9 7

South
♠ J 9 5 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ J 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 4

An immediate jump from one to three

Let's cover one more cue-bid — a rather advanced and unlikely one. What does it mean if, after your right-hand opponent opens one of a suit, you jump straight to *three* of that suit?

There are various interpretations, but most experts play that over a minor-suit opening, it is a natural weak jump overcall, showing a good six-card suit with some 6-10 points. But if the opening bid is in a five-card major, the jump asks partner to bid three no-trump with a stopper in the suit. The overcaller has a solid minor and eight or nine guaranteed tricks, but is lacking a stopper in the opener's suit. (Some permit a solid major, but I suggest you ignore that possibility, at least for the moment.)

What would you do with the North hand over West's one heart? No number of diamonds appeals; and if you make a takeout double, partner might never stop bidding spades. Only the jump cue is an accurate description.

With a heart stopper, South bid three no-trump as asked. Yet if he hadn't held the heart king, he would have bid four clubs (just in case partner had only ace-king-queen-seventh or -eighth of clubs).

West guessed well, leading the club four. (He knew who had the heart king.) The normal play for declarer is low from the dummy to guarantee a stopper in the suit. Here, though, it is wrong. If East wins the first trick, what will he do? Right — he'll switch to a high heart, and West is known to have the ace. So, South must maximize his chances of keeping East off the lead. He must call for the club king. ©1998 by NEA, Inc.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
Oct. 9

1. Gayle Denton, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
3. TIE: Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart, and Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.

SUNDAY
Oct. 11

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Shirley Stewart, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

TUESDAY
Oct. 13
Swiss Teams

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard, LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.



VISION MAKERS
Outstanding Business on the Square for the month

Vision Makers was named the business of the month on the square by the Snyder Beautification Committee and Snyder Garden Club for its outstanding window display that stands out during the day and at night.

Owners Roy Don and Beverly Beauchamp are pictured right, and store manager Joan Halbert stands at left.

Roy Don and his wife, Beverly, of Big Spring were impressed by an attractive, well-groomed square as they drove into Snyder the first time to visit antique and handcraft businesses. They saw a City truck watering the plants on the square and "knew people in Snyder cared about their town."

When contemplating opening another Vision Makers their first impression of downtown Snyder and the fact that research showed there were over 200 pools in the Snyder area, more pools per capita than any other area, they didn't hesitate to locate at 2509 College Ave., the east side of the square. They opened the store on March 17, 1997.

The Beauchamps have owned Vision Makers in Big Spring for six years where they work, but they make many trips to the local store managed by Joan Halbert.

They won the prestigious NSPI-Region III Pool and Spa Design award for excellent craftmanship and professional achievements and they were honored at the region conference held in February in Dallas. Region III consists of an eight state area.

As Baquacil dealers, the couple said Snyder people were friendly and they are proud to be associated with the community.

They sell and install in-ground and above-ground swimming pools and provide pool maintenance, supplies and chemicals. They also handle spas ponds and provide landscaping and lawn maintance. With over 200 customers, they strive to make pools and spas as easy to care for as possible.

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup
TUESDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly
WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Fried Ham
Toast
THURSDAY
Juice
Glazed Donuts
FRIDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
MONDAY
Grilled Pork Rib Patties
New Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Fruit Bars
TUESDAY
Swiss Steak
Macaroni & Cheese
Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Orange Slices
WEDNESDAY
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
THURSDAY
Chicken & Rice Casserole
Black-eyed Peas
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Cherry Cobbler
FRIDAY
Stromboli
Potato Wedges
Pickle Spears
Fruit Jello

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk and all breakfasts are served with a choice from the menu or assorted dry cereal and chilled juice.

BREAKFASTS
MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza
TUESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup
WEDNESDAY
Donuts
THURSDAY
French Toast w/Syrup
FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs w/Toast

LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburger or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Dinner Rolls
Chilled Fruit
TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Corn Dog
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Cookies
WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Baked Beans
French Fries
Birthday Cake
THURSDAY
Burrito or
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Sweet Peas
Birthday Cake
Texas Toast
FRIDAY
Corn Dog
Nacho Grande
Lettuce & Tomato
Spanish Rice
Chilled Fruit

Some insurance companies ban some dog breeds

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts residents planning on adopting a German shepherd or a Dalmatian better check with their insurance agent first.

As more and more people are suing over dog bites, insurance companies across the state are banning certain pets from the homes they insure.

Jane Stanwood learned that hard truth first hand.

The Newbury woman planned to adopt a German shepherd or a husky, but found that her insurer — Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co. — had blacklisted both breeds.

Her agent, Peter Chetsas said many insurance companies have lists of banned pets. He said the problem isn't more dog bites, but more lawsuits.

James Pappas, vice president of underwriting at Massachusetts-Rhode Island Fair Plan, a high-risk policy underwriter, said dog bites are one of the highest claim areas for insurers.

Quincy Mutual's list of 20 prohibited dogs includes not only pit bulls and wolf-hybrids, but also Dalmatians, which Pappas said are "high strung" and tend to nip at people.

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More West Texas characters

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abandoned well surrounded by a layer of super-hard rock.

The world watched via television as a rescue crew and citizen volunteers frantically dug a shaft parallel to the one that entrapped Jessica.

Finally, two paramedics wiggled into the passageway, slathered the frightened child in petroleum jelly and slid her out into the bright television lights.

Alone in the yard, while her mother answered the phone, little Jessica McClure was a year old when she plunged 22 feet into an abandoned well surrounded by a layer of super-hard rock.

She lost a toe and bears some minor scars from skin grafts but was described last year on the 10th anniversary of the ordeal as a child who plays the piano and French horn and zips through her Midland neighborhood on skates.

After the near tragedy, sympathetic strangers showered her with teddy bears, gifts, cards and an estimated $1 million in cash that sits in a trust fund awaiting her 25th birthday.

There was even a TV movie: "Jessica: Everybody's Baby."

Another spunky youngster, Kody Newman of Stanton, won what amounts to the Grand Slam of the stock show set in one spectacular year, 1984. Then 14, Kody showed the grand champion steer in livestock competition at Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Denver.

Her mom reports that Kody, a Texas Tech marketing major, is married, back in Martin County and training futurity horses for barrel races.

And New York City has nothing on West Texas when it comes to precocious little girls. Whereas Eloise roamed the halls of Manhattan's Plaza Hotel in the children's literary classic, there's now a book called "Maggie at the Gage."

Maggie is the real-life daughter of Laurie Stevens, who until recently managed the historic Gage Hotel in Marathon with her husband Bill. Maggie's Aunt Pat illustrated the delightful tale.

Indeed, West Texas women are special, and as Texas Monthly reported, there's probably none better to define their homeland than Hallie Stillwell. A rancher, teacher and justice of the peace, Mrs. Stillwell once lived under the border threat of Pancho Villa.

Following her marriage in 1918, she moved to a male-only ranch house and bore a 12-pound son — after 48 hours of labor with no anesthesia.

"I found out quickly," she once said, "that I was to live like a man, work like a man, and act like a man..."

Death came last year at the age of 99 in an Alpine nursing home.

It was similar resolve that put a middle-aged Helen Fisher behind the stove at the Lowake Steak House after a hail storm flattened her family's Rowena farm in 1960.

At age 82, she was still whipping up sizzling T-bones, onion rings and cream gravy. A San Angelo columnist named Rick Smith watched her lunchtime performance in amazement and compared it to a symphony.

West Texas schoolchildren know by heart the story of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was kidnapped by Comanches as a child and taken to the western frontier. Adopted by an Indian family, she married in the tribe and bore the last great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker.

Recaptured by Texas settlers near Crowell at age 34, she languished and died four years later.

Finally, there's the West Texas woman described by Fort Worth writer Jerry Flemmons. He claims it was a non-Texan — briefly but memorably married to a rancher's daughter — who came up with the perfect definition.

"On Saturday night she straightens the Picasso on her living room wall, pats her silver blonde hair, takes a final look in the mirror and then drives in her Mercedes to the Lubbock Country Club.

"She is dressed in a $4,000 silver lame Neiman Marcus dress and an $800 pair of alligator shoes made exclusively for her by a guy in Rome. At the club, she perches herself on a bar stool, crosses her legs and orders a drink — bourbon with a splash of water... Nothing touches her for poise and beauty. Class, wealth and breeding, that's her.

"Then she takes out a solid gold cigarette case from her $500 hand-beaded clutch purse, puts the cigarette to her lips and ...

"She'll reach into the purse again, take out a kitchen match, and run the match across her gold lame hip to light it — and that's ... that's a West Texas woman."

Noon Kiwanis Club to turn 50 years old next summer

Snyder's Noon Kiwanis Club, chartered in June of 1949, will celebrate its 50th anniversary next summer.

"Our club, like most others, centers our attention and service projects around the youth of the community," said Darren Jackson, past president.

The club's international project is "Project I.D.D." which battles iodine deficiency disorder, the leading cause of mental retardation.

Kiwanis partners with Morton Salt to provide iodine to every part of the Earth. The Kiwanis symbol can be seen on Morton Salt containers, Jackson said.

The Noon Kiwanis Club supports several projects throughout the year, including helping to sponsor students to attend the American Legion's Boys and Girls State conventions.

They also help with Hubert and Mary Cargile scholarships at Western Texas College. Last year, they contributed $4,500 to the scholarship fund.

In addition, they name a sophomore of the year at Snyder High School.

The Kiwanis Club also coordinates the Goodfellows Food Drive.

Throughout the year, the Noon Kiwanians make financial donations to approximately 30 different local organizations that either directly or indirectly benefit the youth of the community.

Jackson said last year, they gave $6,079 locally. That figure does not include the scholarship donation.

Local fund-raisers include the annual pancake breakfast held in the spring and the annual golf tournament held each fall.

The Noon Kiwanis Club meets at the Golden Corral Wednesdays at noon.

Current officers include president, Henry Valdez; vice president, Scott Gassiot; secretary/treasurer, Melanie Schwertner.

The board of directors are C.R. Perez, Shawn Ragland, Linda Hughes, Avon Rushing, Darryl Calley, Maurice Herridge.

Everybody's is now on 37th Street

Everybody's Supermarket opened its doors at 600 37th Street on Aug. 9.

The store was previously located at 1905 35th Street and known as Everybody's Thriftway. It had been in that location since 1980.

The grocery store is owned by Ronnie Tomlinson and is managed by his son, Mike Tomlinson.

Everybody's currently has 10 employees.

Kate Winslet to get married

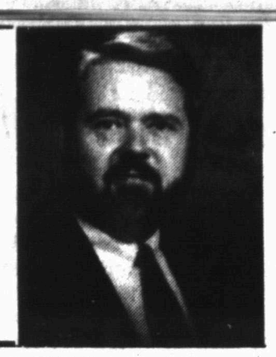
LONDON (AP) — The Body of the Year is getting married.

Kate Winslet, who was given that distinction in a recent poll by the lotion manufacturer Nivea, plans to marry director Jim Threapleton next year.

"When you know it's the right thing, you just know," the "Titanic" star said Friday, posing for photographers outside the couple's London home.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Small-business owners have two secret weapons

I frequently read articles written by writers of all types praising the success and value of small businesses. The praise is deserved, and I often join these writers in my applause.

It is true that in the past two decades, small businesses have strengthened our economy by leading the job growth parade. The Fortune 500 companies have, for the most part, been downsizing, rightsizing and otherwise eliminating jobs. Many of our larger companies have acquired others or merged to form still bigger conglomerates.

In the case of the mega-mergers, both of the companies tout the benefits that will come with the merger. This is actually a public relations tool to keep stock prices going up so that new investors will climb on board. Both companies promise rising profits because of the "economies of scale" that come with being bigger, and the elimination of duplicate and nonessential jobs (Nonessential unless of course it happens to be your job they are eliminating.)

Recently, I read an article by the well-known and respected Texas economist, M. Ray Perryman. In his column titled "Praising Small Business," he discussed traditional economic theory from the "bigger-is-better" perspective. Perryman pointed out that historically big companies could produce goods at lower cost because of the "economies of scale." Society benefits from the more efficient production of goods through lower prices.

After reading Perryman's column, I began to consider the small business versus large business question in my mind. With all the advantages big businesses have, how can small businesses still be surviving? Furthermore, how can so many be thriving? Why aren't the little guys stomped out of business in a heartbeat?

After considerable thought and study I came up with a theory. In layman's terms, a theory is a pretty good guess at why things work the way they do. For a theory to be generally accepted, it must have some evidence in support of its claims. Therefore, I present to you Taylor's Theory of Small-Business Survival. I devote the remainder of this column as evidence to support my theory.

Two survival weapons

The first part of my theory states that small businesses succeed because the owners have an intense desire to succeed. I call this element the *want to* factor.

The *want to* of the men and women who set out to conquer the business world is awesome. The courage they summon to take on big challenges and big competitors is often a mixture of pride, ignorance and fear.

Andrew Jackson said, "One man with courage is a majority." And so it is with many entrepreneurs, they go against the odds with a spirit that cries, "I can." They grow because they try and learn. They succeed because they perservere.

The second portion of my theory states that many small businesses succeed because they have no choice. I call this the *got to* factor.

Their backs are against the wall. They have poured their very lives into their businesses. Every dime they own is on the line. They feel they must make the business work. They have to. There are payments to make, childen to feed and promises to keep. They will not give to failure; they *got to* succeed.

I offer a big tip of that hat to the men and women who prove my theory every day. What a joy it is for me to watch and cheer your success. You proud, bold men and women of business don't just dream the American dream, you are the American Dream.

Here's the theory in a nutshell. One small-business owner mixed with equal parts of *want to* and *got to* of any big competitor, anytime, anywhere, anyway.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

MAWC opened in 1956

Through the generosity of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Cogdell Sr., the Martha Ann Woman's Club was dedicated on Sept. 30, 1956, to the women of Snyder.

The finished form was a $150,000 contemporary building consisting of a long foyer, a main lounge, a large auditorium with a two story ceiling, a covered patio, two club rooms, kitchen, service rooms and an office, built to serve 20 women's educational, cultural and civic clubs.

Mrs. Cogdell and her daughter, Jonisue, were both active clubwomen. After much discussion, planning and dreaming, Mrs. Cogdell called for a meeting of Snyder women in 1952 and proclaimed that she and her husband would donate land and money toward the building of a women's club.

They later decided to pay for the building if the club women would pay for professional decorating and furnishings.

Actual work for the furnishings fund was started in 1953 by the Cosmorama Club with a rodeo queen contest which netted $7,000 the first year.

The second year other clubs joined in the queen contest with $17,000 profit being made. In 1956 the queen contest brought in $3,000 more. At the time of the dedication, only $4,750 was needed for full payment of the decorating and furninghings.

Sale of Founder, Life Member and yearly memberships netted the remainder.

The clubhouse was named in memory of the Cogdell's daughter, Martha Ann, who died at the age of 13.

The original board of directors were Mrs. C.V. Thompson Jr., president; Mrs. Jack Bowden, vice president; Mrs. E.A. Brooks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jack Gore, recording secretary; and Mrs. J.R. Hicks, treasurer.

Founder members included Mmes. D.M. Cogdell Sr., H.H. Eiland, G.N. Heinselman, Edith McKanna, C.T. McLaughlin, C.V. Thompson Sr, H.G. Towle, F.G. Sears and John Keller.

In 1956 the Snyder Woman's Club officially became the Martha

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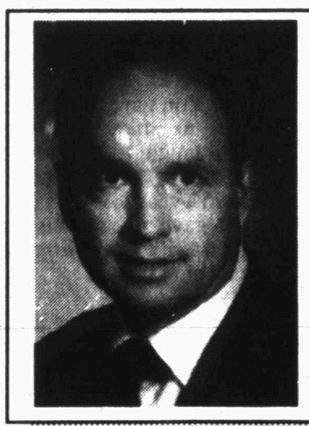

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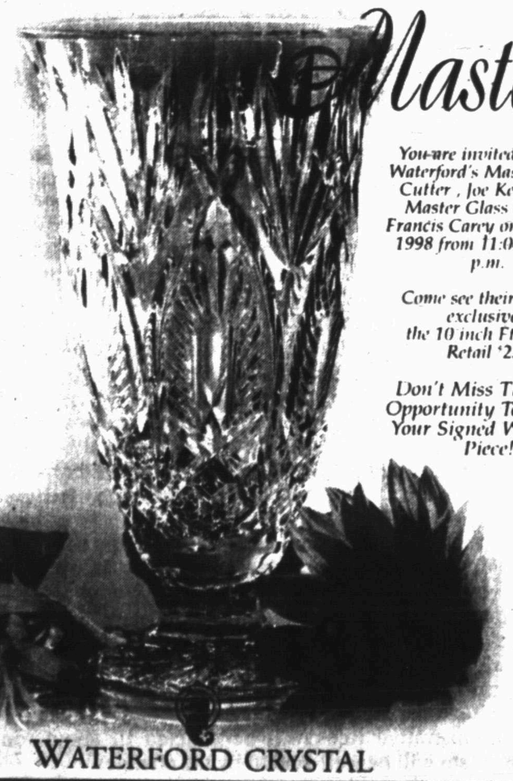

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Deanie Francis Mills

When I first started doing this column something like fourteen years ago, my editor at the time told me that I could write about anything I wanted "as long as it's not controversial."

On the other hand, this is an editorial page and this is an opinion piece, and readers understand that the views expressed are my own and do not necessarily reflect that of the publisher's; but on the other hand, I understood what he meant by that remark.

Though Lord knows I've mouthed off about every conceivable subject through the years, there are some which I have deliberately avoided because they provoke such heated debate — like abortion, for example.

That's not to say my words haven't incited harsh comment from time to time.

Hey! Reverend Phelps

One woman left a message on my answering machine one time that stated angrily that she was never going to read my column again because I'd poked gentle fun at then — Vice President Dan Quayle.

But every once in a while I will hear or read of something that strikes me as so resoundingly outrageous that I cannot, in good conscience, keep quiet about it. That's what freedom of speech is all about — even if it is "controversial."

Those of you who watch the evening news or read the paper know about the terrible crime which occurred in Wyoming over the last weekend that is garnering attention all over the country. A young man named Matt Shepard, who happened to be gay, was lured into a truck by two other young men claiming to be gay as well.

Then, they took him out to a rural road, parked the truck, robbed him, and proceeded to pistol-whip him so savagely about the head that doctors were later unable to operate on his brain. They lashed him to a fence post in freezing temperatures and left him to die.

Basically, they crucified him.

But it is not the brutality and hatred of this crime that surprised me. Because of what I do for a living, I am aware of what most people are not: there are thousands of hate crimes committed against people of color, sexual differences, race and religion all over the United States every year.

This has nothing to do with the fact that this was a small town in a Western state, full of "rednecks" and cowboys. Like Martin Luther King once said — the worst case of racisim he ever saw in his life was in Chicago. In other words, these things happen everywhere, I am very sad to report.

No, what surprised me was the Reverend Fred Phelps.

Reverend Phelps is not from Wyoming. He and his church hail from Topeka, Kan. They like to go around staging anti-gay protests, which is their Constitutional right.

And Reverend Phelps has made it clear that he and his church protesters will be staging one of their anti-gay demonstrations at Matt Shepard's funeral.

Now, I don't know what kind of church the Reverend Phelps presides over in Topeka, but it's a reasonable assumption that it is a Christian church, and that he uses a Christian Bible to back up his position.

I have something I would like to say to Reverend Phelps: What do you think you are doing? Have you completely lost all sense of what it means to be a Christian?

Because I am a Christian, too. And in my Bible, the One we Christians worship and adore said that there were only two commandments which really mattered in this world: to love the Lord our God with all our hearts and all our souls, and to love our neighbors as ourselves — and I don't believe He specified which neighbors we should love and which we should not.

In my Bible, Jesus says that if we have done this to the least of these, we have done it unto Him.

In my Bible, Jesus says that we should let he who is without sin cast the first stone, and that furthermore, we all sin and fall short of the glory of God.

In my Bible, Jesus says that we should judge not, least we be judged, and that before we can remove the mote that is in our brother's eye, we should first take out the log that is in our own.

In my Bible, the Jesus I love reclined at the table and ate with prostitutes, street hustlers and money-changers — and He was judged harshly for it by the religious leaders of His day.

The religious leaders were threatened by Him because he did not adhere to the strict legal codes of their religion. And when they had the chance, they chose a murderous thief over Him.

In the end, they crucified Him, too.

If the Jesus I know were at young Matt Shepard's funeral, I do not believe He would gather with Reverend Phelps and his church protesters.

No. He would do what He has always done: He would comfort those who mourn. He would weep with them. He would love them.

And He would turn His back on the haters.

Deanie Mills' column appears weekly in the Snyder Daily News

Letters to the Editor

Please vote!

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this time to encourage each and every one of you to vote in the upcoming school bond election. If you are not registered, please register now. Do not miss this opportunity to voice your opinion on this important issue. This bond election is important to everyone in the community.

Even if you do not have children in this school district or you rent your house, this will affect you as a part of this community.

As has been said very often, vote as you please but please, please, vote.

Thank you,
Janet Stibling

Window displays

Dear Editor:

Historic Scurry County, Inc., and the Scurry County Historical Commission thank all the local businesses who arranged special window displays as part of the White Buffalo Festival. These displays certainly added enjoyment to the festival.

The commission and the Senior Center thank Snyder National Bank for the use of its lobby for the quilt show and everyone who loaned quilts.

Those attending had the opportunity to see the two "Common Threads of Texas" quilts loaned by the Texas Department of Agriculture along with the local quilts. Attendance at the show was excellent.

Yours truly,

Aline Parks
Scurry County
Historical Commission

Tremendous help

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the many volunteers, judges and financial contributors who donated their time and money for our speech tournament on Oct. 10 at Snyder High School.

You amazed us by your willingness to give up a Saturday to help us run our tournament. We couldn't have done it without your help, your time or money, which allowed us to raise enough money to offset competition expense our budget doesn't cover.

Your contribution goes beyond time or money. What you have done for me as a teacher is tremendous. You gave me a great lesson plan to share with my students that taught them more in a single Saturday than I could teach them in a year.

What you gave my students is a memory that will last a lifetime and for that I am grateful.

Thank you,
Lynda McCormack

Great concert

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank the chamber of commerce, KSNY, Gold Coaters and everyone else who helped with the concert Saturday night.

It was a great performance. Wade Hayes and Rick Trevino really put on a good show.

However, it was very disappointing to see such a small crowd there. People in Snyder complain about not having anything to do, but even with nice facilities and two of the biggest Country & Western stars performing, local people still didn't show their support.

It certainly made Snyder look bad when the lights would come up and the stars could see no one was there. We will have trouble getting other big entertainers to come here at this rate.

Once again, thanks to all of you who worked so hard. We appreciate you very much.

Sherry Donaldson
& Cecile Kerley

H.E.P.A. says thanks

Dear Editor:

I want to let you know how much I appreciate all the helpful coverage your newspaper has given to H.E.P.A.

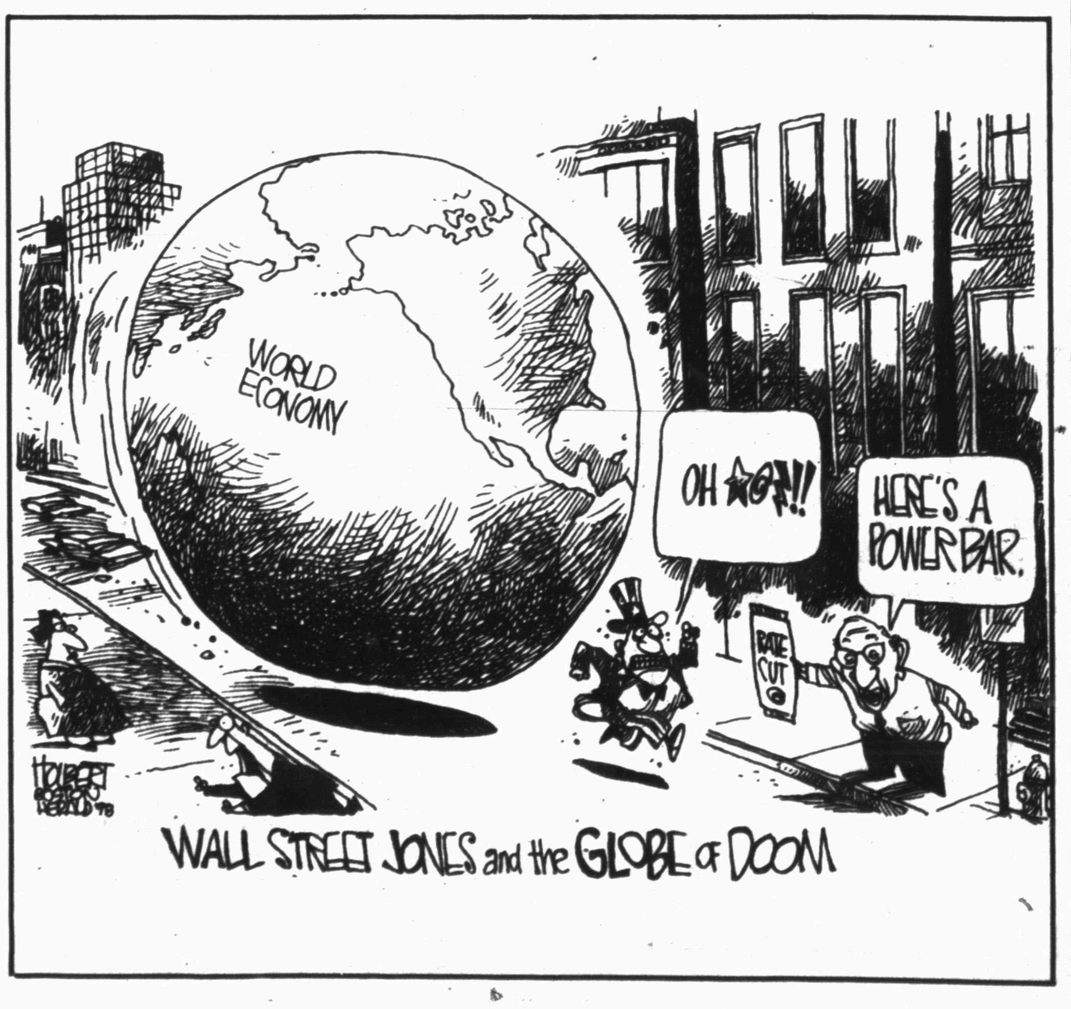
The people in these 8 counties need to be aware of our reasons for opposing the Realistic Bomber Training over our homes, families, farms, ranches and businesses.

You are really helping to keep the folks in our area informed. If all the local newspapers did this, our job would be a lot easier.

I enjoy your entire newspaper, especially "The SDN Column" with the "feller on Deep Creek." I've cut out and kept several of these articles — even sending copies of one to all our grandchildren.

Thanks again for all your time and support.

Sincerely,
Buster Welch
H.E.P.A. President



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Megan's Law

Amarillo Globe-News

Los Angeles is not the first city that comes to mind when considering new and alternative measures to fight crime. That may have to change.

County officials in Los Angeles deserve praise for an aggressive approach regarding "Megan's Law," the law named after a New Jersey girl murdered by a repeat sex offender. Officials are enacting measures the rest of the nation would be well-advised to also consider.

The county Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles has directed local law enforcement agencies to distribute letters by mail, notifying the public when a high risk sex offender moves into the neighborhood.

"Megan's Law" allows the public access to information on registered and repeat sex offenders. While "Megan's Law" provides the public with vital information, the decision by Los Angeles city officials to distribute information through the mail sets a precedent.

Mike Van Winkle, Megan's Law specialist for the California attorney general, said he didn't know of any city or county that does targeted mailings.

County officials hope the 88 cities in the county, including Los Angeles, follow the county's lead, and the rest of the state will enact similar measures.

Hopefully, it will not stop there.

We hope the rest of the nation will notice this aggressive and preventive approach and make the welfare and safety of the public a top priority.

School dress code

Austin American-Statesman

A week-old ban on wearing red clothing at Round Rock High School begs the question,"Why?" Did school officials have no other alternatives to respond to a possible gang-related problem?

The ban was imposed to protect students after a gang shooting in downtown Round Rock that injured a student, according to school officials. Red is a color worn by members of Bloods, Round Rock's largest gang, according to police. A few days after the shooting, vandals painted red graffiti in the art and gym facilities at the high school. But Principal Sherry Blackett has not explained the relationship between the shootin and events at the school. Also, she has not said if suspects in the shooting attended the high school. ...

Blackett deserves support in her efforts to provide a safe learning environment for her students, as a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union said. But one must question if the ban is the only way to do so.

Federal science policy

The Dallas Morning News

How do you like your federally funded scientific research? All health, all the time, or would a bouquet of research fields benefit the nation more? Should studies be driven by pure curiosity, or by a desire to solve specific problems or invent products? Should we team up with other nations on some projects? How much research is enough?

U.S. Rep. Vern Ehlers, R-Mich., has tackled all these questions — and many more — in a recent report called "Unlocking Our Future." The draft report concludes a years' worth of hearings, document-gathering and evaluation of policy. While it's not a page-turner a la Kenneth Starr, the report is an earnest, thorough, broad effort to explain how the nation's scientific research and literacy could be improved. The study deserves more attention from Congress than it is likely to receive.

If the report has a flaw, it is that it is too broad and perhaps too gentle. It lists 40 conclusions or recommendations in no particular order and without any priority attached. That will hamper policymakers trying to decide which areas merit their energy. Here are the issues that strike us as most important:

— Federal agencies need to fund truly innovative, creative research, even if its success is less certain than "safer" ideas.

— Research, especially expensive, multi-year projects, needs stable, predictable funding.

— Federal funds should support mostly basic, rather than applied, research in a broad range of fields. Increasing funds for health research shouldn't come at a cost to other scientific fields.

— Congress needs to extend research-and-development tax credits permanently, rather than on a year-to-year basis.

— The State Department needs to improve its scientific capabilities so it can better handle international environmental and other science-dependent issues.

— Congressional committees that deal with science need to coordinate their efforts.

— Federal authorities should review intellectual property issues to ensure that universities and their industrial partners do not compromise one another's independence or curtail the free flow of research results.

This report, lost in the all-consuming scandal, should help prod conversation about America's scientific enterprise and how we can maintain its preeminence.

Open records of judges

San Antonio Express-News on opening records of state judges:

The Texas Supreme Court is properly moving toward opening the records of state judges.

Controversy erupted last year when a political foe sought phone records of a judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The Supreme Court reversed an opinion by Attorney General Dan Morales that would have subjected judges' telephone and fax records to open records requests.

The high court judges ruled that all Texas judges are exempt from the Texas Public Information Act.

However, the Supreme Court initiated an effort to rewrite judicial administrative rules to provide appropriate records to the public. The new rules are headed toward formal approval.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, called the proposals "'a vast improvement," the Associated Press reported. We agree.

Still, advocates of open government want lawmakers to change the Public Information Act to include the judiciary and provide criminal penalties for judges who ignore it. Such a move would reinforce the state's commitment to public access.

But the rules are a step forward: Clearly, judges' administrative records should be open to public scrutiny; phone and travel records are fair game; draft judicial opinions and internal memos will remain private under the proposed rules.

The new administrative rules will be enacted in about four months, and the state will be well-served by the changes.

C.T. McLaughlin left his mark on the area

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Oct. 7, 1973 edition of the Snyder Daily News. "Mr. Mac" died in 1975.)

"For those who extoll perserverance as the key to success, the career of Clarence Thurston McLaughlin lends itself as excellent material for objective writings.

McLaughlin had the good fortune to find the fabled pot of gold at the base of a rainbow right here in Scurry County.

But it took more than a quarter of a century of hard work and a continuous pattern of boom-chasing through the fields of East Texas and later West Texas for him to realize the dream which most men cherish but comparatively few may realize.

C.T. McLaughlin probably has been the subject of more exaggerated reports than the next man, but his amazing versatility and appetite for being places and doing things probably has conditioned reporters to expect the unbelieveable of him, anyhow.

SYMBOLIZED FUTURE AT AGE OF FOUR

McLaughlin is a native Pennsylvanian who took the advice of Horace Greeley in 1919 when he completed 27 months as a sergeant major in the Air Force in World War I, and he spent the sum of his mustering out pay for a railroad ticket to Texas and hoped that he might be able to continue the vocation of both his father and grandfather, both of whom had worked in the famous oil fields of Clarion County, Pa.

Anyone who knows him will agree that if one said simply, "he did," it would be the understatement of the century.

This remarkable gentleman was born Jan. 31, 1897, at Shipperville, Pa. and he symbolized his future from the time he was four-years-old. His mother, Cora Griffith McLaughlin, said young Clarence from earliest childhood was making little oil fields in the back yard when other youngsters were playing mud pies.

In fact, each spring his father had to hire someone to clear away Clarence's miniature "oil patch" so he could put in the annual family garden on the back lot.

McLaughlin's trip to Texas landed him in the Wichita Falls area as he found employment in the famous Burkburnett oil fields.

When he arrived, he met a little girl who was a refinery office secretary and he made short work of wooing and winning Evelyn Claire Littleton, because the wedding license was dated August, 1921.

C.T. (was) a Mason and Shriner and (was) active in civic affairs and politics practically all his business life.

He (was) active in the versatile pursuit in the Wichita Falls area and has been more active in the Snyder area.

He (had) a full-time life as a family man, too, as he and Claire were parents of four children — Mark, an attorney-banker in San Angelo, and three married daughters, Mrs. J.H. DeFord, Mrs. Gilbert Knox, and Mrs. D.I. Riddle, all living in Texas.

BOUGHT DIAMOND M RANCH IN 1934

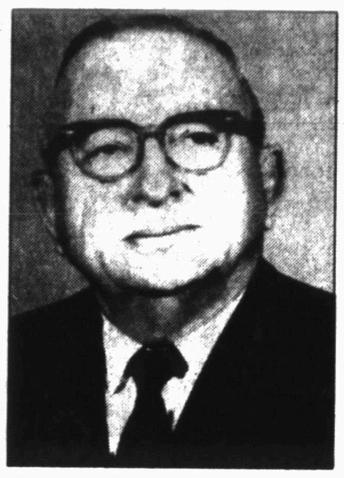
True, McLaughlin had earned a comfortable position in the area of wordly means through the years as he advanced from aprrentice-like pursuits like that of a roustabout or a roughneck to superintendency positions which culminated with his owning his own drilling rigs.

But he bought the Diamond M Ranch in 1934 (taking possession the next year) for the purpose of investing in the future of an area which he recognized as possessing tremendous potential. McLaughlin confided in 1960 that he had purchased the ranch "with money I didn't have" during the low ebb of depression days.

The Diamond M Ranch is situated in the heart of the Canyon Reef oil pool which made Snyder a fabulous oil development center from 1948 and on into the 1970s.

McLaughlin has been very active in the development of Scurry County having drilled and produced some 60 wells in the Ira district starting in 1938.

These, together with a hundred



C.T. McLAUGHLIN

other wells in adjoining counties, were sold to Newmount Mining Company in 1964.

Further, his determination to project his surroundings and his community into a new vista of prominence became the end result of efforts McLaughlin was to exert.

Again his enthusiasm was so boundless that Snyder was to gain fame and prominence that few towns of its size have ever known.

REPORTERS VERSION OF MR. MAC's IMAGE

Typical of this was the occasion when a newspaper in England, The London Express, related a British reporter's version of the McLaughlin image. Their reporter wrote that C.T. "did not particularly want to strike oil..." but being 'already comfortable off from earlier adventure in the oilfields, had settled down to raise cattle 'for fun.' But he let an oil company persuade him to drill..."

Another bit of international fame McLaughlin brought to Snyder came as recently as the spring of 1960, when Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press columnist, reported the fact that 200 distinguished Britons paid tribute to Texas at an annual dinner in London where McLaughlin was principal speaker.

The Snyder oil man won the greatest applause when he stated that if it were not for the number of men bearing such English names as Austin, Houston, Travis and Bowie who came to the United States, "we might still be a part of Mexico," and he related names of heroes of the Alamo.

The image of McLaughlin and his enthusiastic efforts in behalf of Snyder was wistfully cited by the San Angelo Standard Times in the fall of 1951 when it editorialized:

"Men make cities as well as business institutions. When the history of Snyder is written by those who will have reaped the benefits of the development of Scurry County during the decade from 1949-1959 there is little doubt the historians will list C.T. McLaughlin as the driving force which sparkplugged the development of the county and city in this area.

"...Before the great Canyon Reef was found, McLaughlin was trying to keep Scurry County in the limelight with horse shows and pleasant entertainment on the little ranch he had called the Diamond M.

"...No movement looking toward Snyder and Scurry County a better place to live was proposed which did not have his support.

"...In 1948, the Democratic State Executive Committee spent three days in Snyder.

"In 1949, Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, treasurer of the United State, spoke at the Chamber of Commerce barbecue, guest of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin.

"...Senator Lyndon Johnson made one of his few West Texas speeches from the steps of the McLaughlin residence.

From it all has emerged a philanthropist, rancher, oil producer, and general good will emissary for Snyder in particular and Texas in general and in recent years he has become a world traveler and lecturer of considerable reknown, gifted in qualified presentations on many, many subjects, ranging from cattle breeding to political science to oil production to travelouges.

McLaughlin came to this area as a drilling contractor, but had withdrawn from this pursuit since 1943 when he elected to turn more to ranch and oil production management and the good fortune of the oil strike in Snyder projected him into the role of an oil producer.

McLaughlin has consorted with countless outstanding business leaders and top political emissaries.

To enumerate them would be confusing, but they have included cabinet officers, congressional leaders, and royalty. Through them and to them he has succedded in focusing national attention on Snyder.

McLaughlin had been associated with many banks in a director's capacity and also has been one of the officials of an insurance company in Ft. Worth. He had been active in cattle and ranching circles and has regularly associated with political emissaries and leaders, the Diamond M Ranch frequently being host to some of the nation's most celebrated personalities.

All-in-all, since Dame Fortune smiled upon C.T. McLaughlin in Snyder, he has endeavoured to project that success in life into countless ventrues which would germinate into magnificent growth in stature and magnitute which well could advance Snyder into a metropolis which poses a symbol of West Texas opportunity.

This opportunity is potential growth based upon a multiplicity in economy in which the teamwork of farming, ranching, oil production and closely related by-products are contributing factors.

All of this is enhanced by the emphasis he places on cultural improvement — from affords opportunities of educational advancement for the young folks of Scurry County and is the source of an outstanding, growing collection of art which is gaining prominence through increasing public display."

Internet dreams dashed for fish processor Zapata Corp.

HOUSTON (AP) — Internet dreams have been dashed for Zapata Corp, the Houston-based fish processing company that wanted to develop a cutting-edge portal.

Zapata officials have decided the new venture was just too risky. So on Thursday, the company announced it was backing out of the purchase of 31 diverse Internet companies.

Zapata had envisioned becoming a branded gateway, or portal site, like Yahoo or Excite.

Company spokesman Keith Lanigan said Zapata chose to abandon its purchases because stock market deflation hit Internet companies particularly hard.

It was widely believed that Zapata wanted to make a public offering of the Zap Corp., a subsidiary it created in July to hold the Internet acquisitions.

Lanigan cautioned that the company may still proceed with its plans if the market becomes more favorable to technology stocks.

Zapata's stocks reached their highest level in more than a decade on July 16 at 22.

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New Vehicle Registrations

Robert Stapp Jr., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

David Snapp, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dale and Elaine Byrd, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Elaine and Dale Byrd, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Stephen Campbell, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Johnny Billings, 1998 Ford van from Lone Wolf Autoplex.

Edward and Laura Benitez, 1998 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Karen Reid and Robert L. Jones Jr., 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

T.A. Greenlee, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sherry L. Latta, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Greg S. and Kristy D. Glass, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Bobby Martin, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Clara Denny, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Don McNew, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Carl Bennett, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

James P. and Kara Wilson, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

David and Lu Ann Milligan, 1999 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Bobby Horton and LJD Ranch, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Herman Lee and Scharyel Shrunda Smith, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Niewoehner Inc., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Kiley McComb, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Wilson Motors, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Abelia Espinosa, 1999 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Doris Matthews, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Amy Mitchell, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Brendon Kelly McNeil and Margot Nicole Deere, both of Snyder.

Adam Madrid and Nina Soto Lara, both of Snyder.

Richard Lynn Castillo and Kari Jo Ferris, both of Snyder.

David Leroy Greene and Katherine Lynn Jones, both of Snyder.

Scott Christopher Strong and Tabita Kalli Towery, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Joe Carrasco, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. W.F. Burney, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Cresencio P. Alvarado, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Ida Mae Moore, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Ellan Cecile Wemken and James Truman Wemken, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Lynn Fenton to Angelita M. Silva, all of the east 10 feet of Lot 3 and the west 42 feet of Lot 4, both in Block 19 of the Wilmeth Addition.

John E. and Kerri Sue Miller to CT Closing Services, 8.572 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 245, Block 97, H&TC survey.

CT Closing Services to Earl W. and Linda L. Hardy, 8.572 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 245, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard Lloyd Knipe, independent executor of the estate of Benjamin Franklin Watson, to Opal Watson, Lot 1 and the east one foot of Lot 2, both in Block 1 of the Highlands Addition.

Castulo and Luisa Bilanco to Rodney and Dolores Holcomb, the west one-half of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3 and 4 and the east one-half of Lot 5, all in Block 132 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Helen Grinslade to Larry K. and Barbara Denson, 162.053 acres out of Lot 4 of the O'Keefe Subdivision of Section 32, Kirkland and Fields Survey.

Bob F. and Meta E. Head to William Rodney and Gina Maria Head, tract one being 163.2 acres out of Tract 14, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Survey of the Grimes Ranch Lands in the southwest part of Survey 21, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being 30.2677 acres in Tract 33 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Survey; tract three being Lots 21-34 and Lots 28-44 of the H&A Addition, a subdivision of 31.974 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Maxs'l Elbert Humble, Mary Ann Dameron, Patsy Elaine Griffin, and Fred Alan Humble to Patsy Lee Humble, an undivided one-half interest out of Lots 1-5 and Lots 9-12, all in Block 6 of the Evancrest Addition.

Scurry County to Juan and Rosa Sifuentes, Lot 4 in Block 23 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Gene and Shirley Ann Groce to Ira Church of God, a 75 x 180-foot tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nolan and Rosario Richardson to Raul and Rosa Rodriquez, Lot 6 in Block 47 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Dorothy J. Simpson, independent executrix of the estate of Fred E. Simpson, all of Lot 2 in Block 15 of the Highlands Addition.

W.A. Cooper Jr. to Judith Nan Everts, Lots 4-11 in Block 1 of the Greenhills Addition.

W.A. Cooper Jr. to C.W. Cooper, tract one beings Lots 1-3 in Block 1 of the Greenhills Addition; tract two being Lots 9-13 in Block 8 of the Greenhills Addition.

W.A. Cooper Jr. to Betty Lou Burns, tract one being Lots 6 and 7 in Block 15 of the Bootheland Addition; tract two being Lots 1 and 2 in Block 10 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Bernard Dale Garrett to First Baptist Church of Hermleigh, Lot 9 and the east 25 feet of Lot 8 in Block 15 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Barbara and Bill Patterson to Stephen J. and Jeanita McIlroy, Lot 5 in Block 9 of the C.M. Payne Subdivision.

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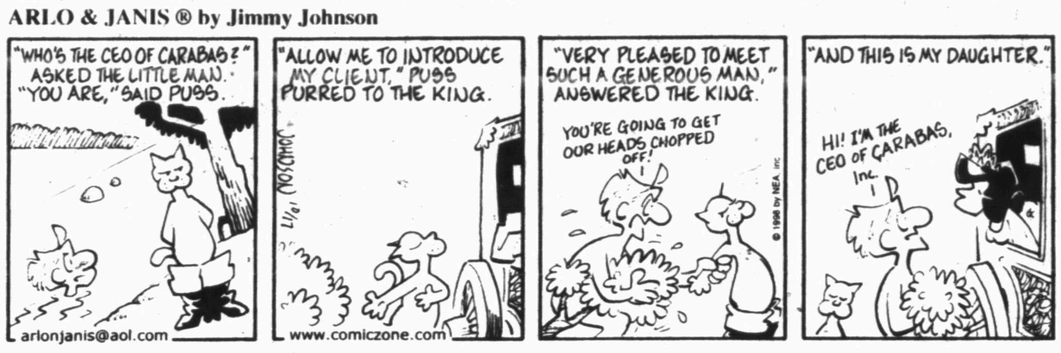

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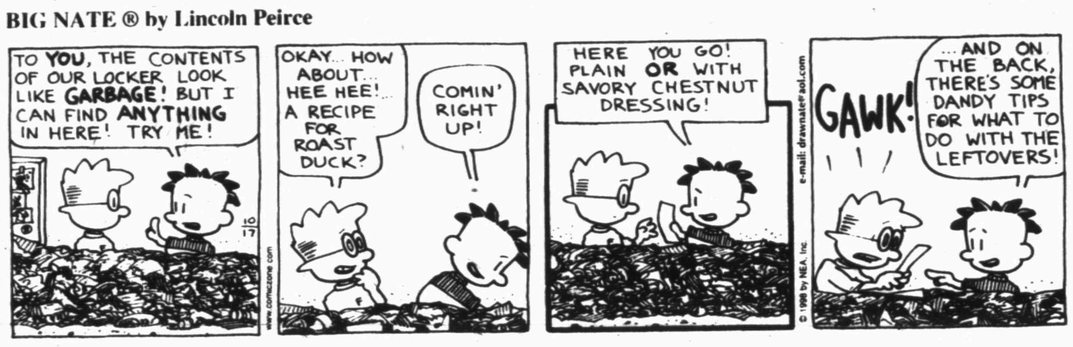

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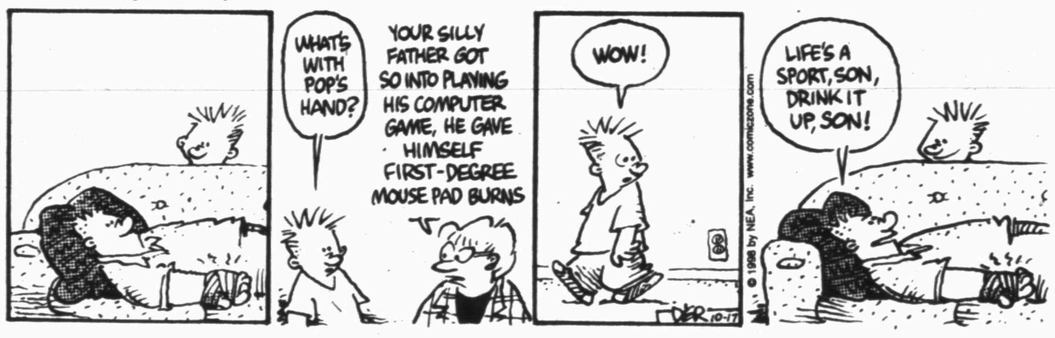

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Emergency-room concern
7 High buildings
13 Rowboat part
14 Large cat
15 Sand particles
16 Silent movie's successor
17 Cong. members
18 Bruce Springsteen's birthplace (abbr.)
20 Source of iodine
21 Zoo favorites
23 Actress Spacek
27 Gradual process of assimilation
32 Fathers
33 Wash away
34 Actor's employee
35 Passage between trees
36 Los Angeles players
39 Part of a fortification
40 Baseballer Roger —
42 Antelopes
46 Greek island
47 Got taller
54 Edmonton hockey team
53 Angry outburst
55 Congenitally joined
56 Attractive person
57 Made fun of
58 Playwright O'Neill

DOWN

1 — up (gets dressed)
2 Hard to find
3 Mideast country
4 Sacred Egyptian bull
5 Cardplayer's call
6 Follow
7 Demolishes (a car)
8 Wood sorrel
9 Bandleader Lawrence —
10 Actress Sommer
11 Muddy the waters
12 Pace
19 — Paulo
21 Method
22 Besmirches
23 WWI plane
24 Villain in Othello
25 Went 95 mph
26 Crooned
28 Heraldic border
29 Auctioneer's word
30 Opinion
31 Observed
37 Bred
38 Theater sign (abbr.)
41 Fiber plant
42 Farm animal
43 Nest of pheasants
44 Arm bone
45 Red and Dead
47 Sailor's drink
48 Garden tool
49 First garden
50 Used to be
52 Map abbr.
54 Debtor's inits.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Q&A What are nicknames?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse. The current series is dedicated to supplying general information to our readers. Getting back to the basics, we are using the ABC's as a structured guideline. Each week, the column will concentrate on such topics as Loss of Control, Marijuana, Nick-Names, etc. Readers may want to cut out the articles and save them as a resource for future reference.)

ABC's of Substance Abuse
(Article 14 of 26)

N ~ NICKNAMES

What's in a name? The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse staff has received favorable comments concerning the "What's Your Drug I.Q." September column, so we decided to challenge our readers with another quiz. Take a few minutes to test *your* knowledge of the drugs of abuse!

Part I:

Familiarizing yourself with these slang terms will help you to identify the six harmful drugs listed below. Write the letter of the drug in the blank next to its common street name. Each answer will be used more than once.

a. Marijuana b. Alcohol c. LSD
d. Cocaine e. Heroin f. Inhalants

1. _____	Horse	13. _____	Junk
2. _____	Poppers	14. _____	Crack
3. _____	Booze	15. _____	Sugar Cubes
4. _____	White Lightning	16. _____	Ganja
5. _____	Liquor	17. _____	Brew
6. _____	Coke	18. _____	Rush
7. _____	Weed	19. _____	Skunk
8. _____	Pot	20. _____	Toot
9. _____	Smack	21. _____	Window Pane
10. _____	Snow	22. _____	Moon Gas
11. _____	Microdot	23. _____	Mary Jane
12. _____	Reefer	24. _____	Flake

Part II:

Improving your drug I.Q. is as easy as a, b, c, or d. Which one do *you* think is the best answer?

1. Babies born addicted to this drug must undergo withdrawal after birth.
   a. tobacco b. heroin c. marijuana d. none of these
2. Which drug is associated with the most teenage deaths?
   a. alcohol b. crack c. tobacco d. marijuana
3. What is the most commonly abused controlled, illegal drug in the United States?
   a. alcohol b. crack c. tobacco d. marijuana
4. This drug produces a craving so powerful that laboratory animals will self-administer it continuously until they die:
   a. cocaine b. LSD c. marijuana d. heroin

[Answers]

Part I:
1. e; 2. f; 3. b; 4. c; 5. b; 6. d; 7. a; 8. a; 9. e; 10. d; 11. c; 12. a; 13. e; 14. d; 15. c; 16.a; 17. b; 18. f; 19. e; 20. d; 21. c; 22. f; 23. a; 24. d

Part II:
1. b; 2. a; 3. d; 4. a

BE A KNOW-IT-ALL!

- Know the different types of drugs.
- Know the dangers and consequences associated with drug use.
- Know the street names of each drug.
- Know what drugs look like.
- Know the signs of drug abuse.
- Know how to get help if you or someone you know is abusing drugs.
- Know the healthy alternatives to drug use.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Autozone opened July 31

Autozone opened for business on July 31 of this year.

The store is located at 3212 College Avenue and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Chris Thomas, formally of Durango, Colo. is the store manager.

Autozone is a full-line auto parts store "offering the best parts at the best price" according to Thomas.

Yale E. Key Well Service began in McCamey in 1948

Yale E. Key Well Service had its beginnings in McCamey in 1948.

The company started out with just four single pole units and until 1990, it had a total of 14 rigs.

Known now as Key Energy Group, Inc., it is a holding company with diversified energy operations including well servicing/workover services, contract drilling and oil and natural gas production.

The company has operations in most domestic onshore producing regions and in Argentina.

Among the company's most recent acquisitions are WellCo Oil Service Inc., in June of 1997.

This included the yard in Snyder as well as those in Lamesa, Andrews, Levelland, Brownfield and Denver City.

In 1997, the company also bought out Phoenix Well Service in Midland, and TST Paraffin Service of Brownfield, Welch, Lamesa and Stanton.

MAWC's history

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Ann Woman's Club, with 10 participating clubs.

Currently there are eight participating clubs with all events catered by Shirley McMillan and her staff, Lavearn Welch and Sandra Brace. Participating clubs include Altrurian Daughters Study Club, Atheneum Study Club, Cosmorama Study Club, Art Guild Study Club, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Alpha Study Club, Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women, Snyder Garden Club, and two large groups, the Lions Club and the Rotary Club who have their weekly noon meetings at MAWC.

All women's clubs of Scurry County whose purposes coincide with those of MAWC are eligible for membership after meeting certain requirements.

There are several classes of membership — an individual member is a member through a participating club; an annual member is any woman wishing to become a member without being a member of a participating club.

MAWC business is handled by a board of directors made up of representatives of member clubs and other active members. Operating and maintenance funds are raised through dues and fund-raising activites such as the monthly Game Day and Luncheon each fourth Wednesday of the month.

The interior of the clubhouse is in the process of being painted and new carpet is being laid in the foyer and the restroom with anticipation of moving right into several other long-range renovations. Funds are still being raised to retire the debt of a new roof put on Sept. 5, 1996.

Board members have planned two upcoming activities — Sunday luncheon and silent auction on Nov. 7, and a Holiday Elegance, to view decorated tables, Christmas trees and a luncheon set for Nov. 14.

Martha Ann Woman's Club, an important part of the community, welcomes individuals' and organizations' inquiries about membership.

Margaret Dillaha is president; Jan Harrell is vice president; Anita Felan is secretary; Anne von Roeder, corresponding secretary; and Francene Noah is treasurer; and other board members include Rae Adams, Vern Beasley, Jane Crenwelge, Frances Denman, Wanda Falls, Gussie Gray, Jeanelle Hammack, LaVerne Hood, Vera Holsinger, Maxie McNew, Carol Miller, Jo Ann Nunley, La Dean Rhodes, Sandra Robinson, Christy Thompson, Maribeth Vestal, Lynda Walton and Joyce Williamson.

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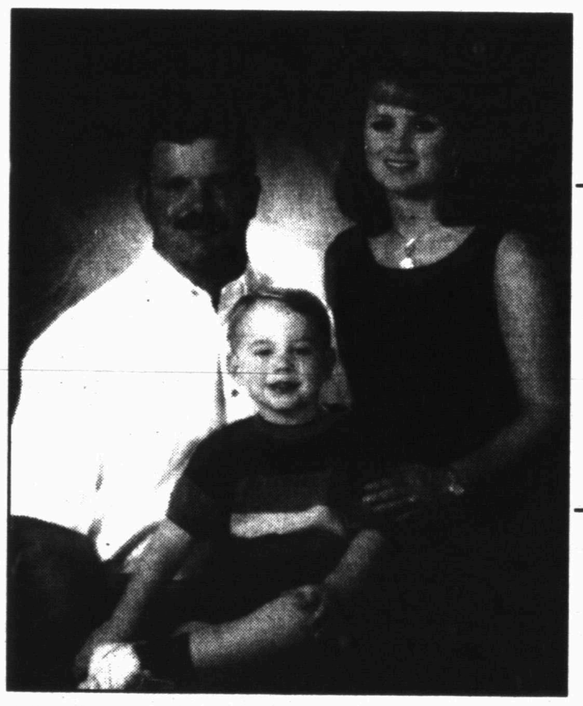

New Owners: Mark, Angie and Jake Strickland

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Front row from left: Cheryl Coward - B.O.M., Loyce Hayes - Medical Records, Dorothy Treat - Activity Director, Linda Hermosillo - Dietary Manager, Olivia Long - Medicare Manager. Back row from left: Joe Luera - Maintenance Superintendent, George Adams - D.O.N., Jim Rhodes - Social Services, Tim Peimann - Administrator, Darla McCarter - Treatment Nurse.

FROM ALL OF US, TO ALL OF YOU; PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR LETTING US SERVE YOU FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT SO MANY FAMILIES CHOOSE THE SNYDER HEALTHCARE CENTER FOR OUR CARING, PERSONALIZED SERVICE. IN RETURN, WE PLEDGE OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO OFFER YOU THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE IN THE COMING YEARS.

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Canyon Reef discovery changed Snyder, area

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Oct. 7, 1973 edition of the Snyder Daily News.)

In the years following the Canyon Reef discovery, one could look at night to the west and north and see the horizons afire with the lights of nearly 200 drilling rigs and pulsing flames of countless gas flares.

Motels, trailer courts, supply houses and cafes surrounded the courthouse. Crowds of people packed the sidewalks mostly dressed in oil field clothes, depicting the sights and sounds of a "boom town."

Prior to 1950, Snyder was a west Texas town of 4,100 population with an economy based largely on cotton and cattle. In one year 140,000 acres of Scurry County land produced 52,000 bales of cotton with a value of $7,800,000. The Sharon Ridge and old Ira oil field had 600 producing shallow wells yielding a steady income. Bundle sorghums — 150,000 tons annually — were grown for livestock feed. Dairy products, wheat, oats, barley, fruits and vegetables rounded out the economy.

The residents of Snyder were mostly second, third, fourth and even fifth generation descendants of the folk who, starting in 1878, crossed the country in covered wagons and chose the gently rolling plains of the county for their homes.

Snyder was served by two railroads and two federal and one state highway. It had an adequate, well-managed school system, and a dozen churches.

With deep-set spiritual resources and strong solid citizens, Snyder remained stable in spite of the boom.

Scurry County was over the Permian Sea basin, producing oil in spots until one of the major oil companies drilled right through the Canyon Reef — the greatest oil storehouse of its kind in history — and failed to note its presence. Most of the major producers dropped their leases and the oil hopes of the county plummeted to an all time low.

At this time, "Mr. Mac" came to town. C.T. McLaughlin was reared in Pennsylvania where his father and grandfather were both oil men. Following his tenure in the service, Mr. McLaughlin came to Texas where oil prospects looked bright.

Over the years, "Mr. Mac" became a successful drilling contractor and producer, making his home in Wichita Falls. Later, he bought property in Scurry County which he gradually built up into a 5,200 acre Diamond M Ranch. He believed in the oil possibilities of the area from the beginning and his faith paid off.

In August of 1948, Sun and Humble Oil & Refining Co. completed the Schattel No. 1 in a low spot on the Canyon Reef. It remained a one-oil-well pool at the edge of the great field and was known as the "discovery" well. On Nov. 5, 1948 Magnolia Petroleum Co. completed Winston No. 1 as the discovery well for the Kelly area on the extreme southeast edge of the pool. This was followed on Nov. 21 by the completion of Brown 2-1 by the Standard Oil Co. of Texas, 12 miles north and slightly east of the Magnolia well, to open up the prolific North Snyder pool. This was the first major producer, flowing at the rate of 532 barrels per day on one-fourth-inch tubing choke.

Then, six weeks later, Mr. McLaughlin hit the jackpot when the Lion Oil and Refining Co. on Jan. 6, 1949 opened his Diamond M pool with the competion of the McLaughlin 2 well flowing 649 barrels on a quarter inch choke.

A new field had been discovered, producing 44½ gravity oil — just what the refineries were crying for.

Developments in the next year included the completion of Cogdell No. 1, J.A. Chapman wildcat near the Kent County line and 7½ miles north of the North Snyder area. Then the successful drilling of Buffalo Nos. 1 and 2 by the Progress Petroleum Co. between the Cogdell and North Snyder areas.

The following June, the Canyon Ridge area, including the Diamond M, the Kelly, the North Snyder and the Cogdell pools was about 35 miles long, running northeast and southwest with a width varying from three to six miles.

Nine pipe lines were laid into the area and five gasoline plants were projected to use the field's gases which contained 8½ gallons of liquid per thousand feet, costing $5,000,000 each.

Other independents, such as R.E. (Bob) Smith of Houston fared well, too, along with the major companies. Hundreds were enriched and thousands benefitted, directly and indirectly, by the oil discoveries.

No mansion for California's next governor

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — You get the power and the glory of running the nation's most populous state and the world's seventh-largest economy — but you don't get a mansion.

Whoever wins California's closely contested gubernatorial race will have the option of moving into the unofficial governor's residence: a split-level shaded by eucalyptus and juniper trees in an exclusive Sacramento neighborhood.

The four-bedroom, three-bath house does come with a duck pond, a gardener and a security detail in the garage. But it's basically indistinguishable from every other nice house on the shady street.

And it's a far cry from the Greek Revival mansion in Austin, Texas, the Georgian-style brick mansion on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg, Pa., or the white-columned, antebellum-style mansion in Montgomery, Ala., that boasts a swimming pool in the shape of Alabama.

California is one of only six states that don't have governors' mansions. The other states are Arizona, Idaho, Massachusettes, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, who is barred by law from serving a third term, will be moving out of the split-level in January.

Spokesmen for Republican Attorney General Dan Lungren and Democratic Lt. Gov. Gray Davis said the candidates were too busy campaigning to worry about where they would live as governor. But their wives had some thoughts.

"I'd just as soon stay at our house. Home is home," said Bobbi Lungren.

New shelter opened in April

Noah Project West's present shelter, located at 2707 25th St., opened in April — following a community wide effort begun more than two years ago.

The new facility has four large bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, kitchen and dining areas, a playroom for children and storage.

It also has space for offices and counseling. The cost was around $292,000, not counting furniture and a few other odds and ends.

The facility is debt free, but still has regular expenses such as utilitilies, insurance and groceries for the clients who live there.

Noah's Attic, a resale shop being established by Noah Project West, will open next Friday. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For the time being, the shop will only be open on Fridays. Proceeds from it will supply monies for client services, and basic needs of the shelter. None will be applied to salaries.

In addition, the shelter depends on continued community support as well as United Way funding.

Since the new facility opened, the shelter's occupancy rate has tripled.

In addition to shelter, Noah Porect West furnishes abuse victims with food and personal hygiene items, transportation, medical and legal assistance, and referrals to other service agencies.

It also provides psychological and social counseling to allow the abused to regain control of their lives and become self-sufficient members of their communities.

Noah Project was inorporated in Abilene in 1979 and the first shelter opened there in 1980. Noah Project West opened in 1984 in Snyder's old jail on College Avenue. Though never intended to be anything but a temporary home, the old jail actually sheltered hundreds of victims of family violence for 14 years.

Throughout the years, Noah's supportors always envisioned a new and larger place. A 1994 study ruled out renovating the old jail house. More than a century old, it had many problems including peeling, lead-based paint, sagging floors and numerous cracks in the walls.

A lot of hard work and generous donations by private foundations, groups and individuals resulted in a groundbreaking held on July 21, 1997. No state or federal funds were used to build the present facility.

Noah Project West serves five counties including Scurry, Kent, Nolan, Fisher and Mitchell.

'Torch' took over Snyder Gas in 1993

Torch Energy, a Houston-based firm, took over the operation of the Snyder Gas Plant on Dec. 1, 1993.

The plant was built in 1951 and has had several operators before Torch took over management.

Previous operators included Sun, Texaco and Oryx.

Torch Energy is the oil and gas subsidiary of Torch Mark, a $6 billion insurance company headquartered in Birmingham, Ala.

Currently, the plant employs 36 people.

Mike Post serves as the plant superintendent.

When the plant was dedicated 47 years ago on Oct. 24, it was under the management of a seven member advisory committee.

Those members were H.W. Manley of Sunray, Robert Boykin with Fullerton Oil Co., Max Lents of Scurry Natural Gasoline Corp., J.M. Kindle of Lone Star Producing and Frank M. Perry who represented Cities Service Oil Co.

The other two board members were J.C. Birdsall of L.M. Lockhart and J.A. Craig of Skelly Oil Co.

Construction and engineering design of the compression and processing part of the plant was by Fluor Corp., Ltd.

The camp houses near the plant were constructed by Whitmor Homebuilders of Tulsa.

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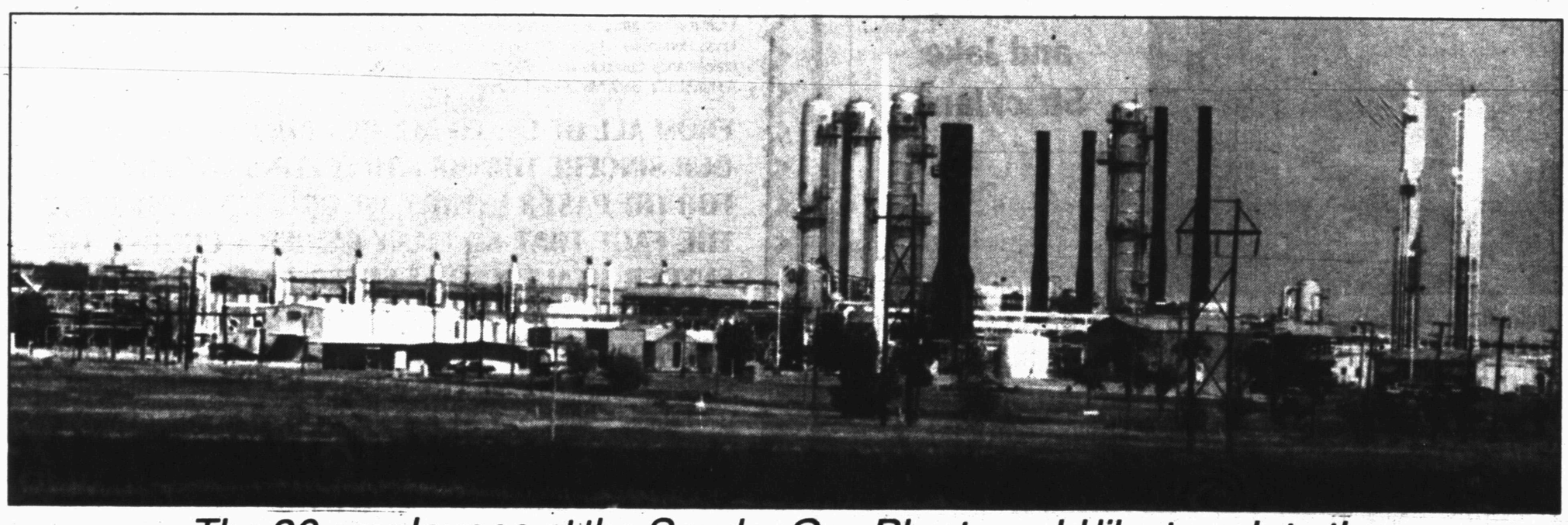

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Lorber Industries of Texas

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Team effort brought Lorber to Snyder

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

The first occupant of Snyder's industrial park is off and running — producing yarn to be shipped to California and wherever else there is a market.

Countless hours by board members of the Development Corporation of Snyder, the city council, commissioners court and individuals have made Lorber Industries of Texas a reality.

Fifty people are now employed at the spinning facility — using the most up-to-date equipment available.

The executive director of the DCOS — John DeLille — made a trip just a few short days ago to try to entice the Lorber management to locate a knitting facility in Snyder.

While the results of that trip, and probably many subsequent trips, is not known at the present, the 70,000 square-foot facility producing yarn and producing pay checks twice a month is a reality.

And how did that happen?

Arnold Lorber didn't just show up one day in Snyder and announce that he was going to build a spinning mill here.

It took a tremendous amount of work by a number of dedicated Scurry County citizens to bring the plant and the jobs to Snyder.

It would have been a lot easier though, if the DCOS board could have found a bottle on the Lake Thomas beach, rubbed it, made a wish and a genie had popped out.

Well, maybe that is what really happened.

At the press conference on Sept. 22, 1995, Arnold Lorber announced that it had always been his life-long dream to have a spinning mill.

"And one day, a genie popped out of a bottle," said Lorber, as he turned to look directly at Midwest Electric Co-Op's Dick Crill who was on the podium with the likes of U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and others.

Crill was the first person to make contact with Lorber Industries of California and he was not necessarily looking to recruit a plant for Snyder.

Crill and the electric co-op serve a nine-county area and he and his company feel a responsibility to every county they serve to help recruit industry.

"Other communities had an opportunity to be where Snyder is today," emphasized Crill.

"And let me say this, getting to where we are today in Snyder has not been without its rocky periods," Crill said.

"But everyone pulled together and Lorber of Texas became a reality."

Crill said he became acquainted with Arnold Lorber through contacts in the cotton gin equipment industry.

"The finishing equipment in a cotton gin is the beginning equipment in a cotton textile mill," said Crill.

"I was introduced to Arnold Lorber through textile equipment manufacturers in the Carolinas," said Crill. "He asked me to compare water and labor costs in Texas and California."

"I told him water rates were terrible in California and so are electrical rates."

"I can't believe you would even consider putting a plant in California," Crill told Lorber.

"Well, I wrote him a letter. He answered it and that was followed by a fax and that was answered by a telephone call."

Crill said the next step was for him, Jim Scott of the Texas Independent Cotton Marketing Association and then executive director of the DCOS, Doug Hutchinson, to go to California to meet with Lorber.

That was in December, 1994.

"We signed a contract with Arnold Lober on Dec. 9," said Crill, noting it spelled out certain agreements with Lorber and outlined an avenue of exchanging information.

"That agreement basically guided him (Lorber) into West Texas," said Crill.

Crill emphasized that when he first went to visit Lorber in California, he requested that the DCOS pay for the trip, and not the co-op.

"I still had a responsibility to all our other communities," said Crill, who felt like he could not really recruit specifically for Snyder using co-op money.

"After that meeting however, the baton was handed to Snyder and I was out of the picture," said Crill.

And the rest, they say, is history.

Crill related a favorite story about visiting with Arnold Lorber in his Los Angeles office.

"Mr. Lorber asked if Snyder had a country club and we, of course, replied that it did."

"He asked if there were any restrictions about becoming a member, he being a member of the Jewish faith," said Crill.

Hutchinson was quick to reply that there was a restriction, Crill said.

"Doug said it took a hundred bucks."

Crill said that meeting, and that comment, really broke the ice with the Lorber folks.

Crill added that he was hired by Midwest in November, 1991, to recruit cotton textile businesses for the co-op's service area.

"Things in the oil business were going down hill at that time, said Crill, noting that most of the co-op's income was generated from electricity sales to pump oil, due to the rural nature of the coo-op's electrical distribution system."

"It was all of our concern, our board and management, we all wondered what we could do for this part of the world."

"The board's decision to start an economic development department and diversify our economic base was made by James Beaver, Carl Williams, Mike Herron, Jerry Upshaw, Bobby Gruben, Mickey Sterling and Melvin Clements.

"New board members John Ward, Vance Lakey and Sue Herring continue this line of thinking."

Crill said the cooperative employees who had management responsibility — Vesta Orr, Jerry Stapp, J.T. Palmer, Jimmy Kiker and Jerry Scrivner — all worked for economic development."

Crill downplays his part in attracting the industry to Snyder.

"Well, we all just helped recruit Lorber. It was really a pleasure and a lot of fun doing it," said Crill.

"And it's not over. We're just getting started as we have just made the first little step."

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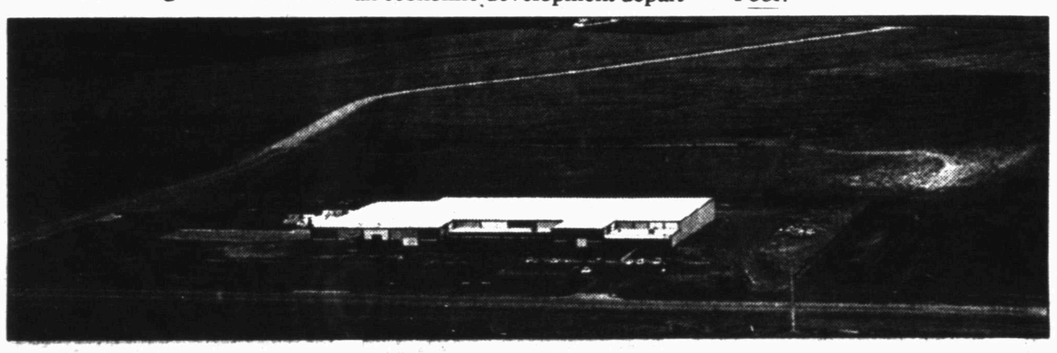
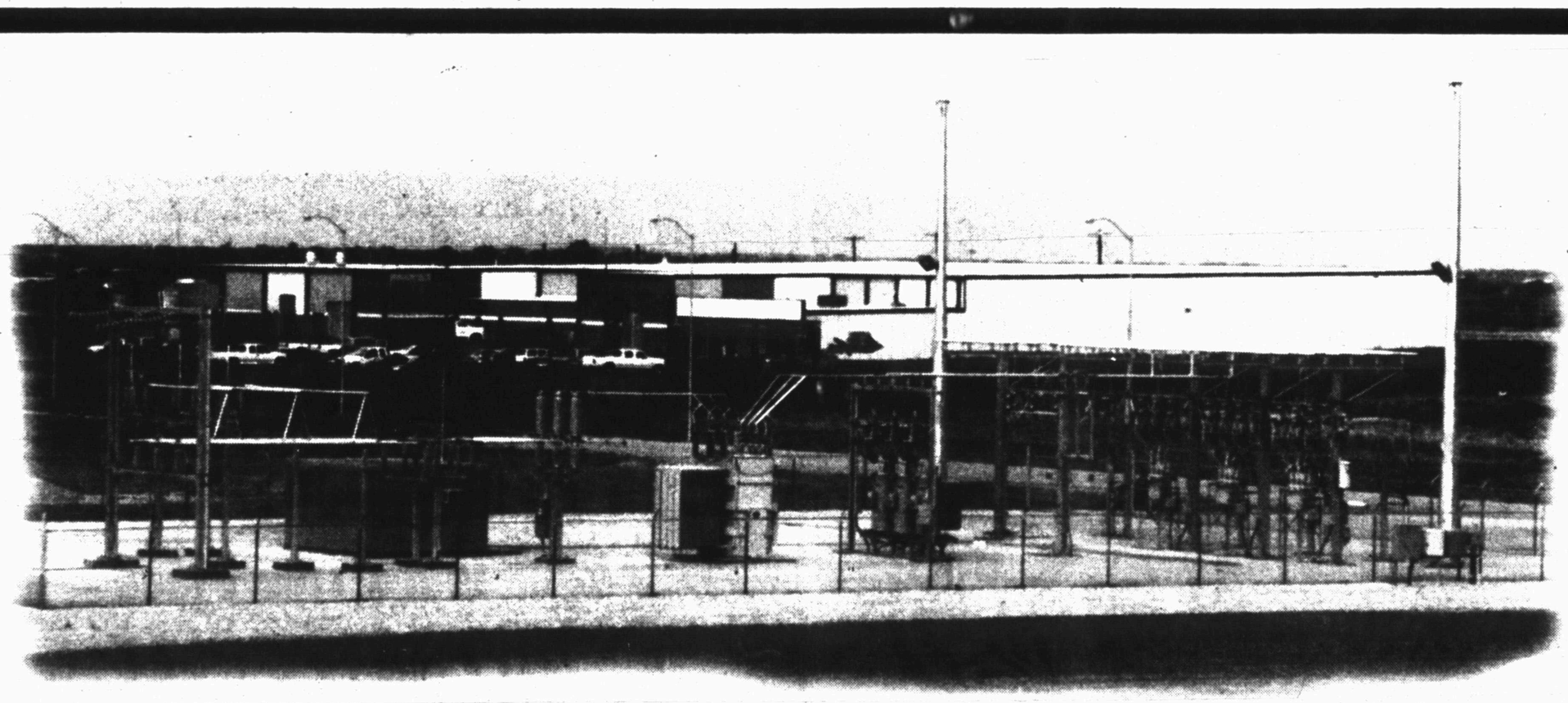


Midwest Electric Cooperative *"Excited"* about Lorber Industries



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Arnold Lorber pioneer in California textiles

Vision includes Scurry County and area

President and Chief Executive Officer Arnold Lorber founded Lorber Industries of California, Inc. (LIC) in 1969, and has headed the business since its inception.

Mr. Lorber and his company (LIC) are credited with pioneering the now robust textile industry in Southern California.

Prior to the installation of Lorber in 1969, there were no textile manufacturers in that part of the state.

It was generally perceived to be an industry rooted in the Southeastern United States.

The textile and garment industry is now the second largest employer in the Los Angeles County area with revenue in the billions of dollars.

Within that market, the Los Angeles based Lorber Industries facility is recognized as the western United States' largest and most technologically advanced textile mill under one roof.

Lorber Industries of Texas continues that tone as the plant in Snyder is state-of-the-art.

The company, since its founding, has been recognized numerous times for its creative efforts in textiles and printed textiles through the prestigious Tommy Award. This award recognizes innovation in printed textile design and color uses and is presented annually by the American Printed Fabrics Council, Inc.

In the last several years, Arnold Lorber has been positioning the company to meet the demands of the highly competitive textile market that has developed in the Los Angeles area.

The company's approach has been termed unique in the textile trade since it combines both a strategy of production verticalization along with the acquisition and application of the best textile production technologies available. The combined approach allows Lorber to provide a competitive price, production volume and delivery time advantage over competitors.

Finished products include both knits and woven textiles, in both solid and printed configurations. Verticalization of the production process, which includes knitting, dying, laser engraving, printing and fabric finishing, allows LIC to service all their customers' needs as a "one-stop shop."

The plant in Snyder adds one more dimension to the company's production.

This approach affords the critical capability to oversee the entire production process without the risks involved with subcontractors.

In California, Lorber employes over 600 people, while 54 are employeed locally.

Quality and customer satisfaction are the main reasons for Lorber Industries' continued success.

The company has taken broad leaps in the past few years, combining decades of experience with a new infusion of talented and spirited management whose intentions are to be only the best.

As the company strives to continue to build on the efficiencies which result from proper verticalization of the production process, LIC management determined that constructing a yarn spinning facility to provide yarn directly to the Lorber Industries knitting operation would be the next logical verticalization choice and direction for the company's overall business strategy.

From that impetus came the spinning facility in Snyder.

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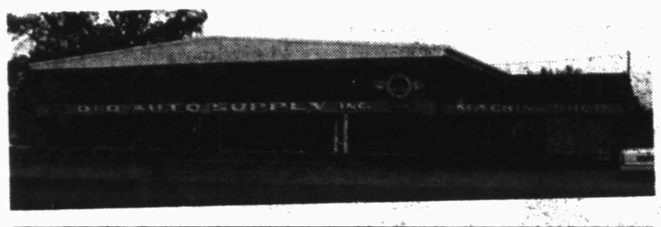

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Arnold Lorber

Receives many honors...

Lorber overcame harsh past

The fact that Arnold Lorber ventured off the main track of the textile industry in locating a spinning mill in Snyder might not seem so surprising to those in the industry if they knew the background of the man.

He has accepted challanges all of his life, and faced obstacles as a youth that few people can even imagine.

In 1942 in his native Czechoslovakia, Lorber's father was taken away by German soldiers to a forced labor camp.

He was never to be seen again by his family.

Lorber, 11 years old at the time, managed to get to the Slovakian border just before the German invasion.

He spent the rest of World War II, dodging the German troops by being disguised in a Hitler youth uniform.

All this time, he was secretly bringing food and supplies to the Jewish community of Bratslava.

Lorber managed to escape capture by the Germans and he, and his family, eventually moved to Caracas, Venezuela.

There, Lorber and the remaining family members began building a textile business which was known as Swissartex.

He eventaully sold his business in Venezuela and moved to California where he became active in construction and real estate.

During a real estate transaction involving a person in the California textile industry, it suddenly hit him that there was practically no textile industry in California.

This sparked his curiosity and he eventually re-entered the textile business.

The California textile pioneer has been recognized many times over the years by his peers in the business.

Among Lorber's awards is being recognized as the West Coast Entrepreneur of the Year in 1990 and the Torch of Freedom Award presented to him by the fashion industry.

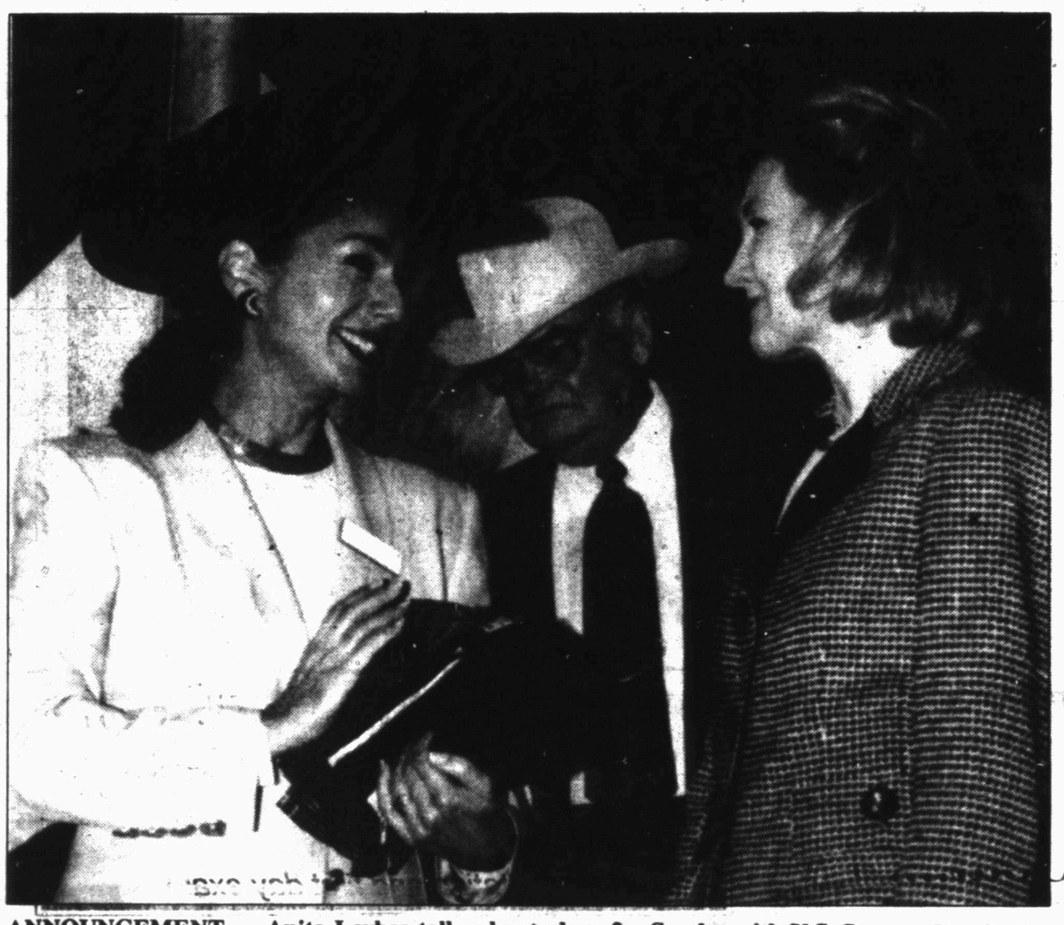
Mr. Lorber and his wife Anita, were honored earlier this year for their work for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum which he serves as the West Coast chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

He is also on the board of directors of the Save a Heart Foundation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

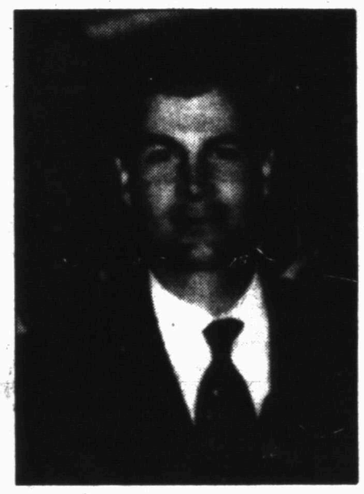
He and his wife have also established the Arnold and Anita Lorber Entrepreneurial Awards program at Bar-Ilan University's School of Business in Jerusalem, which awarded him its honoroary Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Lorber says his greatest accomplishment is "creating a very close-knit family and having us all work together in almost perfect harmony."

"I lost all my family in the war. Father, uncles, grandparents and every schoolmate I knew through the age of 13," said Lorber.



ANNOUNCEMENT — Anita Lorber talks about plans for Snyder with U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. In the background is Vesta Orr, then general manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative.



Michael Gruener... Lorber vice president link to Texas project



Bill Seale watches as U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison greets Texas Sen. Tom Haywood.



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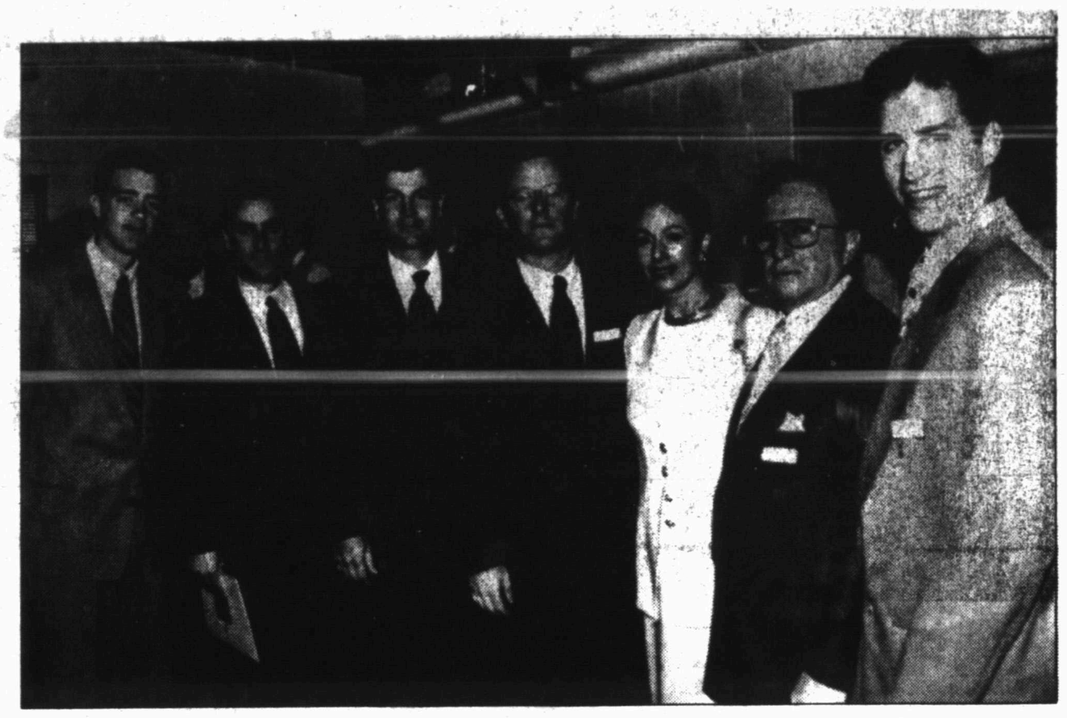



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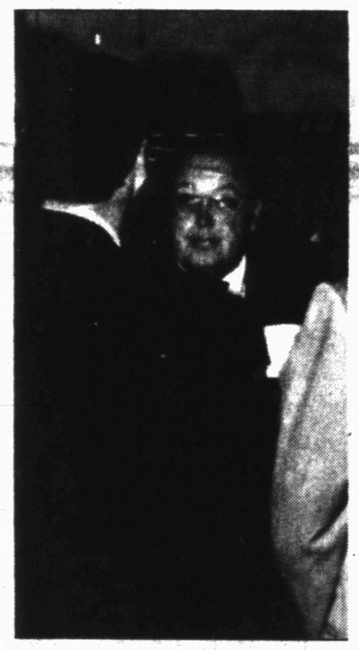

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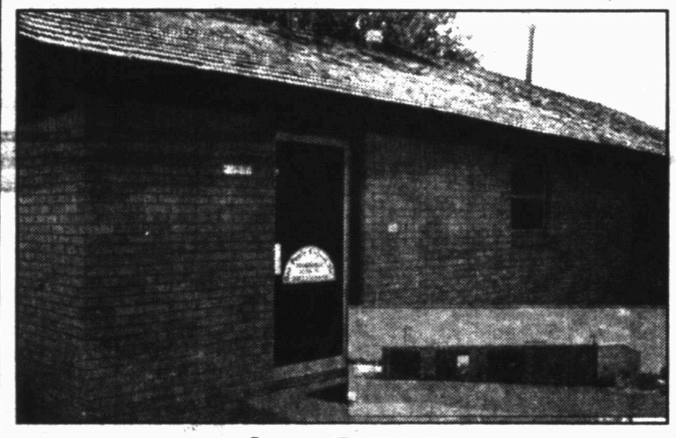

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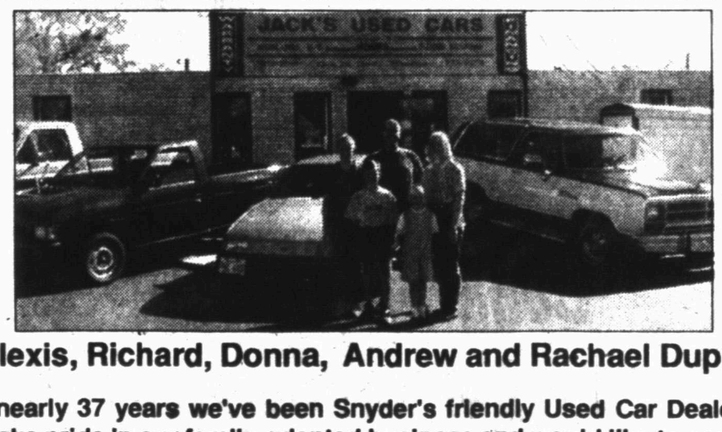

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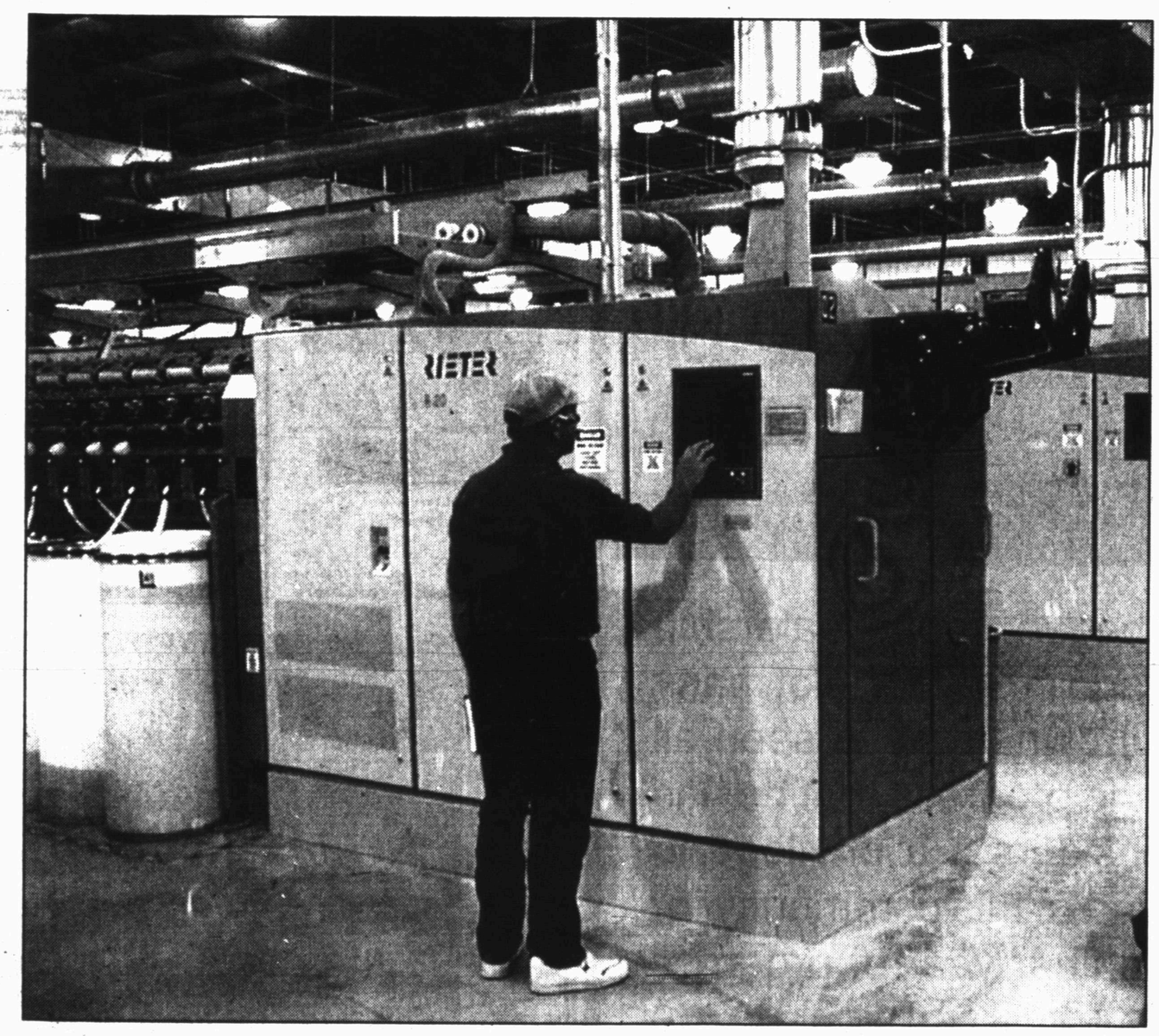

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Lorber training provided by Western Texas College

Western Texas College has played a major role in training Lorber Industries of Texas employees. The hardwork and planning which went into the successful partnership took more than a year.

Last March, Lorber employees attended a five-day concentrated course in applied textile manufacturing at the International Textile Center in Lubbock.

A week later, training for Lorber supervisors began on-campus at the local community college.

The training was coordinated and sponsored by Western Texas College in partnership with Lorber, the International Textile Center (ITC), the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Department of Economic Development.

In February, the WTC continuing education division accepted 145 applications for the initial start-up positions at Lorber and provided assessment testing for more than 100 individuals.

The applications and assessments were turned over to Lorber officials, who interviewed applicants. Nineteen were hired, then bringing the Lorber staff to 21 who began their training at ITC.

"WTC officials, together with Lorber plant manager Jack Whitworth, have worked closely with ITC officials in organizing the course with emphasis on open-end spinning, which is the heart of the Lorber facility," John Gibson, WTC director of workforce education, said at the time they started the training sessions.

He said ITC, a textile research and teaching facility at Texas Tech University, developed curriculum to specifically meet the needs of Lorber Industries.

The course was designed to familiarize employees with all textile processes employed at the mill, from opening and blending a bale of cotton to the final product, a spun cone of yarn.

Gibson and ITC employee Kerri Carter also worked together to design the graphics to be used in the training manual.

Training for Lorber supervisors continued at WTC the last week in March and included management, technical writing, computer and CPR/first aid courses.

Two grants, written by WTC for almost $700,000, helped make the training available. The funds were provided through the Skills Development Fund and the Smart Jobs Fund grants.

Training has been on-going for Lorber as additional employees were added. The training takes place at several locations including on-site at the mill, on the WTC and ITC campuses. It will be available through the distance learning classroom at the WTC Workforce Traning Center.

Rieter Corporation also provided some equipment training on site with a few Lorber employees receiving equipment-specific training at the Rieter training facility in Spartanburg, Miss.

Lorber employees assisted Rieter Corporation in setting the textile equipment at the mill, which provided the new employees the opportunity to learn the operations of the equipment from the ground up, Gibson said.

John Gibson

Sen. Hutchison congratulates Lorber Industries and Snyder



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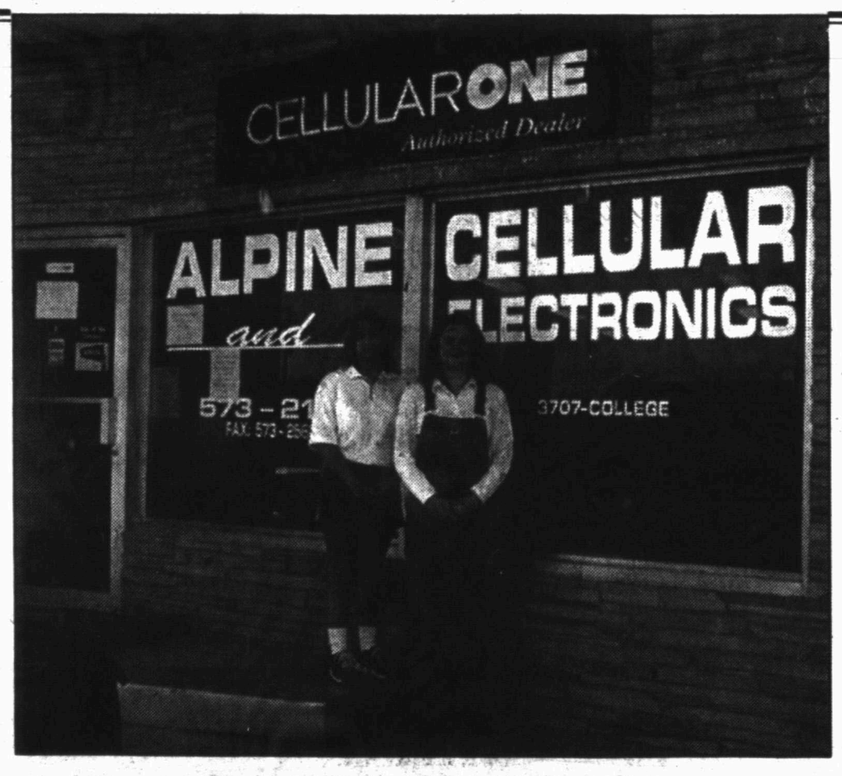

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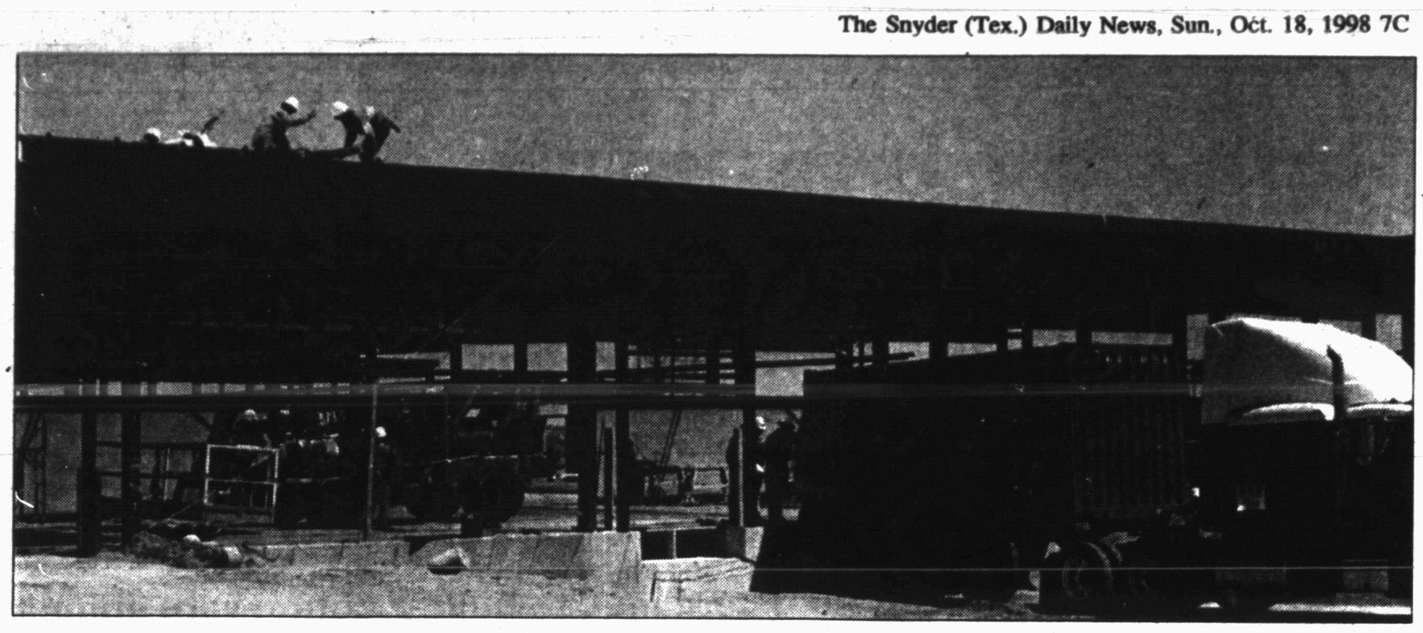


Since its inception in 1991, Development Corporation of Snyder's board has changed faces numerous times.

DCOS' first board was appointed by Mayor Troy Williamson and included John Jarrell, agribusinessman; Bill Seale, owner of funeral homes and an insurance company; Dan Cotton, attorney; Miller Robinson, a minister; and Paul Zeck, president of YZ Industries.

John Jarrell served as the first president. He died in 1993 and Mayor Williamson appointed John Fagin, retired oil executive and a former mayor, to the unexpired term.

In March 1993, Paul Zeck, who had become president of DCOS, resigned to run for mayor. Mayor Williamson appointed Roy Baze, retired Exxon executive, to fill that unexpired term.

In October 1994, Miller Robinson and Dan Cotton declined being reappointed to the board. Mayor Zeck appointed David Holt, owner of Fluid Transports, and Jack Gorman, Snyder National Bank senior executive vice president, to three-year terms.

David Holt resigned from the board in April 1995 to run for mayor. Mayor Zeck then appointed Roy McQueen, newspaper publisher, to fill that unexpired term.

In May, 1995, Bill Seale resigned. Mayor Holt in June appointed Bill Wilson III, owner of Big Country Autoland, to fill the term ending in October, 1998.

In September, 1996, John Fagin resigned and Mayor Holt appointed Gary Landes, owner of Landes Home Furnishings, to fill the unexpired term ending October, 1998.

In September, 1997, Mayor Holt reappointed McQueen and Gorman to new three-year terms ending in 2000. The same month, Roy Baze resigned and Mayor Holt appointed attorney David Cotton to fill the term expiring in October, 1999.

Wilson's last meeting was in September. Larry Anderson, a CPA, was appointed by the City Council to fill his spot.

Gary Landes was reappointed in September. Both Anderson's and Landes' terms will end in 2001.

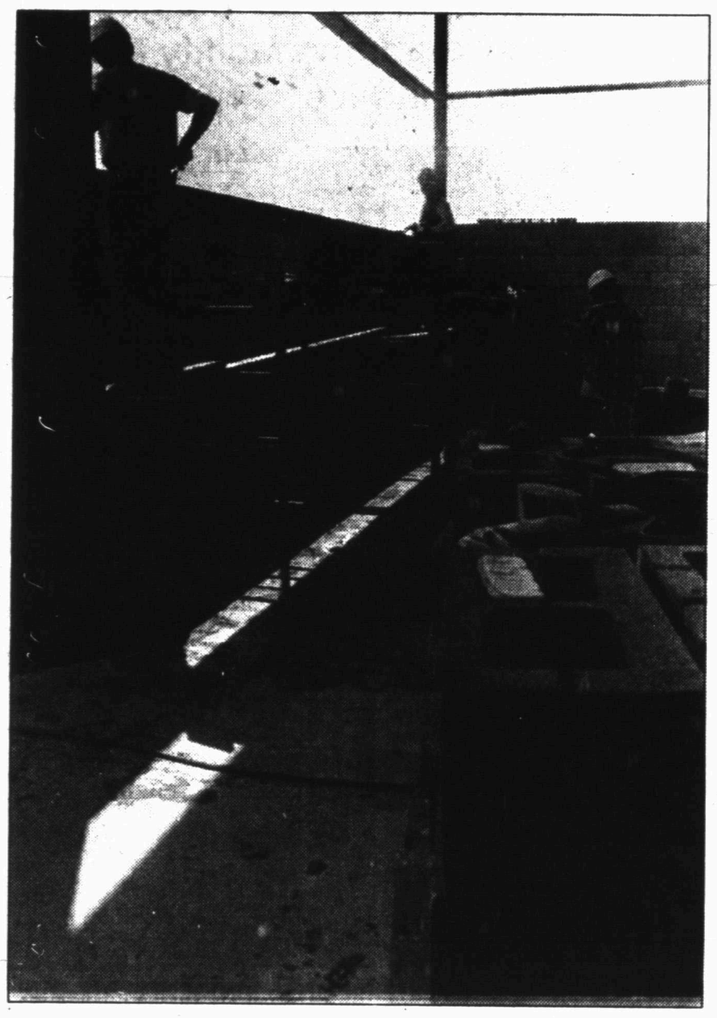
Those who have served as president of DCOS board include Jarrell, Zeck, Bill Seale, John Fagin, Roy Baze and Roy McQueen.

There have been two executive directors. The first was Doug Hutchinson who was hired in January, 1994.

He resigned in August, 1996 to become director of economic development for Sommerville County in Glen Rose.

After his resignation, DCOS soon began the search for a new executive director.

John DeLille, formerly with the state of Arkansas economic development department, was hired and began work in January, 1997.





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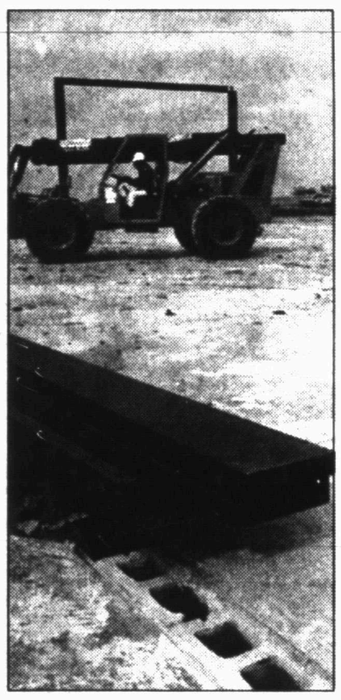

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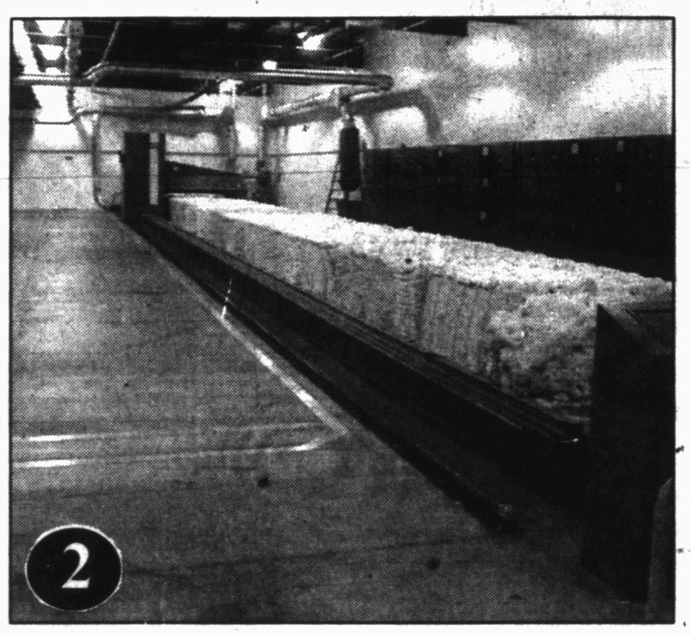
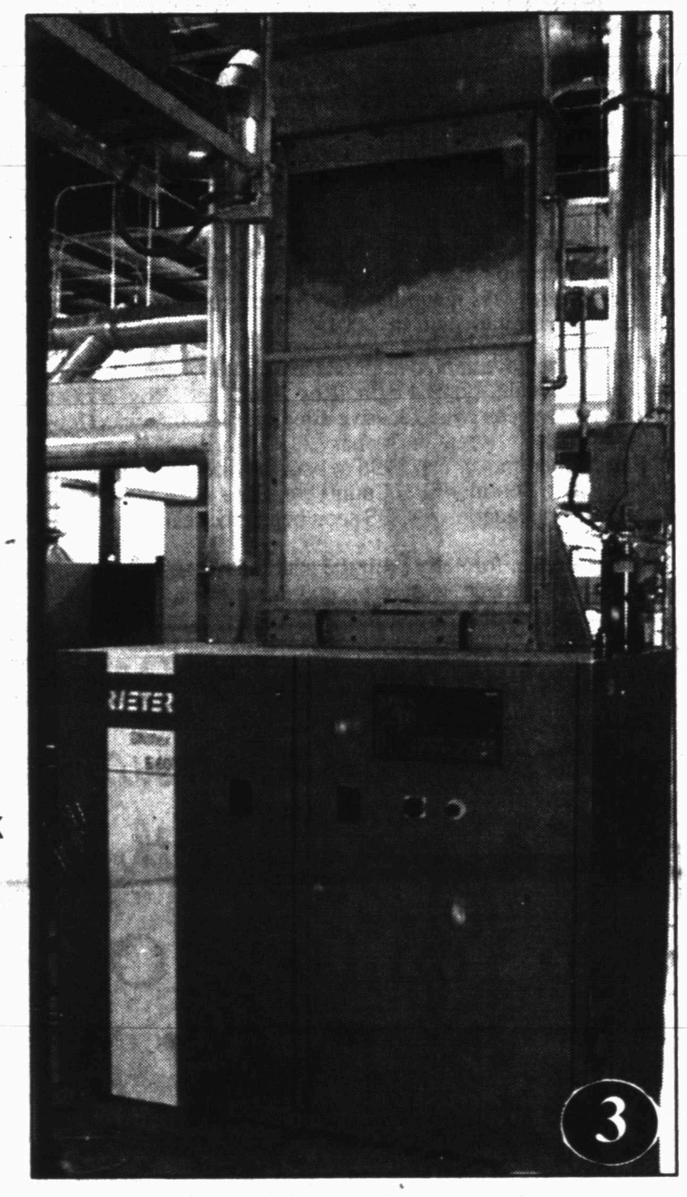
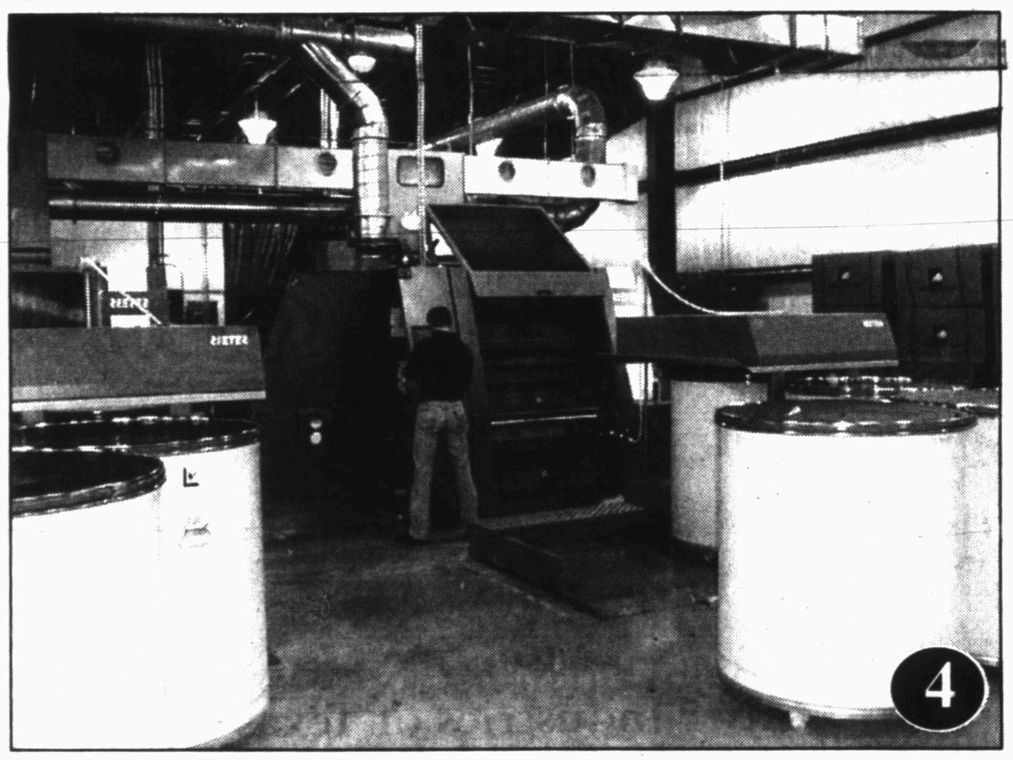
The raw cotton comes to the mill in bales. The wrapping and the bands are taken off and the sides are cleaned.



Cotton is placed on this Uniflock machine where small tufts of cotton are plucked off the tops of bales as the machine feeds back and forth, and these tufts are sent to the cleaning equipment.



This Uniflex B60 machine opens and cleans the cotton.

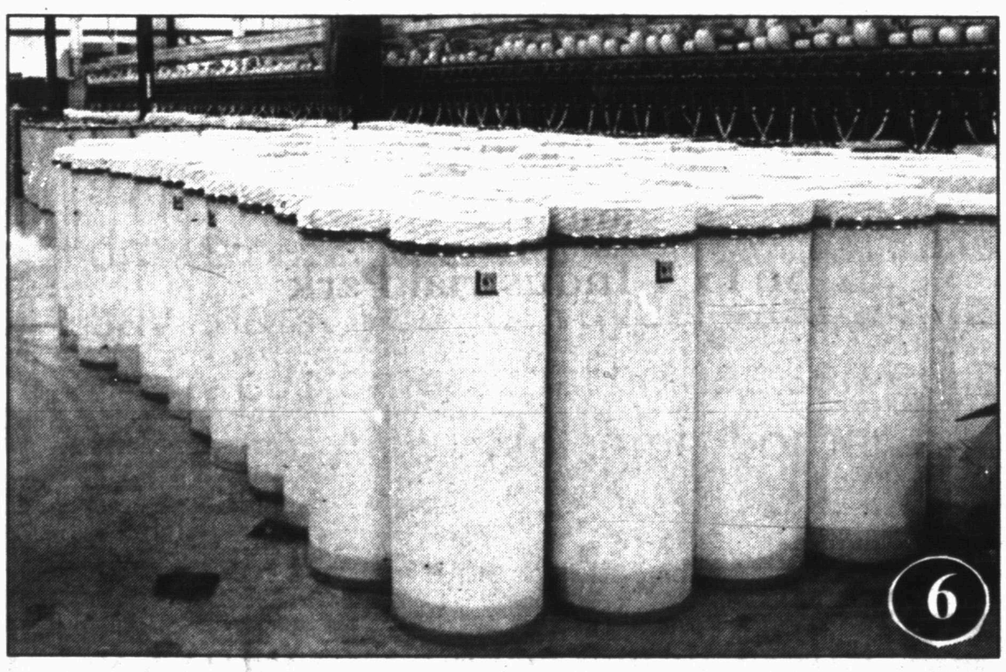


The carders form the cotton into a strand called a sliver.





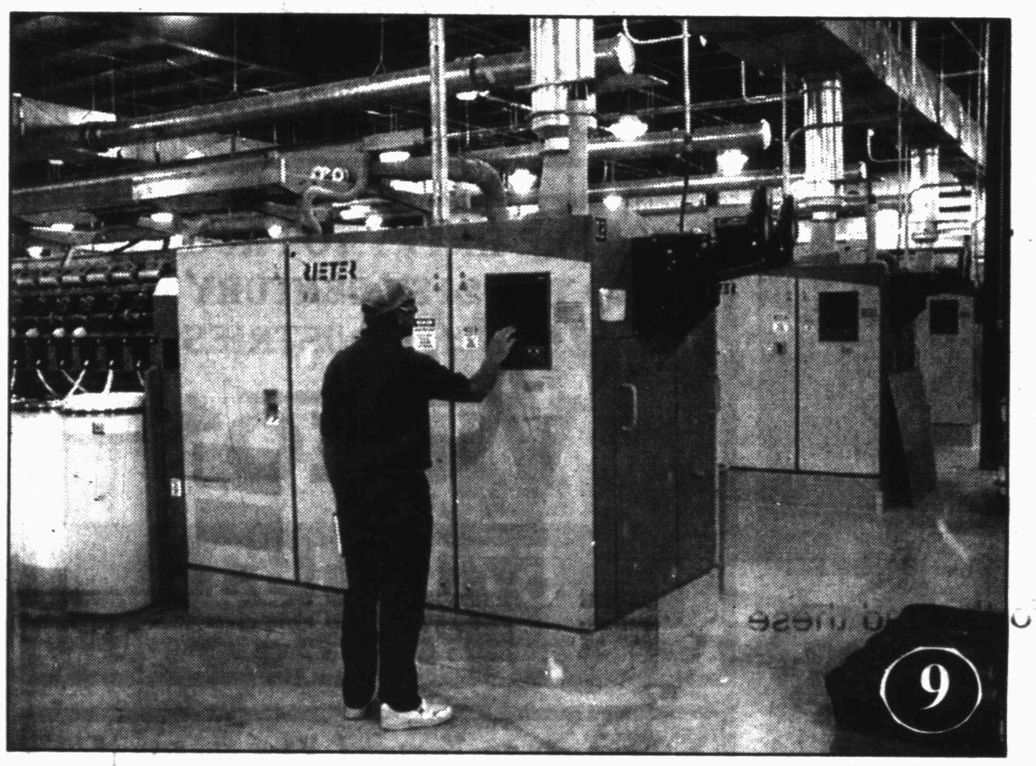
The slivers are then fed from these large cans into a draw frame. The draw frame parallels and drafts the cotton fibers. The cotton is run through two of these processes.



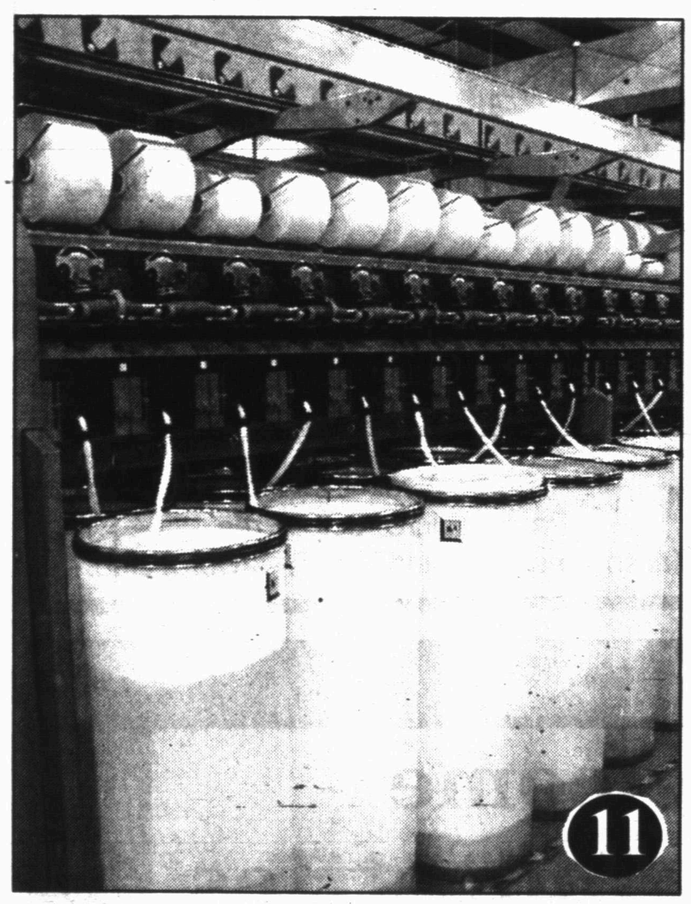
The sliver is then placed into smaller cans that are then moved to one of the spinning frames.



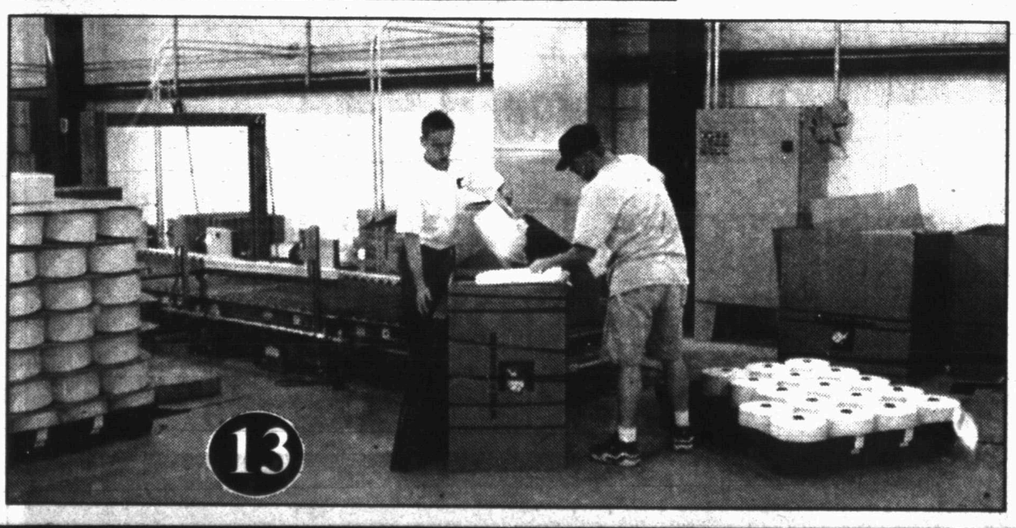
The R20 spinning frame takes the sliver and turns it into yarn through a spinning process.

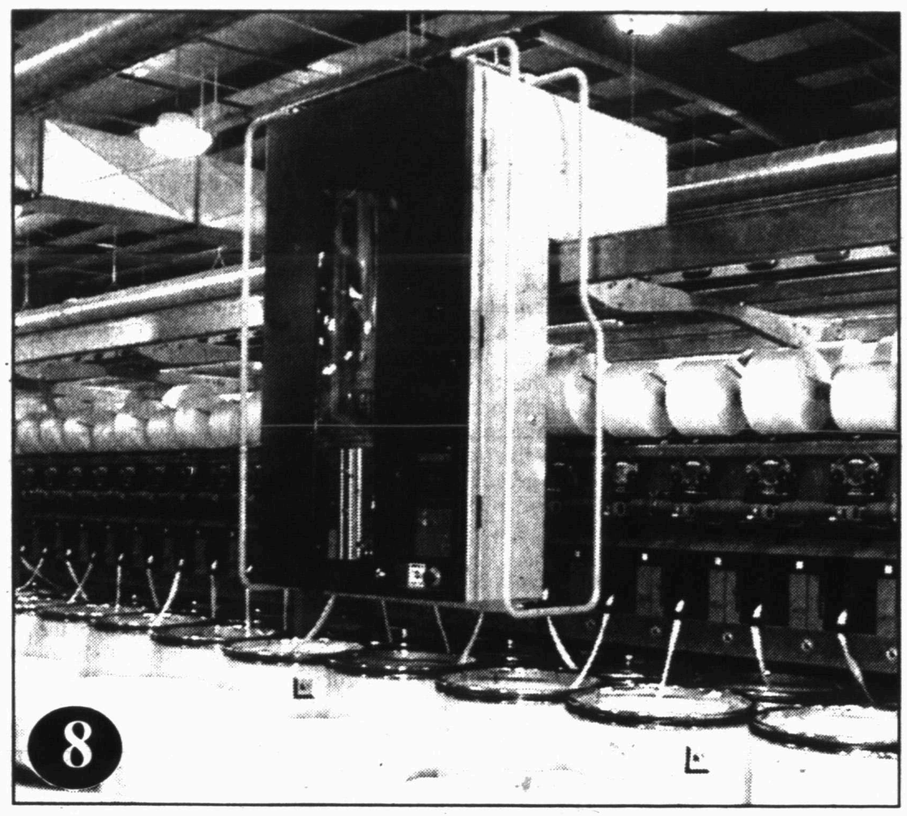


This control panel gives efficiences and quality reports. Tolerances can also be set. It is the monitor that tells what the frame is doing.

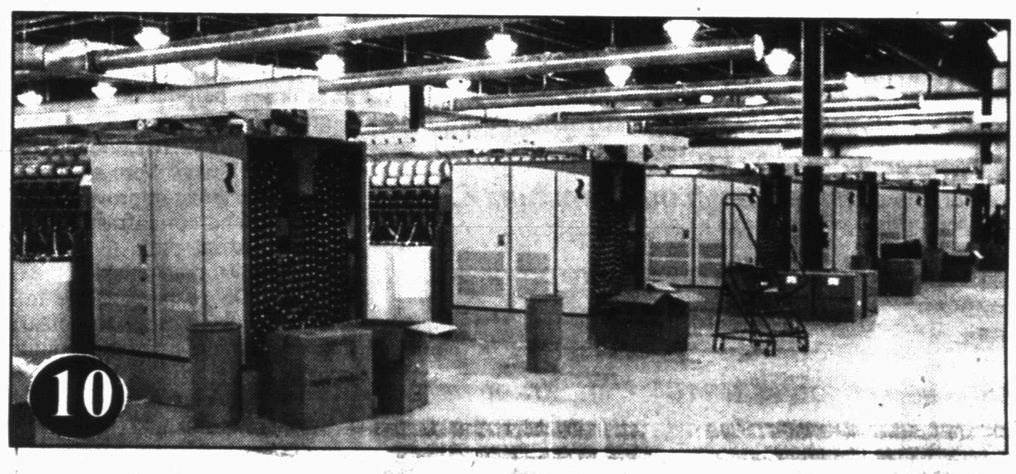


This close-up view of a portion of the spinning frame shows the cans of sliver being fed into the mechanism that spins it into yarn and then packages it onto empty tubes.

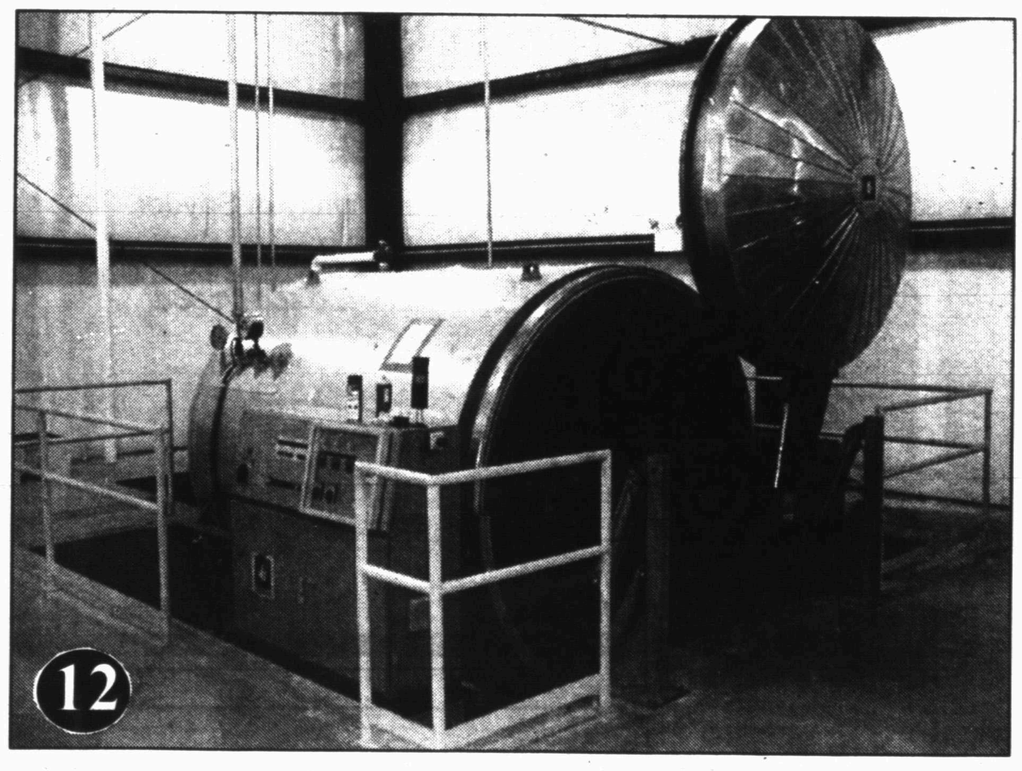




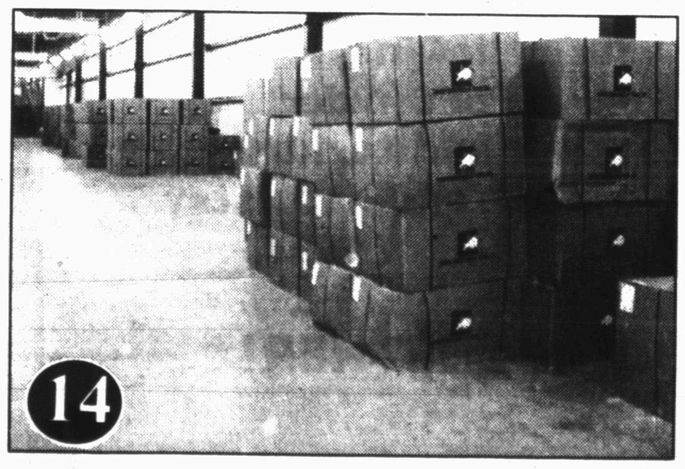
This robot unloads the completed packages of yarn off the spinning frame and loads empty tubes. It also pieces up the ends that are down. It moves back and forth on the R20 to wherever it is needed at the time.



This view of the end of the frames shows empty tubes that are automatically fed to positions on the frame where full packages have just been removed by the robot.



Packages of yarn are moved into this yarn conditioner for a period of time where they are pressurized with cool steam to add moisture.



Coming out of the conditioner, the yarn is packed into boxes for shipping.

Sales tax helps fund Snyder economic efforts

The first try at creating an economic development corporation — with a proposed half-cent sales tax — failed in August 1990.

City leaders were not to be discouraged, however, and vowed to try again, reasoning that it was the only way Snyder could remain competitive.

A new measure was put to the ballot again in November 1991.

This time, voters approved a three-eights of one percent sales tax for economic development and the Development Corporation of Snyder was then formed.

In May 1995, 313 acres were purchased for an industrial park, to be located northeast of U.S. Highway 180 and U.S. Highway 84. In July of that year, the park was named "SnTx Park I" by the DCOS board.

In August of 1995, in what then board chairman John Fagin termed "a giant step forward," the DCOS unanimously approved a $1.5 million plan to initiate development of the new industrial park.

The following month, intentions were announced at a press conference at Winston Field, to build a state-of-the-art cotton spinning mill in Snyder's new industrial park.

DCOS directors gave the green light to proceed on the development of SnTx Park I in October of 1995.

The board also agreed to proceed with plans to fulfill requirements of an incentive agreement relating to Lorber Industries of California announcing plans to locate a textile spinning mill in the 313-acre industrial park east of Snyder.

The first step was to provide a rough-graded road in the park, followed with underground electrical, gas, water and sewer services. To accomplish utility requirements, the DCOS earlier committed up to $1.5 million for park infrastructure.

The county later approached DCOS offering to help cut costs by providing the manpower and equipment to do dirtwork and paving at the industrial park.

DCOS agreed and the county did the sub-base and road base work.

In January of 1996, it was announced that plans for Lorber Industries to come to Scurry County were moving ahead as scheduled.

At that time, DCOS board member John Fagin had just returned from a visit to the company's headquarters in California and brought back this report:

"It's beginning to fall into place. Locally, we just need to wait a little bit longer and more plans will be coming forth."

Fagin made the trip along with then executive director Doug Hutchinson.

The purpose of the trip was to ensure that site preparation at SnTx Park I, the local industrial park, would be in sync with Lorber as construction of the plant begins.

In July of 1996, more good news was announced. Within a two-week period, DCOS received confirmation of a Rural Development grant from the United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of $383,000 and a verbal approval that the City of Snyder would be awarded a Texas Capital Fund grant of $489,000.

Then on September 30, 1996, notice was received that the City of Snyder had been awarded a $1.23 million grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

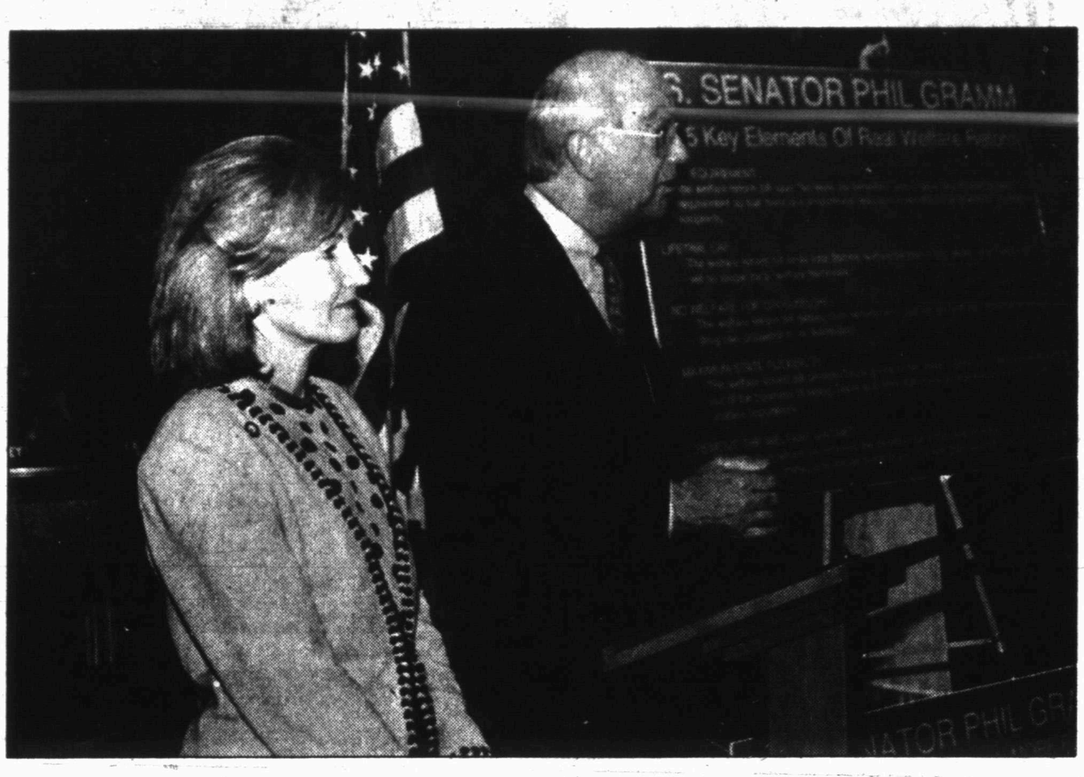
Then board president Roy Baze praised U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, State Sen. Tom Haywood, and State Rep. David Counts for their work in helping to secure the grants.

A total of $2,102,000 in federal and state grants were secured for water and sewer improvements for the city and for infrastructure at the industrial park.

The EDA grant enabled the city and DCOS to prepare the infrastructure for Lorber to construct its state-of-the-art textile spinning mill.

The EDA grant also provided funds for elevated and ground water storage tanks, a water booster station, water lines, gate valves, fire hydrants, a waste water treatment plant, sanitary sewer lines and other items related to the development of the industrial park.

The USDA and Texas Capital Fund grants were used for utility and roadwork at the industrial park.



Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Sen. Phil Gramm played major roles in securing grants for industrial park

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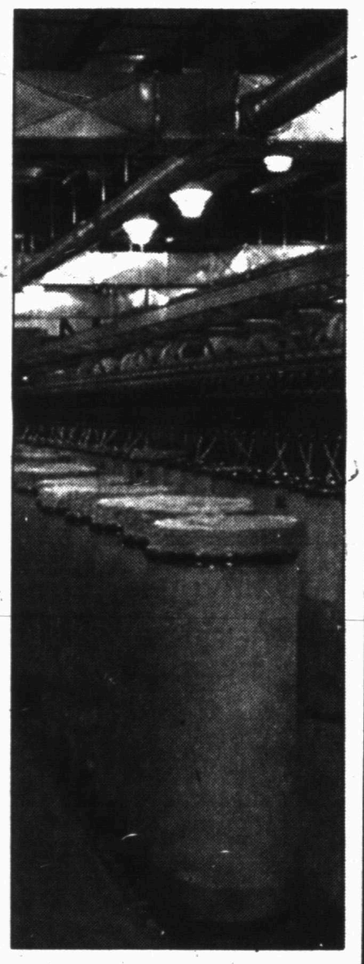

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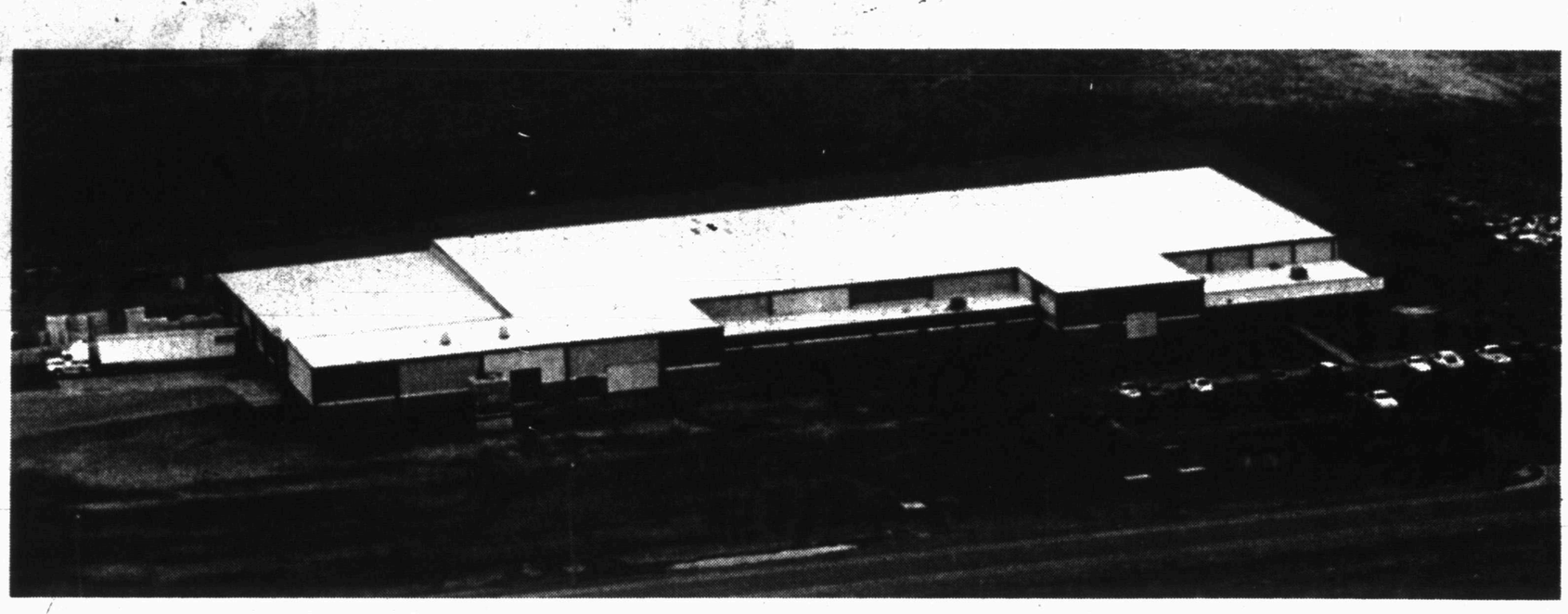

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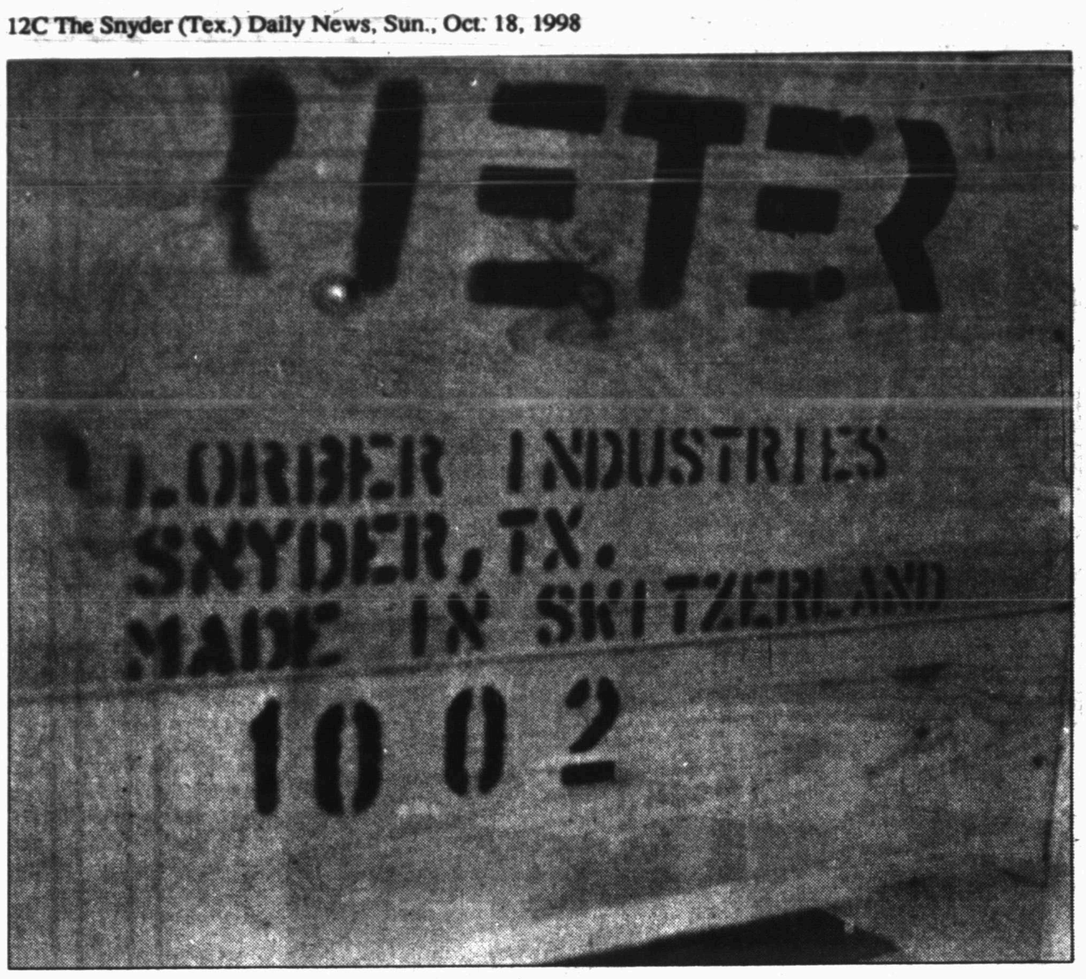

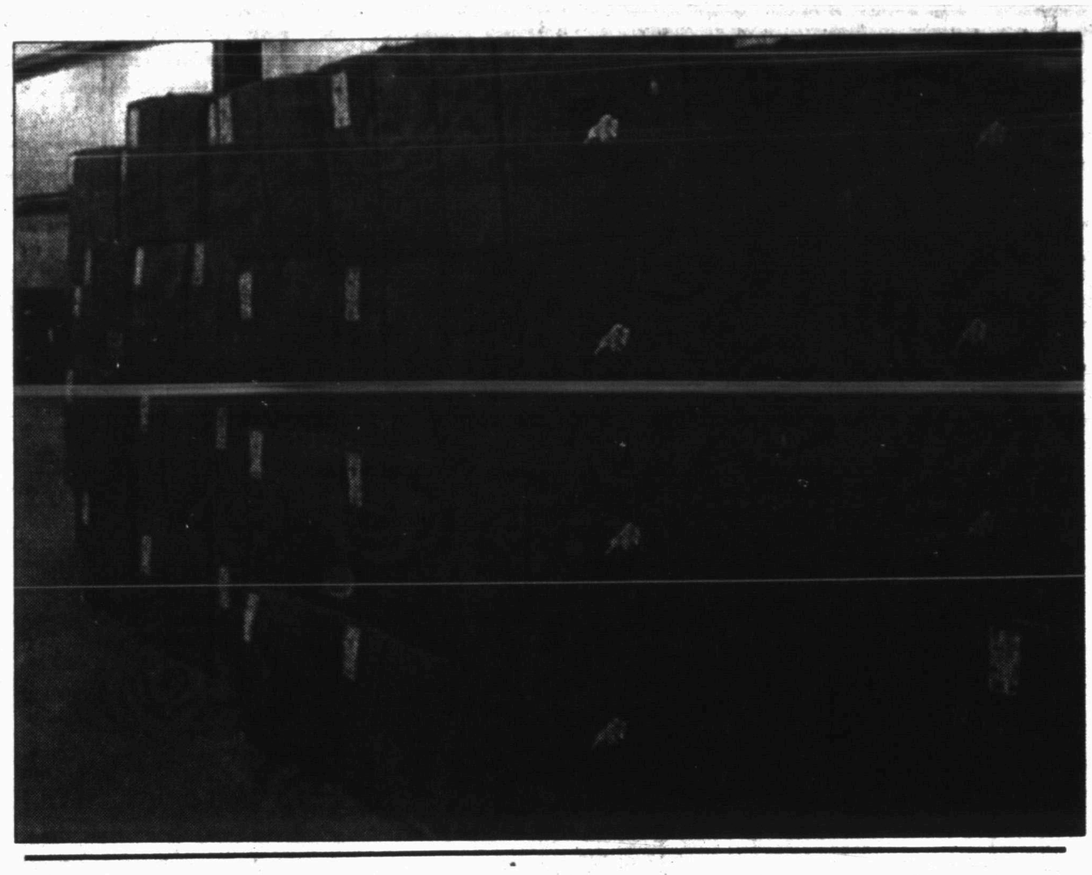

From crates to cartons...

Lorber Texas plans get industry's attention

An August issue of California Apparel News featured Lorber Industries' Snyder plant as its lead story.

In the newspaper, which has been published weekly for 54 years, Lorber Industries president and founder talks about the new cotton spinning mill in Snyder.

"We feel this is the beginning of the migration of the spinning production from the Carolinas into Texas," said Arnold Lorber. "Production at the new facility will be earmarked primarily for California and Mexico."

Lorber said about a third of the production will be used by the company's knitting mill in Southern California, with the balance being sold to the general market.

The mill here in Snyder is Lorber's first outside of Southern California and the initial step in a five-phase program that could eventually lead to a dyeing and knitting operation here.

Lober said the Snyder location will simplify the logistics involved in much of the cotton spinning in the U.S. market — the trip back and forth from cotton-growing regions to mills in the Carolinas.

Lorber said Snyder's location in the middle of the top cotton producing country in the nation makes it ideal for such industry.

"The community is about 440 miles from El Paso and Ciudad Juarez and both these cities form a major denim apparel center," said Lorber.

"This will make the California industry more competitive because it will bring a better-quality yarn at a better price because of the proximity of the plant to Texas cotton fields," said Lorber.

Lorber also touted the local plant's open-end spiral system technology production system, also known as "mock ring."

This technology, said Lorber, produces yarn with a soft feel similar to ring-spun cotton with the consistency of the rotor system of production.

Lorber's move into Texas comes as many of the well-known industry players in the Carolinas are investing in production facilities in Mexico.

This prompted a North Carolina mill owner to question why Lorber located in Snyder.

"Good luck, but I don't see the industry moving to Texas," said Duke Kimbre'l, owner of Parkdale Mills in Gastonia, N.C. which is currenty building a spinning facility in Mexico.

Lorber may have answered Kimbrell's question during last month's tour of the Snyder plant with U.S Cong. Charles Stenholm and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Charles Glickman.

"In over 50 years in this business, I have never seen a more dedicated, more enthusiastic group of employees than we have at the Snyder plant," commented Lorber.

Lorber's plant in Snyder is a breakthrough that many state officials have been promoting for many years, but with little success.

Carl G. Anderson, a cotton marketing specialist with Texas A&M, said conditions such as proximity to the growing fields, educated labor pools and power make Texas competitive with Mexico.

"We have all the resources, and we have the environment that is needed to move the textire industry more into the Southwest area, but we've encountered resistance by textile manufacturers for various reasons that I really can't pin down," Anderson said.

Well, the selection of Snyder as Lorber's Texas plant might have changed all that as Arnold Lorber and his team of associates are recognized professionals in the textile industry.

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Currently, 54 people work at the plant.

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Some of the production is shipped to textile plants in Mexico.

Whitworth grew up in a Georgia family that has close ties with the textile industry.

His father worked for West Point Pepperall, and Whitworth, himself, worked for the company after graduating from Auburn University.

He was working for Galey and Lord in Rome, Ga., when he decided to move to Snyder.

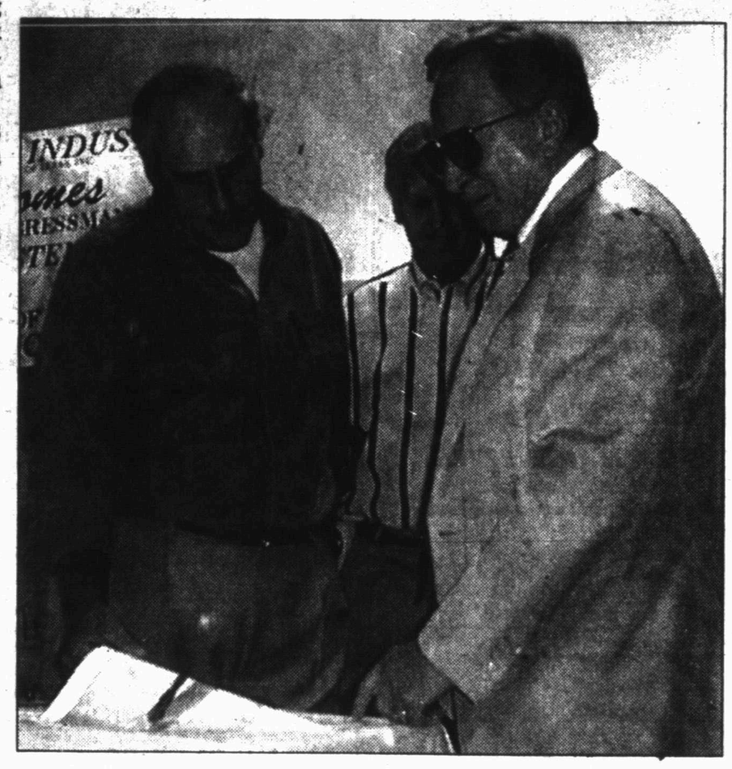
Whitworth's family includes his wife, Libby, and children Catherine who attends Snyder Junior High School, and John, who is a fourth grader.

Whitworth said he, and the Lorber management, have been most impressed with the quality of workers they have here.

"We feel like we have excellent employees," said Whitworth.

"They work hard and do a good job," said Whitworth.

Other plant management personnel here includes Dwight Jackson, director of administration, and supervisors, Ike Jones, Steve West, Doug Tindol and Johnny Allison.



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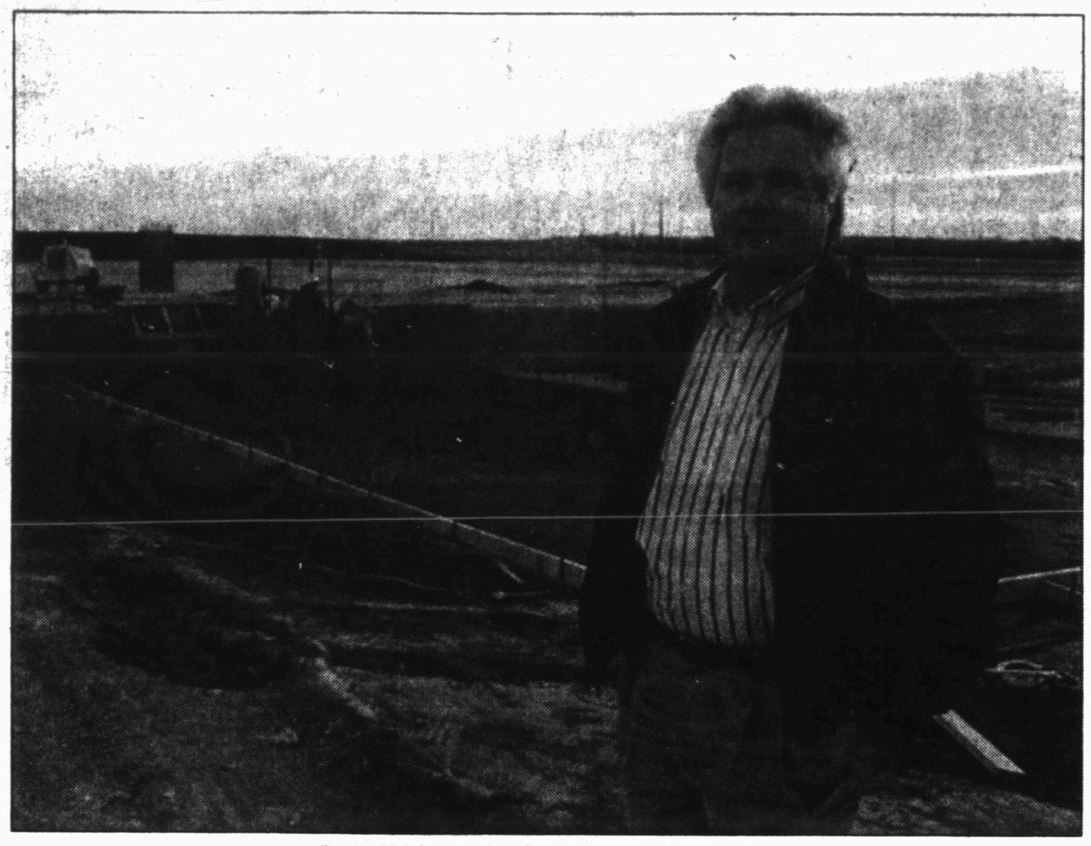

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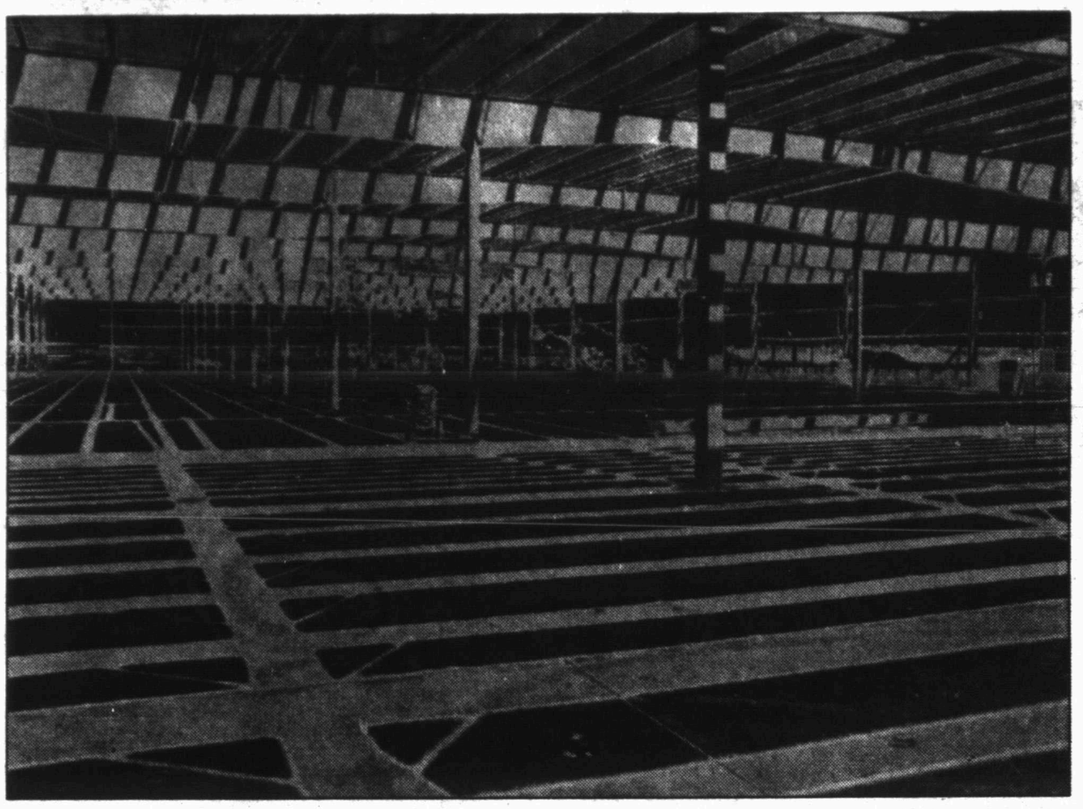

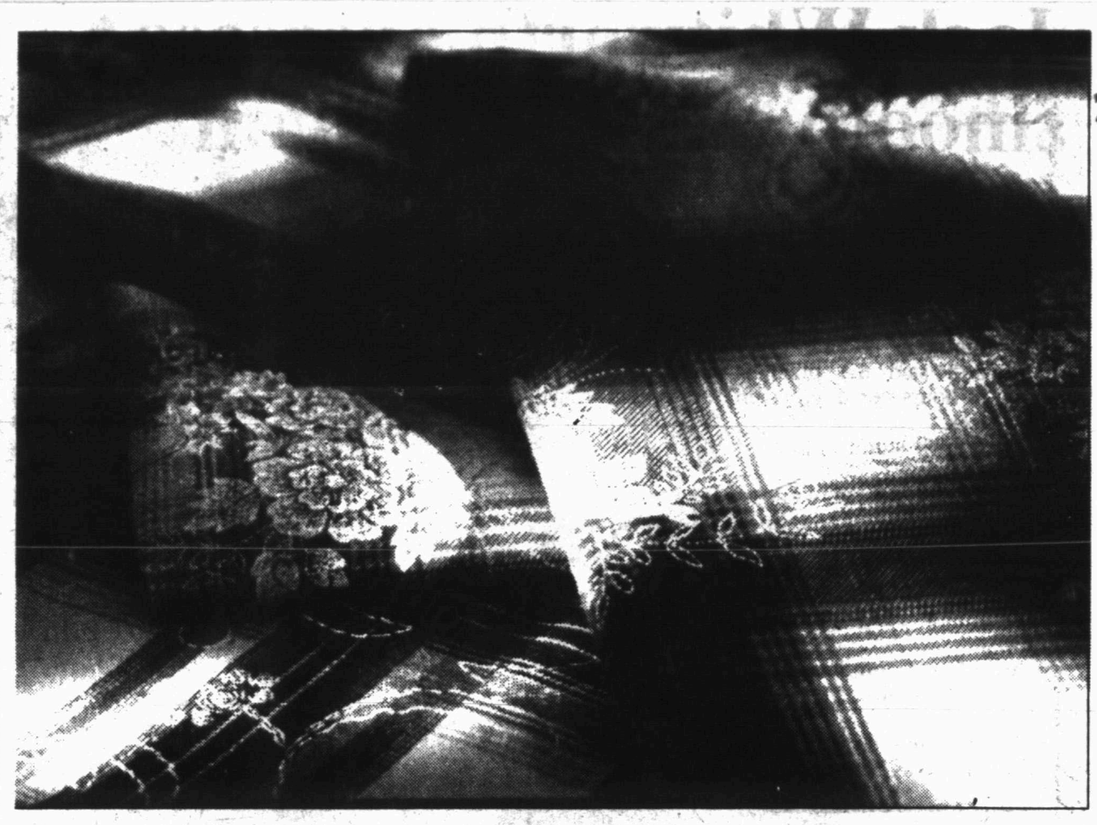

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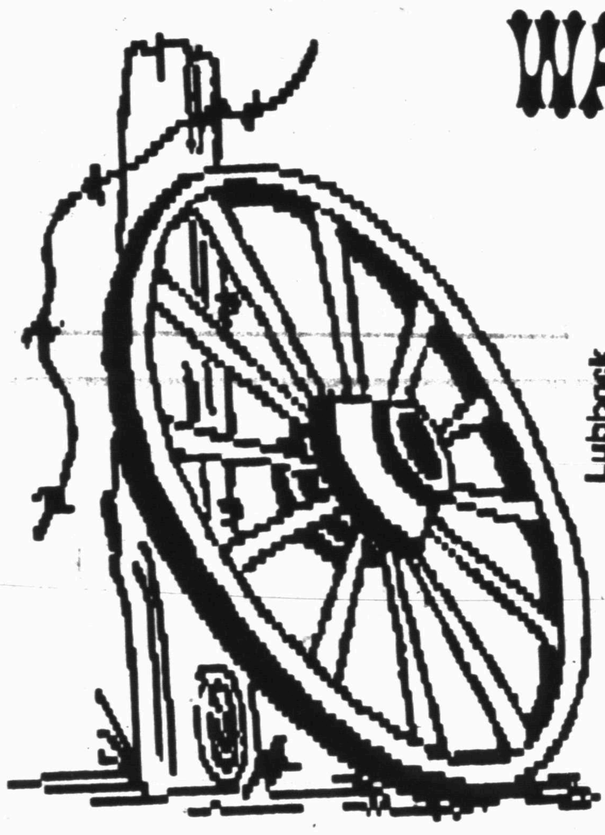

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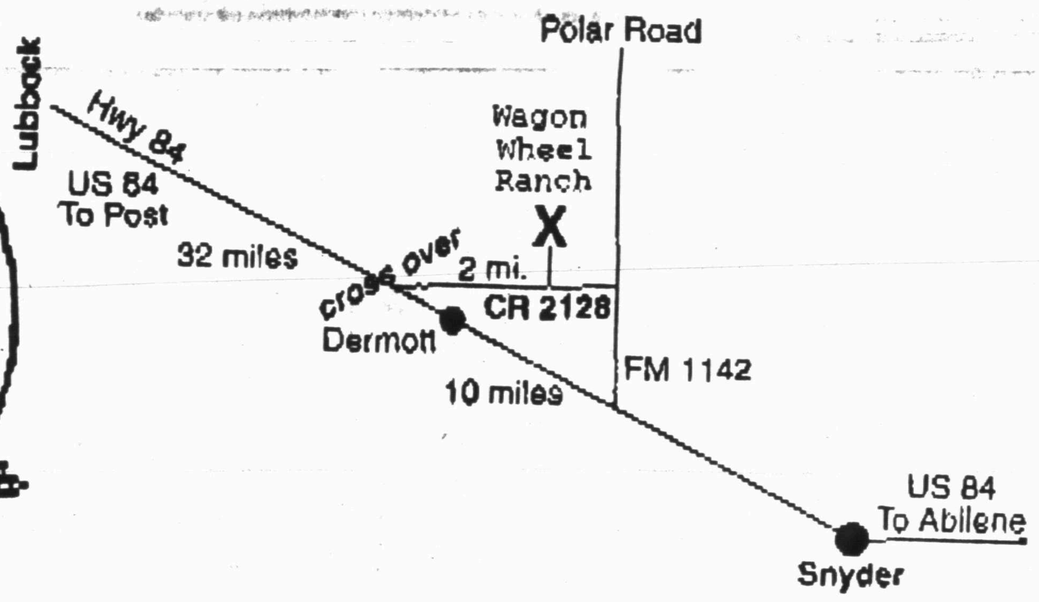

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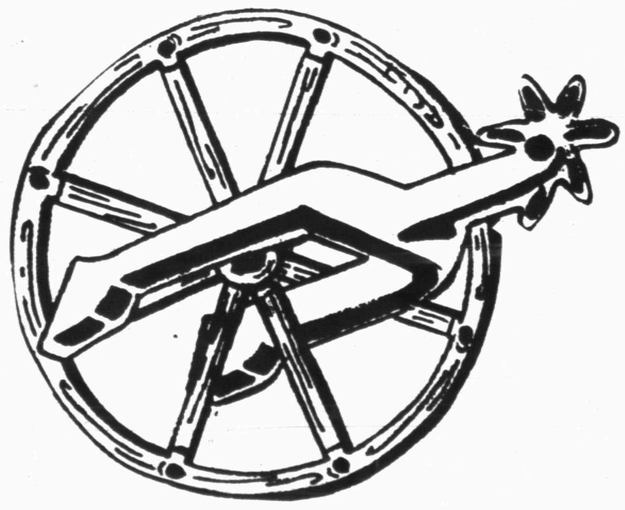

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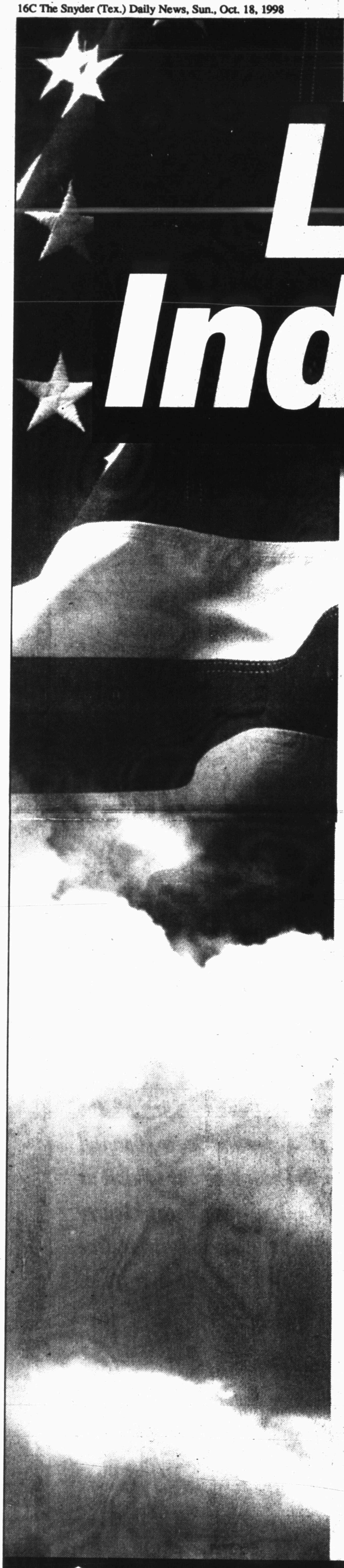

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Oil turned community into 'boom town'

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Oct. 7, 1973 edition of the Snyder Daily News.)

Oil has been a factor in Scurry County since the early twenties when the first production from shallow formations was achieved in the southwest part of the county.



Scurry County oil investor, Bob Hope

The first well was completed in 1923. But it was a quarter century before the real "boom" hit.

It was in 1948 that production was attained from the rich Canyon Reef sections, and within months over 2,000 strong producers had been completed to the depths of 6,500 feet.

It was to make Scurry County one of the top five oil-producing counties in the country's top oil-producing state.

Snyder, a rather placid county seat town, sprang to life as leasing and drilling operations brought literally thousands of new people into the town.

They soon spread out beyond the town's boundaries, and new business firms merged almost daily.

Activity that follows oil production began to take roots in the area. Gasoline plants were installed to process valuable by-products of the "black gold," and various types of oilfield servicing and construction firms moved in, many of them to stay, some merely to skim off some of the sudden business that stemmed from the boom-type atmosphere.

It was to be one of the last big oil booms in the fashion that had come to be expected in such activity, and the big field in Scurry County was to establish some new trends that would set standards for oil production for many years.

Unitization for the purpose of promoting secondary recovery was to undergo its biggest experiment and, subsequently achieve its greatest success in the giant Kelly-Snyder field of Scurry County.

In all, there were to be four major secondary projects or units. The biggest would be known as the Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee, which promptly was shortened to initials "SACROC."

Others were the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, the Diamond "M" Unit and the Cogdell Unit in the north part of the county. All adopted the water injection process to stimulate additional recovery of oil in their respective fields.

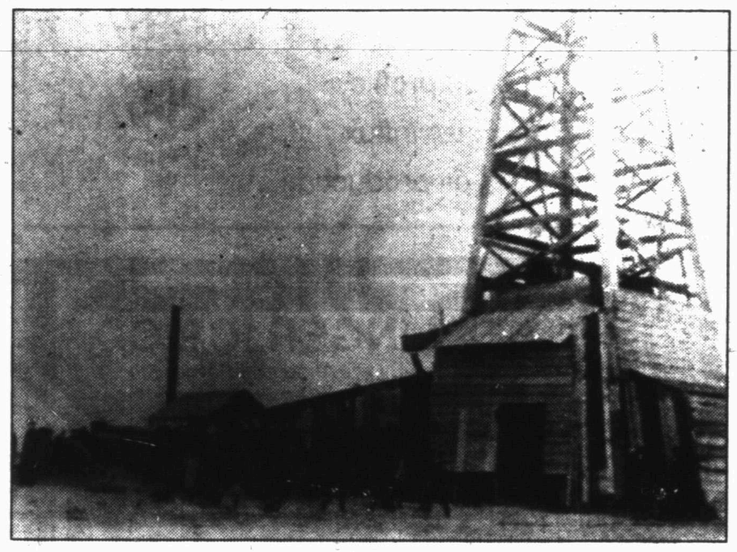
But SACROC was the biggest and it is SACROC that is still engaged in a sort of pioneering program which is designed to introduce carbon dioxide to increase the pressure from producing zones in the Kelly-Snyder field.

SACROC was so large that at the outset its operation fell under the supervision of a unit manager's office, with three district segments being operated by three participating producers.

In 1962, Standard became the sole operator of the entire unit, as much of the operations were automated.

In 1969, SACROC proposed a $1.25 million project calculated to increase recovery from the Kelly-Snyder by more than 150 million barrels, or the equivalent of another new Kelly-Snyder Field at the prior rate of recovery.

Oil production, of course, has made a tremendous inpact upon the county's economy and the tax structure of the various taxing agencies.



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Parks watched as Brown No. 1 well came in

(EDITOR'S NOTE: G.A. Parks, president of the Scurry County Historial Commission and retired production foreman for Chevron USA, gave this oral history concerning the oil boom days in Scurry County, prior to his death on Sept. 21, 1998.)

G.A. Parks remembered when the J.W. Brown #1 well was brought in and what life was like in Snyder during the boom years.

"I remember that week in November of 1948 when the J.W. Brown #1 Standard Oil Company of Texas well was brought in as a good producing well. I was farming and ranching 320 acres about 2½ miles west of the location. So I was watching the well closely, driving over every few days, watching and learning what I could and then watching it more closely as it began to look like it was going to make an oil well.

"So, I'm very familiar with that well. The well was finalized for 532 barrels a day, on a 1/4" inch choke, which was a very small throttle that the well was allowed to flow through. So, if you would open it up through a larger hole, there's no telling what it would have made."

Single, 22, and living with his parents in a house on Polar Road about six or seven miles from the well, Parks recalls the increase in traffic — consequently, dust.

"The Clairemont Road, where a lot of drilling was taking place on the Fuller Ranch and on the Cogdell Ranch and all the places between Snyder and those, was not paved. With all this traffic of the rigs and crew changes, pot holes became big wallows, I would call them. They would be six-feet long and maybe a foot deep. There would be little roads all around trying to miss those big holes and it was just a nightmare trying to get over that road. The crews were changing three times a day on, say 100 rigs plus all that equipment.

"So in order to miss some of the rough road, they started going up the Lubbock Highway until they hit the Polar Road. They would come to our house, then turn east over to Clairemont Road. This road was also unpaved and the dust and dirt from those crews for about an hour and a half every day at about 3 o'clock would just cover us up there at the house.

"So I remember my dad would connect up a garden hose and go out about 30 minutes before crew change and he would wet that road, trying to keep that dust from covering us up. So that was something we really noticed."

As for the vehicles driven during that time, new ones were hard to come by, according to Parks.

"In 1948 I bought a brand new Ford ¼-ton pickup and I gave $1,300 for it. That was right after the war and it was very hard to get. When the dealer brought it to town, instead of bringing it down to his showroom, he put it in his garage at home.

"He did that to keep so many people from being there to buy it. It would just drive him crazy. So I went to his house and picked up that pickup out of his garage, his private garage."

All of these new Snyderites had to have a place to sleep and a place to eat. As it turns out, it was easier to get a meal, than a bed.

"In the first year, the population grew from 4,100 to 15,000. It was just a surging mass of humanity wanting a place to eat, a place to sleep, a place to spend their money and a place to school their children. It was just a madhouse.

"Rooming houses would rent cots by eight-hour shifts. People slept in chicken houses and some of the used car dealers were having trouble with these people sleeping in their cars at night. They were sleeping on the courthouse lawn, or under bridges. It wasn't that they couldn't afford it, there just weren't enough other places.

"There were many, many new restaurants. In fact we had one new restaurant way out on the Clairemont Road east of our house. I remember the place was called The Green Fly Cafe. Some places were packing lunches to go and selling them on the sidewalks.

All local business increased, sometimes causing some inconveniences for long-time residents.

"At the Post Office you'd have a long, long, long line just waiting to get to the window. They had so many packages coming in they would be piled up at the door.

"And telephoning was a real problem. You had so many lease hounds in town trying to make telephone calls, along with all these people who were building and moving rigs. I've heard some people say that they could drive to Abilene and make a long-distance phone call quicker than they could make one in Snyder."

But Parks adds that despite all the hassles, most people were glad for the extra activity.

"I didn't hear much name calling. Most people were glad to have the added activity and the production of oil that would help our economic situation."

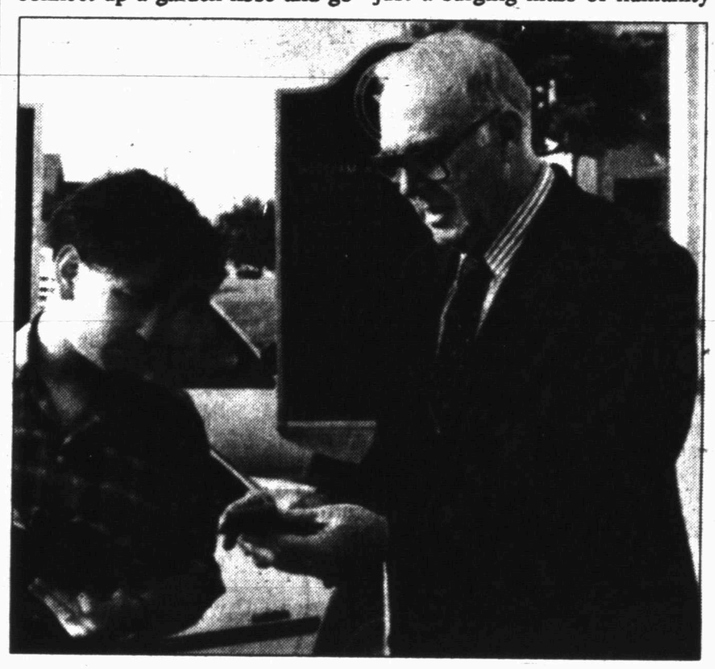
One possible down point, at least for males, was the dating situation.

"One thing, when you bring that many working men into a small community, your ratio of young men to young women was about 10 to 1. Which is wonderful for the women, but no good for a boy."

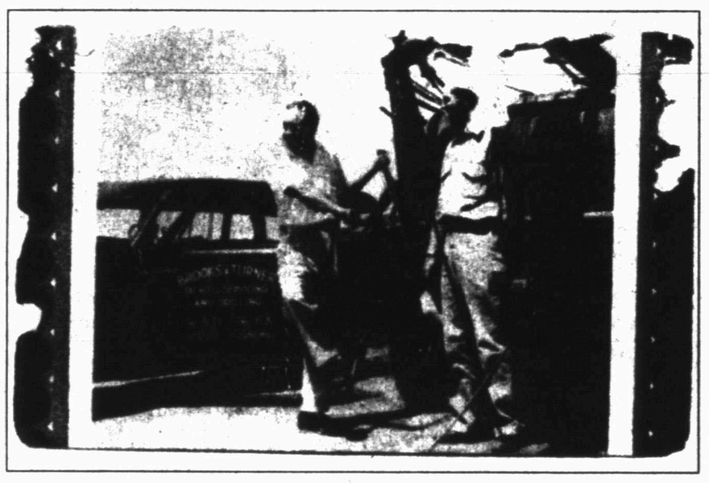
After returning from a tour of duty in Korea in 1954, Parks found Scurry County locked in a drought. With farming and ranching out of the question, Parks went to work for Chevron, at that time called Standard of Texas.

"I went over there and asked them for a job, figuring it might be just for a short time. But when I got the job and liked it, well, I stayed with them for 34 years and retired in 1989 as a production foreman.

"The boom certainly changed my life. After I came back from Korea in '54 I made a 34-year career of it. If not for the boom, I'd have probably stayed farming until I starved."



G.A. Parks explains historical marker information



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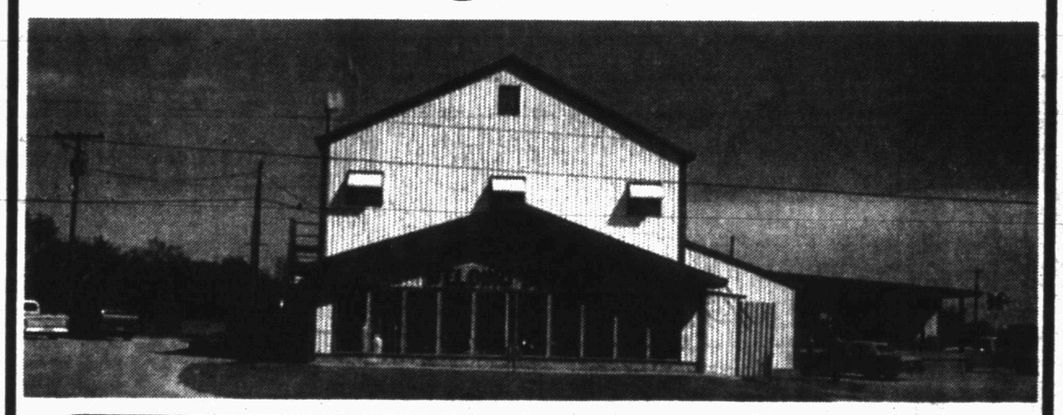

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Mrs. Joyce recalls positive changes brought by oil

This oral history was given by Florentz Joyce in conjuction with a project performed by the Scurry County Museum. Mrs. Joyce remains a resident of Snyder and Scurry County.)

These are a few of the things that I, Florentz Joyce, remember about the oil boom in 1948 in Scurry County, and particularly about a certain oil well. This well, one of the discovery wells in the Canyon Reef of the Kelly-Snyder Field, was drilled by Magnolia Petroleum Company.

It was Winston No. 1, located 2½ miles southwest of Snyder just off the Block Line Road. It was on property owned by my parents, Wade and Leclaire Winston, and my uncle, Harrie Winston. The property was part of what was and still is known as Winston Brothers Ranch.

A.G. Roper, now deceased, was the tool pusher on the drilling operation of Winston No. 1. My late husband, Sam Joyce, and I had become friends with A.G. and his wife, Evelyn.

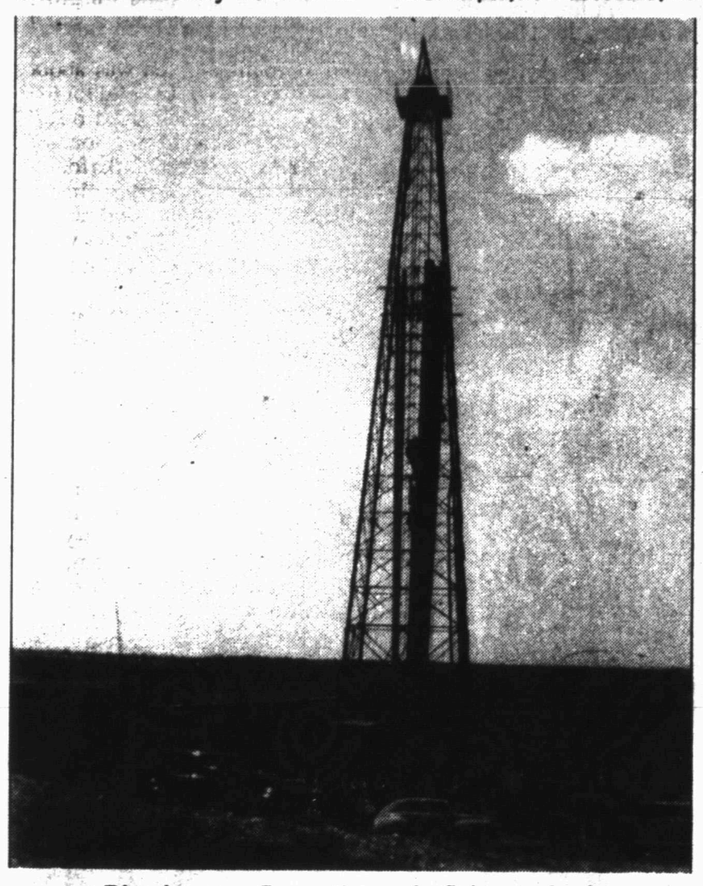
Housing was limited becasue of the boom. Sam and I built an apartment above our house's detached garage as rental propety in which the Ropers were the first occupants. We enjoyed their friendship just as we have that of many of the wonderful people our family has had the privilege to know because the oil industry came to Scurry County. Many positive changes came quickly to our area with the industry's inception and for that I will always be thankful.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Windston No. 1 was a surprise for many. When the well came in, oil blew out over the top of the rig and caused quite a bit of excitement for the oil companies and Scurry County residents. The drilling crew was running around catching the oil in their upturned safety hard hats.

There is still a vivid picture in my mind of a sloped area near the rig where people sat in rows to watch the "happening." It looked like a grand stand! It was here in places like this that land owners and royalty owners made deals. This was my first personal experience of witnessing "wheeling and dealing." Many were trading "acre for acre."

When the well had come in, since it was such a surprise, the crew had not made necessary preparations for the moving out of the oil. They shut the well in to build the needed facilities and when the well was unplugged, it had lost its large output. However, the well produced and is still putting out a little oil with the use of a pump to this day — fifty years later.

A number of wells were later drilled on the property (some of which were dry holes), but this is the well that I will always remember most distinctly.



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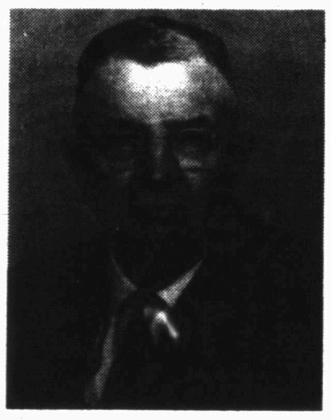

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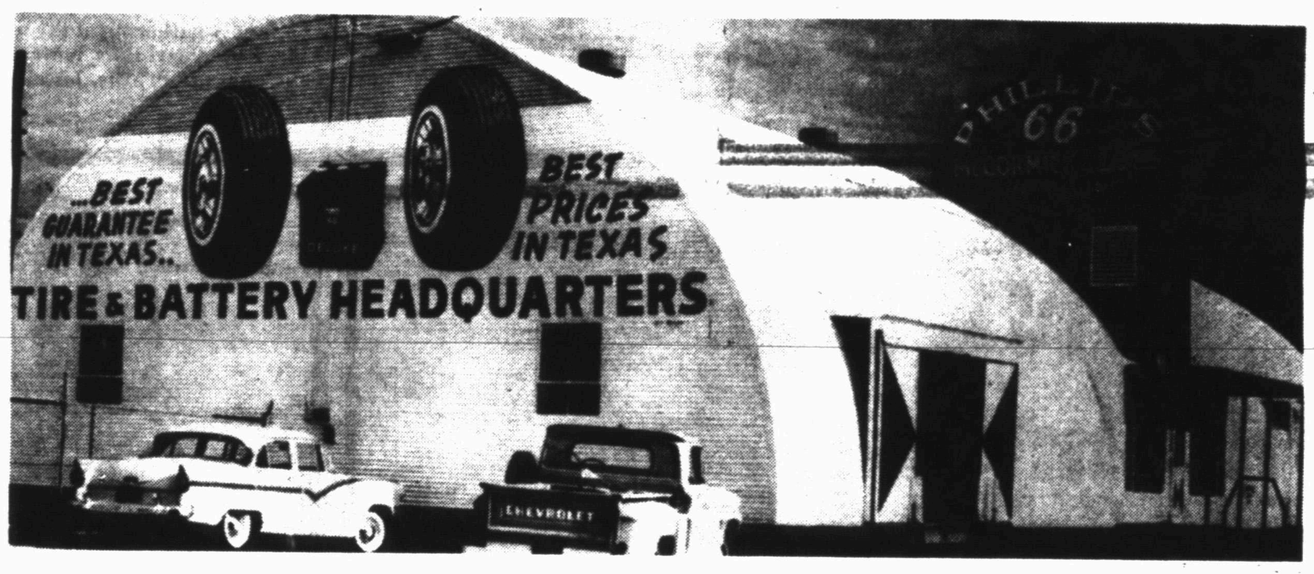

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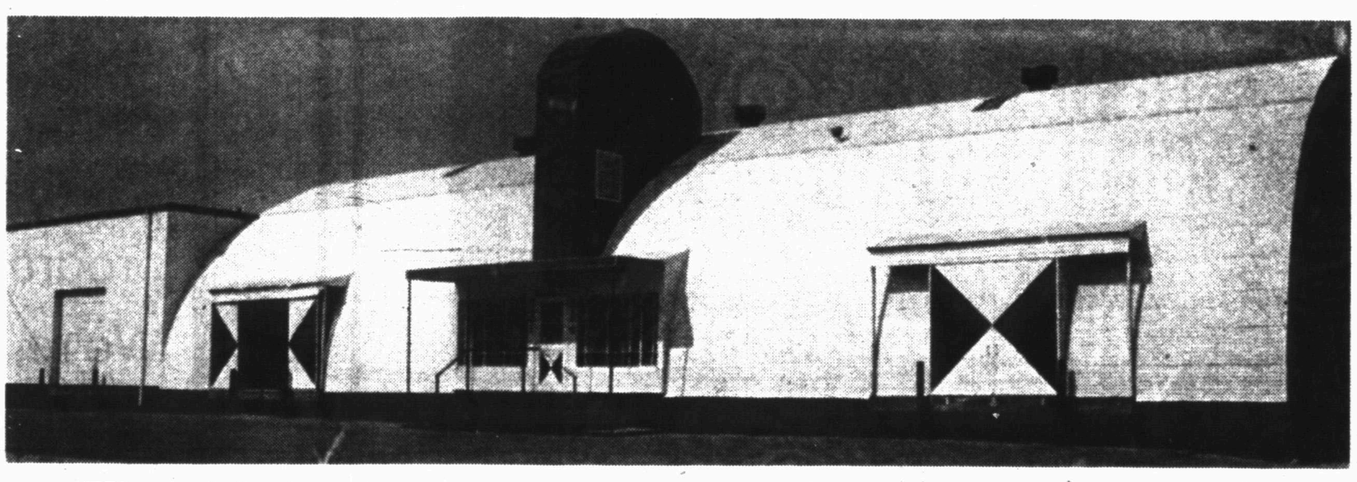

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Charles Casebolt typical of oilpatch work ethic

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an excerpt of an oral history taken by Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Western Texas College. The oral history was done in conjuction with the Scurry County Museum.)

Charles Casebolt moved to Snyder when he was three years old and has seen the oil business from many sides.

"I have many fond memories of the oilfields in Snyder," said Casebolt. "As a matter of fact, I learned to drive in the area of Sheperd's Crossing and the dirt roads around Ira during the latter part of World War II."

The family later moved to the 3100 block of Avenue T where they lived in a duplex owned by Elmer and Oma Lee Spears.

Their next door neighbors were Warren and Loree Dodson.

Casebolt said Warren was the postmaster in Snyder while Loree was a school teacher.

Casebolt's father was Walter Dawson Caasebolt.

"Everyone around Snyder knew him as Doc," said Casebolt. "My mother's name was Mary Edith Cook, but everyone in Snyder called her Marie."

Casebolt said his family was active in the First Christian Church for many years.

Casebolt said his father began drilling in Scurry and Mitchell Counties with a Jumbo J Ft. Worth rig and a Wichita 66 drilling rig.

"The 66 Wichita was, according to my dad, the Cadillac of the drilling rigs back then."

Casebolt said he cut his teeth on a set of floor wrenches and swamping for truckers that carried equipment to his father's rigs.

Casebolt said his father used to go to Midland several times a week to try to sell oil and gas leases in Scurry County.

"This was before the boom."

"Those guys in Midland would laugh when they would see him coming and say, "Well, there's 'ole Scurry County again.' "

"Some geologists told him one time that they could drink all the oil Scurry County could produce except around Ira and the little Sharon Ridge field."

Casebolt said he bought a car when he was 14 from money he made roughnecking.

"I worked morning tower and then went to school," said Casebolt.

Casebolt's story echoes many oilfield hands.

"I've roughnecked, roustabouted, well serviced, hauled water to drilling rig — you name it."

Casebolt said in 1952, he could stand on his front porch and count the lights of 195 drilling rigs.

During the boom, Casebolt said he worked seven days a week, 365 days per year.

"Making that money at $1.96 per hour on the floor and $2.06 in the derrick working for Robinson Drilling Co. on the Fuller lease."

Casebolt said roughnecks were loyal to their drilling company in the 50s.

"When you thought you couldn't make a hand, you just spooled up your clothes and went somewhere else."

Casebolt said he learned a saying when he worked for the Carl B King Drilling Company.

"There's two things in the world that's not worth a flip. One of them is a mud shy roughneck and the other is a gun shy bird dog."

Casebolt has many memories of the rough and tumble oilfield workers in the early Scurry County oilfields, but he says there were many caring men working also.

"You can't mention the Snyder oil patch without the mention of Mr. Dave Harlin, one of the finest Christian men that I have known," said Casebolt.

Harlin had a small double drilling rig that Casebolt worked on and one day Harlin went to the location and told Casebolt that his mother was sick and he needed to go back to town.

"I brought another man out here to finiish your tower, but we're goin' to carry you on the books until your mom gets better and you can come back to work," said Harlin.

"This day and age, you even think about carrying somebody's name like that and watch the drilling contractor have a heart attack," Casebolt added.



JACKSON ELLIS #1 — A place of celebration in 1948 was the site of the Jackson Ellis #1 well. Shown at a family gathering at the well are, from left, Wayne Ellis, Julie Fox, Lynn Fox, Mary Ellis, Ather Ellis, Essie Pearl Ellis, baby Ray Ellis, Othal Ellis, Buck Ellis, Fern Ellis, Jeff Ellis, Judy Ellis, Carol Ellis, Jackson P. Ellis, Jewel Ellis, Bertha Ellis and Jackson Ellis. (Contributed Photo by Jackson P. Ellis)

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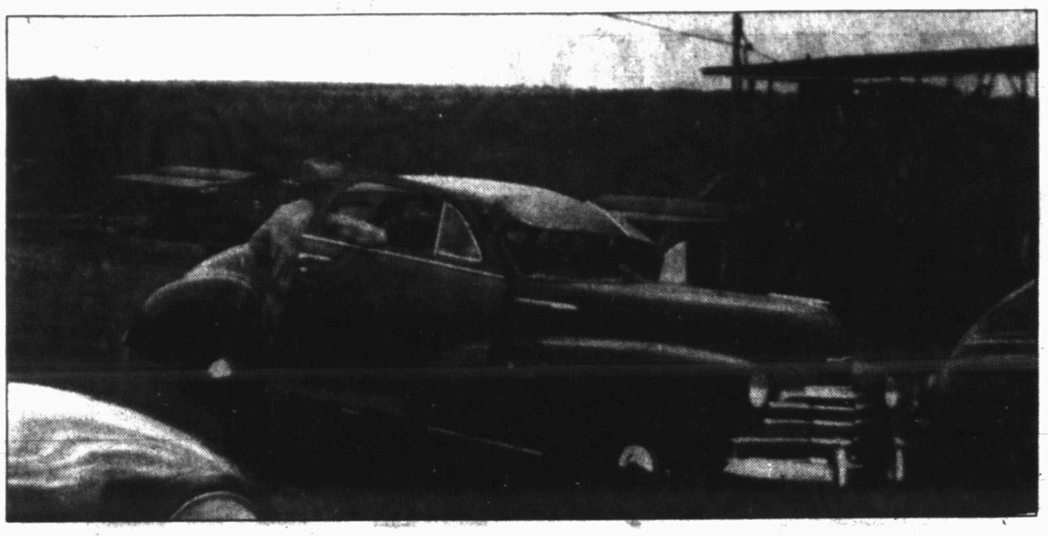

On site of a well in the Ira area in 1949



Oil strikes were celebrated with barbecues

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Oliver — Schleicher County — 8-17-48

DISC WELL: Phillips Pet. Co., #1 Mrs. W. J. Weddell, 662.5' fr N/L 660' fr E/L Sec 72, Blk M, GH&SA Sur 17 mi NE Eldorado, 11 mi SE of Christoval PROD FM: Strawn, Penn 5630-5700' Csg Pts: 9-5/8" 574', 5½" 6020' ELEV: 2392' FM RECORD: T/Strawn 5620', T/Ell 6090' TD: 6150' dolo PBD: 5760' PERF: 420/5630-5700' ACID: 4000 gal PT: P 35 BOPD thru 2" 6681'' GRAV: 36.5 LOCATION AMN: 1-29-48 SPUD: 2-2-48

Dermott (unofficial) — Scurry County — 11-21-48

DISC WELL: Standard of Tex., #1 Mrs. Jessie Brown et al, 1880' fr N/L 1980' fr W/L Sec 440, Blk 97, HATC Sur, 6½ mi N of Snyder PROD FM: Reef 6260' Csg Pts: 13-3/8" 386', 9-5/8" 1730', 7" 6333' ELEV: 2419' FM RECORD: T/Clor 2430', T/Ree 6260' TD: 6419' PT: F 532 BOPD ¼" obk on 2" 6412' GRAV: 42.5 TP: 1030# CP: 700# GOR: 1225:1 SPUD: 8-18-48

Schattel — Scurry County — 7-16-48

DISC WELL: Sun Oil Co. & Humble O&R Co., #1 Emil Schattel, 1980' fr S&W/L Sec 186, Blk 97, HATC Sur, 7 mi SW Snyder & 8 mi NE Sharon Ridge Fld PROD FM: Can, Penn 6812-58' Csg Pts: 13-3/8" 321', 9-5/8" 1702', 7" 6858' ELEV: 2388' FM RECORD: T/Anhyd 655', T/San And 1678', T/Clor 2530', T/Cl Fk 2650', T/Can 6812' TD: 6891' PT: F 480 BOPD ¼" obk on 2" 6877' GRAV: 44 TP: 600# CP: 625# GOR: 315:1 LOCATION AMN: 1-26-48 SPUD: 3-26-48

Unknown — Scurry County — 11-5-48

DISC WELL: Magnolia Pet Co., #1 Winston Bros., 330' fr N&W/L Tr 72, Sur 37, Kirkland & Fields Subdn, 3½ mi SW Snyder PROD FM: Penn 7429' Csg Pts: 13-3/8" 396', 9-5/8" 2241', 5½" 6918', 5½" liner 6458-7905' ELEV: 2360' FM RECORD: T/San And 1580', T/Clor 2360', T/Cl Fk 2490', T/Can 6975', T/Strawn 6800' T/Miss 7735', T/Ell 7842' TD: 7905' dolo PBD: 7460' PERF: Jet 48/7429-47' ACID: washed 250 mud acid PT: P 67 BO & 24 BSW PD 2" 7440' GRAV: 33.4 GOR: 31:1 SPUD: 5-7-48

Iolanthe — Sterling County — 7-24-48

DISC WELL: Plymouth Oil Co., #1 Georgia Frost, 1980' fr S&W/L Sec 39, Blk 2, H&TC Sur, 1½ mi N Iolanthe 12 mi N&W Sterling City on 15,000 ac blk PROD FM: Strawn, Penn 8200-10' Csg Pts: 13-3/8" 273' 9-5/8" 2057', 5½" 8379' ELEV: 2804 DF FM RECORD: T/1st Li 1840', T/San And 2000', T/Cl Fk 3900', T/Strawn 8210'; T/Miss 8274', T/Ell 8354' TD: 8444' dolo PBD: 8299' PERF: 80/8356-76' 105/8200-30', reperf 80/8358-77' PT: P 8 BO & 57 BWPD GRAV: 45.9 SPUD: 5-26-47

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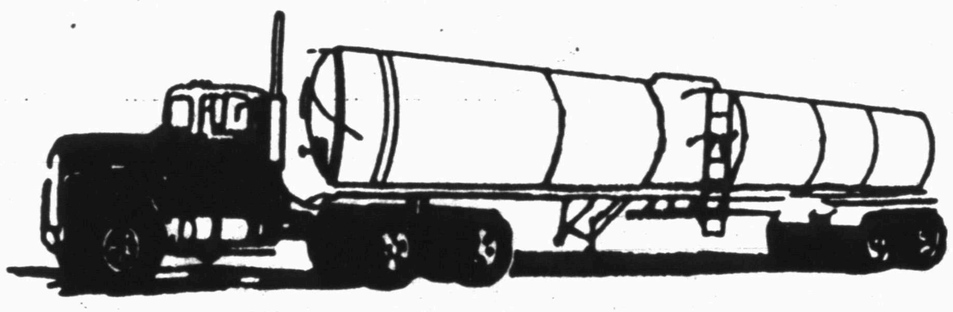

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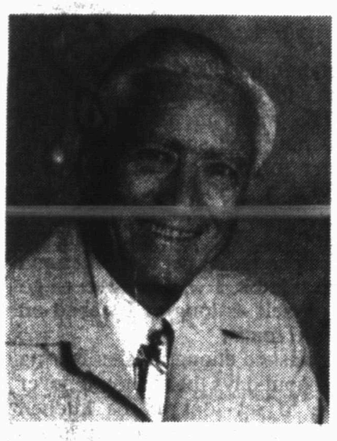
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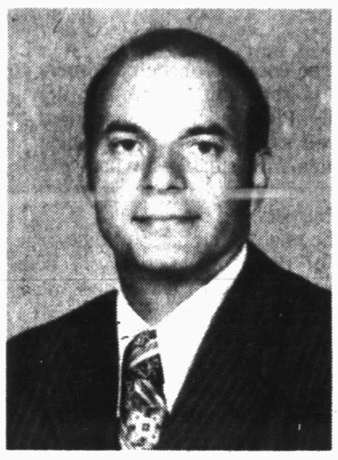
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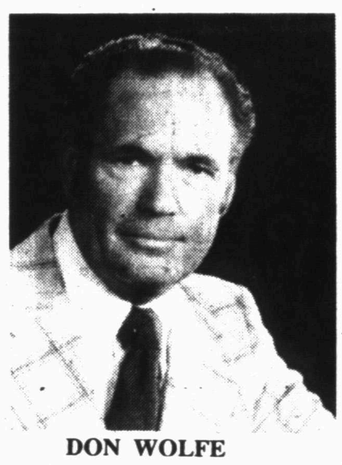
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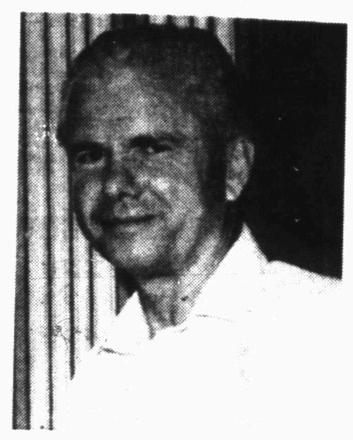
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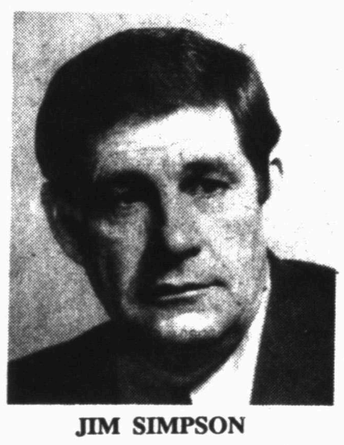
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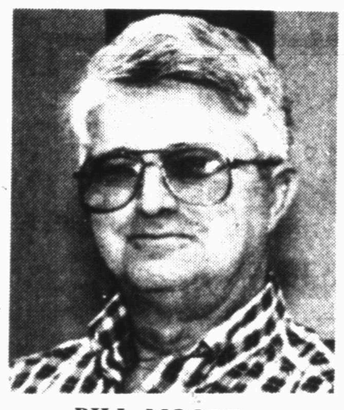
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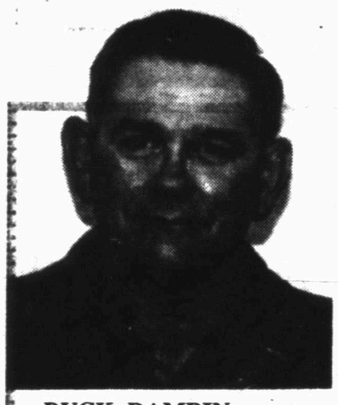
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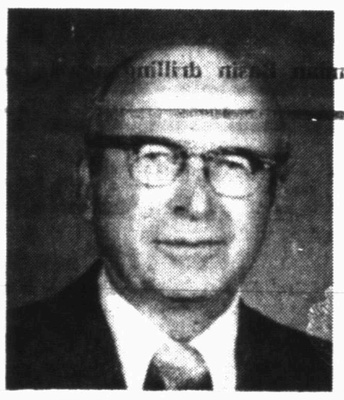
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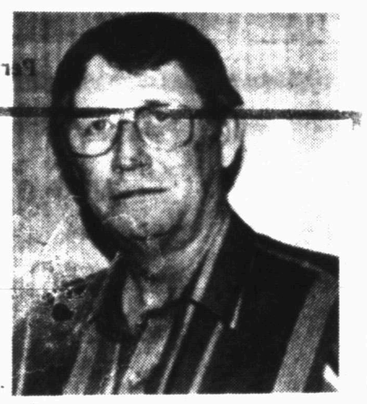
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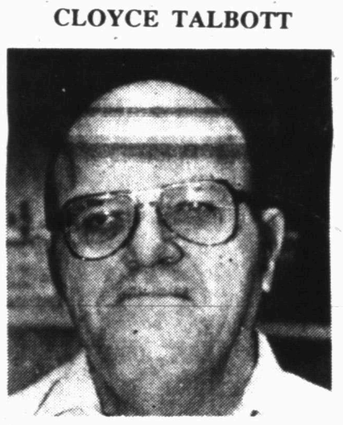
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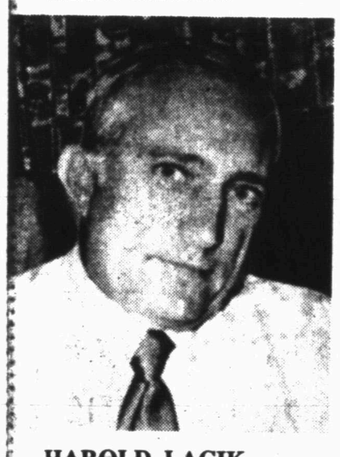
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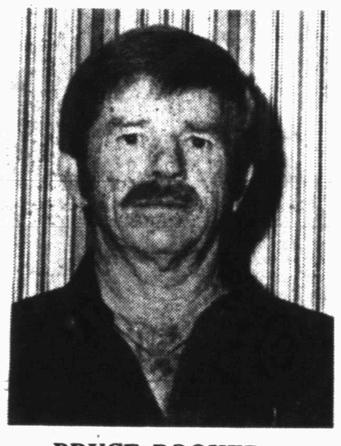
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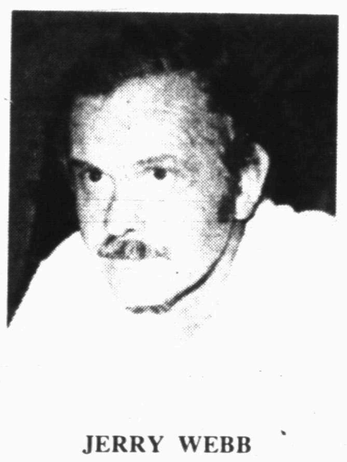
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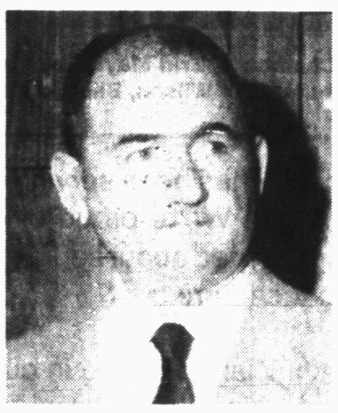
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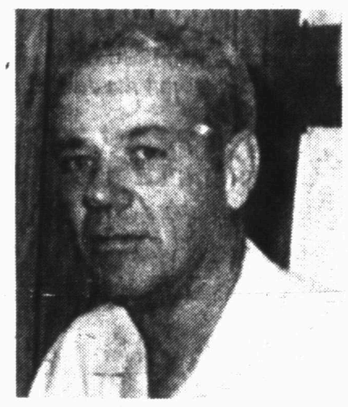
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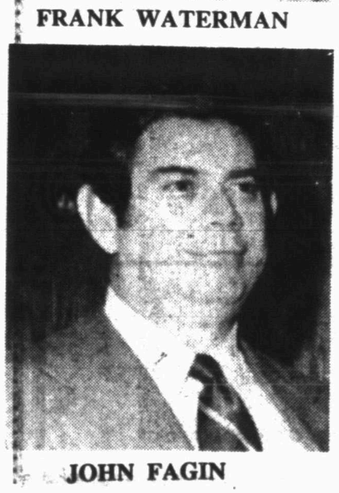
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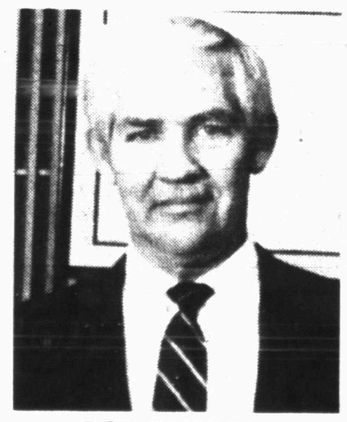
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Lee has fond memories of growing up in cafe

By Brenda Lee

The Union Cafe, which was located five miles west of town, was a vital part of the oilfield services in the 1950s. My parents, Dorothy and Valon Benton, ran the cafe from 1954 to 1964 during the oil boom days.

My brother, Ronnie, and I were virtually raised in the cafe and were first-hand observers to a lot of the activity that went on during that time.

We catered to the oilfield in all respects. The Union Cafe opened at 5 a.m. and closed at 10 p.m. We were only closed on Sunday. The cafe had to be cleaned up after we closed and be ready before we opened. In later years I realized just how much time my mother had worked.

She prepared several sack lunches each day for the men that worked in the oilfield. I can still remember seeing her wrapping sandwiches carefully in waxed paper and folding the top of a paper sack to a point instead of just folding it over.

The menu at the cafe was just good home cooking. My mother was an exceptionally good cook and she cooked for the customers just as she would cook for her family. Plate lunches were served as well as a good steak, the best chicken-fried steak and what were commonly called left-handed hamburgers.

The plate lunch had a choice of one of three meats, two of six vegetables, tea and dessert. Mother could also make good pies and chocolate, lemon, pecan and coconut were almost always available.

All of the food was made from scratch. I can remember making trips to Claytonville to buy the cans of food in bulk or cases. Most of the other food was purchased in Snyder at the grocery store. Gandy's delivered the milk to the cafe and Hub Evans made a trip every day for about ten years. He has called me "Dennis" since I was six years old for my locking him in the milk truck. We also had bread delivered by the Mean's Bread Company.

The inside of the cafe had four tables and I think eight stools in front of the counter. We had a juke box and pinball machine. Due to the fact that there was not much housing available during this time, our living quarters were in the back of the cafe, separated from the cafe by a hallway.

As a kid growing up, I was always embarrassed because a lot of my friends had nice houses and we did not. As I grew up and talked to these friends in later years, they told me how much fun they always had at our house.

After we closed for the day we had a juke box, pinball machine, cokes, candy and unlimited food available 24 hours a day. Daddy never gave us a limit as to the number of cokes or candy we could eat each day. The only stipulation was that if we opened it we had to eat or drink it. He laughed and said my brother and I almost broke him for about two weeks, then the new wore off and we never abused the privilege of unlimited access to food and drink.

The only exception to this was my grabbing a package of gum as I left for school each day. I always had friends wanting to sit with me on the school bus. It seemed perfectly normal to get the Cokes from a tin Coke box, tea from a ten gallon crock, coffee from a coffee maker and milk from a cafeteria-type dispenser.

Living in the public as we did gave me a tremendous love of people. We had a good clean atmosphere in the cafe. My parents would not tolerate any other behavior from our employees or customers. From the time I was six until I was sixteen, it just seemed like all of these people came to our house for lunch each day. The oilfield employees would bring their families back at different times to eat.

The Union Cafe was next to Red Jackson's filling station. I would sweep his driveway each Sunday afternoon in order to have a place to roller skate. The Union Baptist Church and the Union Methodist Chuch provided activities for our families. We had a lot of the Hall Family gatherings at the cafe after we closed. My grandmother also helped on occasion with the cooking.

The water in the Union area was not good so we had to haul water for coffee and tea. I was driving a 1950 black Ford sedan to get water before I was thirteen years old. We had to go to my grandparents to get the water and haul it back. I was allowed to go by myself as long as I stayed on the dirt roads.

I washed enough dishes during the boom days that I should never have to set foot in the kitchen again. We had a trough to place the dirty dishes in and it was always piled high. The dishes were washed in three bins. The wash, rinse and sanitizing bin had a gas burner underneath. This bin also had bleach in the water. The last bin had a basket with handles. After the basket was filled with dishes, it was too heavy for me to lift so I always had to have a little help then. The bins were tall so I turned wooden Coke boxes upside down to make a standing area in front of the washing bins. I

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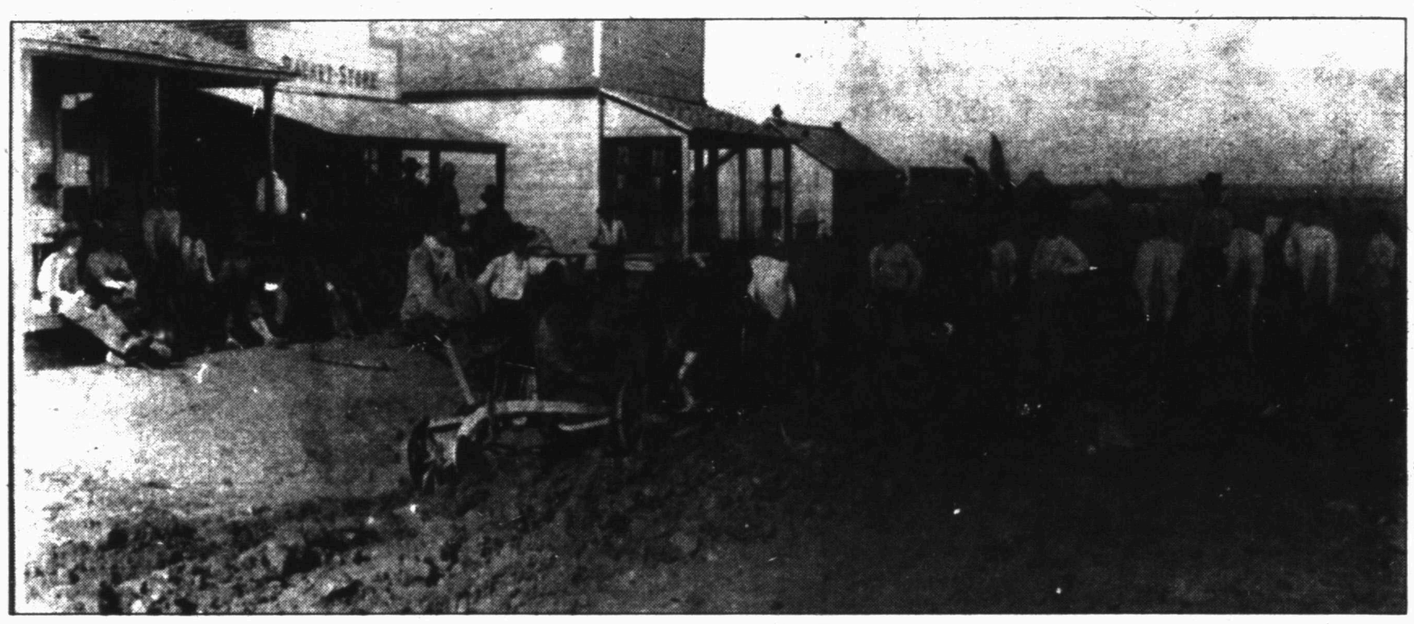
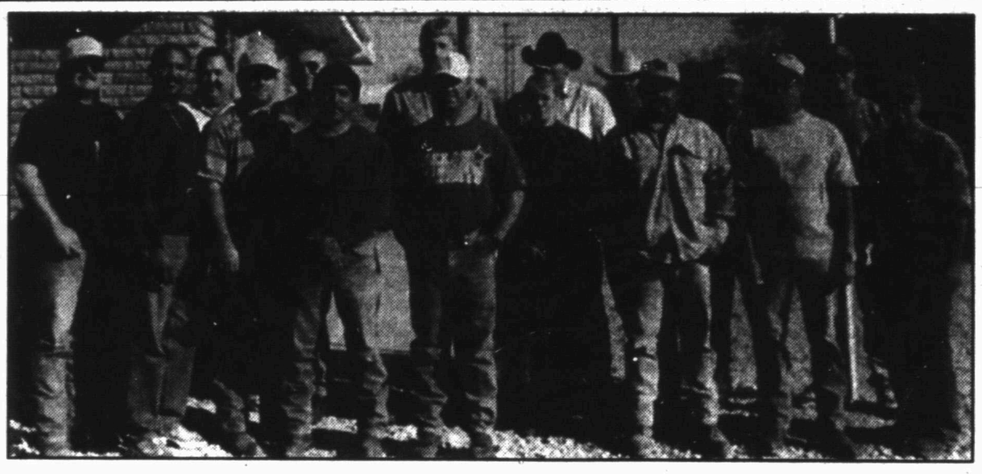


Early street scene in Ira



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Union Cafe

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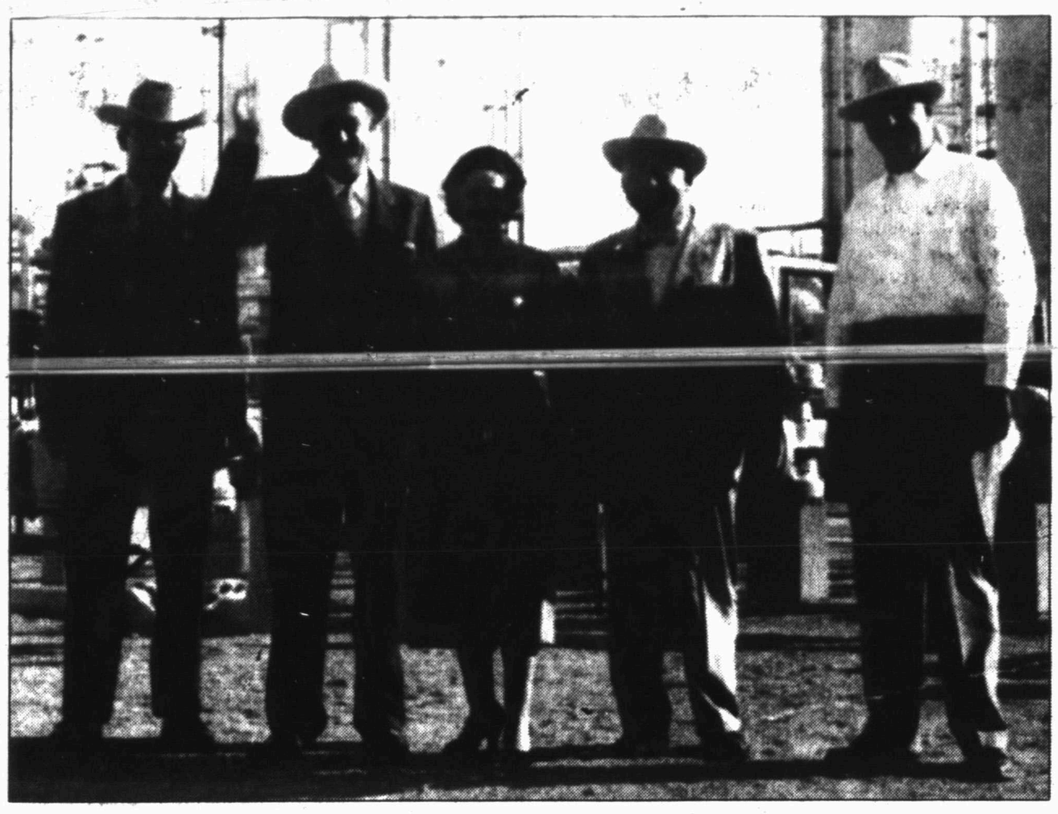
worked in the front of the cafe after I got older. The tips were nice.

The black people of Scurry County were always welcome at the cafe. During this time of segregation most were not allowed to eat in the front of eating establishments. Daddy said that he always invited them to eat in the front of the cafe if they wanted to but most of them preferred not to create any problems.

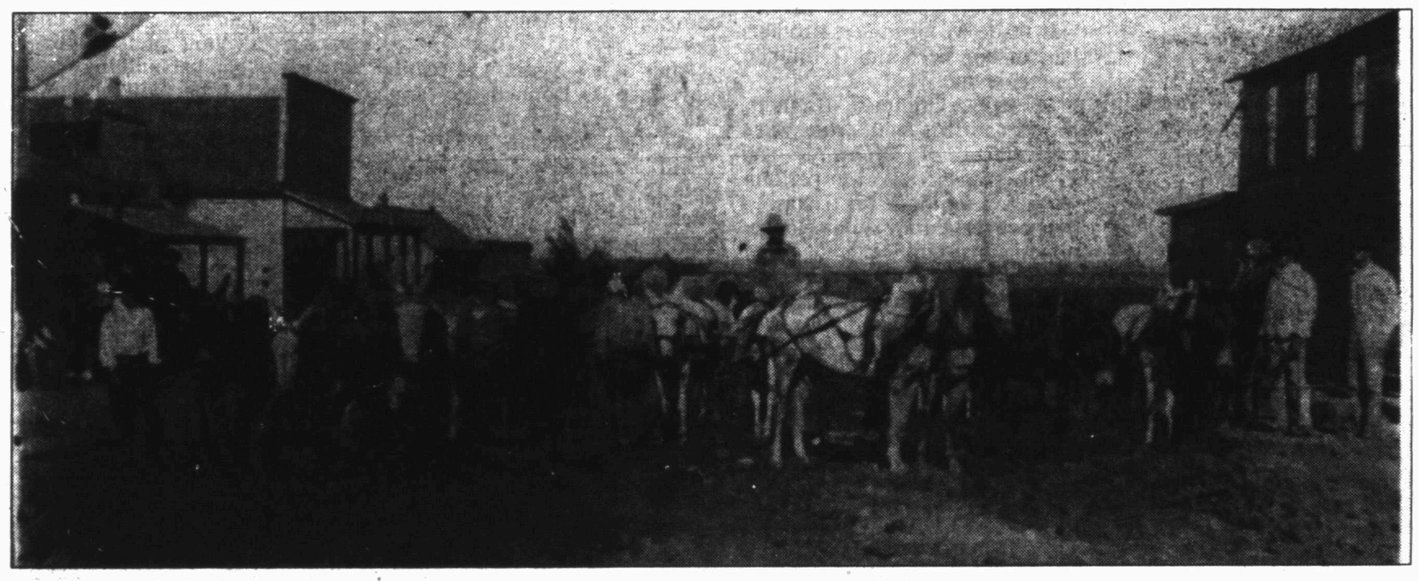
We had a family dining table in the back of the cafe between the kitchen and our living area. Most of them preferred to eat at our family table and they were always welcome.

Growing up in this fast-paced era gave me a lot of values that I hold true today. My love of people and ability to deal with the public were definitely instilled in us during this time. Our food was good. Our atmosphere was like home. For a lot of the oilfield people that had to leave families behind, this was good too.

In the early 1990s my Dad got a phone call from a traveler passing through. They wanted to know if we still had a restaurant here in town. They wanted to eat some chicken fried steak.



Scurry County was a popular place during the boom for politicians including Lyndon Baines Johnson (waving)



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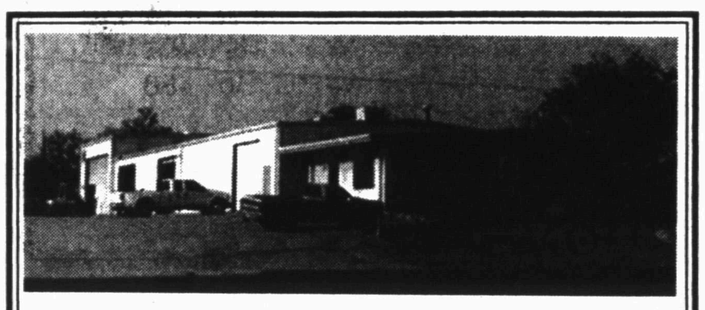

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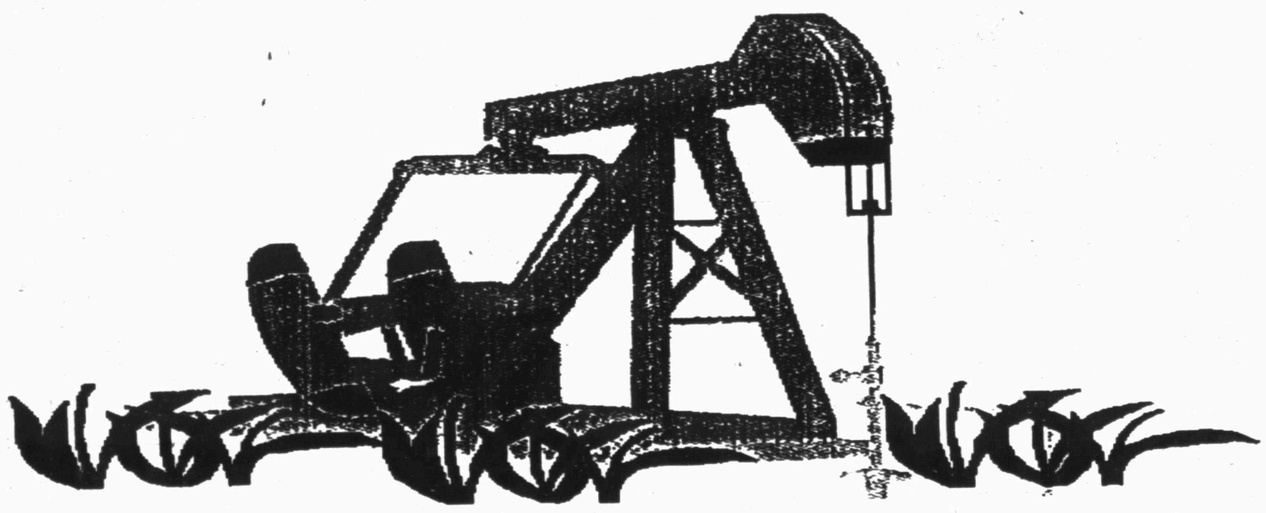

A Proud Leader in the Permian Basin

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Work during 1951 at the Snyder Gas Plant

Grimmett Brothers remains family-operated enterprise

In 1944, two brothers, Bill E. and Raymond L. Grimmett, teamed up to form a dirt contracting business.

They started out with one dump truck, a flat bed truck and a loader and hauled sand and gravel for building projects back when people had to mix their own concrete.

For a short time they manufactured concrete building blocks and then later retailed light weight concrete blocks in conjunction with retail of sand and gravel.

When the oil well drilling started in Scurry and surrounding counties, they added the hauling of oilfield drilling mud to their services.

They later added the building of oil field location sites, roads, pits, etc. Also added was conservation work such as building tanks, dams, terraces and waterways.

Grimmett has since discontinued the hauling of oilfield drilling chemicals.

In 1973, a yard was opened in Andrews.

In 1977, concrete and paving services were added. This service was discontinued in 1987.

On Oct. 3, 1978, Grimmett Brothers, Inc. was formed. No change of personnel or service was made by Grimmett Brothers Partnership becoming Grimmett Brothers, Inc.

In 1979, Grimmett Brothers, Inc. qualified with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to perform work for the State of Texas.

However, they no longer provide that service.

In 1981, a portable crusher was added for crushing material and was operated in Andrews until January 1988 when that operation was sold.

In 1991, a yard was opened in Sterling City.

On the average, Grimmett Bros. employs 80 employees year round.

Today, Grimmett Bros. takes pride in the foundation laid by Bill and Raymond. The company is proud to be able to maintain the reputation of good work and integrity set forth by them.

Grimmett Brothers has always strived to be supportive in the community and play an active part in area youth organizations.

A large part of Grimmett Bros. success is attributed to its good employees (which have a combined service with the company in excess of 500 years), good reputation and good safety record.

The company is a family owned and operated business. Nine family members are currently employed. This includes four generations on Bill E.'s side of the family and three generations on Raymond's side.

On Bill E.'s side there is Jacky Grimmett, (vice-president); Allen Grimmett; Reese Grimmett; Steve Grimmett; Brad Grimmett; Ray Max Grimmett; and Frankie Grimmett.

On Raymond Grimmett's side there is Billy Ray Grimmett, (president/general manager) and Haily Grimmett.

Earlene Gray is a retired stockholder.

Sandra Hodges is an inactive stockholder.

Bill Grimmett was born Oct. 22, 1911 in Jack County, Tex.

R.L. (Raymond) Grimmett was born Sept. 3, 1914 near Mansfield, Tex.

After a few years, the family moved to O'Donnell to farm. Later they moved to the China Grove area to farm.

Bill married Libby Ruth Holmes on Feb. 17, 1931 in Sweetwater. They have six children. Bill died Dec. 12, 1994.

Raymond married Maxine Haily on April 12, 1936 in Snyder. They have two children.

Raymond died on Feb. 16, 1998.

Both Bill and Raymond were members of Northside Baptist.

Raymond served in the U.S. Navy in World War II on the USS Tennessee.

After the war, the brothers joined together to begin a partnership known as Grimmett Brothers Sand and Gravel.

Bill served on the Snyder School Board, and R.L. is a past board member of the Chamber of Commerce.

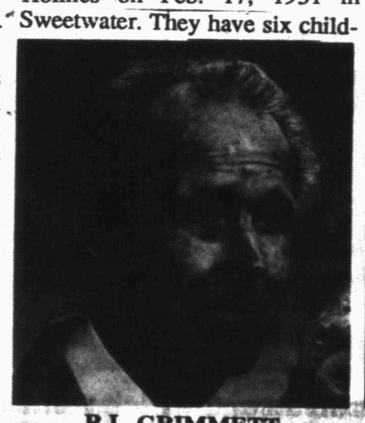
Bill and Raymond were presented the McLaughlin Award by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in 1994 for contribution to the oil industry.

Currently, services offered include construction of location sites for oilfield drilling, building location roads, digging pits, cleaning up pits and sites after drilling has been completed and maintenance of oilfield roads and locations.

Other services include building firewalls (fluid containment walls), building tank pads, reclamation of damaged soil area and clearing, leveling and building subgrade of general building sites.

Grimmett Bros. will also dig stock tanks, build dams and terraces and seeding areas.

The company also handles retail sales of all material related to dirt work.



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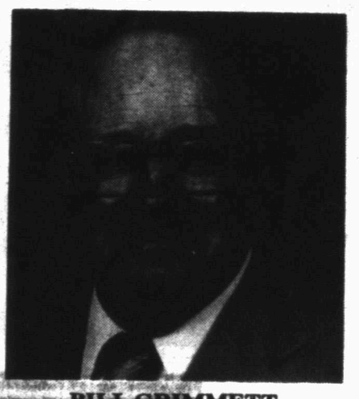

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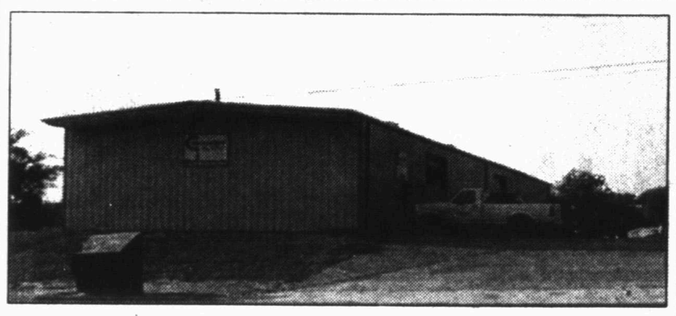

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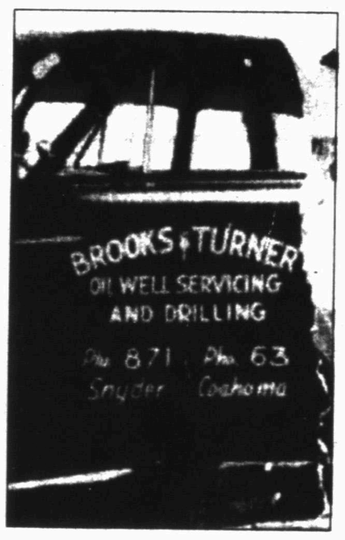

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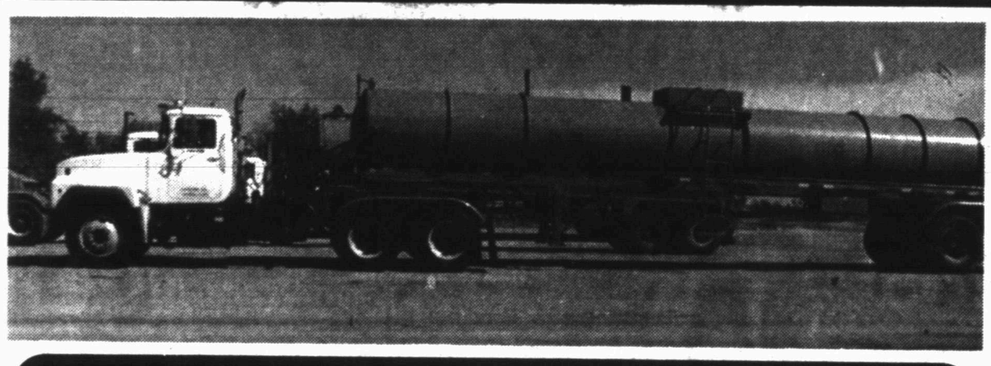

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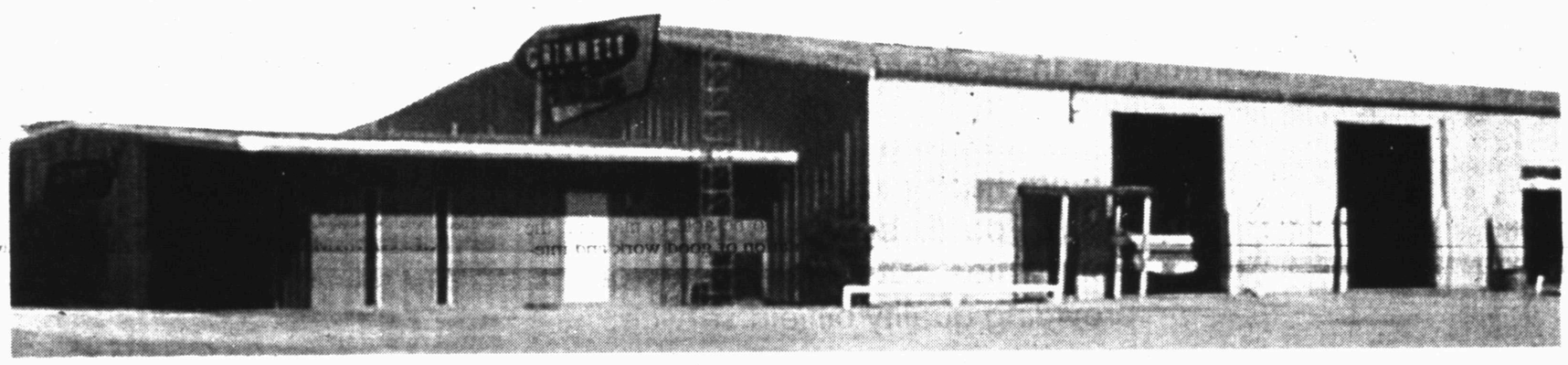

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Pool celebrating 50th year

Pool Energy Services Company is proudly celebrating 50 years of service to the oil and gas industry.

The company was founded by Frank Pool in 1948 in San Angelo with one rig and a one-room office.

The company has grown to over 850 rigs, as well as fluid hauling trucks, frac tanks and other oilfield-related equipment.

It has operations in 10 foreign countries and most of the oil producing areas for oil and gas in the United States.

This includes both offshore and onshore production.

The company employs about 6,500 people world-wide.

The Snyder yard was purchased by Pool Co. in February, 1976 from Ike Dolen, owner of Universal Well Servicing.

At that time, the local yard operated workover rigs, swab rigs, hydraulic spoolers, roustabout trucks and one hot oiler.

In 1989, water hauling trucks were added to the existing fleet.

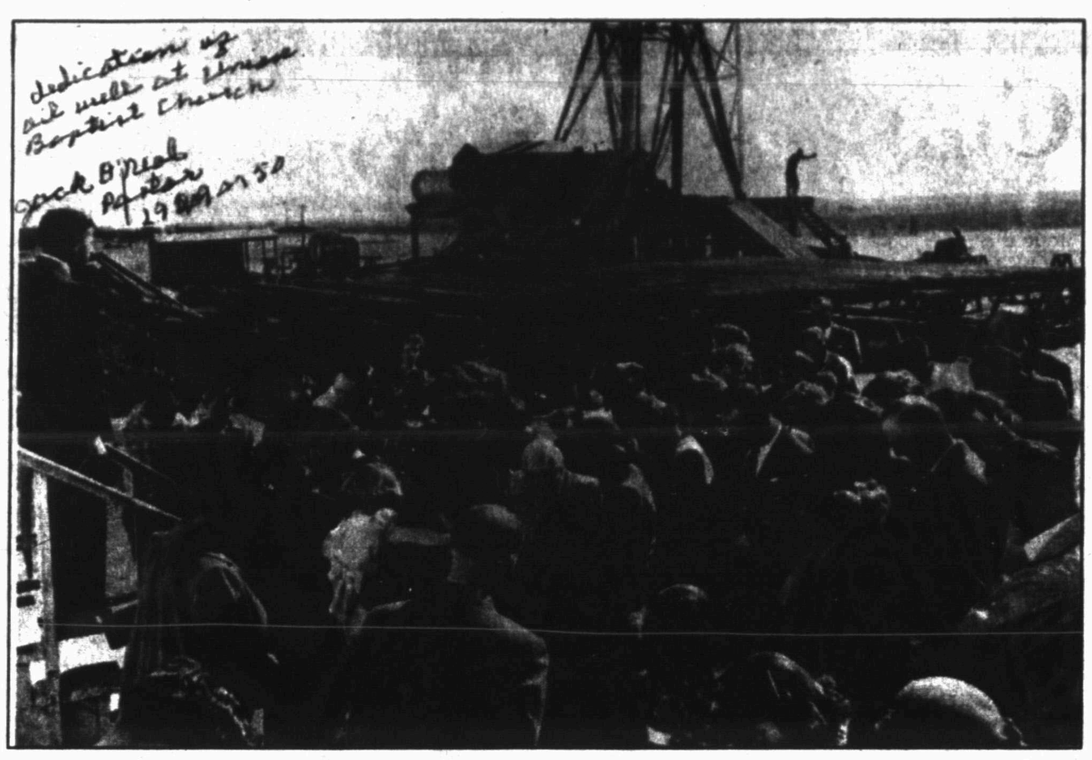
At the present time, services in Snyder consist of workover rigs, water hauling and winch trucks, frac tanks, reverse rig packages and manual and hydraulic blow out preventers.

The majority of the work done by Pool during the late 1970s and 1980s was for the SACROC unit in Scurry County.

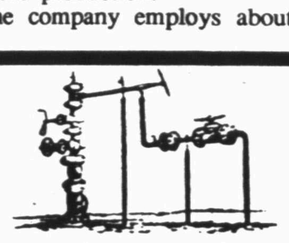
However, Pool has maintained and worked-over wells for Oryx (formerly Sun), Mobil, Exxon, UNOCAL, Texaco, Fina, Chevron, Pennzoil and numerous independent oil companies throughout Scurry and surrounding counties.

Area managers working out of the Snyder area have been W.D. Birdwell, Bobby Franks, Kenn James, Danny Derryberry, Jerry Chick, Buddy Perry and Kenneth Porter.

The employee count has fluctuated from approximately 125 in the 1980s to the current total of 57, with the present Snyder office personnal consisting of Area Manager R.J. Vincent, Office Coordinator Dianne Eime, Office Assistant Danny Derryberry, Terminal Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Field Supervisor Darrel Clement, Alliance Supervisors Joe Hernandez and Jackie Warner, and Truck Supervisor Dennis Jones.



Church services continue, so does drilling



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Reef Chemical got start in Scurry

Reef Chemical Co. Inc. became a reality on July 17, 1976 when Larry and Maxine Falls started a chemical company to meet the needs of the Permian Basin's Eastern Shelf.

With the inception of Reef, Larry Falls acquired a contract to service a portion of Chevron's SACROC Unit, one of the largest water floods in the world.

Through time and with excellent service, Reef was able to expand its small portion of the SACROC Unit to 100 percent of this prolific Canyon Reef property. With an excellent base to work from, Reef extended its operation to include many other areas in Texas and Kansas.

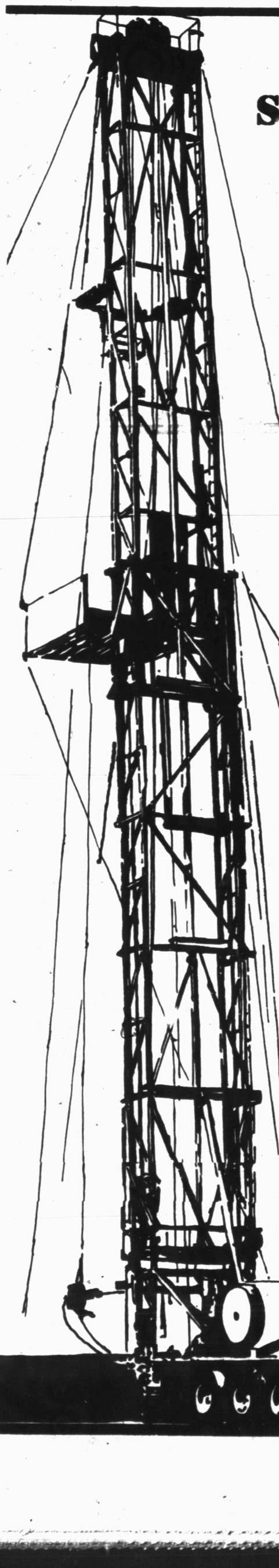
In 1991, Reef purchased Advanced Chemical Co. in Post and retained ACC's president Dale Redman. On Oct. 15, 1993, Dale Redman acquired 100 percent of Reef's outstanding stock and became Reef's sole owner.

Since 1993, Reef has grown to over 200 employees with 40 operation centers in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Louisiana, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Besides excelling in production chemical business, Reef has diversified into the stimulation and pumping service business to enhance the overall attributes and services Reef can provide to its customers. This has made Reef a truly unique multi-faceted service company.

Included in this growth has been the addition of the acidizing segment in Snyder, under the leadership of Max Hildebrand. With acidizing operations in Lovington, N.M., Odessa and Snyder, Reef has built one of the largest dedicated acidizing fleets in the Permian Basin.

Reef Chemical has a total of 200 employees with approximately 100 in the Snyder area.



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County's 1st producer came in 1923 near Ira

(Editor's Note: The following article is based on information in "Footprints Across Scurry County 1884-1984 and "Scurryly Speaking," Sept., 1973.)

The first producing oil well in Scurry County — the J.J. Moore No. 1 — was drilled one mile south of Ira in 1923. The Sharon Ridge oilfield was developed about 1940, 10 miles west of Ira.

Mrs. Moore was less than thrilled with the smell when she was shown a sample from the number one well in Scurry County. But when the first oil check arrived, she wanted to buy an ax because the old one was getting a little dull.

Before long though, a pipeline was put down to bring gas to the house for fuel, and the ax wasn't as important as it had been.

The Moore No. 1 was not an accident. According to old newspaper reports, a great deal of study and geological survey work was completed before any plans to gain land holdings got underway.

Leon E. English, who was then employed by geologists Foster and Reiter, devoted hours to putting together a study of the structure of the earth's formations in the Ira area.

The Loutex Corp. — after much study and consideration — decided to attempt a well if they could get as much as 4,000 acres of land under lease.

It took oil companies a long time to secure land leases. Some men in the community began to realize what an oilfield would mean to the area. However, they had also heard a great deal about "big deal oil men" who failed to deliver on their promises.

Mr. Thompson, who represented the Loutex Corp., and local grocer, J.E. Murphy, sat on egg crates in the back of the store as they planned the oilfield in Scurry County.

Three land owners, J.J. Moore, O.H. Holladay and J.E. Murphy, formed a committee which was appointed to deal with Loutex to secure the leases. Sometimes as many as 60 landowners attended the meetings.

When they shared their fears about big deals that never materialized, he said they could consider him a "crook" until Loutex had made a satisfactory agreement with them.

To guarantee their intentions, the Loutex officials put up a cash deposit of $25,000, and they opened an office in Snyder. Leases were obtained through the assistance of the land committee, the Scurry County Abstract Company and Judge C.R. Buchanan.

After the Moore No. 1 was spudded in February of 1923, Scurry County was soon added to the list of Texas counties producing oil.

In the 1973 article, Pat Moore (now deceased), son of J.J. Moore, recalled how the very big timbers looked when they were unloaded at the well site before the derrick was built.

Since the only trees he was familiar with were mesquite trees, the timbers were very large.

Many and varied stories of the drilling operation of the Moore No. 1 have been told over the years. As the tale goes, one of the tool dressers on the crew went to Snyder to buy personal items. He bought shaving soaps and lotions at one of the drug stores. He received six small goldfish as a bonus.

He tried to give the goldfish away, but his landlady didn't want them. He then took the fish to the well and put them in a can of water. On that day, the drilling bit struck a pool of water, which the crew had to bail out. Since interest was high in the first producing oil well, visitors were always around the site.

As a joke, the tool dresser took one of the fish over to the slush that was being bailed from the well and pretended to find the fish there. Then he gave it to a young girl in the crowd.

Everyone got so excited. Then the tool dresser accidentally found another fish. He sold it to a bystander for $2. Eventually all of the fish were found and sold, including the last one for $5.

Drilling continued at the well. A slight puff of gas was encountered at 1,175 feet, and at 1,296 feet the drill bit hit a real gas sand. The well had to be shut down until they could come up with a plan to handle the gas.

A Badgett well blew in gas and salt water not far south of the well — just over the Mitchell County line. The gusher was too strong to be controlled. That was something that no one wanted to happen at the Moore well.

The gas at the well turned out to be cold but nonflammable, so cold that it could freeze a watermelon.

The well gas was registering from 300-400 pounds. A plan, originated by Mr. Lechner, would allow the gas to be used to operate the drilling machinery, instead of steam.

At 1,800 feet, 15 barrels of oil could be bailed. Loutex didn't agree when the drilling contractor wanted to call it a well and quit at this depth.

After arguments and threats of court trials, the Loutex Corp. bought the drilling equipment and continued to drill. The well was drilled to 3,570 feet, but was plugged back to 1,800, shot with 280 quarts of nitroglycerine and bailing indicated a 30-60 barrel a day well.

Oil sold cheap when the Moore well was established. Some reports have the land owners getting as little as 10 cents a barrel for their share of the oil well.

BOOM TIME EVENING TOWER DRILLER — I.W. Davis served as the evening tower driller for the Jessie Brown #1 from Aug. 1 to Nov. 21, 1948. He is shown with his daughter, Sandra. (Contributed Photo)

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The gas from Moore No. 1 was harnessed and used to operate the drilling machinery for the Humphrey well on Wellborn land adjoining the Moore lease.

A cable tool rig had been used to drill the well. This consisted of a wooden tower bolted together so it could be moved.

In later years, the towers were nailed together and left standing.

"Drilling" for oil included digging a hole as far as possible using posthole diggers. Water was then poured into the hole and a huge bit, hung from a large cable, pounded and pulverized the earth.

The entire process was repeated over and over until oil was discovered. The oil, residing in the pores of rock, under great pressure from all sides, flowed into the open hole. A pump, similar to the one in a waterwell, removed the oil.

The bit, a thick piece of iron around six feet long, was worn down through the endless pounding and often had to be heated and "sledged" back into shape.

In those days, men attended the rigs during the day and night. In the absence of electricity, the yellow dog lantern was used.

Howard Hughes invented the rotary bit which revolutionized the oil industry. It handles the same job that the huge cable tool bit does, but actually drills the hole, rather than just pounding it.

A heavy drilling mud is pumped down the center of the drill pipe, comes through the bit, picks up the pieces of ground rock and then travels back up the hole, outside the drill pipe. The rock and debris are deposited outside the mud is cleaned and recycled so that the need for a bailer is eliminated.

When he was the Precinct 3 commissioner, L.L.(Pat) Moore was responsible for getting the Ira Community Center built, most of the roads paved and the street lights installed in Ira.

He also served as the chairman of the original board of the Ira Water Supply Corp. and brought city water from nearby Lake Thomas in 1964. A few months before his death, the Ira community presented him with an appreciation plaque.

Corky Kruse is the current president of Ira Water Supply Corp. Jim Wilson is the operator.

During the 1976 bicentennial celebration, community members raised enough money to build a small roadside park on Highway 350 in Ira and dedicated it to Ira Green and the pioneers of this area.



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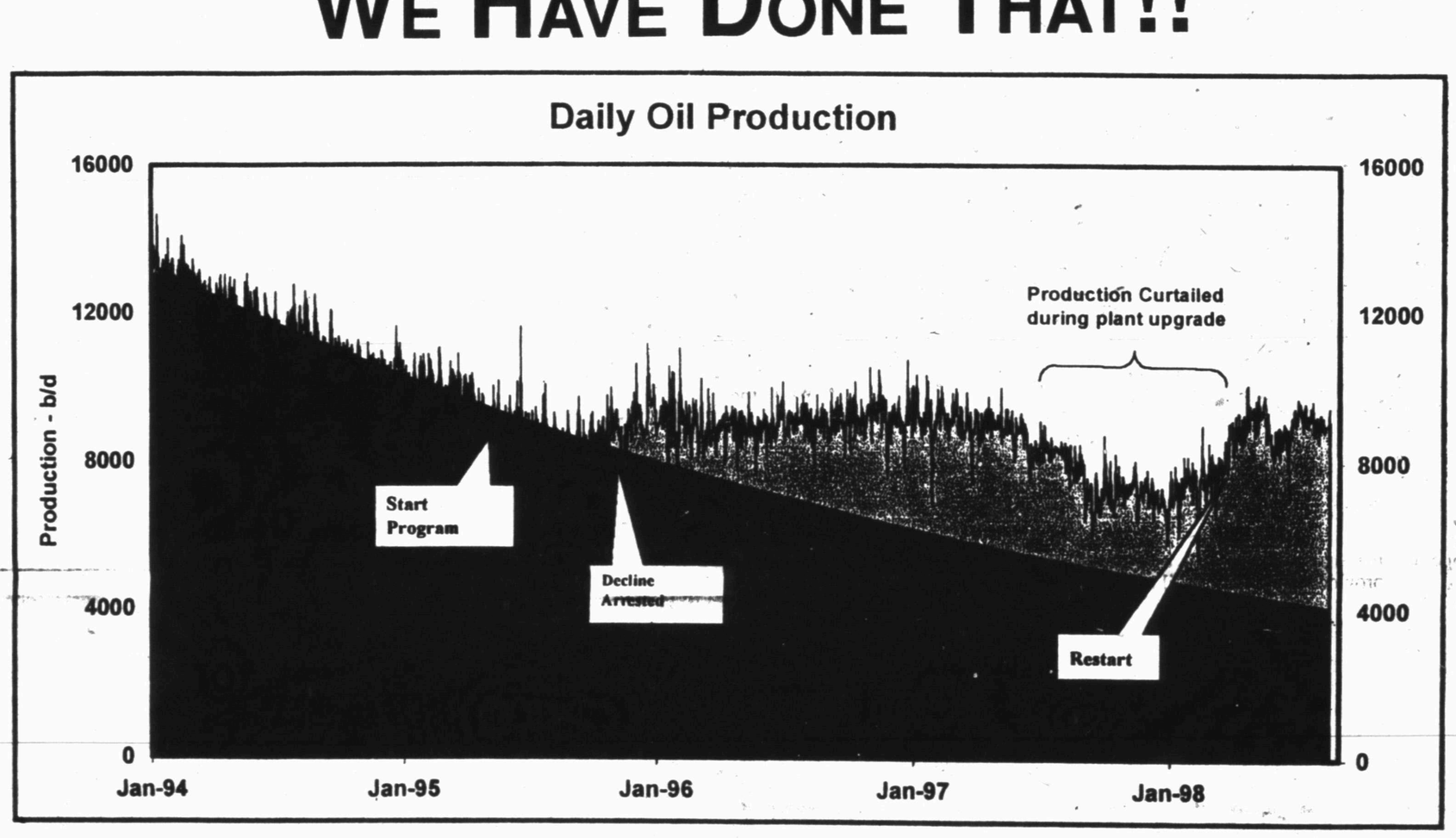

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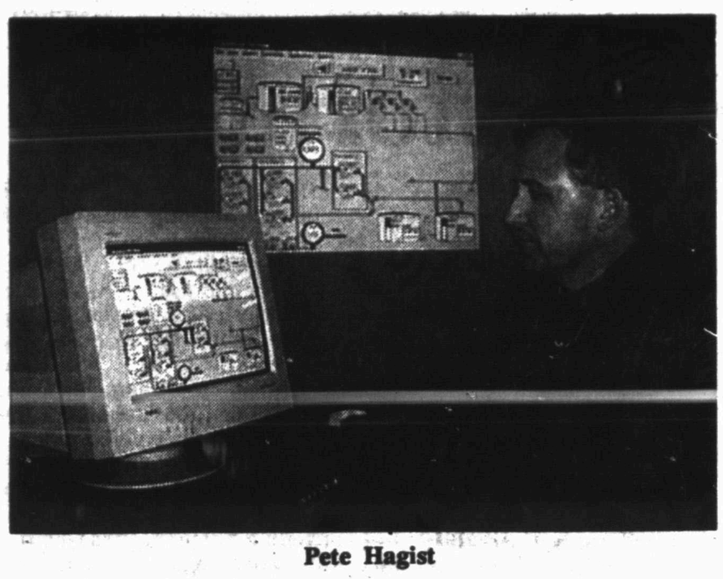


Pete Hagist

Life of field extended...

Technology used by Pennzoil to stabilize SACROC

Pennzoil became the majority owner of the SACROC unit in 1995, having been the unit's operator since November of 1992.

The transaction vaulting Pennzoil to top ownership in the unit was announced in March, 1995. It gave the company an ownership percentage of 65.5, having acquired Oryx's share of 27.07 percent, and Mobil's share of 16 percent.

At that time, Pennzoil's SACROC operations superintendent Pete Hagist said the transaction would permit the company more efficiency in terms of funding for projects which would increase or stabilize production.

Since that time, Pennzoil has conducted an extensive and ongoing effort to restore the profitability of the SACROC unit.

The company's effort had two objectives:

1. Stop the production decline which existed when Pennzoil took over operations in November, 1992.

2. Eliminate excessive operating expenses.

Without this program, said Hagist, the economic viabilty of the unit would have declined rapidly with shut-in occurring within 14 months.

The turn-around effort was designed to last for two years, ending in March of 1997.

However, extended negotiations with the Snyder Gas Plant and delays in upgrading the gas processing facilities significantly delayed the effort.

As of March of this year, however, the majority of Pennzoil's initiatives were in place and were beginning to yield results.

The decline in production at SACROC was arrested in late 1995.

But it's not the same oilfield some of the oldtimers in the patch might recognize.

"Pennzoil has increased the life of SACROC by 15 years by using today's technology," Hagist said.

The company constructed a compressor station across from the Snyder gas plant which is twice as efficient as the old compressors.

CO2 that is piped from McCamey is controlled by a satellite link, said Hagist.

Pennzoil will soon provide CO2 to the Exxon injection program in the Sharon Ridge Field, as well as provide it for a Union Oil of California project in Borden County.

Hagist said the change in technology has changed the skill levels of oil field workers.

"They have to be a lot more technical. They now need to be able to operate computers and other electronic equipment," Hagist emphasized.

Mlcak engineer on discovery well

The discovery of Canyon Reef oil in Snyder in the winter of 1948 kicked off the boom in Scurry County.

The first important Canyon Reef producer well — Standard of Texas' No. 1 Mrs. Jesse Brown "2" was completed on Nov. 19, 1948.



Ed Mlcak

Edward Mlcak, who was then a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma, was the young engineer on the discovery well.

The well was located in the northwest corner of Section 400, in the north end of what became the Kelly-Snyder field.

It flowed 532 barrels of 43 gravity oil during the first 24 hours. The production came from the highly porous reef, topped at 6,250 feet.

Mlcak was the supervising engineer for the drilling of the well.

Mlcak was on-hand last June 12 and 13 for the SACROC reunion and took the time to tell a little of his story and that of the well.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 1948 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, Mlcak took a job with Standard Oil Company of Texas, a subsidary of Standard Oil of California, which Mlcak noted, later became Chevron.

After he was hired and had gone through orientation, Mlcak was given his first assignment — to supervise the drilling of a wildcat well in Scurry County — the Jesse Brown.

"They decided to try me out," Mlcak said.

It was August 1948 when he was given the assignment and in doing so he replaced another engineer by the name of O.H. Berry on the Scurry County well.

"He supervised it 10 days, then they sent him to another district," Mlcak said.

The division superintendent at the time was H.W. Matthews, who had been a colonel in World War II, Mlcak noted.

"People called him "The Colonel."

The head geologist was Gail Stoddard and other geologists on duty at the well were Richard "Dick" Grice and Russell Stitt.

Jack Prince, from Electra, was the drilling contractor, and Roy Hurd of Midland was the tool pusher.

Chuck Bradford, who was working for Stoddard, was the drilling superintendent and Fred Shamblen was Mlcak's immediate supervisor.

As supervising engineer for the drilling of the well, Mlcak was responsible for the project.

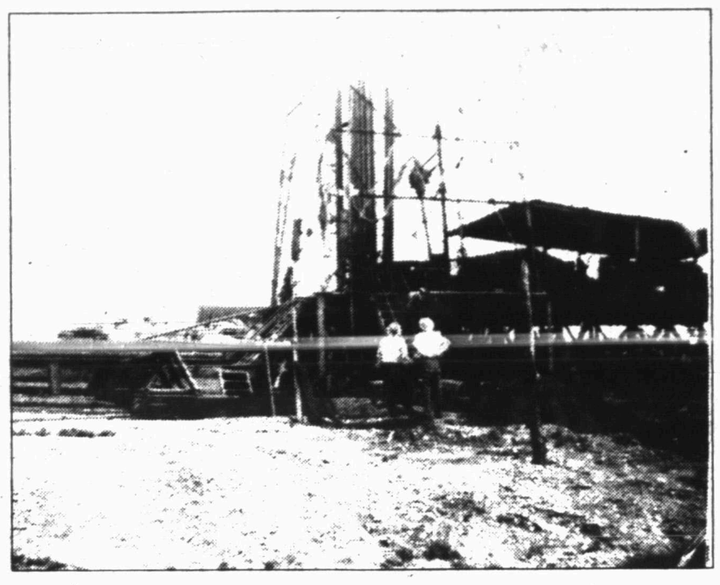
"The objective was to find oil. We had on-site geologists and anytime there was an indication of oil, it was the company's policy to evacuate and drillstem test — which was time consuming and expensive."

Samuel D. Myres in his book "Permian Basin, Petroleum Empire of the Southwest: Era of Advancement," wrote: "The well's flow came in fully controlled; it was in no respect a gusher. Little immediate public reaction followed the discovery...Officials of Standard Oil Company, however, were elated. A group of officials came in from Houston to observe and celebrate the well's performance. Business leaders of Snyder soon realized the significance of the strike, and typically, held a barbecue to honor the company responsible..."

Mlcak said he recalls the barbecue.

"I can still see it. It seems like the pit must have been 30 feet long.

"I couldn't be there, however. I had stayed up all night flowing the well. But the time the barbecue was ready to eat, I just wanted to sleep. I told them to leave me alone."



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"Christmas Tree" fountain gets restoration

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

The fountain, an oilfield "Christmas tree" located near the main entrance of the Scurry County Coliseum, has been refurbished in time for Saturday's oil appreciation day festivities.

Established in 1983, the tribute to the local oil field, hadn't worked in several years. Donna Fowler, chamber manager, mentioned that fact to Bob Barbee who works for Chevron USA, Inc., a former SACROC operator.

After that, Barbee said he "got busy" and began organizing the project, which took about two months to complete and brought together several entities that shared the work and the expense.

Though it "took a while," Barbee said the restoration effort included redoing the wiring and water lines and replacing both the pump and motor.

Lights have been installed on the fountain and the sign which will allow both to be visible at night for the first time.

The fountain and sign have also been repainted.

Companies contributing to the refurbishing of the fountain include Chevron, Pennzoil, Southern Electric, E.D. Walton and Arrow Construction.

Price Daniel Unit inmates reworked the area around the fountain. The area was "dressed up" and the ditch was later back filled.

Since the oil appreciation day celebrates 50 years of oil history in Scurry County, it's only fitting to look back and reflect on how the fountain came to be.

The roots of the project stretched back to the Bicentennial celebration when Paul Sizemore, known locally as "Mr. Goldcoat" before his death and former owner of Arrow Construction, built what is now the base of the present fountain.

David Hines spearheaded the second fountain project when he was a member of the chamber of commerce. The owner of Hines Construction, he donated the equipment and labor when it was installed in 1983.

Putting the project together required the cooperation of many people, Hines said last week, "I don't want those people to be forgotten."

Before the coliseum site was selected, two others were considered — the traffic circle and the square. The traffic circle idea was dropped because a fountain cannot be placed on state-owned land.

The coliseum became the logical choice because one had been installed several years before.

At the time, Hines said both the county commissioners and the coliseum embraced the project enthusiastically. Others also helped too, including Sizemore.

The "Christmas tree" or high pressure well head assembly used to cap wells, had first been junked by Snyder Gas Plant (operated by Sun Oil Co., now called Oryx.

It derives its descriptive name from a tapering shape created by a series of flanges which grow smaller near the top.

"I thought it was too high dollar to junk it," Hines said. He contacted Sizemore and both visited the fountain at the coliseum.

It was just a base though and Hines "wanted a fountain" so that's what he set his mind to achieving.

After looking at the site, Sizemore told Hines that the "Christmas tree" would be too heavy for the base because of the sand inside.

That did not stop Hines. "Me and my guys knocked off the top and started shoveling all of the sand out until we reached the hard ground."

They then filled it with concrete, donated by M.L. Chandler of Concrete, Inc., and set anchor bolts to hold it.

With the base secured, Hines wanted the "Christmas tree" to be installed there more than ever. Jack Denman who is retired from Oryx was instrumental in getting the company to donate the tree to Hines.

Mid-American Pipeline Co. built the sign and Lynn Wilkerson of the Sign-Tist donated the lettering, Hines said. The slogan selected, "Scurry County — Where the oil flows, and the cotton grows," was one that Max von Roeder's mother, Opal von Roeder, had thought of several years earlier.

It was selected because it reflected two of the county's main economical interests.

Hines said he obtained her permission to use it. Von Roeder also donated and planted the cotton around the fountain.

When all of the work was completed, the circular area surrounding the fountain was filled with water, colored to simulate oil.

Prior to the chamber of commerce banquet, a grand unveiling ceremony was carried out when the fountain was completed. It had been kept covered until the unveiling. A 20-ton crane lifted the cover from the 12-foot high "Christmas tree" stack and the pumps were turned on to start the flow of water.

Others who contributed to the original project besides those already named include Chevron U.S.A. SACROC, Mobil Producing, I&R Industries, R.E. Smith, Texaco Inc., Union Oil of California and Exxon.



REFURBISHING FOUNTAIN — The fountain at the entrance to Scurry County Coliseum has been refurbished in time for Saturday's Oil Appreciation Day. It took a cooperative effort between several companies and the chamber of commerce to complete the project. Shown in front are Jerry Martin of Pennzoil and Donna Fowler, chamber manager. In back are Arrow Construction employees, Adolfo Juarez, left, and Ubaldo Hernandez. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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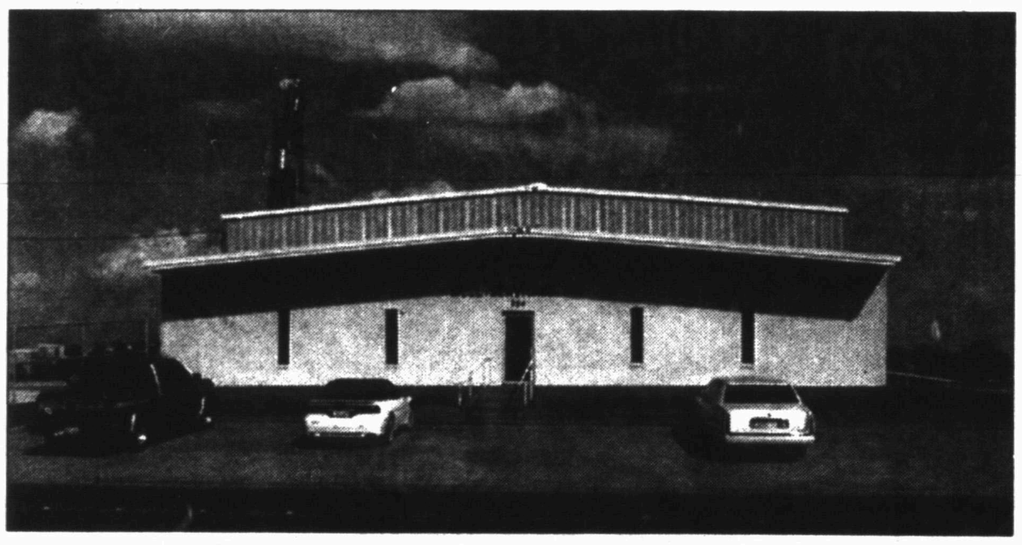

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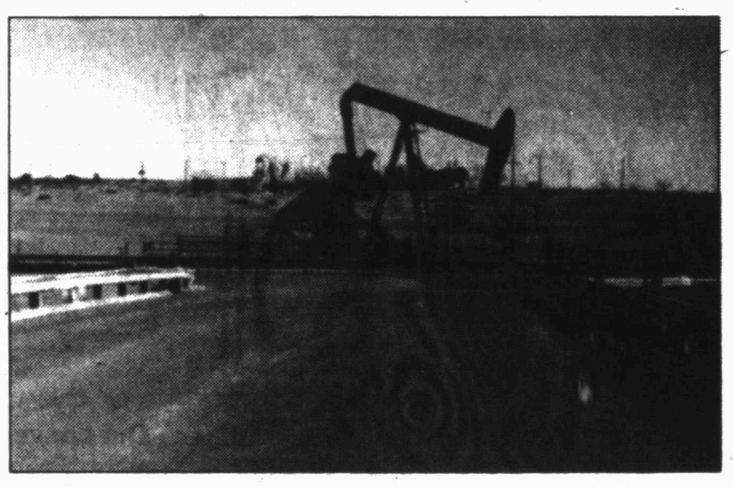

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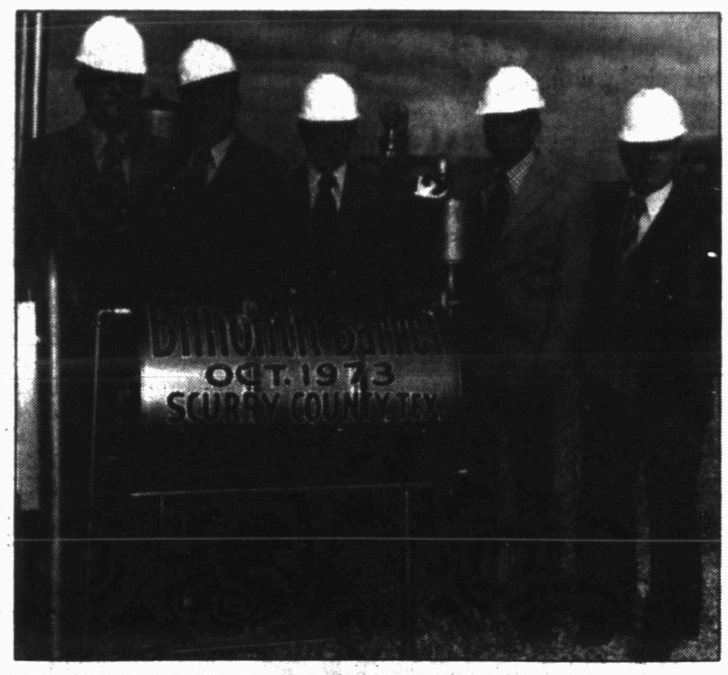

BILLIONTH BARREL CELEBRATION — This celebration will be noted Saturday evening at Scurry County Coliseum when it, and two other great Scurry County oil events will be recognized. The site of the billioneth barrel is at FM 1611 and Highway 84. (Contributed Photo)

Exxon CO2 project underway in area

Exxon, or Humble Oil and Refining Company, has made its presence known for many years in the Scurry County oil patch.

In August, 1948, the company, along with Sun Oil, completed the Schatell #1 in the Canyon Reef.

This was a one oil well pool on the edge of an even greater field, but it must be rated as a discovery well.

Just next month, Exxon will begin its carbon dioxide injection project in its Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit.

The injection of the C02 will initially total about 50 million cubic feet per day and will be distributed among nine wells and affect some 14 acres on the unit.

The carbon dioxide will be transported to the area in a pipeline belonging to Pennzoil.

The area is located both in Scurry and Borden Counties, on the southern end of the large Kelly-Snyder field.

It is the second largest unified oilfield in the county, behind SACROC.

Depending upon the results of the injection into the nine wells, the project may be expanded to cover more of the unit, said Crawford Bunkely of Exxon's corporate offices in Houston.

The field has been enhanced by water injection since 1955.

The unit has been producing since 1949 when the discovery well, Marsh Spring #1 was brought in.

Exxon became the chief operator of the field in 1988 when it purchased the interest of R.E. Smith.

Initially, the field was operated by Warren Petroleum until it merged with Gulf in 1958.

Smith took over its day-to-day operations in 1959.

Koch is growing pipeline company

Diamond Koch was founded in 1940 by Fred Koch and its headquarters currently is in Wichita, Kansas.

Locally, the pipeline company is headed by area supervisor Mike St. John who offices out of Midland.

St. John has 22 years experience with the company, while two operations technicians have a total of 36 years of combined experience.

Tom McGuire has been with Koch for over 16 years, while Darby Scott has 19 years experience.

Currently headed by Charles Koch, the chief executive officer has seen annual revenues increase from $177 millon in 1967 to more than $30 billion today.

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The Midland division, which includes Scurry County, operates about 3,000 wells throughout the area.

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Front row - Don Crane, Roger Lollar, Mike Gray, Larry Paul, Rex Alman III, James Dodson, Chip Roemisch, Howard Ziegler, Curtis Guynes.

Not shown - Larry Pickerel, Buddy Atkinson, Tommy Cole, John Pilcher.

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It became necessary to establish a new area office in the division with all the exploration and production that was generated by the company. A new area office was created and located in the old Mabee Petroleum office in Ira. The expansion produced numerous new jobs for the community. Initially there were nine employees working out of the Ira area. The staff is now at twenty three and a new office and yard were built in February of 1993.

Anadarko has a daily production of 3,000 barrels of oil produced. This rate comes from 685 wells; 585 are located in Scurry County. Since 1989, 190 new wells were drilled and several area waterfloods have been upgraded that are very economical to operate. Over the last two years operation Sudden Impact has been implemented with an increased production goal on a 20 million dollar budget. All the goals have been surpassed and the company continues to look to the future with an optimistic outlook and attitude.

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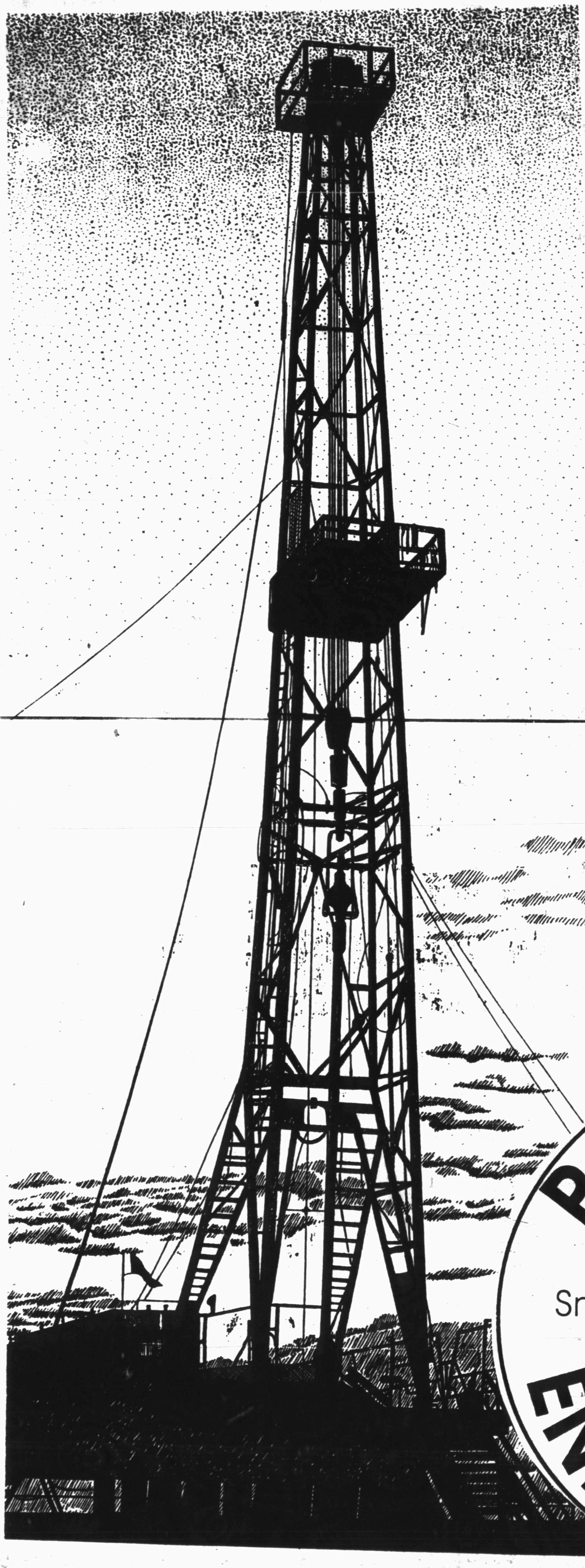

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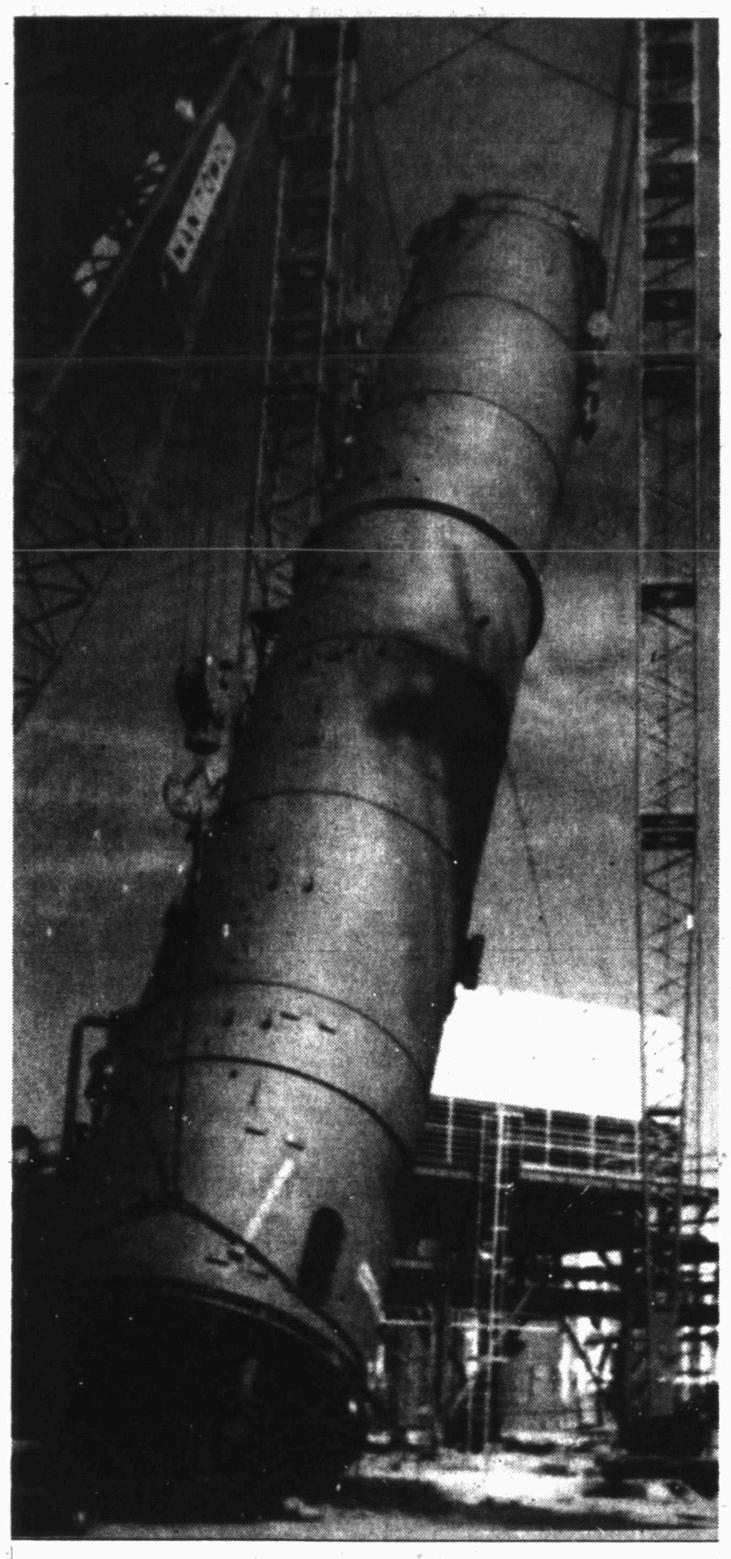
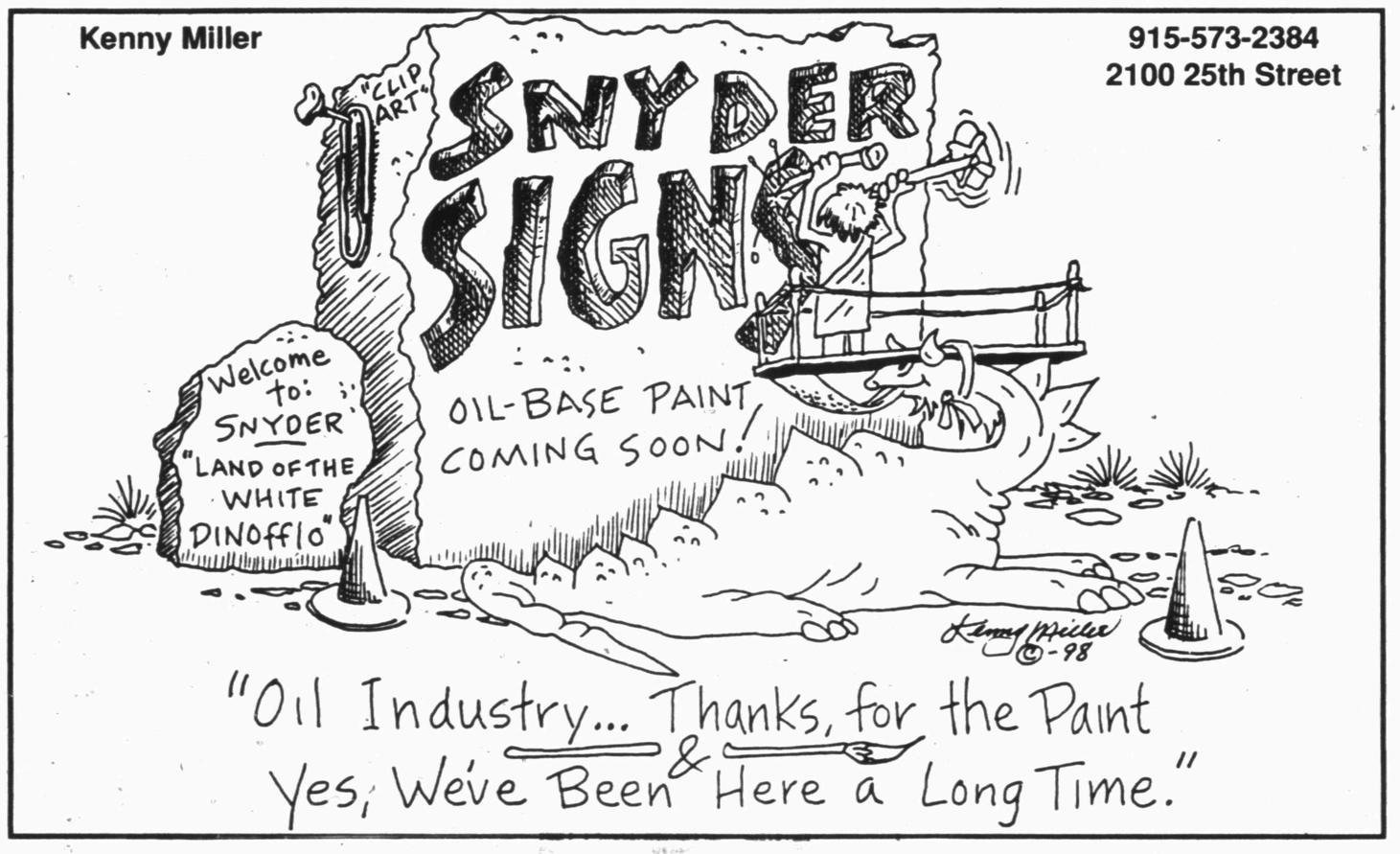


CO2 project at Snyder gas plant

Oil money filled down town stores with customers





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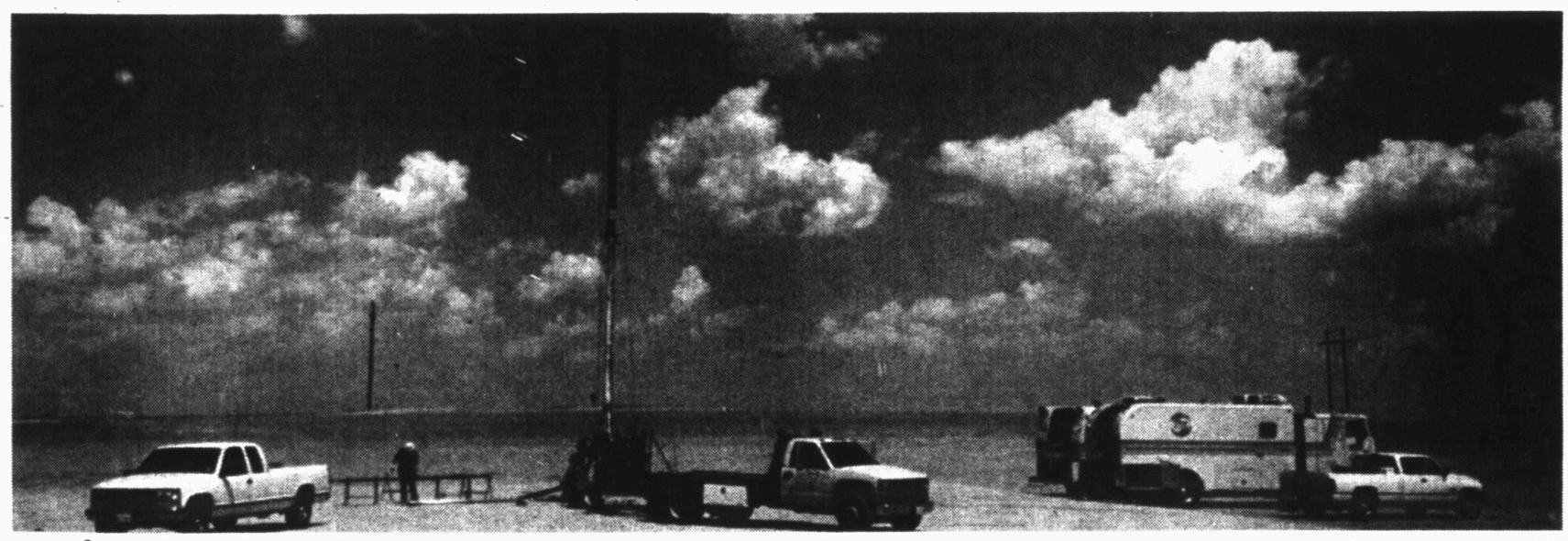

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McGlaun saw classrooms overflow during boom

(EDITOR'S NOTE: June McGllaun, fresh out of college, came to Snyder as a school teacher just in time to experience the oil boom. These are excerpts of her oral history given to the Scurry County Museum.)

Newly graduated from McMurry College, June McGlaun moved to Snyder in September of 1949.

While she has made a space for herself after years of service to SISD, in the fall of '49 everything was crowded, from the classrooms to the living quarters.

"The superintendent, Mr. M.E. Stanfield, told me at the time 'I don't have a place right now for you to live. We're going to have to find something.'

"He had told me then that the oil activity had caused rental property and room rentals to be at a very high premium."

Mr. Stanfield convinced Bonnie Moore, who lived with her husband Carol on Ave. M about a block up from the elementary, junior high and high school building on 26th St., to rent a bedroom to the newly hired history and government teacher.

Finding a room to rent at the time was somewhat of a luxury, explained Mrs. McGlaun.

"There were a number of cars all day long going aroung the square. There were people that I saw that I knew had probably spent the night there on the square. And the bridge between Ave. M and the square, down there on 25th St., there were men who slept under those bridges because they couldn't find a room anywhere.

"Of course, the Manhattan Hotel was always full and they would rent by the day or night. So, sometimes the tower workers would spend the day in the hotel, and then somebody else would share that bed at night."

Living spaces weren't the only areas packed with people coming and going. The classrooms were also filled with students in transition, according to Mrs. McGlaun.

"My first day at school was very, very difficult. I started the day with about 24 or 25 students. Before the day was over, I ended up with 45 registered students in my classroom. I don't believe I ever got below 40 students after that.

"One thing that made it so difficult was that drillers and other men would bring their families in on Monday. Then I would check them out like on Friday. They would move onto another field, or move somewhere else.

"They were working for a while and when their bit was done out at the rig site, they would move on. So it changed. I don't remember the total number of students I had that first year, but I kept more than two records, I remember. There were at least two complete books that I kept in that first semester."

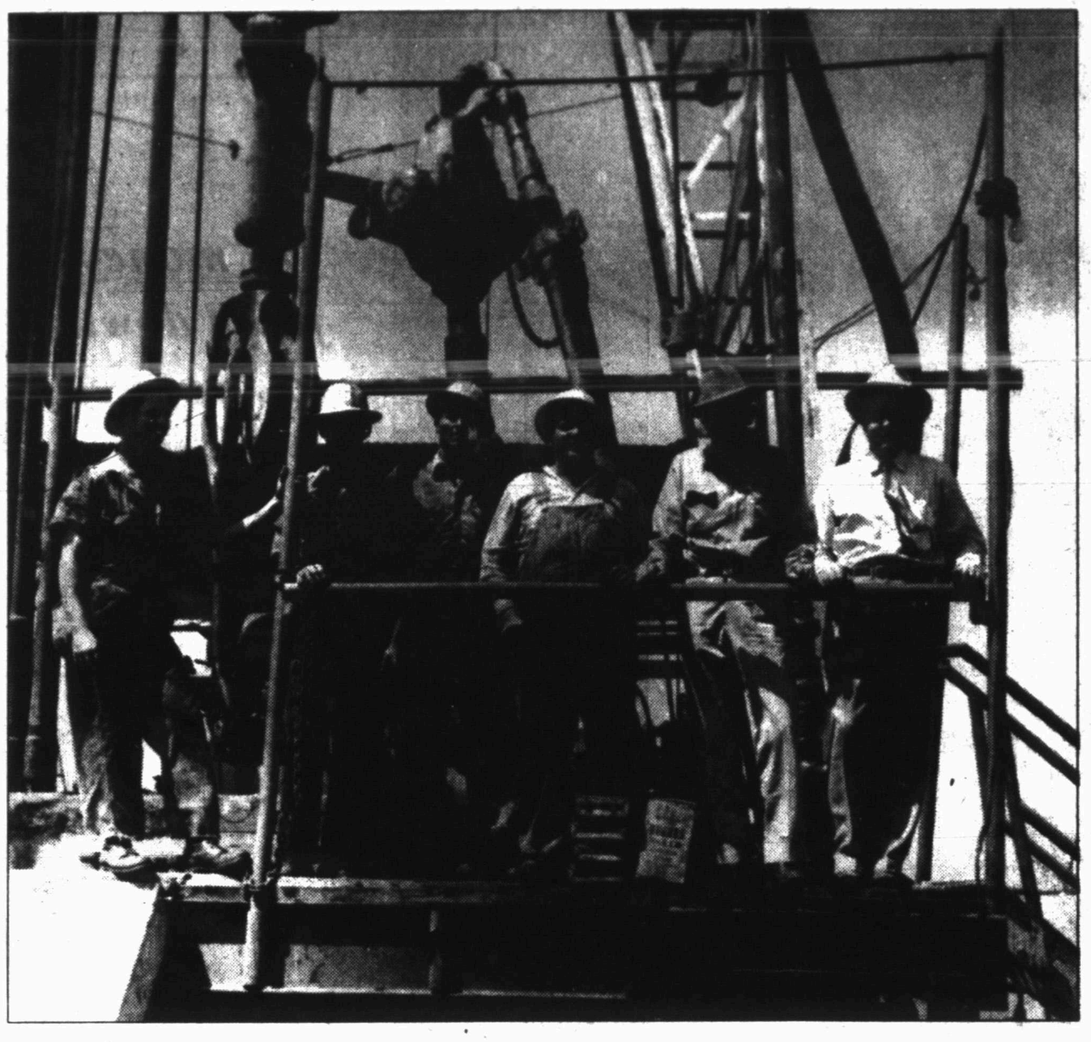
The first year was so difficult in fact, Mrs. McGlaun stated she felt "a bit defeated."

"I felt that I had not really accomplished as much as I would have hoped because of the children coming in on Monday and leaving on Friday. They just knew it was going to be temporary because that's what their past had been. And they were a little bit difficult to challenge. Not all of them, but some.

"You had your proverbial troublemakers within those groups that knew they weren't going to be there and it really didn't matter. They were a challenge to you in your methods of teaching and in your discipline."

But despite the difficulties that came along with the oil boom, Mrs. McGlaun doesn't regret it a bit.

"I taught for 32 years in the Snyder public schools. I made lifelong friends and I'm much better for having had them, I can guarantee you."



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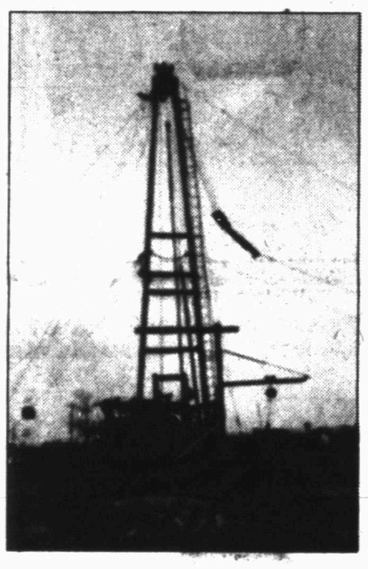

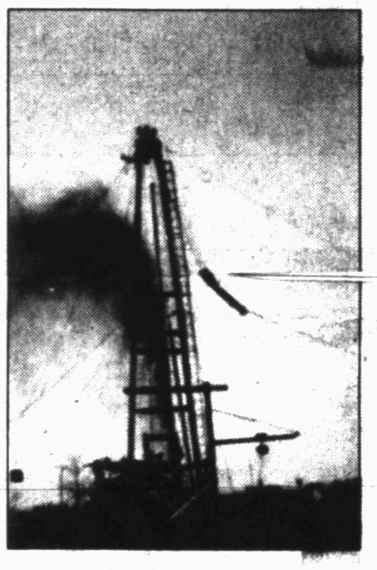

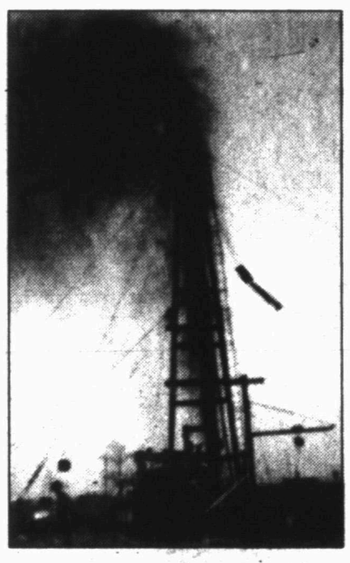



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Busy year for county's two historical groups

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

For many years, Snyder and Scurry County's histories have been preserved by the Scurry County Historical Commission and Historic Scurry County, Inc.

The Historical Commission's biggest project for the past year included publishing the historical markers in a 145-page booklet, complete with the narratives required to obtain markers plus the inscriptions on the markers.

Aline Parks served as the editor.

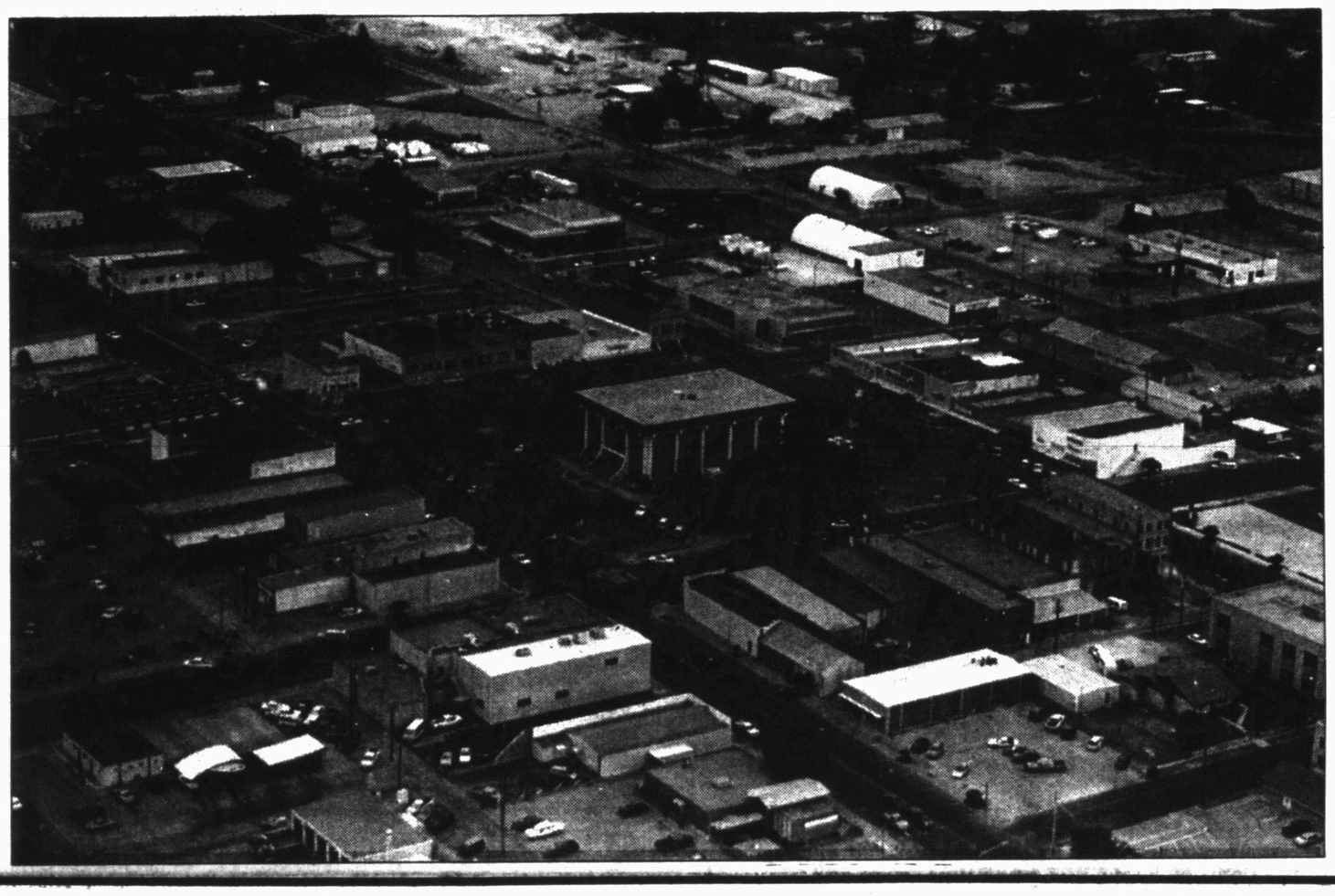
In March, the commission cooperated with Scurry County Museum for a Texas Independence Day observance. It also helped the Scurry County Museum with sponsoring the quilt show held in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival.

The Historical Commission was responsible for bringing the Common Threads of Quilts traveling show to town.

The organization also had reprints made for the walking tour of historical markers around the square. The brochure features a map on one side and information on the other. The pamphlet is available at the chamber of commerce throughout the year.

The Historical Commission had hoped to have an original historical play ready for the White Buffalo Festival, but was unable to do so this year. But they still have plans to do so eventually, said Aline Parks, treasurer. Her late husband, G.A. Parks, Jr., was the chairman of the Historical Commission at the time of his death. Billy Bob McMullan is the vice chairman. He was appointed after Billie Jean Sterling resigned. Wanda Falls is the secretary.

Other commission members include Charlene Akers, Charles Anderson, B.J. and Lois Bartels, Brud Boren, Ray Courtney, Carolyn Derouen, Margaret Dillaha, Katherine Elkins, Jean Everett, Joe and Wanda Falls, Glenda Glasscock, Surry and Virginia Gillum, Jack Greene, Richard Hester, Shirley Jones, Dr. Harry Krenek, Shirley Leftwich, Dayton McCarter, Sandra McDonald, June McGlaun, Jo Alyce McMullan, Shad Nachlinger, Elois Pruitt, Millie Sentell, Hassie Sneed, Tommy and Johnnie Riley, Troy and Triesta Lilly.



Aerial view of Snyder October, 1998

(Photo by Wade Watren)

Historic Scurry County, Inc. has also been very busy this year. The Heritage Village has become a popular site for tours as well as social events.

The Heritage Village includes the Dodson House, Dermott School and the Hermleigh Jail. A future project calls for relocating the Harrell family barn there, complete with corral and old farm machinery to make the site bigger and even more authentic looking.

June McGlaun coordinates activities for the Heritage Village.

Historic Scurry Inc. also assisted with the window display contest held in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival.

Tours especially for students and visitors are encouraged. Jean Everett, vice president, said their main function is to promote tourism and the city of Snyder and to be good-will ambassadors.

She noted that in years past, school children visiting the

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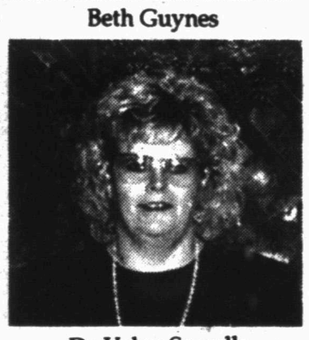
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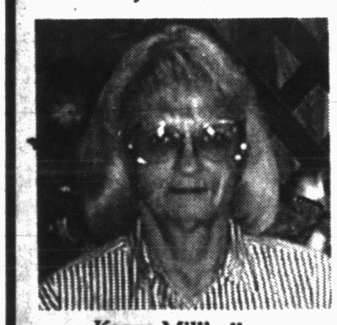
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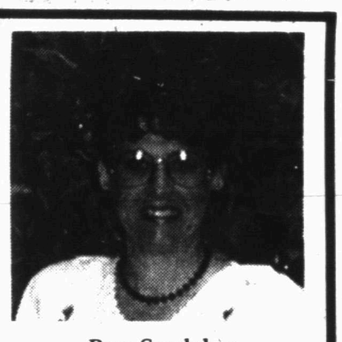
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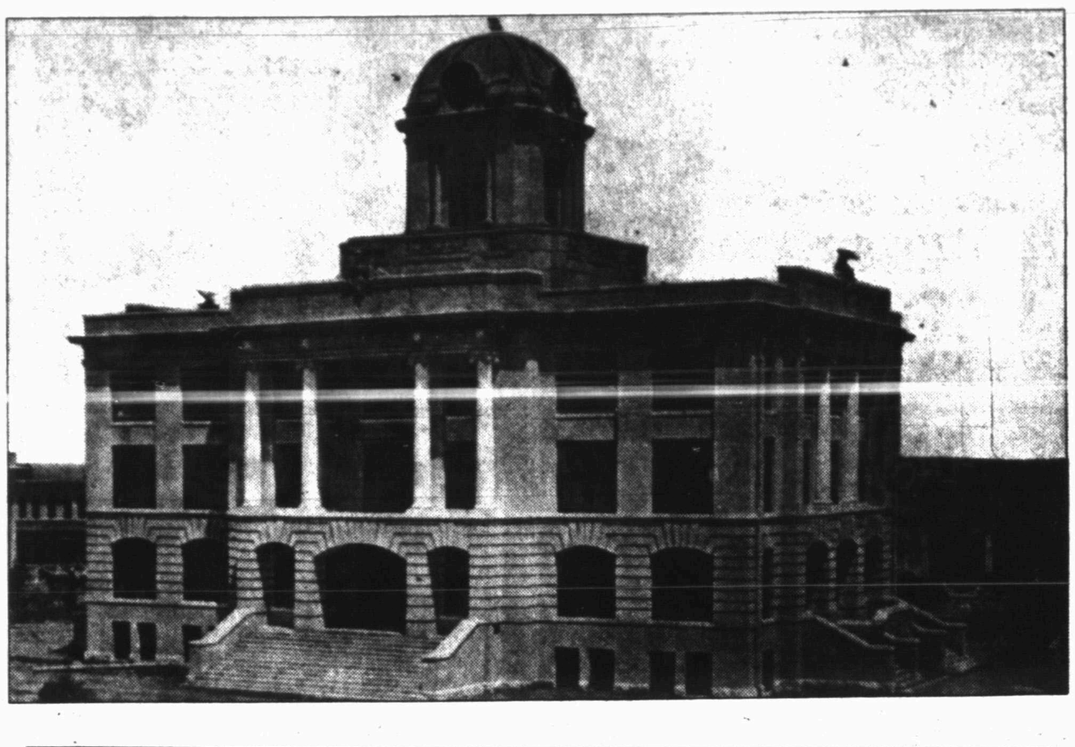

Early Scurry County courthouse — completed in top photo, under construction in bottom photo

Historical groups wrapup

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Village have been taught how biscuits and cookies were made the old-fashioned way and how to make candles.

Events so far this year include an autograph party for Jean Everett and her new book, held in March. In May, a wildflower and school tour was held at the Dodson House and the Dermott School.

Also in May, the Texas Historical Symposium held in conjunction with the Scurry County Museum toured the Heritage Village.

Others touring the Heritage Village were Western Swing attendees and teachers from a public school conference held in conjunction with the museum.

A Fourth of July ice cream social was held at the Dermott School. Judges in the fair's flower show were treated to a coffee.

Overseeing the Heritage Village means that Historic Scurry Inc. is responsible for its upkeep and that translates into expenses like utilities, air conditioner break downs and other repairs.

Currently the Dodson House needs some work such as painting, new screens and some roof work. The yards at Heritage Village must also be maintained.

The air conditioner needed repairs at the Dodson House this past summer which was a major setback.

Since Historic Scurry gets no endowment, members raise funds through fund-raisers, membership drives and by renting the Dermott School for various social events. Prices vary according to the event.

Dishes and decorations are kept on site and refreshments can be provided by Historic Scurry if needed. A member of the organization is always on hand for whatever the event is.

A recent fund-raiser included raffling an oil painting by Jess Everett which was given away during the fair. The current membership drive started last month and continues until the end of this month.

Membership categories are $25 for a friend; $50 for cousin; $75 for an aunt and uncle; $100 brother or sister; and $200 or more, momma and papas.

Memorial donations are also available.

Members of the Historic Scurry, Inc. Board are Sandra McDonald, Lynda McCormack, Brenda Hedges, Noreen Taylor, Bernhard Bartels, Marvin Sentell, Dr. Harry Krenek, Bob Dupree, Joe Bass, Jean Everett, Millie Sentell, Jo Alyce McMullan. The late G.A. Parks, Jr. was the ex officio member.

Scurry history focus of two organizations

In 1963, Scurry County Judge Sterling Taylor appointed several people to serve on the county Historical Survey Committee, now called the Historical Commission.

At that time, under the supervision of the Texas State Historical Committee, now the Texas Historical Commission, each county was responsible for the preservation of its own history.

State legislation allows the county Commissioners Court to help in financing the work.

The local committee took no action in 1963, but the following year, Hugh Taylor was elected chairman and the late Mrs. Wayne (Esther) Boren was added to the first committee.

Following a five year state historical project called RAMPS for the first letter of Recording, Appreciate, Marking, Preservations and Surveys, the county committee worked on all of these in compiling files of historical data, stories of early settlers and old photographs.

Early projects included observing a History Appreciation Week with the involvement of school children in plays and pageants; marking historical sites; and the latest in oral history of tape recording interviews of individuals who were there when events happened.

The committee also arranged historical exhibits and tours, marker dedications, programs given to clubs, publishing a booklet, printing a newsletter and organizing the Scurry County Museum Association,

Erecting 50 historical markers has been one of its most important projects. Now, according to "Historical Markers In Scurry

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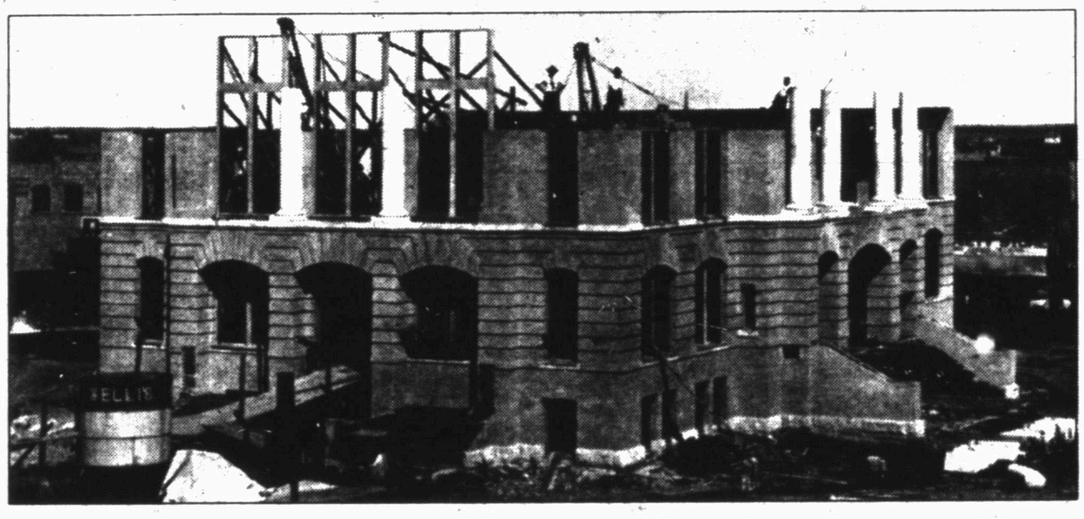

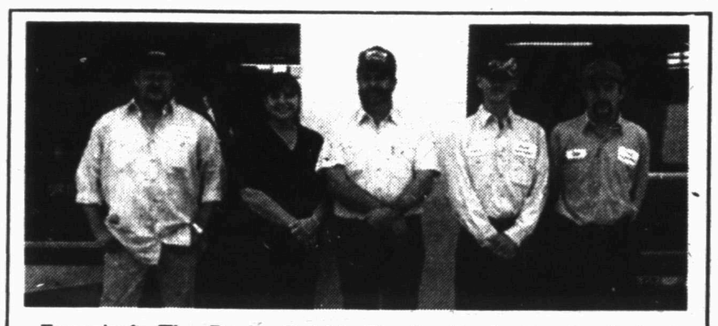

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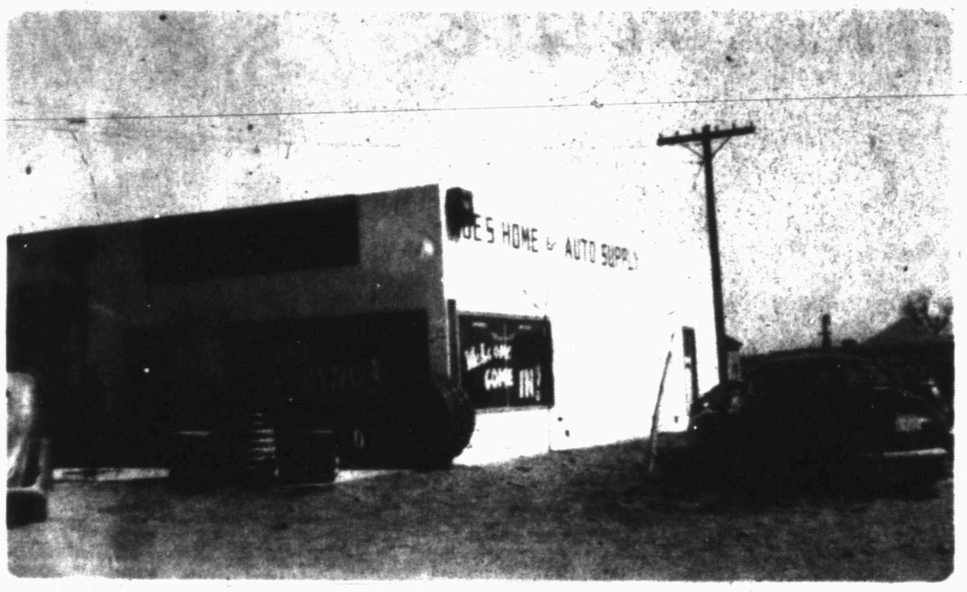

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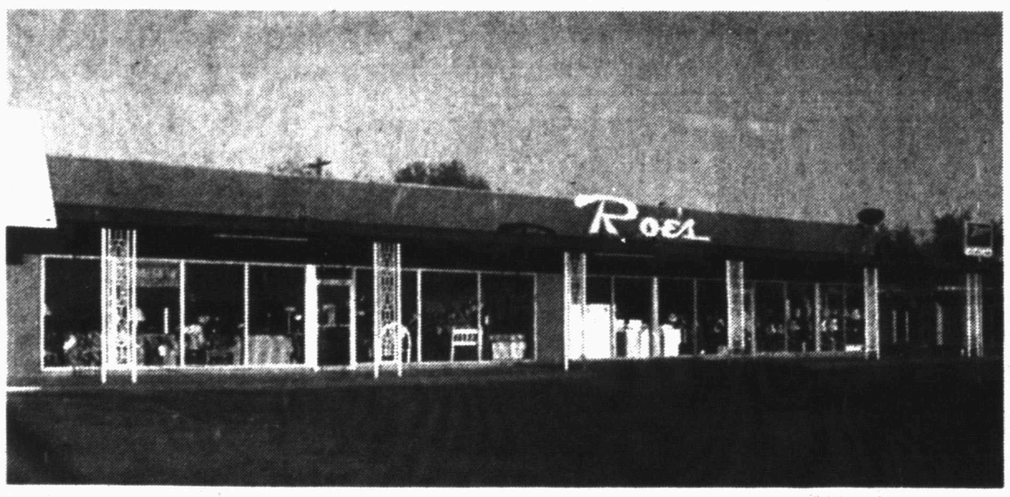

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Scurry Co. history preserved by locals

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County, the county has 56 remaining historical markers. There were 58 at one time, but the marker placed at the Santa Fe depot was stolen and the Harrell house marker was moved to the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock along with the house.

The stories for the first 50 markers came from old newspapers, books, legal records and information from "old timers."

The committee began establishing markers for historical homes in 1964, seven in all. The project eventually included markers for townsites, historical events, people and business enterprises.

When the committee planned to get a marker for the famous buffalo hunter, J. Wright Mooar, one member suggested a statue of a white buffalo be placed by the marker to commemorate Mooar's killing a rare white one on Oct. 7, 1876, 10 miles northwest of Snyder on Deep Creek.

After many considerations, a life-size fiberglass white buffalo replica was placed by the historical marker. Seeking to raise funds, committee chairman "Brud" Boren established the Order of the White Buffalo with charter membership for donations of any amount from a nickel and more.

School children and adults embraced the project, but the $475 collected barely paid for the price of the replica. There was no monies left for transporting it from California.

Brud Boren and S.D. Hays drove a pickup to Alpine, Calif. to get it.

The members of the Historical Survey Committee realized that the white buffalo that J. Wright Mooar killed was a cow and that the fiberglass replica wasn't, but that was what was available to buy with the money they had.

Before it was mounted on its permanent base, the white buffalo was in the July Fourth parade and on view in Towle Park in 1967.

For many years, the replica was located on the northwest corner of the Snyder courthouse, bolted to a pile of native stones from the ranch of Leroy Spires.

The stones were on a small area paved with the original red bricks that were used in 1925 to pave the streets around the Snyder square.

However, when the replica was damaged it was replaced by a second fiberglass replica which was later replaced by the present statue made by Robert Taylor, former Snyder resident and veterinarian turned artist, and donated in 1994. The first replica is now in the White Buffalo Park on Judy Hays' ranch. The second replica has been relocated to the front entrance of the coliseum. The marker next to the replica was of J. Wright Mooar, famous hunter and citizen.

Another project of the Historical Committee was to honor Pete Snyder, the man for whom the county seat of Snyder was named. Local artist, Mrs. Gaither (Liz) Bell was commissioned to paint an oil portrait of William Henry (Pete) Snyder. The portrait in an antique frame was placed in Scurry County Library on March 28, 1968.

Liz Bell also painted an oil portrait of General William R. Scurry, for whom the county is named, which was placed in the courthouse on May 29, 1970.

Beginning in May, 1969, the Historical Survey Committee printed a newsletter, "Scurryly Speaking" with Mrs. Jean (Jess) Everett as editor. The newsletter contained items of past county history, interviews with "old timers," early pictures and recent activities of the committee and the Museum Association. It ceased publication in 1982.

The first newsletter the organization put out started in 1969 and was called the Scurry County Historical Committee Newsletter.

The committee also put together a booklet entitled "Historical Markers in Scurry County" which became available to the public on Jan. 4, 1970.

The 1,000 copies of the booklet quickly sold out in four days, even though the weather was cold and icy. Later, a second printing of 2,000 copies also sold out.

Feather Printing Company kept the printed plates in storage for a possible reprinting but the Deep Creek Flood of August, 1972, washed them away.

The book was edited by the late Mrs. Wayne Boren (Esther) who had became the Historical Marker chairman in 1964. She is considered a driving force behind the marker project. Narratives had to be written for each proposed site, explaining why it was worthy of being marked.

That first book was the compilation of the work of different committee members and contains information about the subject of each marker, the inscription and the location.

Other projects included, the remodeled courthouse which the Commissioners Court had requested the Historical Committee be responsible for the cornerstone box and its contents. A sheat box containing publications and pictures of the county's past and present, as well as Indian artifacts, cotton bolls and oil cores, was sealed and placed in the north entrance of the courthouse on May 10, 1972.

For its accomplishments, the Scurry County Historical Survey Committee received eight Distinguished Service Awards. Individual members have been recognized by the State Committee. The county was chosen as one of 15 in the state to pilot the Oral History project and given a tape recorder.

The name of the Historical Committee was later changed to Scurry County Historical Commission.

Since its renaming, the Historical Commission's projects have included the Medallion Marker program, a state program through which homes that were 30 or more

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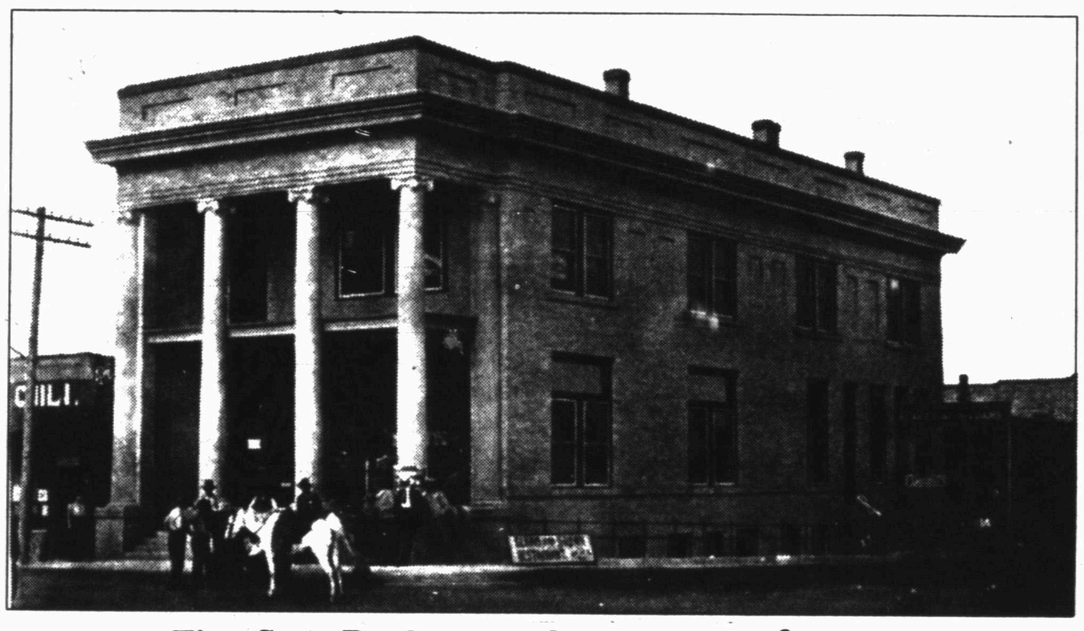

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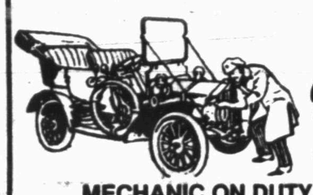

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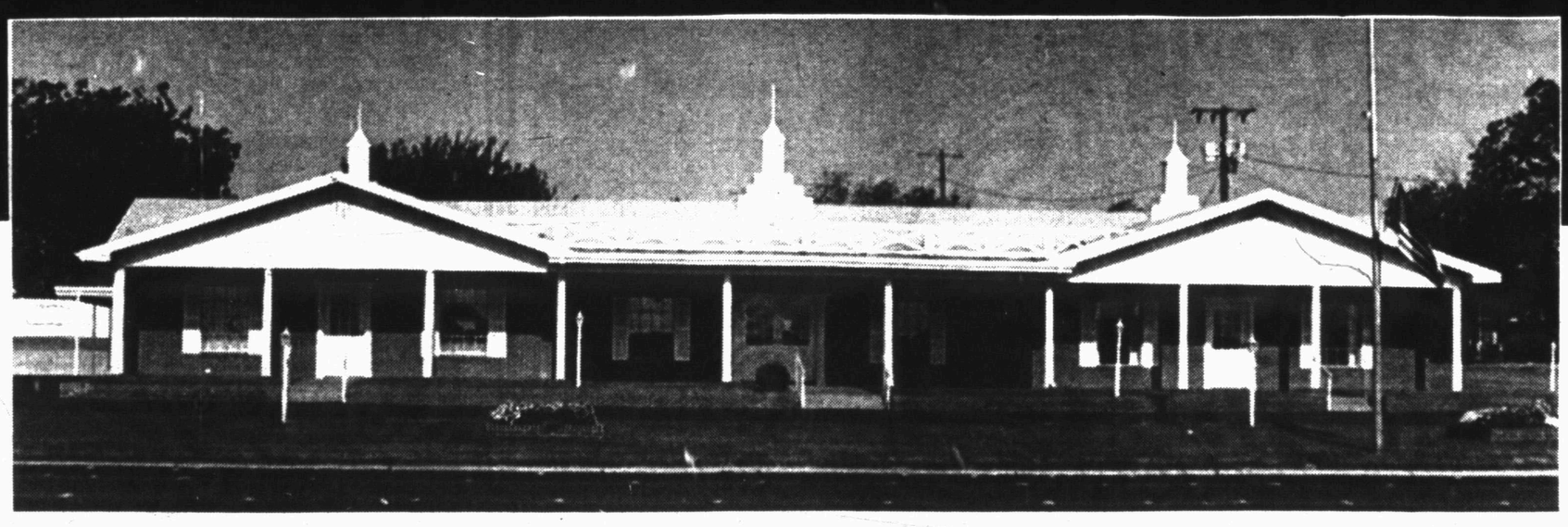

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Two historical groups are active in Snyder

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years old received a Medallion Marker noting the house's history.

One of the homes is the Cornelius-Dodson House which at the time was the oldest structure still standing in the community.

It later sold to the First Federal Savings and Loan. However, since the house was a Medallion Home, the savings officials discovered they could not alter it to fit their needs.

In 1979, First Federal donated the house to the Historical Commission and wanted it moved. At the time it was located at 31st St. and College Ave.

Since the Historical Commission could not own land, Historic Scurry County, Inc. was formed to oversee the Cornelius-Dodson House and later acquisitions.

Upon request, county commissioners offered Historic Scurry County, Inc. two possible location sites for the new historic home, the present location near the coliseum or Western Texas College.

The coliseum site was chosen. The Cornelius-Dodson House was refurbished and restored within four years and was opened to the public in 1984. The home was renovated and refurbished without using state or federal funds. Local fund-raisers financed the effort.

During the restoration, the two add-on rooms were eliminated and the home reverted to its original four-room design.

The original floor was restored. Period furniture was collected from various sources, including an antique rocking chair — one the first items to be donated.

An iron stove and an oak library table were also donated. The beaded siding in the kitchen was restored as well.

In later years the Hermleigh Jail and Dermott School were also relocated to the coliseum, near the Cornelius-Dodson House. The three buildings form the Heritage Village which has become a popular tourist attraction.

The 1920 school house had been used as a church after the school closed. When it was refurbished, the extra rooms that had been added were taken away. Part of the building retains the schoolhouse look while the other half of the building can be used for meetings.

In 1996, the Snyder High School class of 1946 dedicated the cornerstone of the school building they had attended to the Heritage Village. It was installed in a brick column. The cornerstone had been missing for several years.

Sources for the above article include "From Buffalo ... to Oil, a History of Scurry County," "Historical Markers in Scurry County, 1969 and 1998 editions, and a June 15, 1997 article in the Snyder Daily News.



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Ritz is bright spot on square

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

One of the brighest spots on the square is the Ritz Theatre which has been renovated and restored to much of its original glory.

Its official, invitation-only grand opening for contributors and cast and crews of the then 18 productions was held in November of 1997.

Since then the Ritz has been in continuous use, not only for plays and musicals but for social events, receptions and class reunions as well.

The Ritz Theatre put on five productions, including a melodrama, musical, music revue and one for the White Buffalo Festival.

"Godspell," an out-of-town production, was also staged there this past summer.

Snyder's Barry Tubb also premiered the rough cut version of his independent film, "Blood Trail."

And Jason Gee filmed several scenes of his new movie at the Ritz and elsewhere in Snyder.

Current Ritz Theatre Board of Directors include Mike Thornton, president; Ellie Dryden, vice president in charge of production; Michael Hartman, secretary-treasurer; Frank Miller, Sammie Jarrell, Tim Dea, Daryl Thomas, Janeen Patterson and John Gayle.

In its heyday, the Ritz Theatre showed popular movies and drew its audience from Snyder and the surrounding area.

It closed around 1970, languishing in dust, debris and neglect for many years before a restoration and renovation program rescued it.

That effort was spearheaded by Ellie Dryden and Mike Thornton who are still actively involved. The community also backed the mammoth effort and continues to support Ritz productions.

The Ritz Theatre, including the exterior, was restored as much like the original building as possible. The original neon sign was also repaired.

The sidewalk in front contains paving stones which list the major contributors to the renovation project, which cost around $250,000.

The red granite is the same as that used for the commemorative stones located near the white buffalo statue on the square.

Near the entrance to the auditorium, a Friends of the Ritz lighted board lists the names of persons who have contributed.

The ticket booth remains in the same place. Doug Coonrod replaced the entrance doors with doors like the original ones. He also built the master staircase.

The roof was replaced but the rafters were left exposed so that lights can be hung from them.

Eddie Williams was the local contractor for the renovation.

Two sconces, both original lighting fixtures from the early-day Ritz, are above the door in the lobby. They were restored by Frank Miller, who has done a lot of construction for the Ritz.

He also set the 150 chairs or so donated by East Side Church of Christ, hung the doors and made the hand rails.

Miller constructed a special opening on the second floor so that flats can be lowered to the stage without having to use the stairs.

The Ritz has separate dressing rooms for men and women.

The chandelier on the second floor is from the old Bea Owens dress shop on the west side of the square. It was donated by the Boys and Girls Club, which now owns the building.

A lighting fixture in the lobby which blends with the decor was found at a garage sale.

The old Stinson Drug fountain has been installed.

The fountain was purchased at an auction with funds provided by community-wide fund-raisers and donations.

All seats provide a good view of the stage. That's why the auditorium's floor was raised.

The Ritz now also has a complete lighting and sound system. The old projector booth has been turned into an office.

The Ritz balcony is now more like a landing or upper level, large enough to accommodate a reception-size gathering.

A staircase leads to the landing, constructed on top of what remained of the balcony.

The theatre lobby is also large enough to allow people to gather. The upper landing and lobby are both carpeted, as is part of the auditorium.

Hanging on one wall are photos of those involved with the productions produced by the Ritz Community Theatre. The Ritz also displays two flags, a U.S. flag and a Texas flag which have been donated by State Rep. David Counts and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

Jerry Worsham, Snyder High School's drama director, was in charge of interior decorations.

Even though the Ritz was restored as much like the original theatre as possible, planners also took into consideration that the rejuvenated Ritz would be used for live theatre, musical comedies and community functions.

The lead architect was Dr. Michael A. Jones of Texas Tech University. Several architecture students also helped plan the Ritz' makeover. In 1992, Jones provided the Ritz Board of Directors with a detailed statement of the renovation project.

After much consideration, the Ritz board selected a design by David Schall, than a graduate student. The renovation followed his basic design, with a few changes.

Plans for restoring the Ritz began being formulated in 1990. The Ritz Board of Governors was organized soon after.

An organizational meeting was held in early 1991 and the community's response was so enthusiastic that the "Puttin' on the Ritz" project began to take shape.

The Ritz Community Theatre eventually incorporated for the renovation, which began in 1992. The organization has a tax exempt designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

Descendants of T.L. Lollar, who bought the Cozy Theatre in 1921 and renamed it the Ritz, acquired the theatre in 1991 and donated it for the purpose of restoration.

At the time, demolition had began and the balcony was already being torn down.

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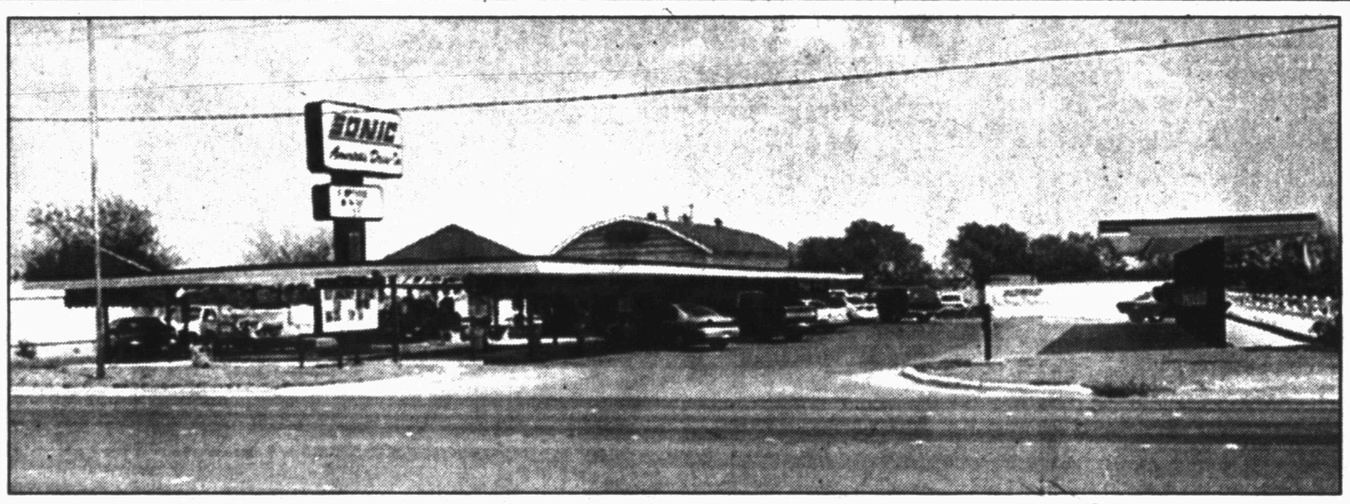

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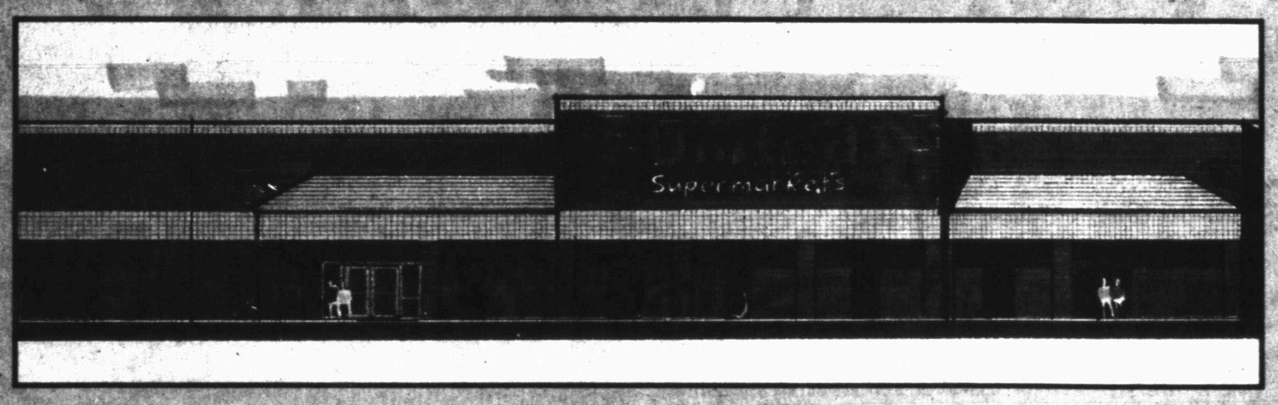

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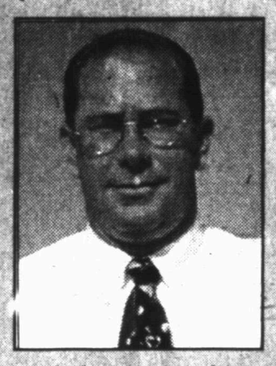

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First Scurry school established before 1883

The first school for the children of Snyder was established sometime before 1883.

After the necessary funds were collected, citizens sent to Ft. Worth for lumber and built a one-room frame building which had a window on each side and a door in the north side.

The building stood at 27th Street and Avenue R.

This particular site was probably chosen because of its proximity to Deep Creek, which bounded the school grounds on the south.

Drinking water was provided by the creek. Restroom facilities, however, did not exist "except for the privacy afforded by the nearest bush," as noted by an early writer.

Students did not have desks, but rather sat on benches with attached backs and held their tablets in their laps to write on.

Snyder's first teacher was Miss Emma Scarborough. Her students paid a tuition of $4 per month.

The second teacher at the private school was a Mrs. Hambrick.

In 1884, Scurry County, Texas, was organized, and in August of that year, the Commissioner's Court ordered the formation of a school district to be thirty miles square following the county lines.

The court ordered in July of 1885 that there be a special tax for building a school house and supplementing the school fund. The tax rate was 10 cents per $100 valuation of all taxable property in Scurry County.

The first public free school was constructed on property donated by Tom N. Nunn.

A large two-room, wooden, weather-boarded building running east and west, with a door at each end was built.

The school had no water or sewer, but did have desks which seated two pupils.

Children were admitted to the first grade at the age of eight. Ten grades were taught.

A pot-bellied stove provided heat to the early schools.

Mr. Isom Peter Skinner was the first teacher at the first state-supported school. Miss Alice Dunson assisted him.

An addition was later built to the original two-room building, creating an L-shape structure.

At this time, there were no free books and no school library. The superintendent ordered the books from a state agency and the pupils purchased them.

Mr. Skinner was followed by Mr. W.T. Mann, Mr. Word and Mr. Cochran.

According to an early day newspaper in Snyder, The Coming West, there were 186 school-age children in this district in 1890.

In April, 1894, the first formal graduation exercise was held. The class was composed of eleven female students between the age of 15 and 18.

In 1901, a school building was erected north of Travis Gym for a cost of $6,100.

It was a two-story brick structure with English-style architecture complete with external balconies, gables and a center steeple and belfry.

The old wooden building was torn down after this building was completed.

In 1907, two other brick ward schools were constructed. One was located on what is now Avenue M and the other on west 32nd Street.

It was voted in September, 1922 that high school classes would be held in the courthouse, North Ward School, Lodge Halls and various churches while a central school building was being built.

Seventy-five thousand dollars in bonds and the two ward buildings were to be given in payment for the new school.

The new school building was a t-shaped brick two-story structure which was to house all grades.

A portion of the building would later become Travis Junior High.

What would later become Travis gym was built in 1935.

A fire destroyed the auditorium and the connecting structure between the two wings in March of 1938.

All records including that of enrollment, grades, graduation, were destroyed along with the building, furniture and books.

Students attended school in churches, gyms and the American Legion Hall for over a year afterwards, while the building was rebuilt.

In the late 1940s, two significant events occurred. First, a mass consolidation took place.

The Snyder school district at one time was one of more than 30 school districts in the county.

In 1948, 10 other school districts were brought into the Snyder district. The new Snyder Independent Consolidated School District had a total area of 650 square miles.

Not long after, oil was discovered in Scurry County and Snyder became a boom town.

During the 1947-48 school term, enrollment was 962 with a total of 43 teachers. Enrollment in 1948-49 totaled 1,258.

It more than doubled the next school year to 2,596.

By the 1952-53 school year, student enrollment totalled 3,104 with 159 teachers.

With the increasing number of students after the oil discovery, Snyder embarked on a school building program in order to keep up with the district's expanding enrollment.

In 1948, only one building (later to be known as William B. Travis Junior High) was used for all grades.

Several temporary classrooms were constructed and a wooden school building purchased from Crane was moved to Snyder until more permanent housing could be constructed.

Following consolidation of the district, an elementary school of 15 classrooms was started in 1948. It was later added to and is now the present Central Elementary School.

A bond election of $600,000 for additional building was passed in January 1950.

In September of that same year, North Elementary, with 18 classrooms, and a cafeteria was completed.

On Nov. 21, 1950, the board voted to call a $3.5 million bond election for school buildings, sites, equipment, and repairs.

On Aug. 12, 1952, East Elementary, Lincoln, West and the Administration Building were accepted from the contractor.

Included in the bond election was Snyder High School, but it did not open until 1953.

Later, there were additions to West, North, East, Central and Lincoln Elementary. A shop and band building were also added to Travis.

In 1955 the contract for Northeast Elementary was let. It was built with 18 classrooms and a cafeteria.

The seventh elementary school was opened in September 1959 and named for M.E. Stanfield, the superintendent from 1947-1952.

Stanfield was built with 18 classrooms, a music room, library, gymnasium, cafeteria and administrative office space.

A second junior high, Mirabeau B. Lamar, was opened in the fall of 1960. It was built at a cost of $1,180,000.

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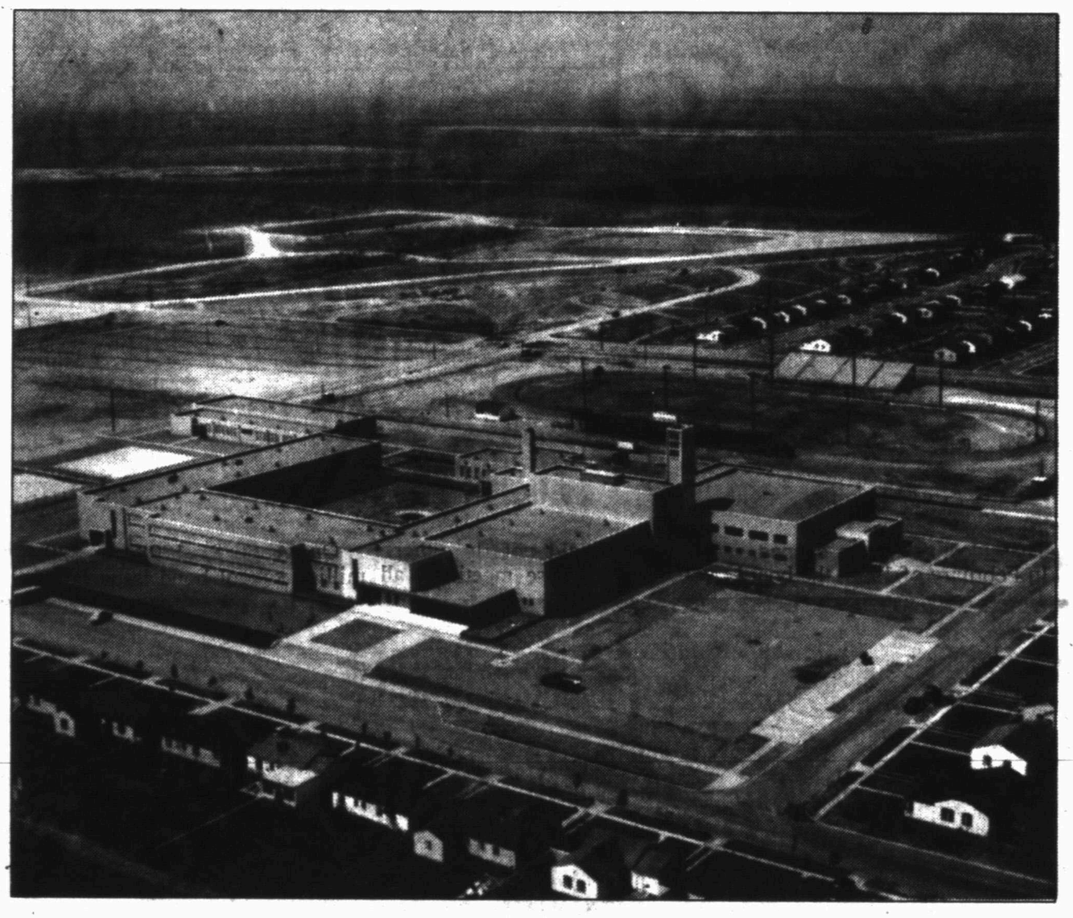

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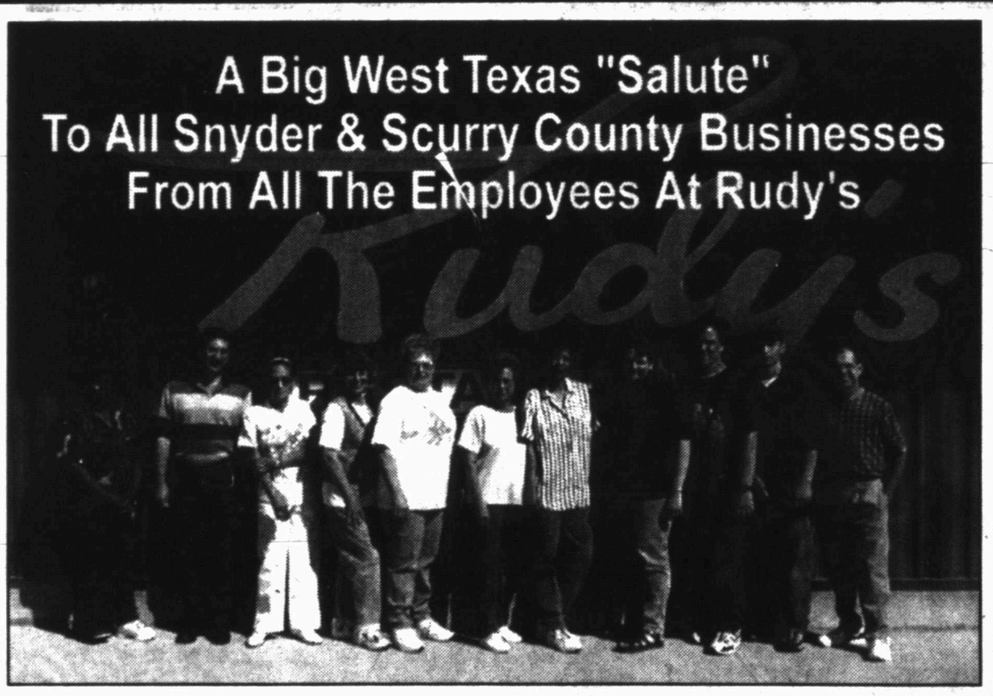

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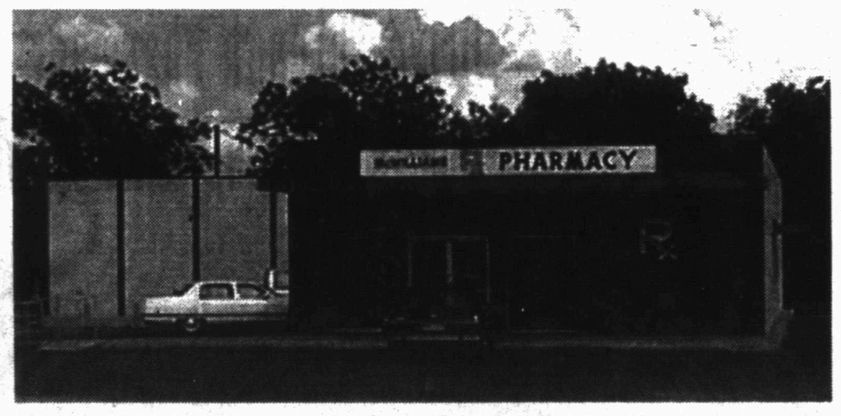

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Scurry schools date to 1880s

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schools occurred in 1965.

Prior to 1950, educational facilities for black students had been sporadic.

In reports from January 1925, 10 black children were listed, but there was no mention of a school for them.

In January 1926, a black teacher was hired to teach for a three month period for $60 a month.

A teacher was hired again in January 1927 for a three month term, provided that average attendance for any one month not fall below eight.

In January 1928, the school closed and was not reopened until January of 1930. The school remained open during the 1930s and 1940s, but under very poor conditions.

In 1947, a black delegation appeared before the board to discuss a new school building. In July of that year a building was located at Camp Barkley in Abilene and was purchased for use as a school for black children.

Additional land was purchased in 1950 for the construction of a new brick building. The school opened in 1952 and was named Abraham Lincoln.

However, it only taught grades 1-8, so any student wishing to attend high school was sent to San Antonio.

In 1956, additional rooms were built to accommodate a high school at Lincoln.

After the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the school board was required to plan a program of intergration. That program was successfully completed in 1965.

The Humble-Smith School was opened in 1965. The school was located in buildings donated by the Humble Oil Company.

In 1973, the county passed a new bond election to aid in reorganization of the system.

Each school building was air-conditioned and Lamar Junior High (now known as Snyder Junior High) was enlarged to accommodate all 7th and 8th graders.

Travis Junior High was closed in 1973 and the ninth grade once again took its place in the high school.

It was written in 1973 by Mrs. Jo Flynn: "Although behind many schools across the country in certain areas of development, Snyder's system is far ahead of most Texas high schools its size. Because of the large budget possible after the oil boom, the Snyder school system has become a unique organization dedicated to the academic and physical developments of its students."

In 1992, Snyder schools once again underwent a change.

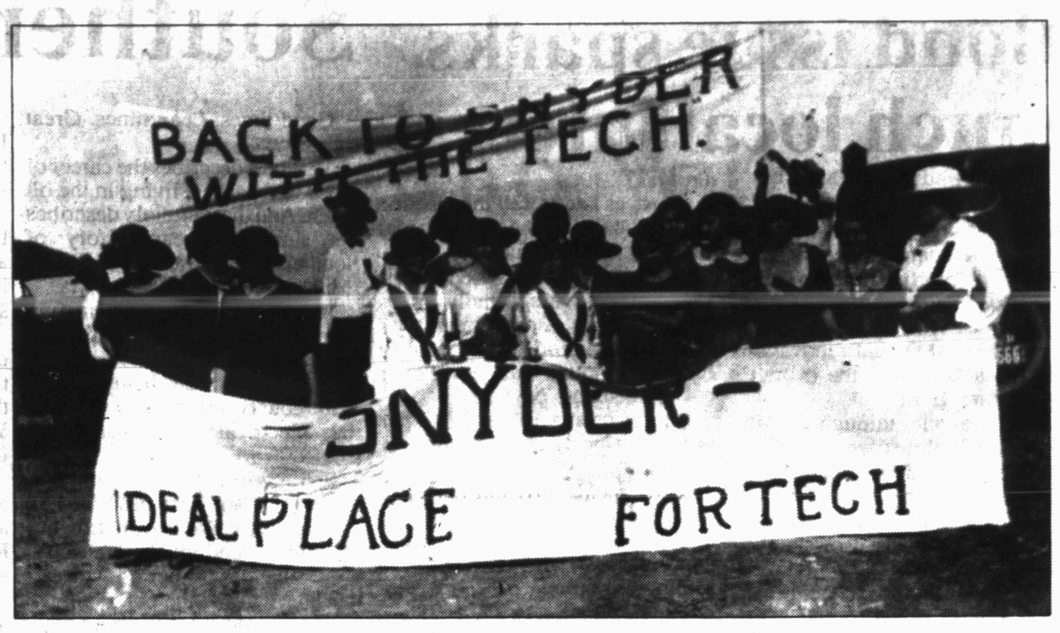
North Elementary was closed and elementary school students from second through sixth grades were grouped into buildings according to grade levels.

West Elementary now houses sixth grade; Northeast Elementary, fifth; East, fourth; Central, third; and Stanfield, second.

Kindergarden and first grade students remained under the neighborhood school system.

Students in the seventh and eighth grade attend Snyder Junior High and students from ninth through twelfth are in Snyder High School.

Total enrollment figures for the second Friday of the 1998 school year (Aug. 21) totalled 3,154.



Supporters on the way to Austin to lobby for Texas Tech to be located in Snyder

School bond issue considered

Snyder Independent School District board of trustees was first confronted with the issue of aging school facilities in September of 1997 when Maintenance Director Lawton Taylor presented it with an overview of the district's physical facilities and dollar amounts to make necessary repairs on campuses.

Taylor presented the board with a list of repairs totalling $1,817,090 during a Sept. 12, 1997 board meeting.

The board took no action that night, but two days later in a "spirited goal-setting session" trustees agreed to a feasibility study on combining sixth, seventh and eighth grades into a middle school configuration.

That idea was later canned.

In February of 1998, the board met with architects for a preliminary discussion on a proposed bond issue for the local district.

At that time, trustees and architects alike pledged to provide ample opportunity for citizen input.

Meetings were held on all the district's campuses and BGR architects and district administrators were available to answer questions.

Several possibilities were discussed — all favoring abandoning Central Elementary. One possibility was to close Central, Stanfield and Northeast elementaries with major additions and renovation work at East and West, leaving Snyder with two "super-elementary schools."

That idea did not fly either.

Following those meetings, all involved expressed dismay at the low turnout of citizens. Most of those attending were teachers on the respective campuses.

When the bond issue was first proposed, trustees were looking at a figure of $15.3 million for renovating every campus in the district.

Following the campus meetings and meetings with campus principals and administrators, that figure increased to $18.3 million.

Additional items, including work at the school's agriculture farm, maintenance facility, Travis Gym, in-school-suspension facility, administration building and Humble-Smith building, were then added to the original list pushing the total to over $20 million.

On Aug. 8, 1998, a $20.4 million school bond issue failed.

Following the election, trustees began almost immediately to plan another bond election with hopes of it passing before the deadline to submit an application to the yet-to-be enacted Facilities Funding Allotment Plan. This plan would mean yearly state funds to pay off the district's bonded indebtedness.

Trustees met in a six-hour bond proposal workshop on August 12, 1998.

The meeting was originally designed as a goal-setting session, but the vast majority of the workshop was spent discussing goal one — the successful passage of the bond election.

After hashing and rehashing the issue, the board finally hammered out a new bond figure — $16

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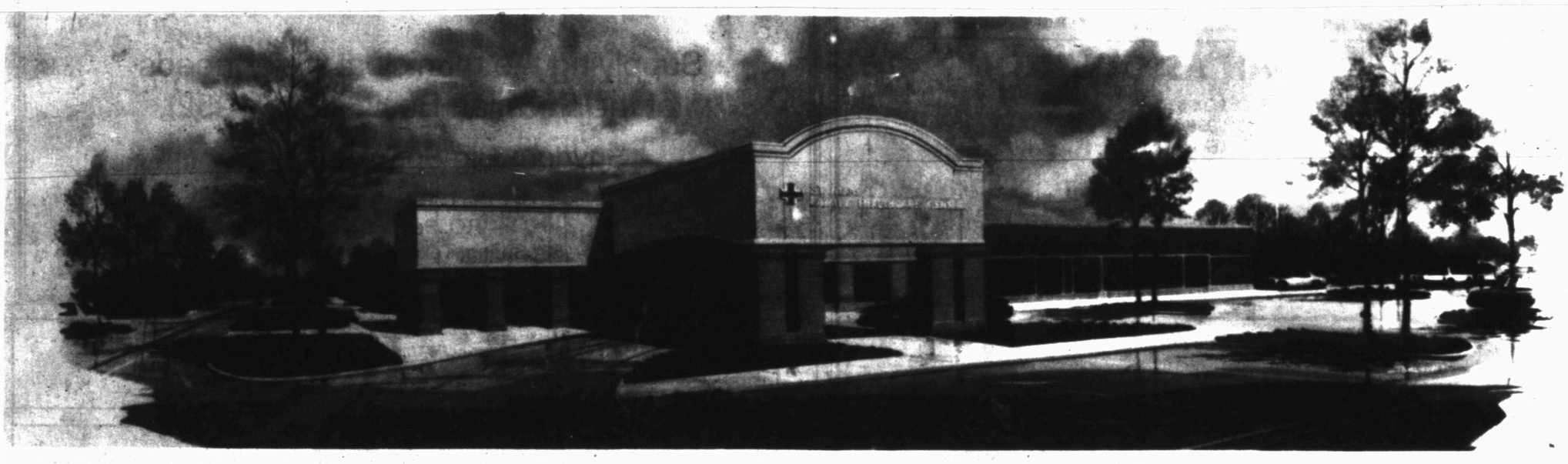

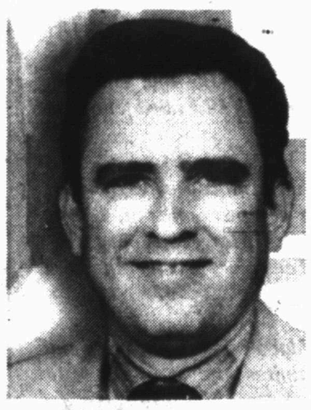
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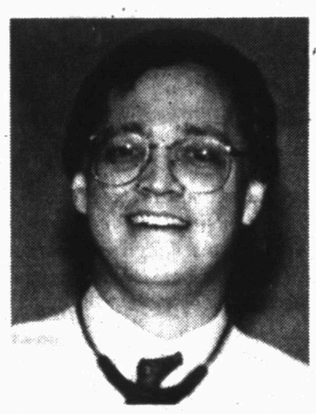
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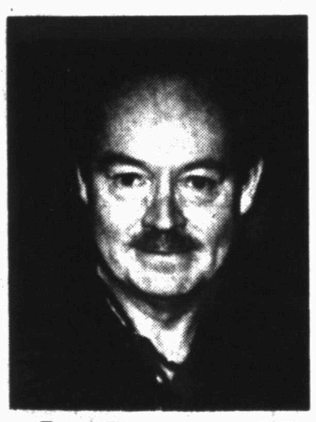
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Bond issue sparks much local interest

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million.

Starting from the $20.4 million figure, the board started slashing proposed improvements.

Deleted were a pod of bilingual classrooms which carried a price tag of $300,000, and renovations to Travis Gym and the district's agriculture farm.

Also axed throughout the district's facilities were painting, millwork, window repair, landscaping and irrigation systems.

A physical education facility at the junior high was also scratched off the list.

On Oct. 8, the school board unanimously voted to call a $16 million bond issue election for Dec. 5.

Trustees also added a requirement prohibiting the district from selling the bonds if the state does not fund the Facilities Allotment Program.

Trustees had to call the election before the end of the year in order to apply for the funds.

The local district, based on the most recent average daily attendance figures from the Texas Education Agency, will qualify for $6,282,460 in state funds over a 20-year-bond payout.

This translates to $314,123 per year that local taxpayers would not have to pay.

If passed, the bond money will fund major improvements throughout the district, including improvements to heating and cooling, plumbing, electrical and safety systems.

Additional classrooms will also be built at Stanfield, Northeast, East and West Elementaries.

Central Elementary is scheduled to be closed if the bond issue is approved.

Southern Electric almost 50

Good times. Lean times. Great times.

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Herb Reed, son of company founder Harry Reed, described the good times as from 1950-59 as shallow wells were being drilled in the county, resulting in substantial electrical and waterflood service work.

Starting in 1960 and lasting for about 10 years were described as the lean years. Wells were flowing and didn't need much electricity.

"During that period," Reed recalls, "it got to the point that we considered doing something else, even moving. Thank goodness we didn't."

From 1971-83 were described as the great times. Oil production started to drop and electricity to power artifical lift was needed. "We had a hard time keeping enough people to do all the work."

Oilfield work began to slow between 1984 and 1991, a result of the crash in oil prices.

From 1992 to the present, Reed has described business at "pretty good."

While oilfield electrical contracting continues to be the backbone of the business, brother John Reed returned to the business in 1981 and helped diversify sales into hardware, tools and lumber.

It all started in 1949. Harry Reed and his family owned a Western Auto Associates Store in Kilgore.

Reed sold that and bought an "8 to 10" convenience store in Kilgore for his wife, Mabel, and brothers Herb and John to operate while Mr. Reed headed west.

Reed had teamed up with George Phillips, a Kilgore electrical contractor. The two formed Phillips-Reed Electric in Snyder.

The partnership lasted about six months before Phillips returned to Kilgore. Reed incorporated and sold stock in Southern Electric.

Reed, more of a businessman than an electrician, brought in H.W. "Red" and H.E. "Fats" Boss, both master electricians, as stockholders.

Mr. Reed then brought his family to West Texas, first only as far as a motel in Sweetwater since living accommodations were scarce in the boomtown of Snyder.

Reed located his business on the old Post Road. Herb recalls that the office and warehouse were in the front two-thirds of the old army barracks and the family lived in one room in the rear.

Herb, John and a third brother, Mike, slept on a screened porch attached to the barracks. Mrs. Reed cooked meals on a Coleman stove.

Herb, then a high school junior, recalls "Harry didn't mind us driving a nail and hanging anything anytime we wanted."

While Herb was off at Texas Tech for one year, father Harry was busy buying out the shareholders. Herb returned to Snyder and the closely-held family business in 1953.

At Southern, Herb got a "seat-of-the-pants" education in addition to a few correspondence courses.

It wasn't all work that attracted Herb back to Scurry County. Graduating from Snyder High School in 1952 (the last class to graduate from the old high school building), Herb had met Ramona Harless who lived at Dunn. They married in 1955.

While on six-month's active duty in the Army Reserves in 1957, son David was born. A second son, Jeff, was born in 1960.

With his Army Reserves duty almost complete, Herb was called up for active duty for one year on Dec. 7, 1961, exactly 20 years after Pearl Harbor. The crisis then was Berlin and Cuban missiles.

In August, 1962, Herb returned to Snyder and became a company vice president, taking care of customer contacts, job layouts and work assignments.

During those years, Herb once actually supervised brother John in the field. "That was interesting," Herb recalls.

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FATHER-SON COMBOS — Harry W. Reed and H.W. "Red" Boss watch as their sons Billy Roy "Rip" Boss and Herbert Reed look over a hole digger. The picture was taken in the early 1950s, shortly after Mr. Reed incorporated Southern Electric. The oilfield electrification company, a family-owned business, will be 50 years old in 1999.

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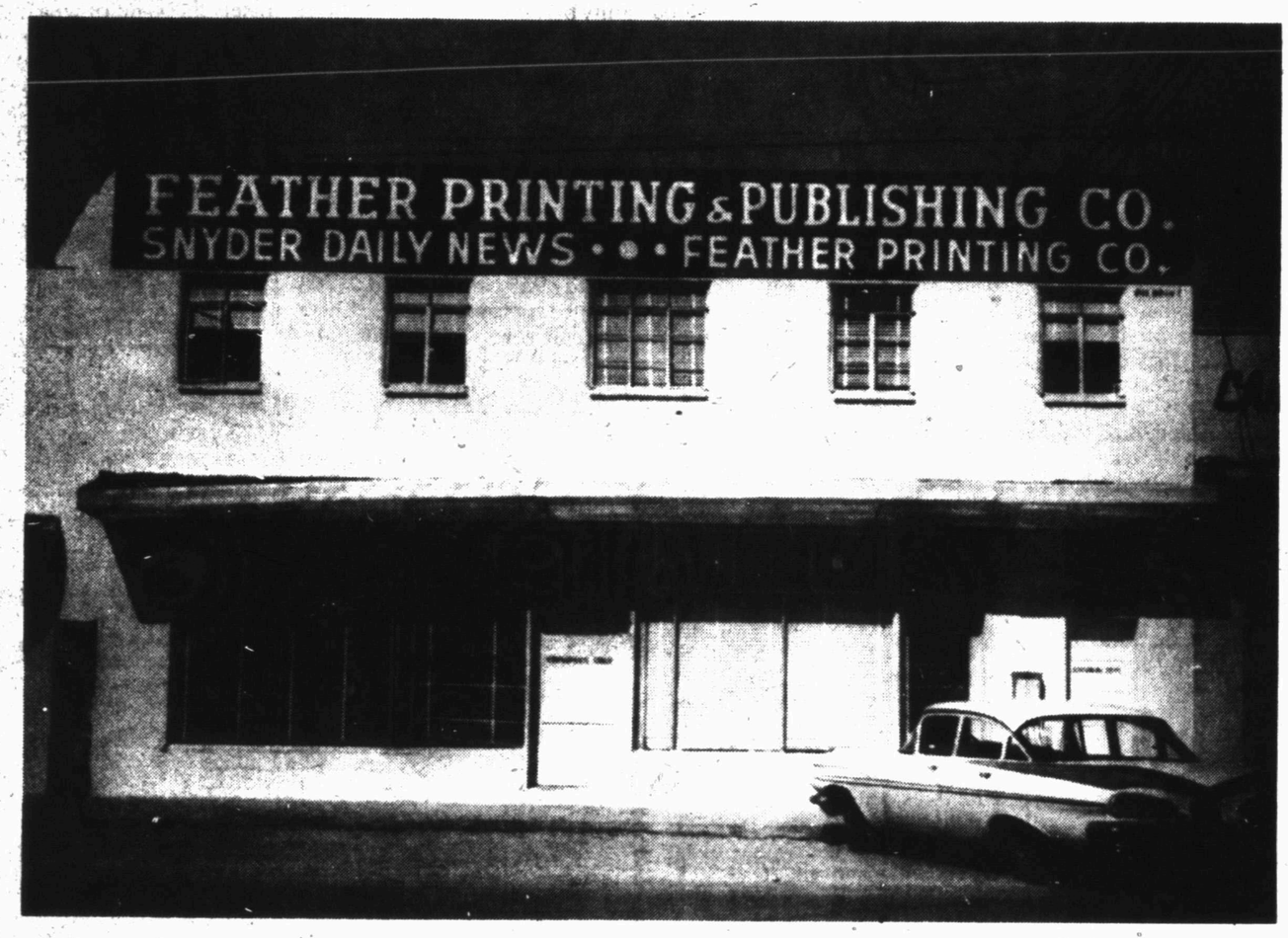

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Midwest Electric grows with Scurry County

Midwest Electric Cooperative was formed in 1938 and organized in Fisher County with the first general office located in Roby.

Since then, Midwest has continued to grow — striving to provide the best possible electric service to its customers.

In the early 1950s, as Midwest's load expanded, a branch office was built on the square in Snyder.

A new Snyder office was constructed in 1979 at 2100 College Avenue.

Midwest attributes the oil boom as a major factor in its growth, as oilfield work carried a large electricity load.

In the early '70s and '80s, 75 percent of Midwest's revenue came from the oil patch.

Today, Midwest continues to grow.

On June 24, 1998, Midwest completed construction of 2.5 miles of 69,000 volt transmission line to service SnTX Park I, Snyder's industrial park.

The new substation was engergized on that date as well. It will provide service to Lorber Industries and its expanding facility as well as all other possible industries in the industrial park.

Noteworthy is the fact that Lorber Industries, only into its first stage of its expanding plant facility, used 1.8 million kilowatt hours of electrical power for its October billing.

Midwest's annual membership meeting was held Sept. 3, 1998 at Scurry County Coliseum.

The event was the 60th annual meeting and was the last under the name of Midwest Electric.

In August of 1998, members of Midwest Electric and Stamford Electric voted to consolidate the two companies and form one large co-op — Big Country Electric.

Ballots were mailed out on July 31 and the count was tallied on Aug. 15.

Midwest Electric members gave 95 percent approval out of 1,046 votes cast. A total of 993 voted for the consolidation and 53 negative votes were cast.

Stamford Electric ballots totalled 925 and earned a 93 percent approval rating. There were 860 votes for the consolidation and 63 against.

The new co-op will go on-line Jan. 1, 1999.

Member services director Edwin Jackson said, however, changes will be seen before then.

Big Country will have three full service offices in Roby, Stamford and Snyder which will be interlinked with commom billing and communication systems.

"The intent of the consolidation of the two co-ops is to create a stronger, more stable entitity to better serve our members in the future," Jackson said.

Big Country will provide electric service to 12 counties in West Texas including Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

The co-op will cover approximately 5,700 miles which doubles the original coverage area.

Jerry Stapp, current Midwest Electric manager, will become general manager of the new company.

Vesta Orr, former Midwest general manager who has been serving as interim manager at Stamford, will serve executive assistant to the manager and the board.

Current Midwest directors include Carl Williams of Camp Springs, president; John Ward of Polar, vice president; Jerry Upshaw of Roby, secretary; Bobby Gruben of Rotan, treasurer; Sue Herring of Fluvanna; Mickey Sterling of Ira; and Vance Lakey of Sylvester.

Southern is family-owned

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In the 1980s, brother Mike Reed joined the family business, but he left to return to law school at Texas Tech. Mike, a former Snyder school board president, is now in private practice in Lubbock.

Herb's two sons were to follow in their father and grandfather's footsteps. David joined Southern in 1980 and Jeff followed in 1982. "Both started at the bottom doing field work," Herb said.

By 1990, founder Harry Reed was up in years and stepped down. Herb became company president and Mr. Reed died in December, 1991. Mrs. Reed died in August, 1994.

Brother John had been in and out of the business and returned in 1981. After Herb's retirement on Dec. 30, 1994, John was elected company president.

David Reed is vice president and Jeff Reed serves the corporation as secretary-treasurer. One of John's son, Richard Reed, also is a part of the family business.

During those "great times," Southern employed approximately 40 persons. The staff today consists of 26 employees.

Herb Reed attributes a project with R.E. Smith in the Sharon Ridge field as the company's springboard to success.

Smith, a wealthy landowner in downtown Houston, had drilled approximately 100 wells in the Sharon Ridge unit, and all were flowing.

Reed said Smith was a visionary and realized that someday the field would have to be pumped. Smith and Southern Electric did a "handshake deal."

Southern would electrify the oilfield to be ready to switch on when the time came that wells no longer flowed. Pump jacks, control boxes and motors were all set in place.

There was only one requirement, Herb recalls. Smith instructed, "Do it right." The job took from 1951-53.

In addition to oilfield jobs, Southern did the original lighting at both Moffett Field and Tiger Stadium, and then did the uprades in recent years.

Founder Harry Reed was an active civic leader. He and Henry Clark worked to attract the Ritz-Craft mobile home company to Snyder. Mr. Reed and Bill Wilson Jr. were instrumental in the American Magnesium project.

Herb Reed was active in the Snyder Jaycees from 1959-70 and held every local office with the exception of secretary. He traveled the state with Mickey Nunley when he was running for state president. Nunley lost the election, Reed recalls.

Herb Reed served on the Snyder city council from 1967-71 and was mayor pro tem during the Snyder All-American City celebration.

"Bobby McCormick was mayor, but couldn't attend, so I had to stand up there," Reed said. Herb Reed has also served as board member and president of Snyder Country Club, and he and Ramona are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

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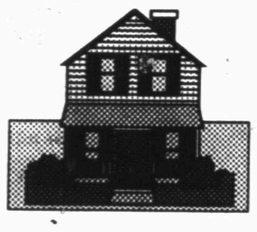

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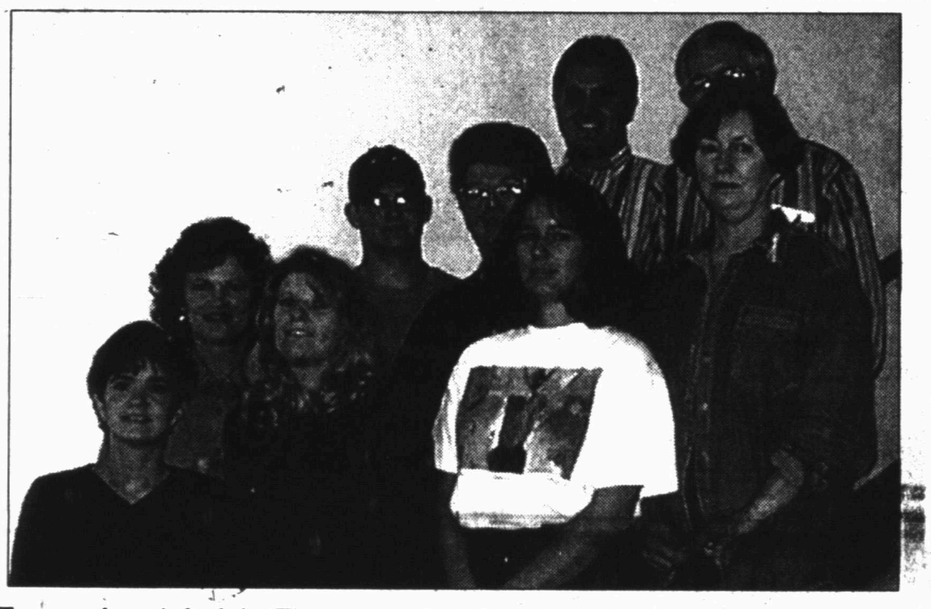

Top row from left: Jake Thompson, Billy Stephens, Bill Stephens. Middle row from left: Dee Blackwell, Cathy Thompson, Joyce Stephens. Bottom row from left: Margot Deere, Sheila Brewer, Laura Hall.

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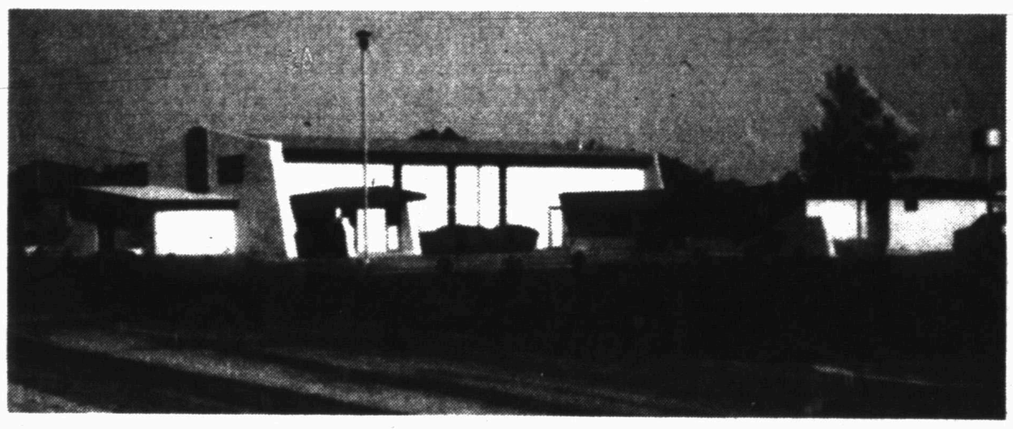

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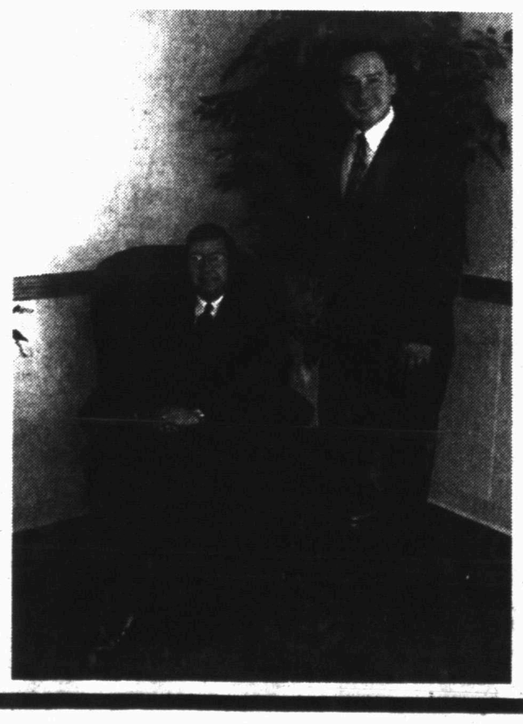

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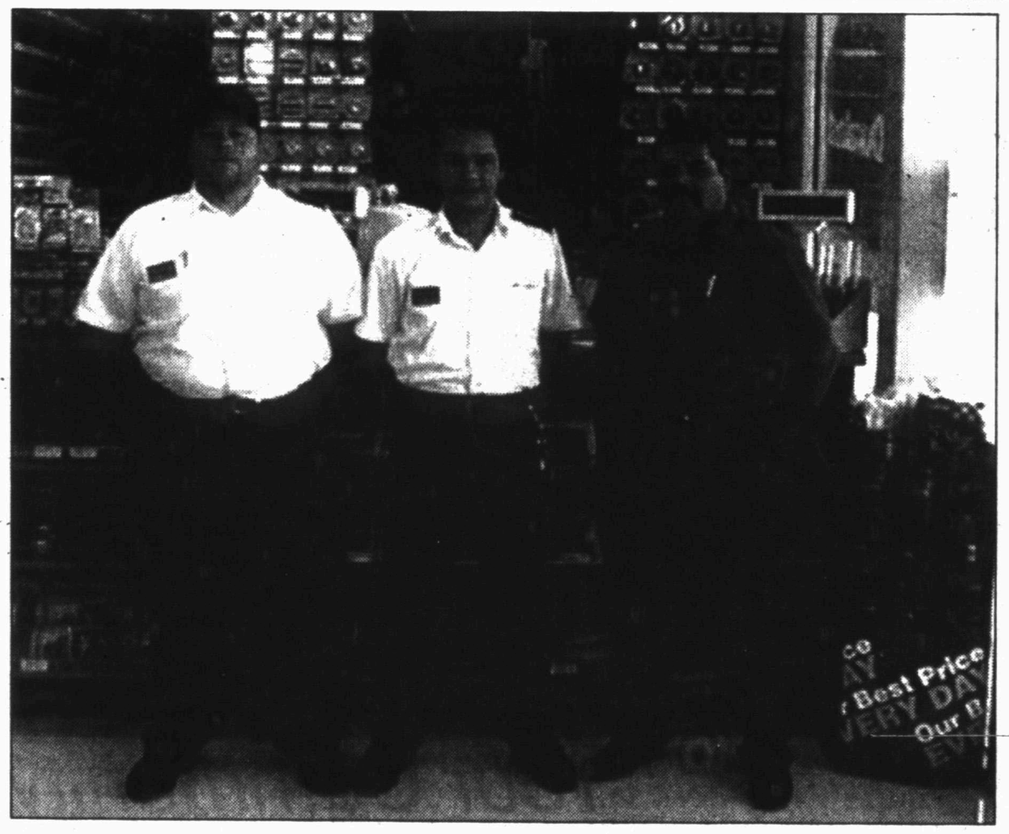

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Oil boom leads to daily newspaper in Snyder

Although Snyder and Scurry County had a rich history of newspapers, a daily newspaper was a direct result of the oil boom.

In 1949, The Scurry County Times was sold to Harte-Hanks and the name of the newspaper was changed to The News.

Harte-Hanks also owned the Abilene Reporter-News and the San Angelo Standard Times.

On May 1, 1950, the first issue of the Snyder Daily News came off the press. Houston Harte's two sons, Houston Jr. and Ed Harte, served as editor and publisher.

Herbert Feather, who served as advertising director, purchased the Snyder Daily News from Harte-Hanks in 1957 and became its publisher.

In 1954, Wacil McNair had come from Big Spring, another Harte-Hanks publication, to serve as SDN editor. McNair served as editor until his retirement in 1980.

Both McNair and Feather were involved in the progress of Snyder, each having served as Snyder chamber president and involved in industrial development. McNair also served as a trustee of Western Texas College.

In 1976, Feather sold the Snyder Daily News to a corporation headed by Roy McQueen, the current publisher and president of the corporation.

After McNair's retirement, Donny Brown — now WTC journalism instructor, became the editor. In 1989, Bill McClellan was promoted from sports editor to managing editor. Earlier this year, Wade Warren became the SDN's managing editor.

"Snyder is a unique community for several reasons," observed publisher McQueen. "Very few communities the size of Snyder have a daily newspaper."

McQueen added, "In our more than 22 years in Snyder, we have sensed pride among the citizens that there is a daily newspaper.

"Our focus is local news," McQueen added. "If you want to keep up with what is happening in Snyder and Scurry County, then the Snyder Daily News is the clear choice.

"Big city dailies obviously have a larger news hole, but their news from this community is sparce and inconsistent at best.

"What is not uncommon about a community newspaper is its involvement in the progress of the community. A newspaper helps set the tone.

"We believe the newspaper and its employees should be good citizens, willing to pay its community dues."

Over the years, the Snyder Daily News had been deeply involved in economic development and other community projects.

"For example, Wacil McNair had a lot to do with the establishment of Western Texas College," the publisher said.

The Snyder Daily News committed its resources to help locate the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder. Its publisher worked with others to have the TDCJ warehouse expanded.

McQueen currently is president of the Development Corporation of Snyder and has been active in the development of the industrial park and in the location of Lorber Industries in Snyder.

In 1988, the Snyder Daily News was receipent of the state's Community Service Award given by the Texas Press Association.

"While we believe in helping the community progress, our main responsibility is to report the news — the good and the bad, the positive and the negative," McQueen said.

"We hope readers can say the coverage is accurate, it is complete, it's consistent and it's fair."

Maintaining status of a daily publication is not always easy — as the retail base has declined with the oil industry.

"In 1976, we started two issues a week with a minimum of 5½ pages of grocery ads," McQueen said. "Like all remaining businesses in Scurry County, we've had to hunker down."

Snyder's newspaper history began in the late 1880s and is characterized by a series of mergers, trades and swaps — resulting in a 6-day daily with a circulation of 6,000.

It began with A.C. Wilmeth who founded the Scurry County Citizen. Started soon as a competitor was The Coming West, published by Dick Lively and G.L. Crump.

The two publications later merged and Lively bought Crump's interest in the paper which was purchased on May 24, 1900 by E. W. Pool. Later that year he took on a partner, L.D. Grantham.

Pool retired and Grantham bought his interest. The same year, in 1901, C.R. Kinchen established The Western Light. There was a series of trades that included E.B. Barnes, Ben F. Smith, M.E. Rosser, O.F. Hardy, J.S. Hardy, W. R. Bell, James A. Autry and E.W. Dickey.

On April 17, 1911, E.B. Barnes announced that the weekly paper he had established, The Snyder Signal, would also be published as the Snyder Daily Signal. And on April 19, 1911, it was announced that the Western Light and Snyder Signal would no longer be published separately.

On May 5, 1911, Hardy combined the Western Light with the Snyder Signal and the name plate began carrying the caption "Successor to Coming West and Western Light." In late 1911, the two established the Scurry County Signal, a daily.

Between January, 1913 and December 1914, the ownership played musical chairs.

It began with W. M. Midkiff and C.B. Gordon. Less than a month later, J.S. Hardy and sons were back as publishers. Eight months later, V. B. Pickle, who had successfully established and run the Roscoe Times, bought a one-third interest.

Pickle sold to J. P. Chambless who came from Ennis. During 1914, the Snyder Signal encountered competition from The West Texas News, published by A.E. Creighton and H.W. Fullerton.

Trading fever struck again and Chambless sold to W.M. Curry, then serving as county tax collector. Along came Roland Bell who purchased Hardy's interest. Bell and Curry published The Snyder Signal until October, 1923 when they sold to Ben F. Smith.

Smith moved his plant from Lockney in the spring of 1923 and established the Scurry County Times. Smith then acquired the competing The Signal and changed the name to the Scurry County Times-Signal.

Smith stayed less than a year and sold the newspaper to J.L. Martin who installed a Huber Press and folder.

George F. Smith purchased a half interest in the Time-Signal in 1927 and later that year, Martin sold his interest to Chubby Ritzenthaler of Missouri.

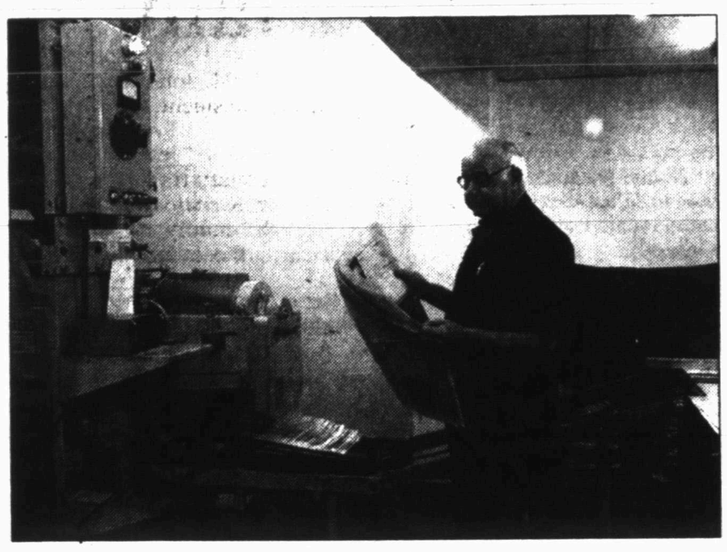
In 1927, James Autry returned to Snyder. Along with J.B. and Bill Autry, they started the Snyder News and published it until 1929.

Also in 1929, Willard Jones and J.C. Smyth bought The Times-Signal and changed its named to The Scurry County Times. In May, 1929, the Autrys sold the Snyder News to Jones and Smyth.

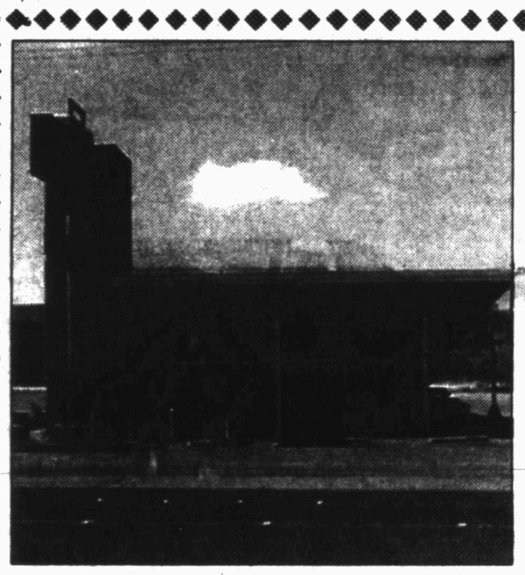
The last change signaled a long period of stablility. The next change did not occur until the 1949 sale to Harte-Hanks.

Another milestone in the newspaper history was the conversion from hot type to cold type and offset printing on Jan. 1, 1970. Willie Davis was part of that conversion in 1970 and remains today as the senior employee of the Snyder Daily.

In 1970, a three-unit Goss Community press was installed. A fourth unit was added in 1978 and two more units were added in 1985 when the Snyder Daily News moved into a new building located at 3600 College Ave. Part of the facility had been the former home of Owens Department Store.



Willie Davis, senior member of the Snyder Daily News staff



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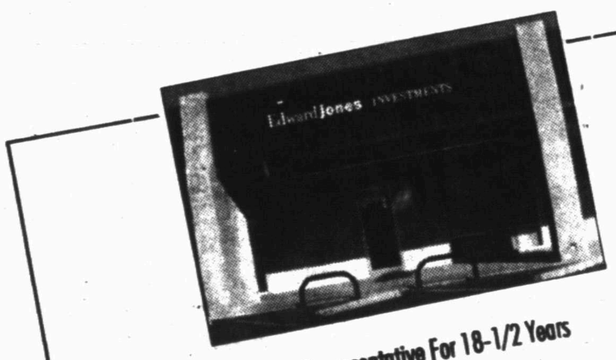

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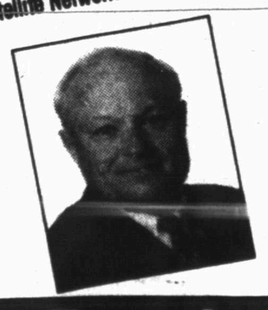

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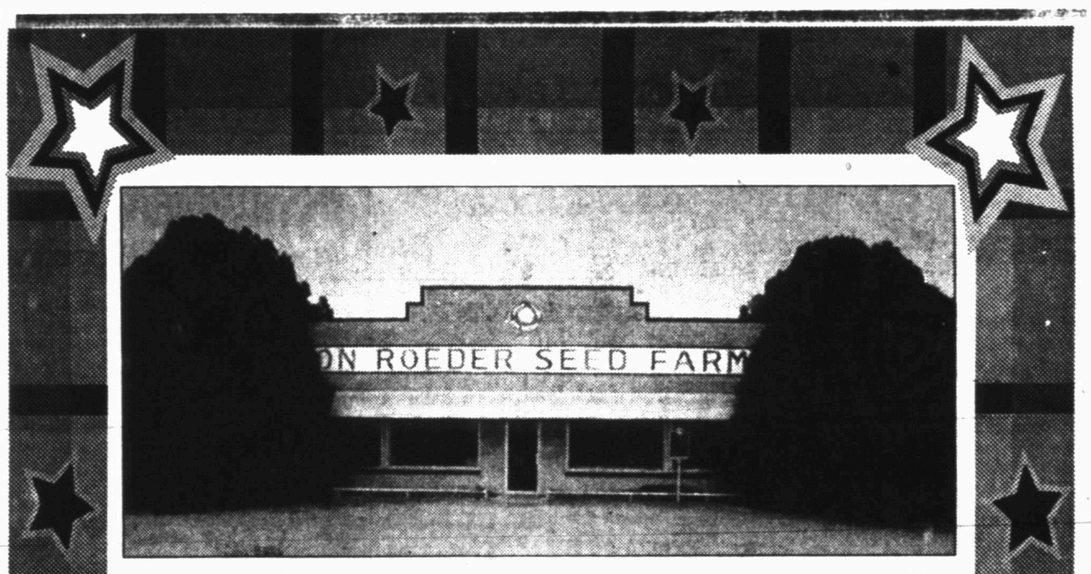

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Price Daniel Unit welcome addition to county

The idea had its birth in 1986. Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier returned from a state meeting where he heard that the State of Texas, due to overcrowding, likely would be building additional prisons.

Collier told some local folks that Snyder might have a chance to locate one. The idea behind the prison was job opportunities and an additional payroll.

Roger Mize, president of Snyder National Bank, made some contacts in Huntsville and Austin and was able to confirm that a prison building program would soon begin.

At that time, there were no prisons in West Texas, and the only units located west of I-35 were at Gatesville.

Chamber President Elizabeth Potts agreed to form a chamber economic development committee which later evolved into the Prison Task Force.

The first chairman was the Rev. Miller Robinson. Based on advice from then State Sen. Ray Farabee, it was first thought that Snyder's best chance for a prison unit was a privately-operated one.

When the public information program began in 1987, it was still believed that a private prison was the most likely for Snyder.

After Roger Mize's death in January, 1987, Roy Baze was asked to head the Prison Task Force, a group that met each Friday afternoon at the chamber.

The group not only worked to educate the community on the benefits of a prison, it also worked to position the community politically with state leaders and with prison officials.

The 1987 Texas Department of Criminal Justice request for proposals asked for a bid for a 1,000-bed unit and for a 2,000-bed unit.

In November, 1987, Snyder was selected for a 1,000-bed medium security facility. It opened in August, 1989 and became the first unit in West Texas. Today, there are 22 units in the Western Region.

Snyder citizens had raised more than $1 million to purchase the land to give to the state on which the Price Daniel unit was built.

During the public information campaign, Snyder citizens were told that a 1,000-bed unit would employ 300 with an annual payroll of $6 million.

Less than 10 years later, the prison payroll in Snyder is in excess of $12 million — second only to the Snyder public schools in terms of total payroll.

There are 300 security positions at the Price Daniel Unit, representing an annual payroll of $8.7 million. The Windham school has 19 positions with a payroll of $816,377. There are five accounting positions with an annual payroll of $120,000.

The Windham Western Regional staff totals 12 and the annual payroll is $410,000. The regional staff located in Snyder was not envisioned when the unit opened.

The unit proved valuable to both Western Texas College and to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The hospital was the first in the state to contract with the prison system, through Texas Tech Medical School, to provide inmate health care on a per capita basis.

The hospital staffs the prison infirmary which requires the equivalent of 30 full-time employees with an annual payroll of $580,000.

Western Texas College has trained more than 1,200 correctional officers. In addition, WTC provides in-service training for area prison employees. Also, the prison teaches both academic and vocational courses inside units at Snyder, Colorado City and Lamesa.

The prison program accounts for the equilavent of 10 full-time employees with an annual payroll of $301,838.

Part of the incentive package to locate the prison in Snyder was the gift of a 70,000-square foot building located on U.S. 84 as a prison warehouse.

That investment is now returning big dividends. The state is adding 60,000-square feet — including 20,000-square feet of cold storage. The facility will become the Snyder Distribution Center serving the 22 units in West Texas.

There are 33 employees in transportation, representing an annual payroll of $779,400. The distribution staff has 13 employees with an annual payroll of $263,751.

Also located in Snyder is the Texas Department of Criminal Justice parole office with 13 employees with an annual payroll of $300,000.

There are two units in Colorado City. According to prison officials, 104 Scurry County residents presently work in either the Wallace or Ware units in Colorado City.

Senior Warden at the Daniel unit is T.J. Medart. He is the unit's third warden.

Les Woods was warden when the unit opened and Robert White was the unit's second warden.

In addition to the payroll, other benefits to the community are the various work projects performed with inmate labor.

Local leaders worked hard to build chapel

When the Price Daniel unit was located in Snyder, community leaders pledged a partnership with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Since the opening of the Daniel unit in 1989, local religious volunteers have held worship services, Bible classes, mentoring sessions and other self-help classes with inmates.

Because of limited space, Snyder embarked on a project to build a chapel and learning resource center inside the prison fence.

In February, 1994, members of 37th Street Church of Christ committed to raising $25,000 to begin the fund raising.

On Sept. 22, 1994, the Meadows Foundation, located in Dallas, approved a grant of $100,000 for the project — contingent upon raising $75,000 locally and securing a signed construction contract.

In October, 1994, a local fund-raising kickoff luncheon was held at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Roy McQueen headed the fund-raising committee.

In November, 1994, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board approved the plans for the chapel and learning resource center.

On Feb. 2, 1995, the fund-raising goal was exceeded. There was a setback, however, in April, 1995 when all bids received exceeded estimates by as much as percent.

Going back to the drawing board, the local committee was determined to move forward. With the help of the architect, contractor and unit warden, local supervisors and inmate labor were

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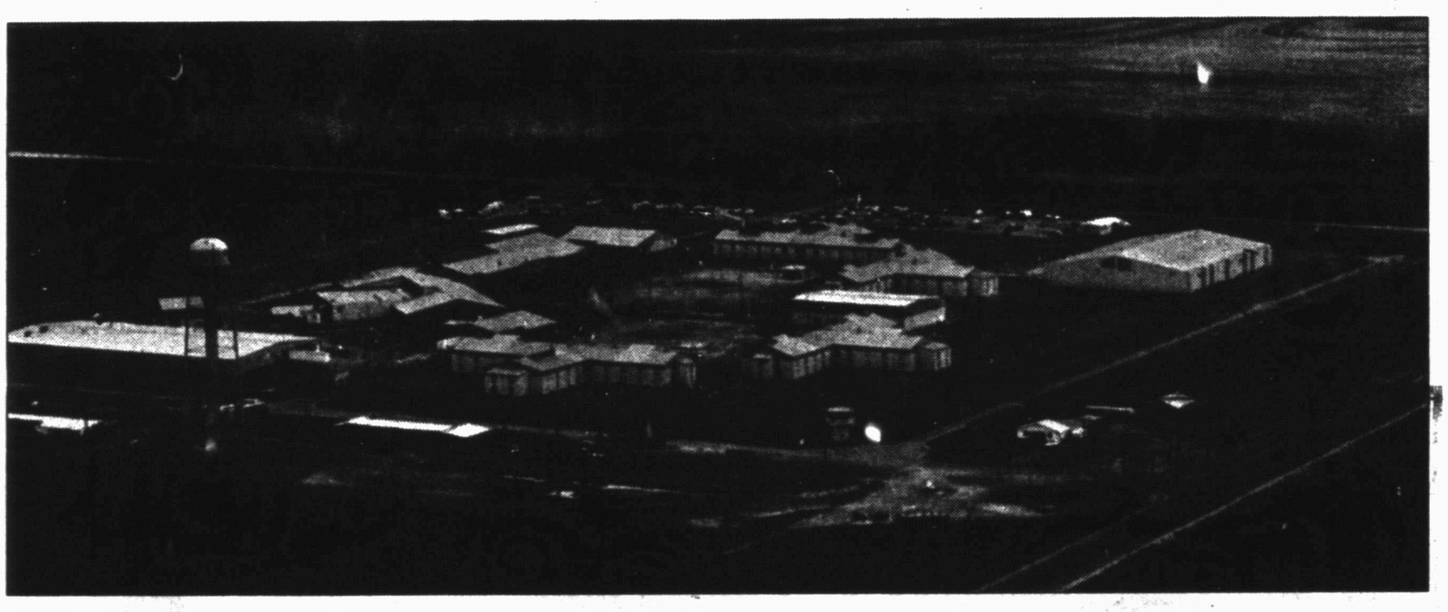

Aerial view of Price Daniel Unit, located east of Snyder

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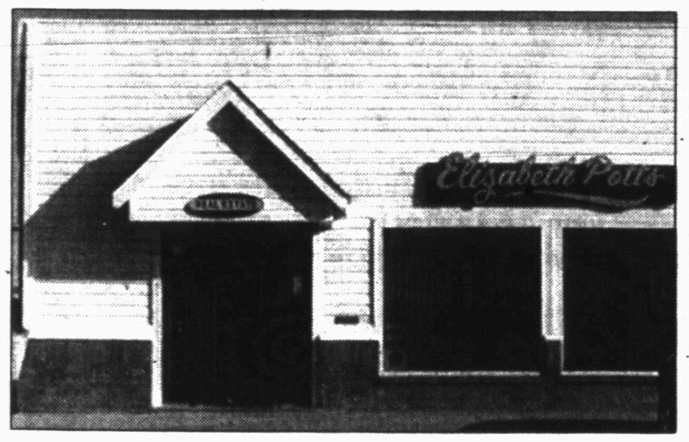

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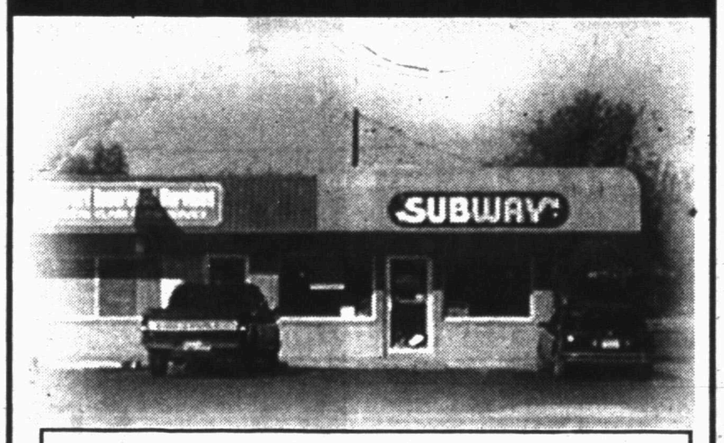

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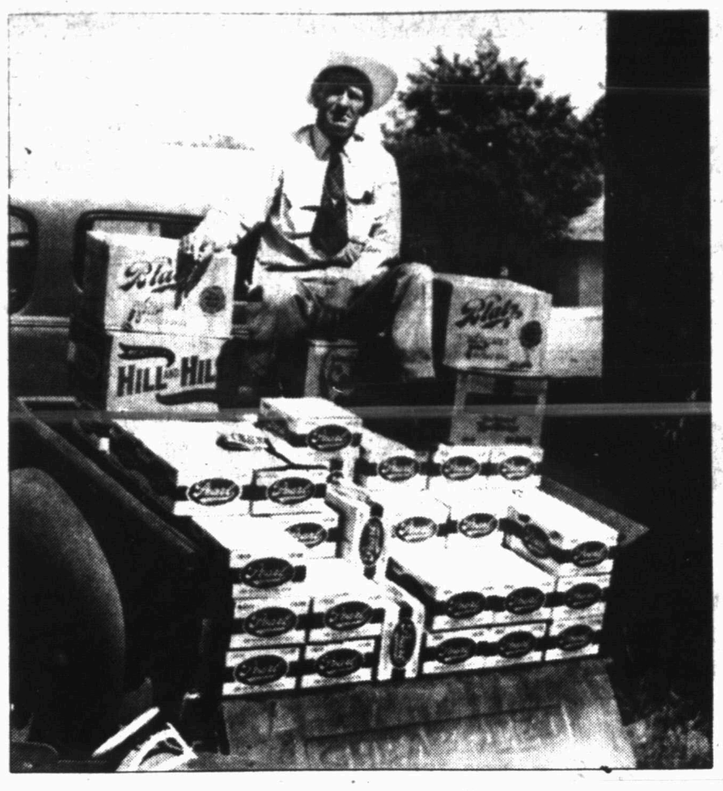
factored into the project and a $175,192 construction contract was signed.

With no contigency money, the project proceeded on faith, and it appeared that the project might be from $10,000 to $15,000 short as completion neared.

In September, 1995, an unexpected gift of $12,000 arrived from the Bell Trust, also located in Dallas. The project was completed with $78 remaining in the fund, which was donated to the Noah Project-West.

An open house was held and the guest speaker was Allan Polunsky, chairman of the board of criminal justice. Also attending were State Sen. Tom Haywood and State Rep. David Counts.





Early scene in Snyder looking east on 25th Street

Ritz

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After the first stage of the renovation was completed two years later, a community celebration was held on June 27 during which the long-darkened sign and marquee were lighted.

To keep the momentum going, the board decided to launch yearly productions, even though that meant gypsy-like traveling from stage to stage, including the old North Elementary building, Western Texas College's Fine Arts Thatre, and Martha Ann's Woman's Club.

A membership drive provided the seed money for the Ritz' first season. Yearly membership drives added to ticket sales have provided enough income to finance succeeding productions.

The first production actually held at the Ritz was "The Shaky Tale of Dr. Jakey," staged in October of 1995.

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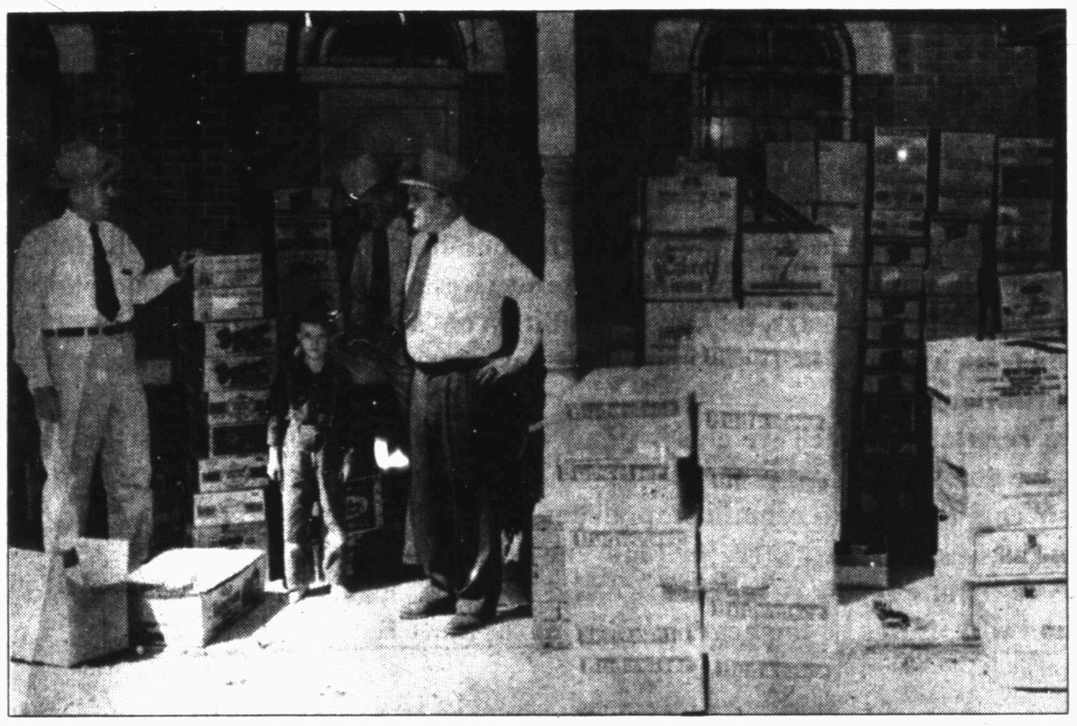



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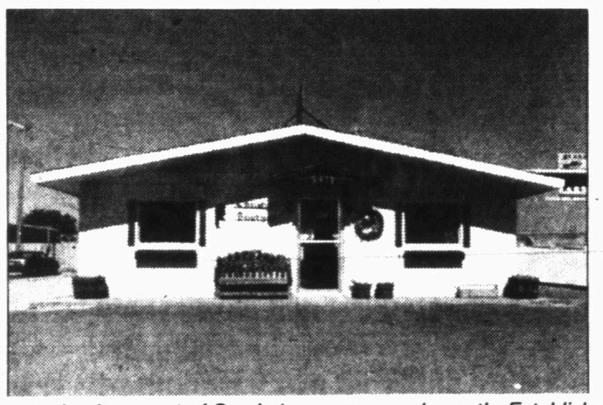

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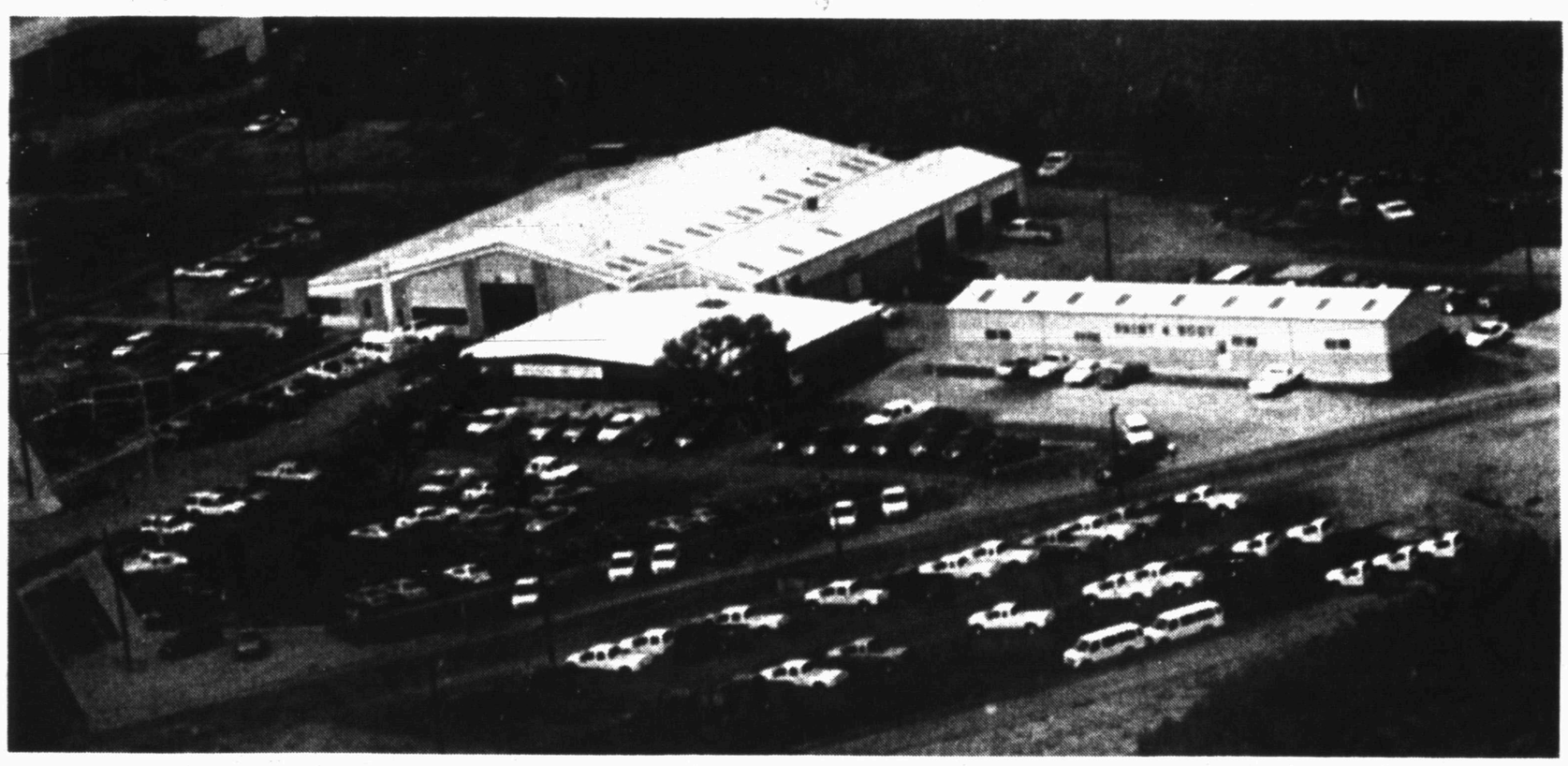

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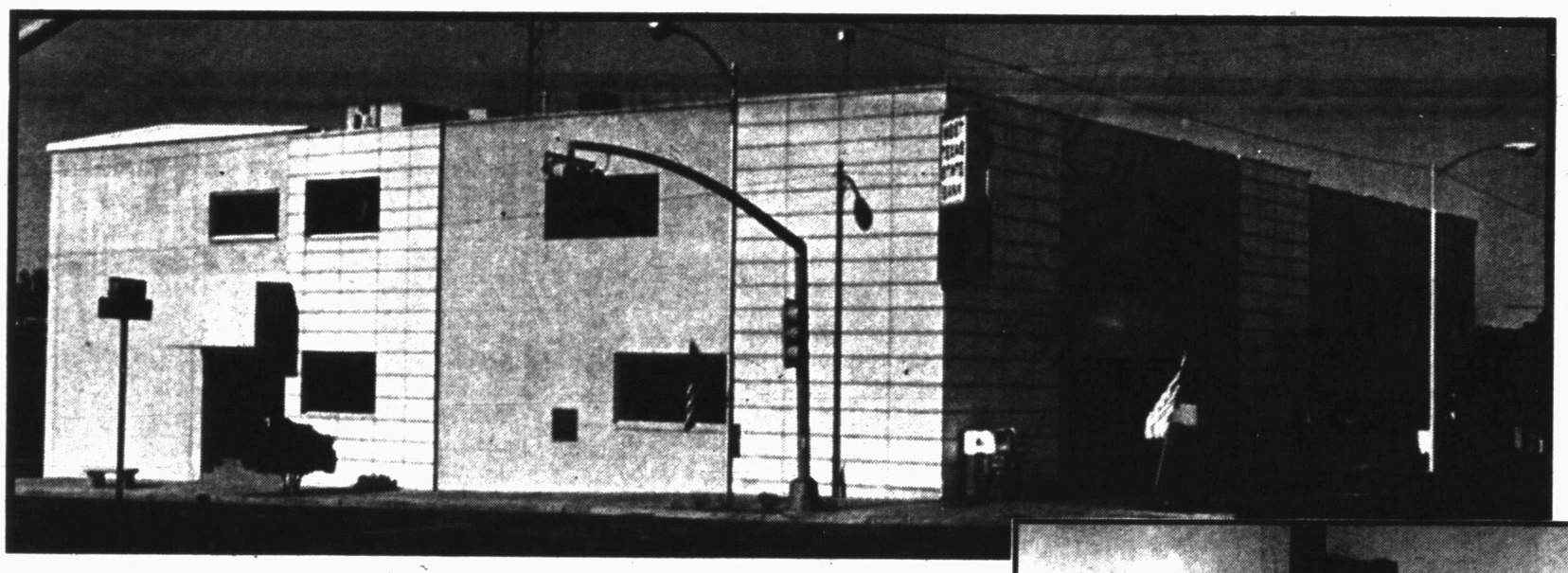

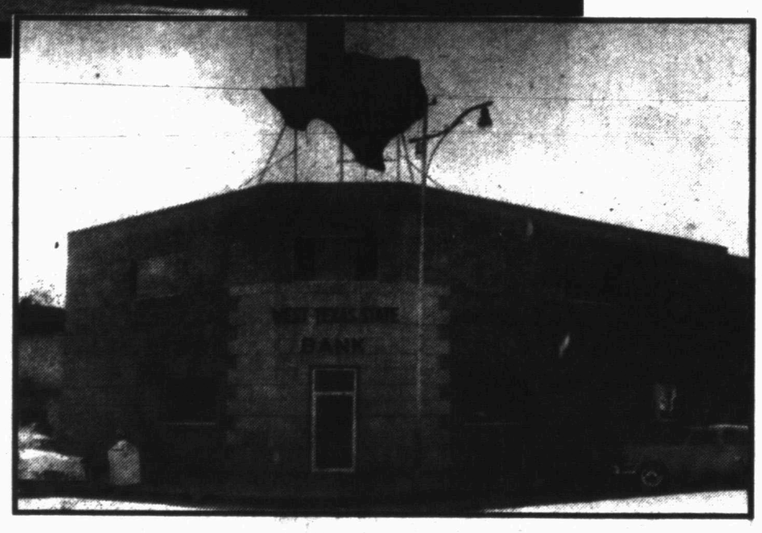

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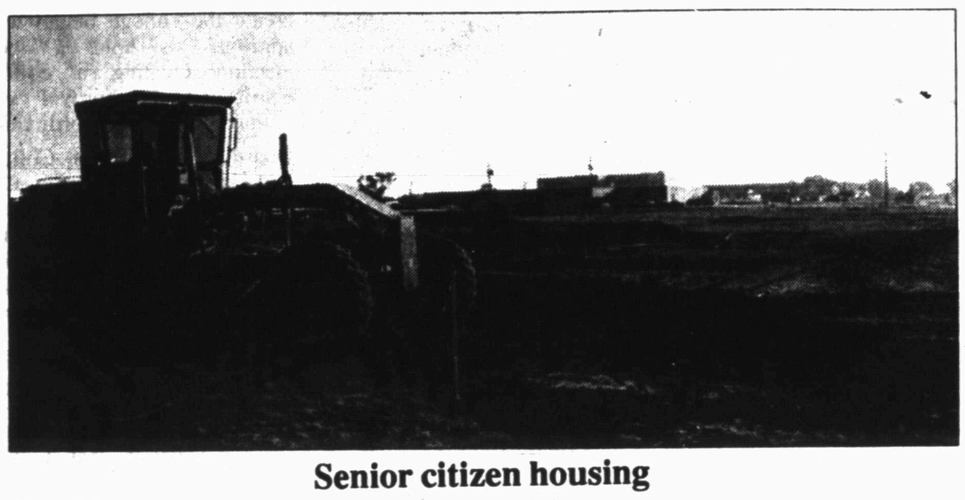

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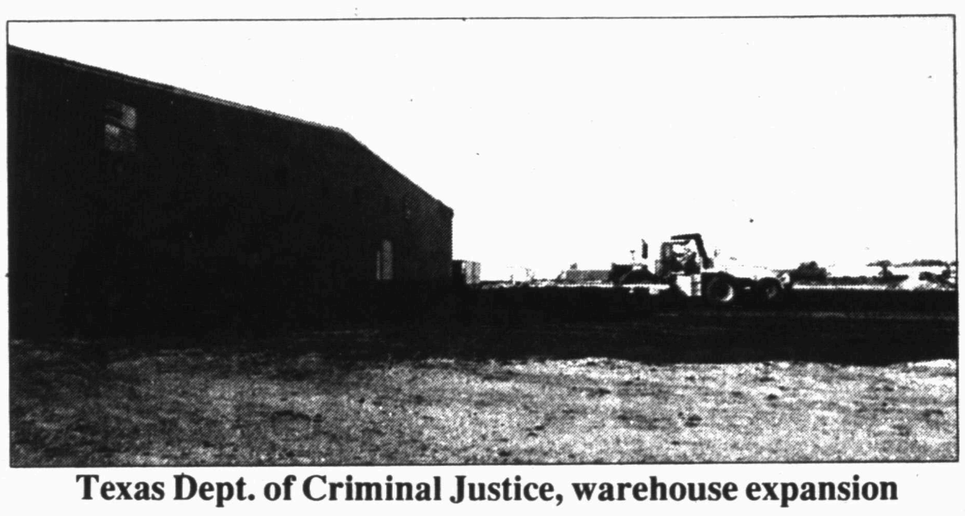

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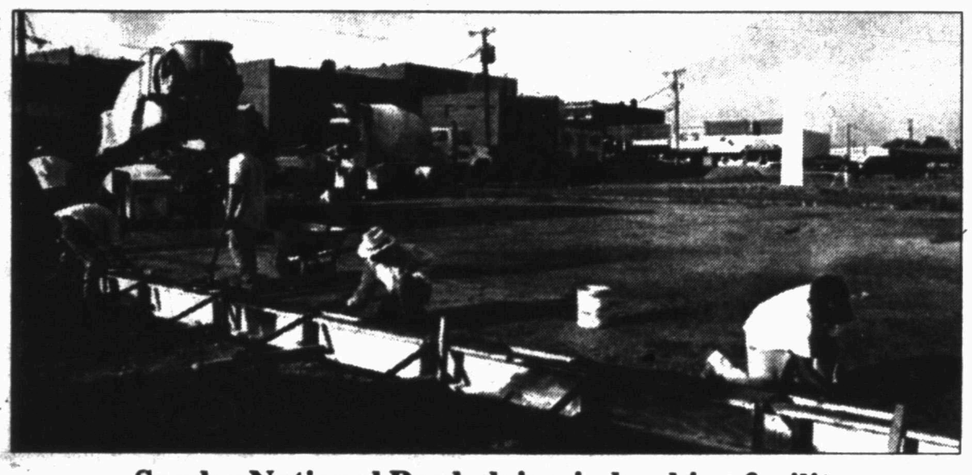

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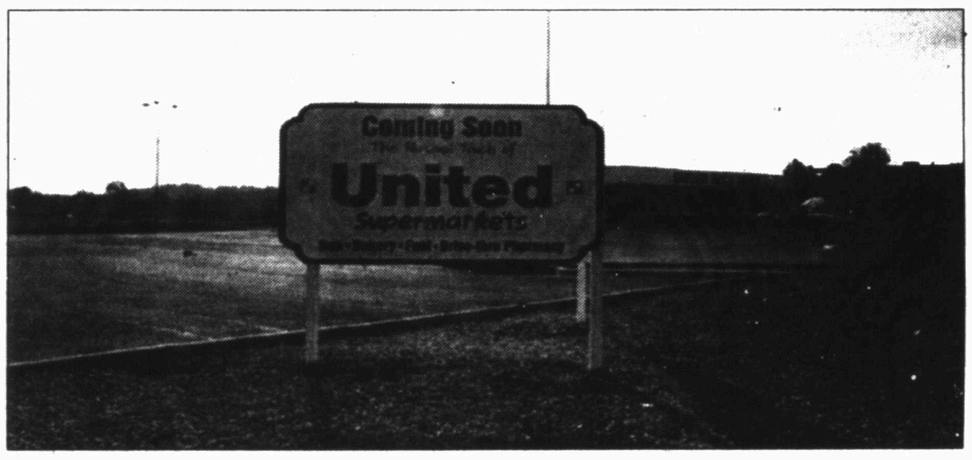

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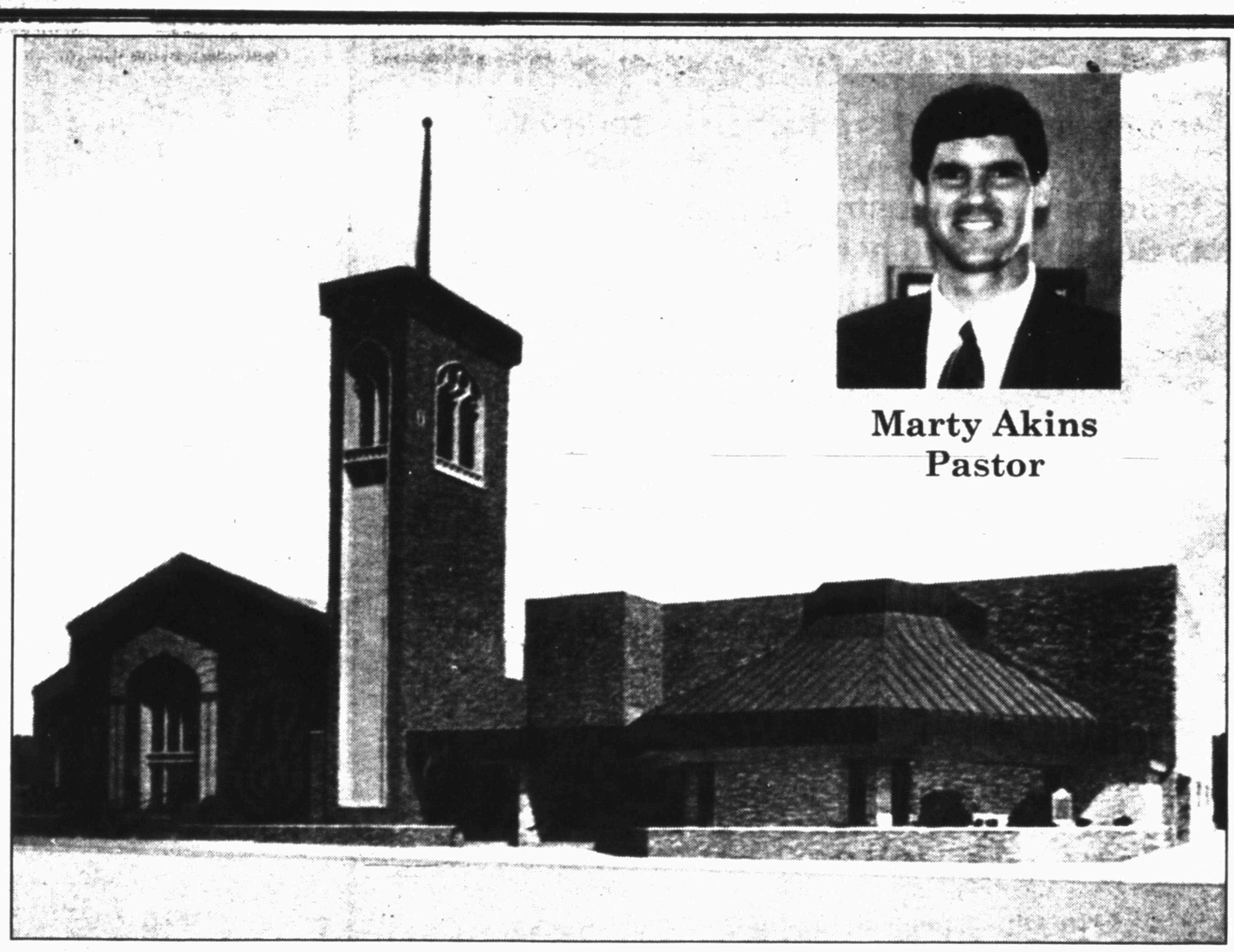

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Western Texas College marks its 27th year

The fall of 1998 sees Western Texas College begin its 27th full year of instruction.

The school year 1995-96 was observed as WTC's Silver Anniversary.

With that milestone behind it, Western Texas began a concerted effort to expand the instructional base of the college, its overall mission and to update its campus technology.

Regarding technology, effective this fall the campus will boast more than 100 computers with Internet access available to students.

These computers, located at eight different campus sites, equal a ratio of approximately one Internet computer for every 12 students enrolled.

Campus-wide, there will be more than 200 computers with Internet access.

This equipment was essentially funded through a state-provided technology grant--the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF)--totaling more than $151,000 for the current school year.

Technology also means distance learning--the new interactive classroom experience where instructors based on the central campus can reach students miles away with "real-time" instruction.

This fall, the campus has established one "state of the art" distance learning classroom with plans underway for at least one and possibly two more by spring.

The first WTC distance learning classes will begin next spring and Midwestern University in Wichita Falls plans to send its first class to the campus in November. Abilene Christian University and Angelo State University have similar future agreements with WTC.

Funding for this technology was provided in part by the TIF grant and from some $35,000 pledged to the college by Scurry County's Board of County Development.

WTC's distance learning technology is based in the campus' newest physical plant addition--the 15,000 sq. ft. Workforce Training Center (see related story).

This new facility marks also a new direction for the overall mission of the college--creating a liaison between the institution and the area business community to include a key partnership role for industrial recruitment.

Construction was completed this September while plans for the center were unveiled May 8, 1997 as two state grants totaling some $700,000 were announced.

The grants funded such expenses as curriculum development, equipment--to include 20 computers--and furniture. The facility itself--a renovation of an area earlier used as a diesel mechanics lab and shop area--was completed using college funds.

In mid-July of 1997, trustees agreed to issue general fee revenue bonds totaling $500,000 to finance the project. Total cost was estimated at $520,000.

The emphasis for the training center is "workforce education" to include both the re-training of employees of existing industry and, when needed, the creation of new training curriculums.

Regarding the latter, the facility is seen as a primary recruiting tool for new industry here.

WTC has expanded its overall instructional base also with the addition of concurrent enrollment classes in the fall of 1996.

Concurrent enrollment allows a high school student to take a college-level class as part of his or her regular class schedule for both high school and college credit.

By the fall of 1998, this program has grown to include 12 area school districts in eight counties--including both Snyder and Ira ISD locally.

With some 60 students enrolled from Snyder High alone, this program added more than 180 students overall to the 1998 fall count.

The instructional base was expanded also in 1989 as prison instruction was added here.

This past fall, WTC offered academic instruction at the Daniel Unit in Scurry County, the Wallace Unit in Colorado City and the Smith Unit near Lamesa. Vocational training was offered at Daniel and Wallace as well.

Enrollment for fall 1998 was the second highest recorded of the 1990s as the total count reached 1,186. This included 510 full-time students.

On-campus numbers totaled 727 and off-campus enrollment--comprised of prison instruction and concurrent enrollment at area high schools--totaled 459.

The college's Silver Anniversary in 1995-96 commemorated the ground breaking date for construction of the college.

That anniversary fell between two other important startup dates for the institution.

The legislative process to create the college began with approval to hold a local election creating a college district. That approval was granted by the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System on Oct. 20, 1969.

The local election which created the college district, establishing a tax base which partially funds its operation, was held Nov. 22, 1969, 26 years ago. That election was carried by the overwhelming margin of approximately 10 to

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Aerial photo of Western Texas College

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1 in favor of the creation of WTC.

The first classes here were held in the fall of 1971, although the campus buildings were not yet complete. For that first fall term, 649 students were registered.

The two years prior to this saw the employment of administrators and staff and the beginning of construction of the physical plant, then valued at $4 million.

The ground breaking ceremony for construction was held in November of 1970. The completion of the first phase of construction was heralded on April 18, 1972, with a Dedication Day on campus.

Other important events associated with those early days include the naming of the first WTC Board of Trustees in 1970.

Elected to serve were M.L. Broman, then the head of SACROC operations here and the man named the first board president; Dr. Robert H. Hargrove, a local dentist; L.A. (George) Patterson, then city manager; William A. (Bill) Jones, a county rancher and stockman; Edwin Parks, also a rancher/stockman; and local businessmen R.C. Patton and William H. (Bill) Wilson, Jr.

From that original board, only Patton remains as a trustee today.

Current board president is Jay Kidd and other members are Carolyn Barbee, Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood.

On Dec. 20, 1969, the college board named the college's first president, Dr. Robert L. Clinton. He assumed his duties on April 1, 1970.

The employment of faculty and staff was ongoing during this time, beginning with the first employee hired by the district, Mavis Brumbelow, secretary to the president.

She was employed in early December of 1969 and retired in the spring of 1996.

WTC has had three college presidents. Clinton was replaced by Dr. Don Newbury in 1981 and current president Dr. Harry Krenek assumed the post in 1986.

Of the original faculty and staff members employed during the school year 1971-72, seven remain at WTC today. They are:

--Larry Anderson, director of media services.

--Dr. Ed Barkowsky, English instructor and chairperson, Communications and Letters Division.

--Gerald Corkran, director of the Reading Center.

--Bill Halbert, business

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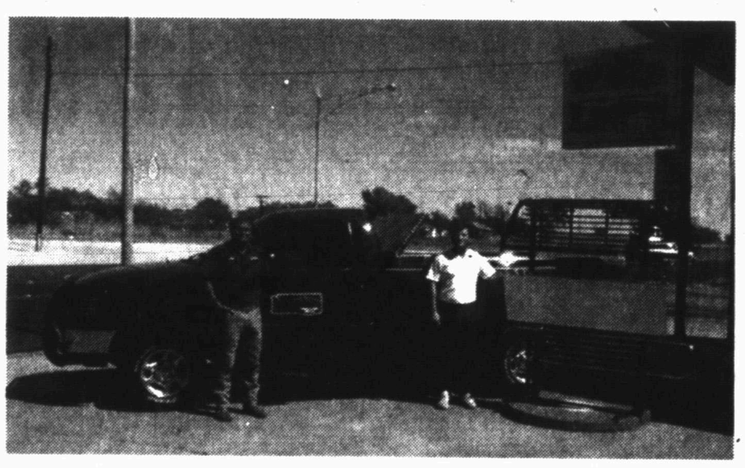

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WTC's workforce center now taking college in new direction

With the renovation complete on its continuing education building, Western Texas College has taken a giant leap into the future of education.

The 14,420 square foot structure houses the Workforce Training Center, a new computer lab and industrial lab, and the college's Distance Learning Lab.

The workforce training center is designed to provide skill-specific training and upgrading to business and industry. Its purpose is to provide customized skills for business and training.

The computer lab has 20 computers and instructors will have a computer and white board. All computers have Internet connections and will eventually be linked to the Internet as many areas of the college already are. Computers have been upgraded from Windows 95 to Windows 98.

The computer lab will offer classes in the Internet, PowerPoint, web building and world excel.

Computer short courses began Oct. 6. The enrollment for each class was 17 and 15, respectively.

Two more classes began this week. These classes are not just intended for companies. Anyone in the community may register.

The industrial lab is large enough to bring in textile or oil field type equipment for on-the-spot training.

The workforce training center, which formerly housed the auto-diesel lab will coordinate, or directly provide the training for businesses and industries such as Lorber Industries, Pennzoil, Amoco, or any other business such as Grimmett Bros.

Each business will decide what training they want and when they want it.

The distance learning lab, through the use of cameras and sound, will allow students and instructors to interact much like they are in a regular classroom.

Distance learning, college administrators say, is the way of the future in education. It allows information to be passed back and forth, saving time and expense.

The lab, when fully operational, will also allow WTC to send instruction to other campuses and to not only provide and receive standard coursework, but interact with business and industry as well.

The DL lab is expected to begin operating in November. The first class — English 3203, Technical Writing — will be from Midwestern University. It will be offered on Tuesday evenings, starting Nov. 13 and will end in February.

It is a course that will enable students to progress towards the bachelor of applied arts and science degree Midwestern will be offering on the WTC campus.

For the spring semester, WTC will be receiving several other classes. Academic will include English 2322 and 1302, both from Stamford.

Midwestern classes will be MGMT 3013 org behavior; MGKT 5513, seminar in marketing; and POLS 4953, public personnel administration.

The workforce center DL classes will include Case Mgt and Texas Basic Certificate in gerontology I, II, II, both from Midland.

A nursing seminar for the RN or LVN to renew licensure will be transmitted from Midland College. Bottom line farming will come from South Plains College.

Western Texas College will also be sending out several academic classes including COSC 1301, introduction to computers; SPCH 1315, fundamentals in speech; GOVT 2305 American Government; Math 1314, college algebra; and GEOG 1303, world geography.

The workforce center classes the college will be sending include a 10 hour OSHA course, excavation and shoring, conversational Spanish, small business management, investments, advanced cardiac life support, child growth and development; women's self defense and western swing dance.

The distance learning lab could mean a savings in instructional costs to WTC and other community colleges as they can combine small classes and share the cost of one instructor.

Another possiblity of the lab is upper-level course offerings. Students could go to the WTC distance learning lab to take junior and senior level courses from four-year universities.

The lab could also provide faculty the opportunities to interact as well as take graduate courses which would provide faculty development.

Also housed in the building will be the offices of John Gibson, director of community services; Mark Bland, dean of continuing education, Mike Thornton; and director of prison processing, Linda Wright.

Director of correctional officer training Learnard Dodgen and correctional officer training instructor J.D. Barham will also have offices in the building.

The facility also has a business and industry conference room to be complete with two-way video conferencing which allows — again through the use of cameras and sound — for a person to see and hear who they are conferring with.

Move-in began last month.

WTC Employees set up the furninture and computers and installed the wiring.

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instructor and chairperson, Business and College Preparatory Division.

--Janet Halbert, English instructor.

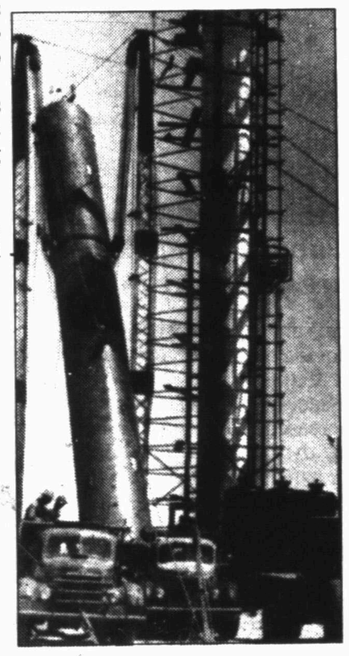
--Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of students.

--Sam Walker, welding instructor.

WTC's full-time faculty numbers some 44 instructors augmented by an auxiliary part-time instructional staff of approximately 30.



Early school play in Snyder



Construction of Diamond M Gas Plant in 1950



COUNTRYPLACE

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Beginning as a small gift shop 6 1/2 years ago, Countryplace has expanded gift lines, added an infant department and registry, bridal registry and just recently a complete full-service floral department and the addition of the Merle Norman Studio. Expansion and a new look for the shop's entrance were completed in 1998.

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Fine Arts Lab has state-of-the art computers

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Technological advances have revolutionized the art field, especially within the past year. And the same can be said for Western Texas College's Fine Arts Computer Lab, which is allowing, among other uses, Ty Brunson's two dimensional design students to do things in minutes which their predecessors spent hours slaving over pen and ink or pencil drawings.

The two dimensional class was computerized five years ago, but the changeover to the current McIntosh computers began a year ago, Brunson said, "About 90 percent of the art field utilizes McIntosh computers and the field is very particular about what software graduates should be familiar with. That's what the college tries to provide, and that is what makes the fine arts lab unique.

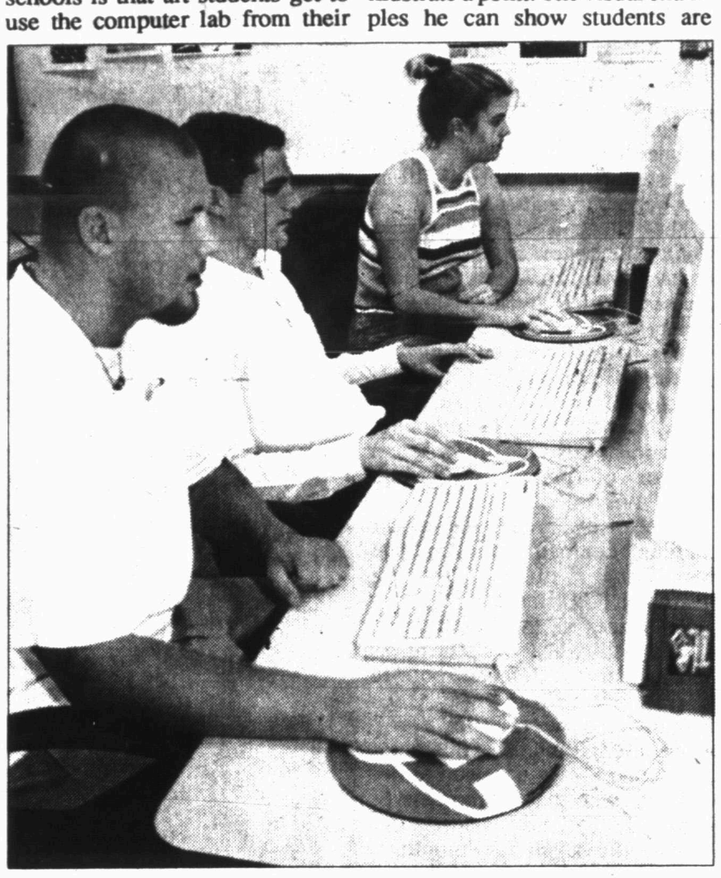
The lab which came together in piecemeal fashion has an estimated $20,000 to $25,000 worth of equipment in it. A year ago, Brunson said the WTC board of trustees and the administration approved purchasing $15,000 worth of McIntosh computers.

He noted that they are very fortunate to have their support.

The newest McIntosh, an all-in-one unit purchased a few weeks ago, almost looks like it comes from another planet, with its squat design, greenish hue and see through case. It's also so much faster than the lab's oldest computer bought four years ago.

Right now the lab has 12 computers, which Brunson said they hope to upgrade to 15 as soon as feasible. While the lab's technological upgrade is expected to attract more students, Brunson said that means more computers will have to be added to accommodate them. It is essential that each student has a computer to use.

An important advantage that WTC has over many four year schools is that art students get to use the computer lab from their first semester. Many schools only provide computers for upper level art classes only.



Toby Young, Brad Williams, Ashley White are using the new lab.

Security has also been increased. The numeric key pad on the door admits only the students who should be in the lab working. The classroom is also linked to the main college office so it can be monitored throughout the day.

Brunson said the two dimensional design class deals almost exclusively with graphic imagery and that he uses very little in the way of traditional text.

He said students now get a better grasp of what he is teaching. He can scan images from a textbook or other source and incorporate it into his lechire. He can put lecture notes on a screen or he can rearrange images quickly to illustrate a point. The visual examples he can show students are almost limitless.

The McIntoshes allow students to manipulate and alter images through copying, cutting and pasting. They can adjust each image in mere minutes using a computer, whereas if it was even possible to do it by hand eight years ago then it would have taken 100 hours or more, he added.

The two dimensional design class used to deal exclusively with pen and ink and pencil and paper. When a student made a mistake, Brunson said, they were committed to it.

Now the class is almost paperless, Brunson said.

A major advantage of using the computer is that students can easily correct a mistake, learn from it and try something else. They aren't intimidated, Brunson said, but free to experiment.

His students now keep their portfolios on a zip disk rather than on paper. All of the computers in the fine arts lab have the ability to be accessed from any one of them. Via an Ether Net, Brunson's students submit homework assignments to him electronically. They can, now create several examples rather than just one. He then evaluates each one, and makes comments.

The process is so much faster and students can produce three to five times more material than they could before.

They also have more finished or polished work at the end of the semester. In the past, he explained, that students could not bring the work they created all the way to fruition. The finished product wasn't as important to the students then but now they have a better sense of accomplishment.

One of Brunson's two dimensional design students is also working on a slide presentation for Scurry County Museum which will be used during the Oil Appreciation celebration.

Besides learning to use different software, Brunson said art students and others can also take a photoshop course offered in the spring where they learn how to manipulate imagery using the computer.

Brunson notes that while the computer is probably the most important advantage in the art field in a thousand years, he said users still have to have talent. It takes creative people to decide ways to utilize them.

Graduating to computers over the traditional pen and pencil drawings is like painting with a brush as opposed to using a finger, Brunson added.

Students also have the opportunity to learn how to scan images, use digital cameras and to use paint and draw as well as photoshop software to create and manipulate images.

Its almost laughable, Brunson said, that computers allow a filter to run in five minutes or so, whereas years ago, artists would have had to spend 100 hours or more to create something like that or else just image what they wanted to create would look like.

Today, computers are 20-30 times faster than earlier models and they cost less. He said WTC had reached the point that they had to either invest in computer technology or get out of teaching art. "We have to teach students what the industry requires that they learn," he said.

The fine arts computer lab is also used for video presentations. One wall serves as a large projection screen.

Other classes also have found ways to utilize the resources of the lab too.

For instance, speech students scan images that relate to the topic of their speech. Speeches are delivered in the lab so those images become a part of the finished product. Students are not only increasing their public speaking skills but their technical skills as well, Brunson said.

Drama and theatre students are making digital photos of themselves, down loading them to the computers, and using paint and draw software to apply makeup to their faces on the computer screen. Mistakes are no big deal, he explained. Because they can be taken off and redone.

Students studying painting can take digital photos at several locations, combine them and then manipulate the images until they get a picture of what they want to paint. Then they can paint the image on a canvass.

The computer is allowing them to expand the realm of possibilities, Brunson said.

Digital cameras don't use film, which eliminates the lengthy process of developing and printing photos. Instead, within a short period the pictures can be converted to images.

Brunson's glass fusion class is using the computer to design glassware products which are pattern oriented. They scan images in various colors of glass they have to work with, creating a pallette of glass in his studio which students have access to. From there, they use the paint and draw program color selection to create image designs for glass in minutes, a process that used to take hours by hand.

The beauty of this, Brunson said, is that it can change very quickly and be looked at from different vantage points.

The recruiting office is also

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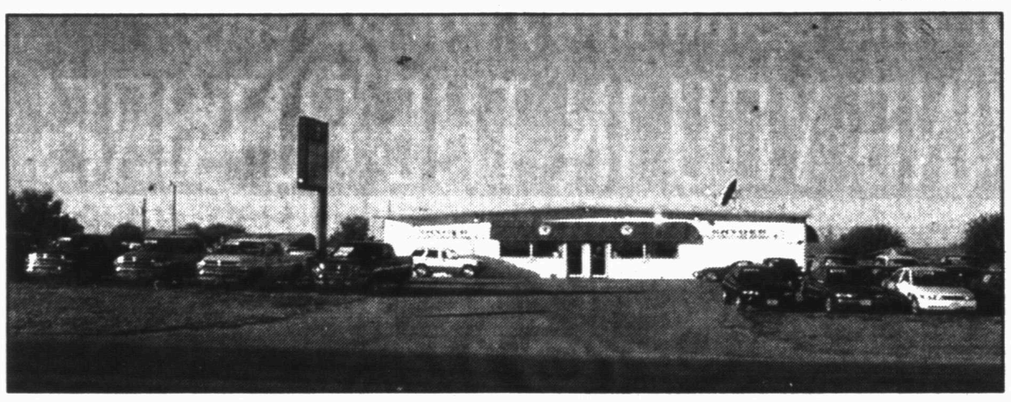

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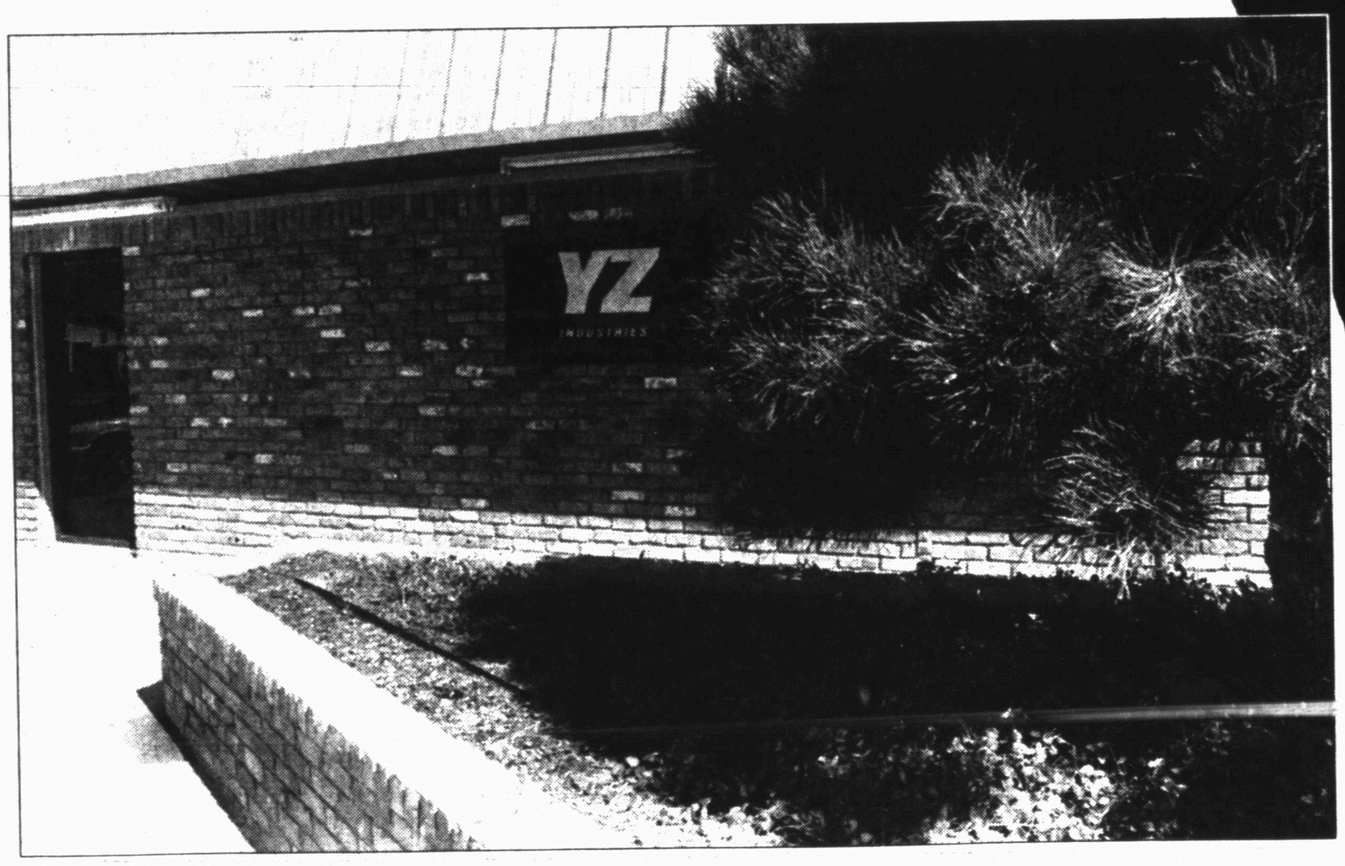

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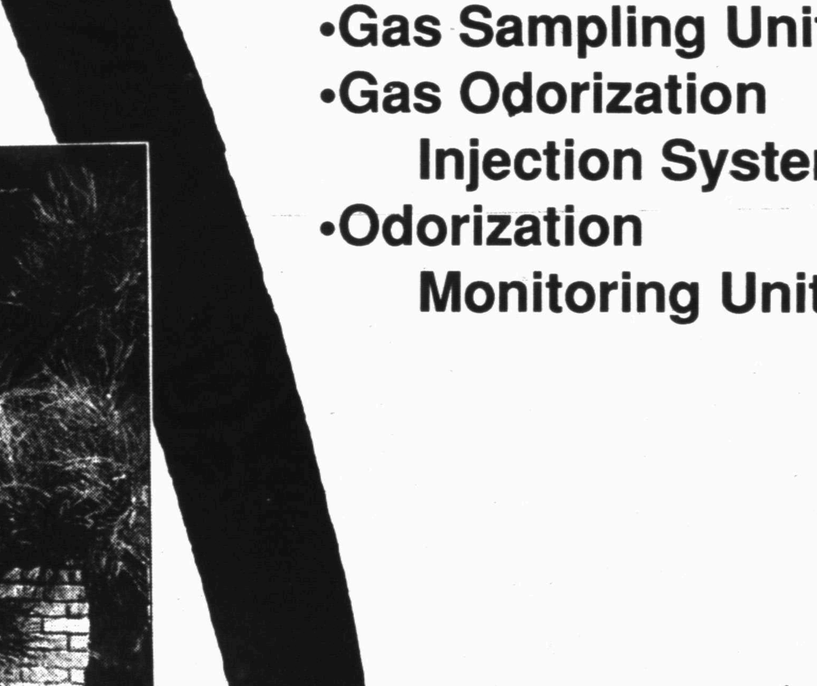

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Western Texas College wired for Internet

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Within the past year, Western Texas College has taken giant technological steps forward. A workforce center has been established, and one of three possible distance learning classrooms is expected to be fully operational next month.

In addition, not only have the number of computers available to students, faculty and staff increased dramatically but now many have access to the Internet. Plans are also in the works to eventually have all of the campus computers linked to the Internet.

In the summer of 1997, Britt Canada, director of technology, said the college applied for a $35,000 grant from the Board of County Development (BCD) to begin work on a distance learning classroom. That was granted and by the first of October about three-fourths of the classroom was installed.

Canada said they still need to do some "fine tuning" before the classroom becomes operational. The first course made possible will be from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Canada said that additional grant monies already approved will allow them to set up a second distance learning classroom, even though it will not be as elaborate as the first one.

A total of 12 schools, including TSTC in Sweetwater, Stamford, Baird and Haskell ISDs, applied for the Discovery Grant which will also benefit the college.

Also, WTC has submitted another grant which — if approved — would establish a distance learning classroom on the Smith Unit in Colorado City.

Much of the financial resources which WTC has received to bring about these technological advances has come from a TIF or Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant in the amount of $151,200. Specifically, WTC spent $50,000 each on distance learning and networking the campus. Some $30,000 was used to purchase computers. Another $12,000 was spent for line connections and Internet Service. Software and training accounted for $9,200.

Last year the college had 30 computers on the campus network. Now it has a total of more than 100.

Since the TIF grant specifies that any computers purchased must be for students, Canada said they installed the new computers in labs.

They began with the Learning Resource Center because's that where the library is, Canada said.

Thanks to a united volunteer effort, WTC did not have any additional labor costs, he added. During the summer, instructors and staff contributed 488 volunteer hours during "Net Days" when they ran 13,110 feet of cable and installed 180 computer connections.

Also included was 3,535 feet of state of the art fiber optic cable which was used to create a campus "backbone." Specifically, the fiber optic cable connects the master switch to each building. Then copper wiring connects the computers in each building. Canada said the fiber optic system is somewhat like a star in that it branches out.

He said fiber optic cable uses light going through glass panels, and, since it's a non conductor, an electrical surge won't affect the entire system, just a small area.

The workforce center has been completed and is connected to the fiber optic backbone, Canada said. Forty-eight computer connections were added to the system for a total of 228 connections overall, he added.

Workforce has been offering continuing education classes through its computer lab and will continue to do so, Canada said.

Since January, WTC's library catalog card has been computerized. It was pilot tested a year ago. He noted that library staff entered about 30,000 volumes into the database.

"Within the year," Canada said. "We will add software which will put our card catalog information on the Internet and available for others to see."

Some areas of the campus, such as the Health and Physical Educational, golf and landscape technology, the dormitory and the apartments are not hooked to the backbone, but there are plans to do within the next year or so, Canada.

"We do one part at a time, take a breath and then do something else," he added.

Eventually, he said they would like to have some 300 computers in all, which is quite a jump from the 30 the school had a year ago.

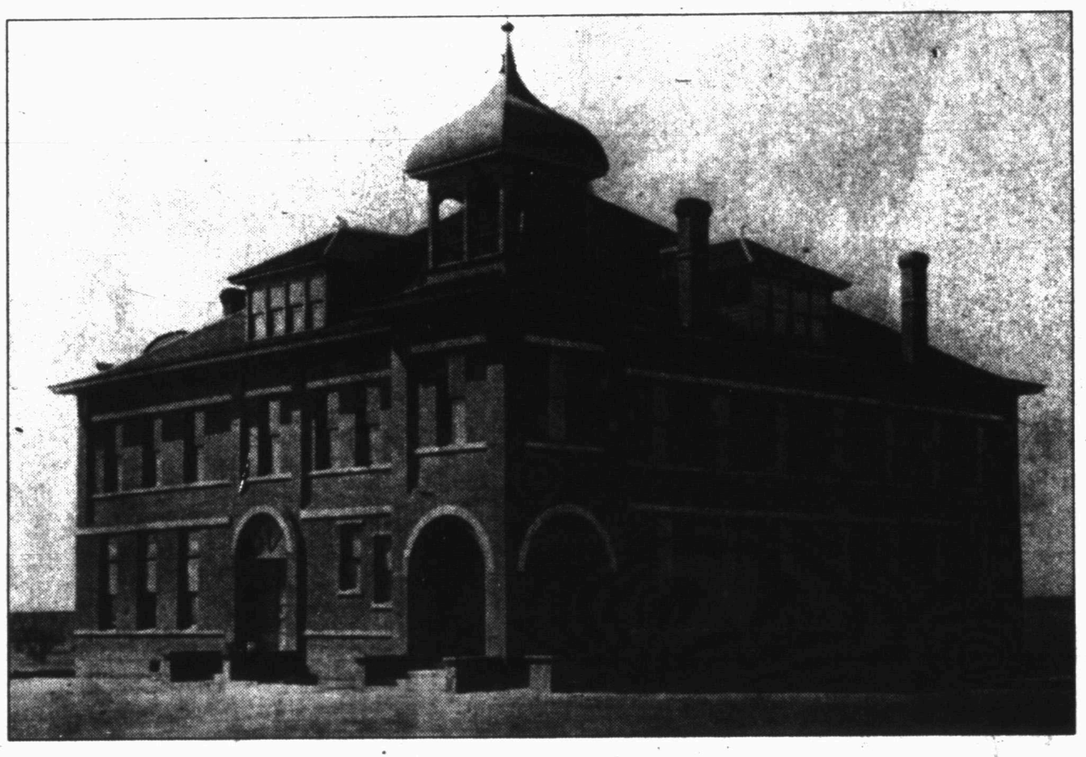
At one time, he said they thought networking computers was something that the college could not achieve. But, thanks to the TIF grant, that dream is becoming a reality.

Canada said another goal is to recycle older computers as they are replaced with new models. While the recycled computers given to departments which have few or none, may not be "state of the art," he said they are still functional and allows them "to build from there."

Canada noted that another part of the technology program at WTC is training and support. To that end, weekly workshops for faculty and staff are held to "provide support as needed."

He said WTC is also creating a more enhanced web home page than the present one.

Also, WTC, in conjunction with the Scurry County Museum, presented a Texas Humanities Workshop last summer. Those attending learned, among other things, how to use Internet resources.



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Planetarium rededicated on Thursday

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

In a way Christmas has come early for Dr. Rollin Swanson, Western Texas College science professor and director of the planetarium which reopened a year ago — following a 14-year hiatus.

Ever since the facility reopened, Swanson said he had wanted three things so "we could have a real planetarium." That included new projection equipment because the old was unreliable; a full dome star field and a projection device from the computer.

All three wishes were granted this fall, thanks to the generosity of Roy and Geleska Baze, a matching three to one Exxon grant and college monies.

The total expenditure was $21,300 — including the $19,000 Exxon matching grant and $2,300 from the college.

The planetarium was rededicated in the Bazes' honor Thursday night. The audience then enjoyed a private showing of "More Than Meets The Eye," the first show presented at the new and improved planetarium.

Swanson, just like a child with a new Christmas toy, is proud to show off the planetarium's new features.

Perhaps the most impressive is the star field provided by six projectors which work together to fill the entire 10 meter dome with stars. Each projector provides a small "orange slice view," Swanson said.

The dome lights are rigged to allow them to be dimmed, further enhancing the shows. Horizon lights can be turned out and a computer projector allows what's on the computer screen to be visible on the dome. That means that text can be added to any show.

The planetarium now has its own computer projector, eliminating the need to borrow one from the Fine Arts department.

The three old projectors have been repaired. Since they now have the capability to reverse, Swanson said back-to-back shows can be presented minutes apart if necessary. They are used to provide horizon scenes as well as other presentations up above.

Panarama projectors provide extra details like a desert scene for the Christmas program shown last year. The primary projector can be coupled to panarama projectors so that in some sets stars will be directly over houses.

The main scenes are now controlled by a new piece of equipment. Three new commercial double light projectors provide the main show and can go forward or backward and fade in or out. They are also designed that if one bulb goes out the other takes over without interrupting the show.

The planetarium also has a red light laser pointer which will let Swanson point to various constellations or stars during children's programs.

The planetarium is now a "more professional looking operation," Swanson said. The star field projection equipment doesn't cost the half a million dollars which some planetariums have invested, but Swanson and others who will be trained to operate it can work all of the controls.

It already had two sound systems. A mixer allows them to work together separately or alternately. Swanson can adjust the sound as needed. The sound system is enhanced by four speakers, surrounding and from behind the dome.

The planetarium also had a VCR but a laser disc player was purchased last year that adds special effects to each presentation.

The current upgrade, which was originally planned for the summer months, was delayed until the fall because six projectors arrived two months late.

However, they were worth the wait, Swanson said. By late September, college personnel had installed most of the equipment, leaving very little to do in the days prior to the private unveiling.

Swanson said they still have to install a projector for slide shows.

With the addition of new equipment, Swanson said maintenance department personnel also installed new circuitry.

Along with the new equipment, Swanson said they were able to purchase two new shows for school children. "Magic Sky" is for pre-kindergartners and "Our Place in Space" is geared for grades K-4.

Eventually, Swanson said they want to have two school shows on Friday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, which will be available by prior appointment.

They also hope to offer two main shows a year for the general public as well as special shows like "The Christmas Story." Since they do not have another Christmas show, Swanson said they may repeat the one from last year; however, it will be greatly enhanced because of all the new equipment.

While the planetarium is in good shape equipment wise, Swanson said what they really need now are new planetarium shows which comes with a hefty price tag — $750 each, including tape, slides and script. Swanson hopes that they can gradually increase their inventory so the planetarium will be able to offer new shows periodically as well as rerunning the previous ones.

Swanson's planetarium quest began about four years ago when he was asked to teach science at the college. At the time he did not know where the science department was located or that it had a planetarium.

He consulted a map of WTC and soon found his way to both. When he saw the hole in the floor where the star projector had been he thought the facility was too lovely not to be able to use it as a planetarium.

With the blessing of Dr. Harry Krenek, college president, and less than a shoe string budget, Swanson went to work on fulfilling his dream of reopening the planetarium.

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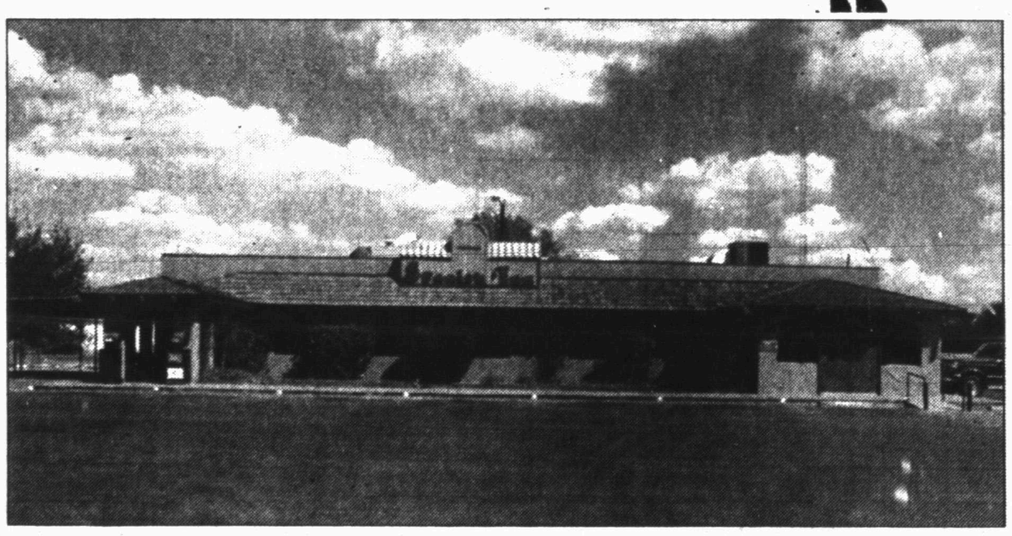

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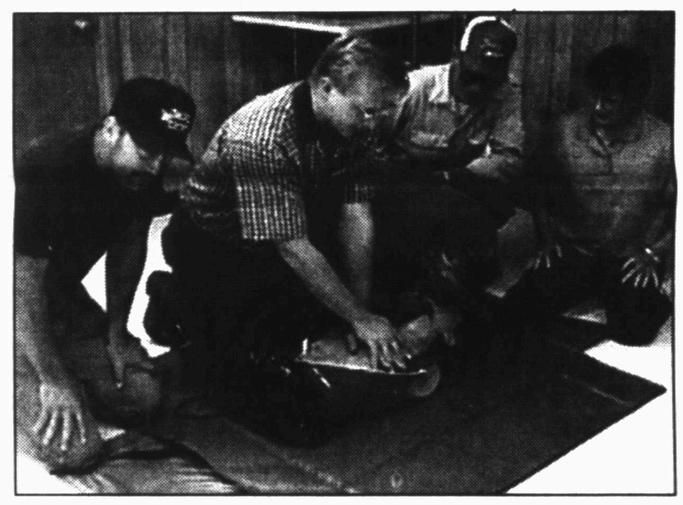

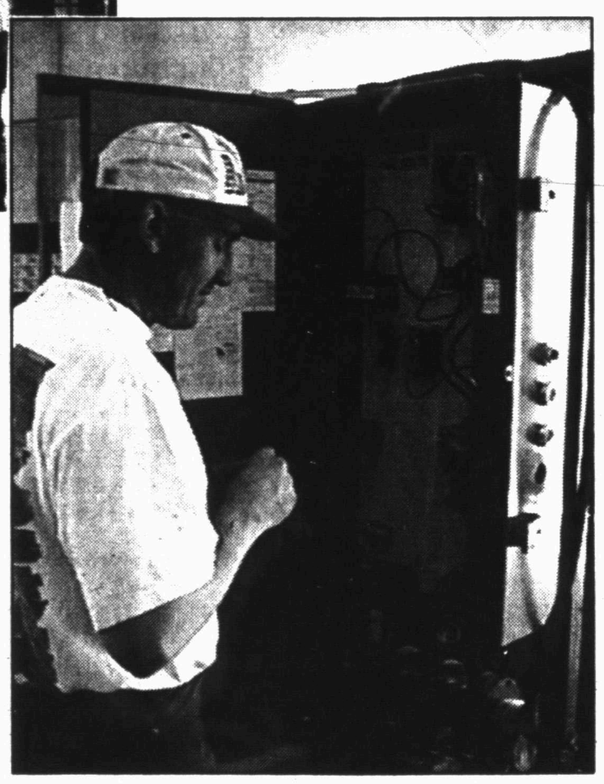

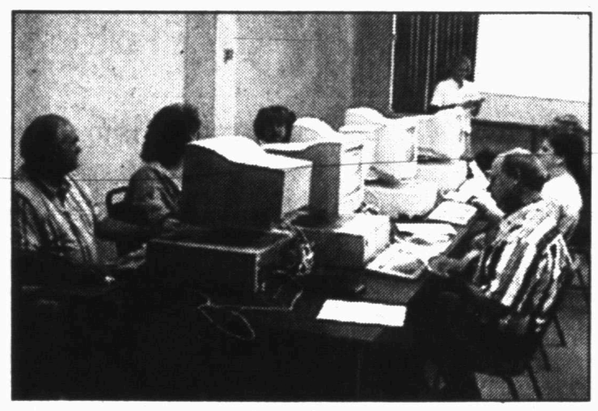

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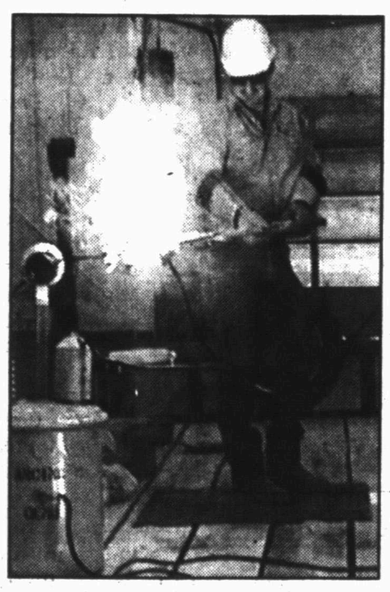

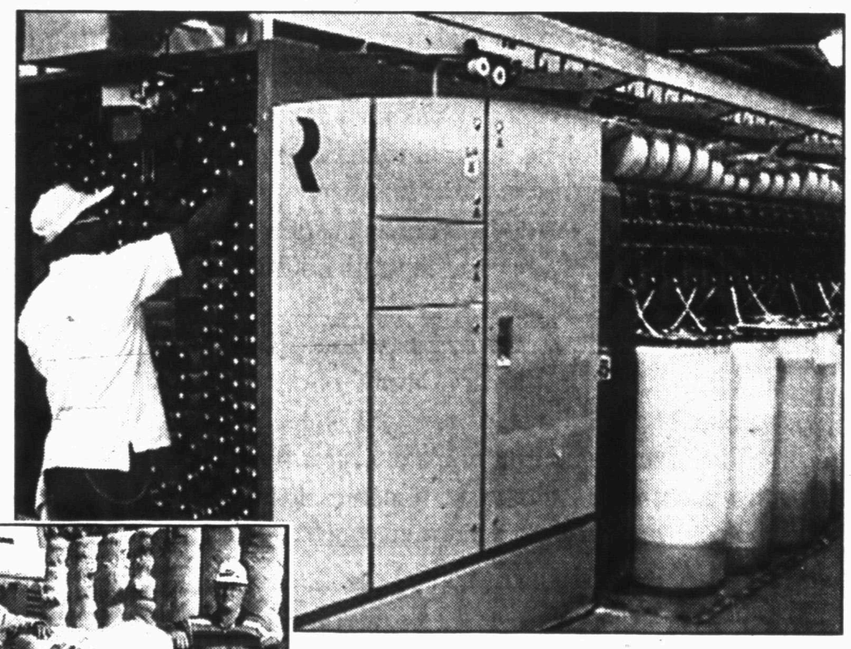

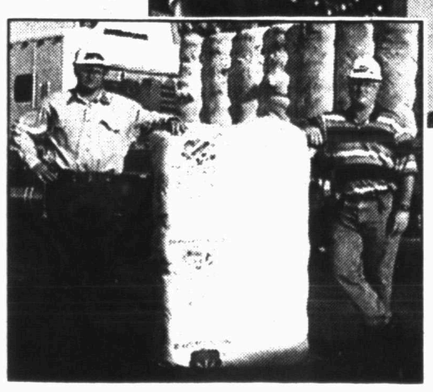

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C.E. McCormick Sr. was born in Safford, Ark. in 1901. He met Violet Askew when he was in the fifth grade after his parents moved to Willis, Okla. They were married on Feb. 10, 1928 in Sherman.

Four days after the wedding, the McCormicks traveled in snow to Abilene where Claude gave Violet a pair of overshoes for a wedding present.

Two days later, they arrived at Camp Springs in the eastern portion of Scurry County. They lived one year there with Claude's parents. It was here that Claude farmed with his father and later at Midway, where they lived for five years.

The first son, Bobby Gene, was born July 30, 1929 at Midway. All the sons have remained active in the family business and Bob served as mayor of Snyder from 1968-1972.

William Beecher was born Oct. 20, 1930 then Billy Askew was born Dec. 8, 1933. When Billy was one month old, the family moved to the Plainview Community for three months.

In 1934, Claude leased his rented farm and borrowed $75 for the balance of $225 needed to get started in business — a combination service station and grocery store purchased from the widow of Onis Wilson. It was located seven miles west of Snyder on a dirt road to Lamesa.

Mrs. McCormick recalled the importance of neighbors during this time. Those included Floy and Elbert Perry and their children — Eldon, Weldon and Laverne. On the other side was Janie Light.

The McCormicks staked a milk cow on the highway right-of-way and Elbert recalled they had the longest pasture in West Texas.

Working 18 hours a day, Claude had an ice route during the day and would deliver kerosene and gas late in the evening. During this period, Claude Ellis Jr. was born on Feb. 23, 1936 and Albert Keith came on Jan. 10, 1939.

In 1939, on the south side of the highway, G.B. Clark financed and built a new service station and store. Violet tended the store, worked a garden and raised five boys. Then the pride and joy of the family arrived on July 15, 1945 — the family's first girl, Linda Kay.

In 1936, Claude became the Cosden sub-jobber. He purchased C.H. Callis Oil Co. in 1941 and moved his operation into Snyder. McCormick obtained the Phillips 66 jobbership in 1948. With the help of his sons, he organized McCormick and Sons Oil Co. in Snyder and McCormick Oil Co. in Lamesa.

Claude remained active in the business until 1965 when he retired. At this time, Phillips honored him with the distinguished "Mr. Phil" award.

In 1948, they drilled for the first oil well and it was a success. In 1950, the family sold the station and house and built a home at 3301 Ave. A.

Known for his civic, community and church involvement, Claude McCormick was Snyder's outstanding citizen in 1957. He was active in bringing the coliseum and junior college to Snyder. He was a director of the chamber of commerce, industrial board and member of the Lions Club.

Abilene Christian honored him with a place on the advisory board. They were faithful members of the East Side Church of Christ and earlier the 25th Street congregation. Mr. McCormick died on Sept. 13, 1990.

Fifteen years ago, in 1983, the firm's name was changed to McCormick Marketing to include third generation family members.

Bobby, Billy and Junior McCormick have since retired, and the company is now headed by Bobby's son, Mark McCormick. He is also active in community affairs, presently serving as president of the Snyder ISD board of trustees. He previously was chairman of the board of county development.

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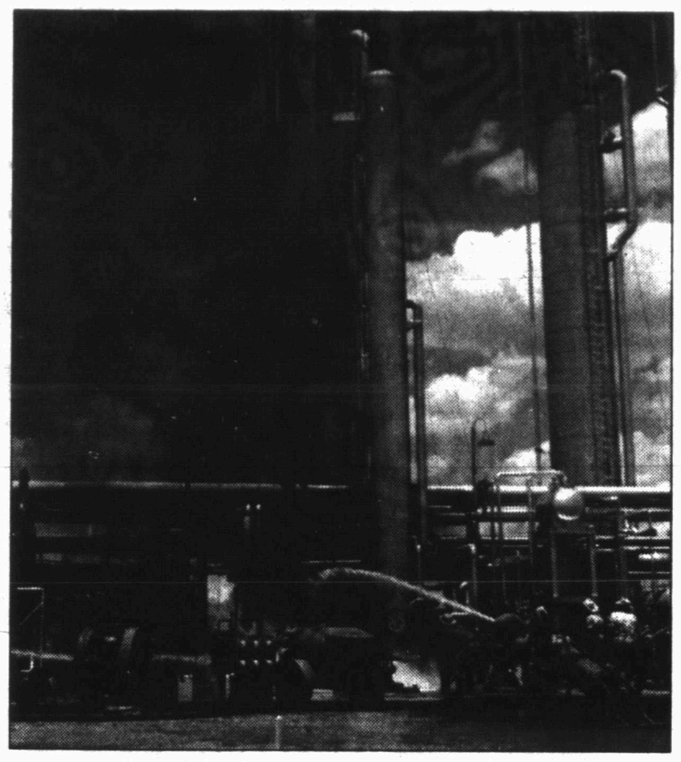

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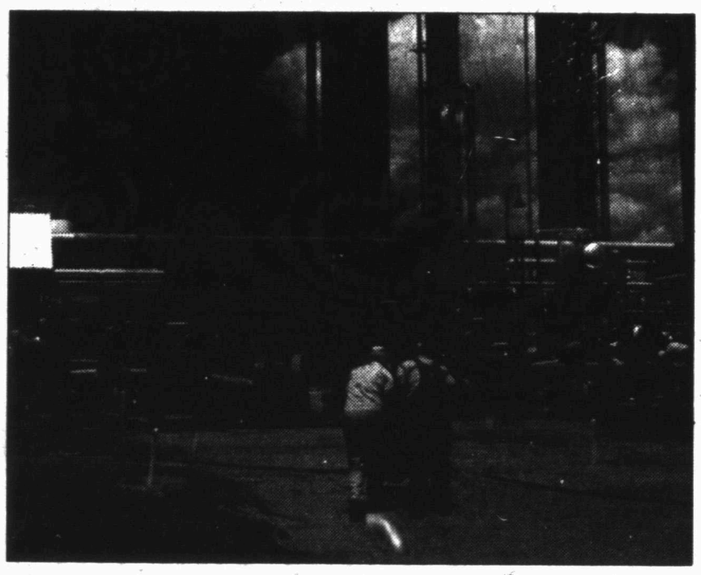
making use of the technology, Brunson said. A slide show featuring the WTC campus as well as students is being put together so that it can be used on recruiting trips to other towns and schools.

Text can also be incorporated so that a host of information is readily available along with the pictures. They include support services, cost, scholarship information.

Brunson said his class will also be featured in a slide show presentation featuring students and their work. Since the recruiting office has recently added a McIntosh laptop, he noted that when recruiters are visiting area towns, they may see some graduates of that high school town studying at the college.

Eventually, he said every department on campus wants to prepare a similar slide show presentation.

The next project Brunson said the lab needs is a large scale format printer which retails for around $3,000. It would allow students to creat posters that measure two feet by three feet. Any community assistance would be welcome, Brunson said.



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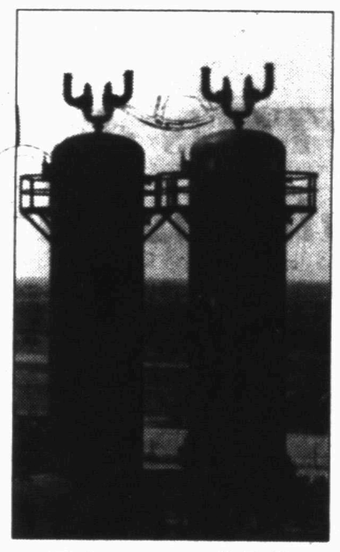

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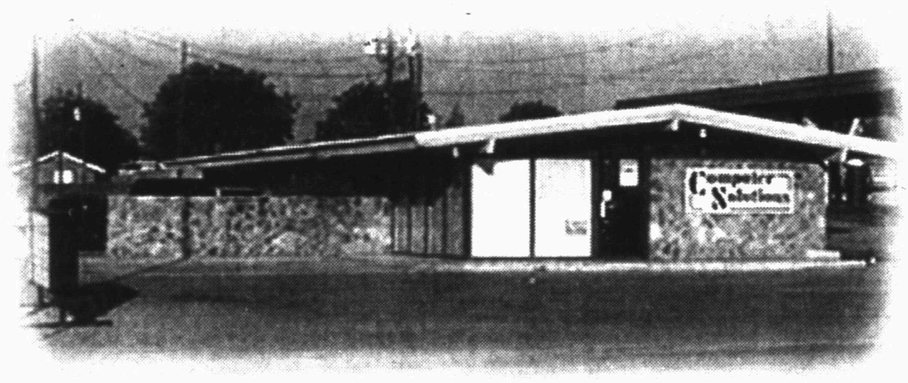

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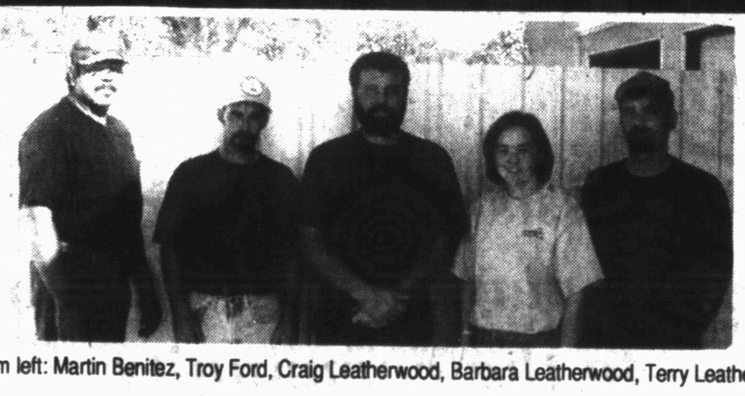

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Just four years old, the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch - owned and developed by Billy Ray and Pam Browning — is growing in popularity.

In the past four months, not counting the Western Swing, 7,000 visitors from 17 different different countries have stopped in at the dude ranch.

It all started in 1993, when Pam Browning served as a member of the Snyder chamber of commerce board of directors.

Browning said chamber officials were talking about economic development and a brain-storming session suggested tourism as a way to improve the local economy.

"One specific suggestion was a dude ranch," Browning said. "Pam came home with the idea and we started turning a two-story house we had into a place for people to stay."

Billy Ray recalls getting a lot of encouragement to go forward with the idea. "We got the old house rigged up and started feeding for special occasions in October, 1994."

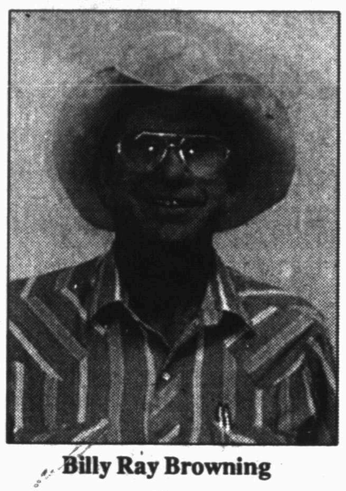
The ranch now has 2,000 acres. It all started with 208 acres owned by Billy Ray's father. Adjoining tracts have been added over the years.

It remains a working ranch, but present drought conditions limits the number of cattle on the ranch to 70 head. When weather conditions are more favorable, Browning will run up to 120 head.

The two-story house has four bedrooms. "Our very first family reunion, in April of 1995, we had 52 people staying in that house," Browning recalls.

At that time, most of the food preparation was done on an outside grill. The guest ranch's next addition was the Rusty Spur Cafe — open to the public on Friday, Saturdays and Sunday noon.

We also open it for special occasions. "We have people drive in off the highway at noon, and we feed them along with our working ranch hands."



Billy Ray Browning

As the word about the ranch spread, bookings increased. In early 1997, the Brownings added eight guest stalls. Also available are three rooms in the bunkhouse which also serves as the ranch office.

A party barn, which can accommodate more than 500 people, was completed in 1997. Earlier this year, a four-bedroom guest house with game room was added.

The guest ranch now has its own web site on the internet, and the ranch is already booking for the year 2000.

Another feature at the ranch is 10 hookups for recreational vehicles.

In addition to family reunions and corporate meetings, there's plenty to do at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Guests can fish, horseback ride, hunt, take a wagon ride, pitch horseshoes or washers, shoot clay pigeons, play on the baseball diamond or basketball court. There are plans to add a swimming pool next summer.

Another possible addition is a trap shoot range. Browning said a man in San Antonio who builds such ranges said such a range would attract a 1,000 people every three months.

A popular item is a chuck wagon cookout in the pasture. "And we can put on a roping exhibition for them," Browning said.

And then there is what Browning calls "the ranch kind of stuff." Browning tells of "puttin' city fellers in the saddle for up to five hours at a time, rounding up stock, cuttin' and branding."

Browning said investment in the ranch is approximately $1.5 million. It has 10 fulltime and 10 parttime employees with an annual payroll of approximately $200,000.

Susie White has served as the general manager for the past 1½ years.

Browning said first-time visitors are shocked at the neatness and the facilities available. "They love our food...it's all made from scratch."

Browning said people from Midland, Odessa and especially Lubbock are making the Wagon Wheel Ranch a regular destination. "We're getting a lot of school retreats out of Lubbock."

He said one large church in Midland has had four retreats at the ranch. "They go back and tell someone about us," Browning beamed. He said the Odessa Chamber of Commerce had requested a video that the guest ranch has prepared.

From a dove hunt or to simply patting farm animals, the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch will do whatever you want — and there's no charge for the hug from Billy Ray.



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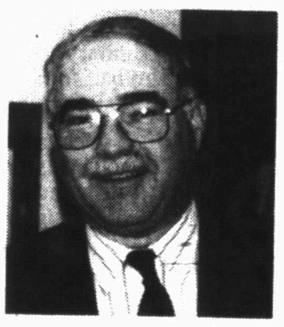

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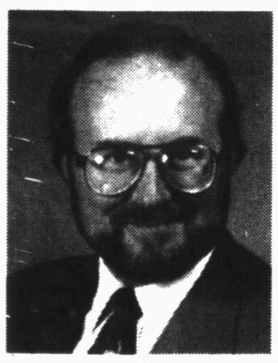

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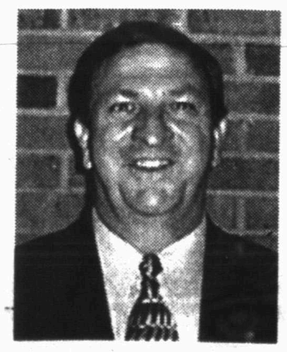

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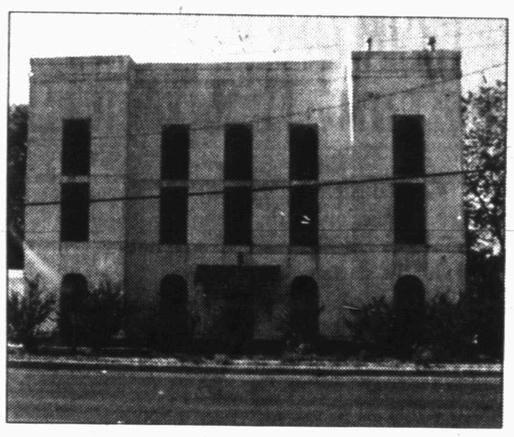

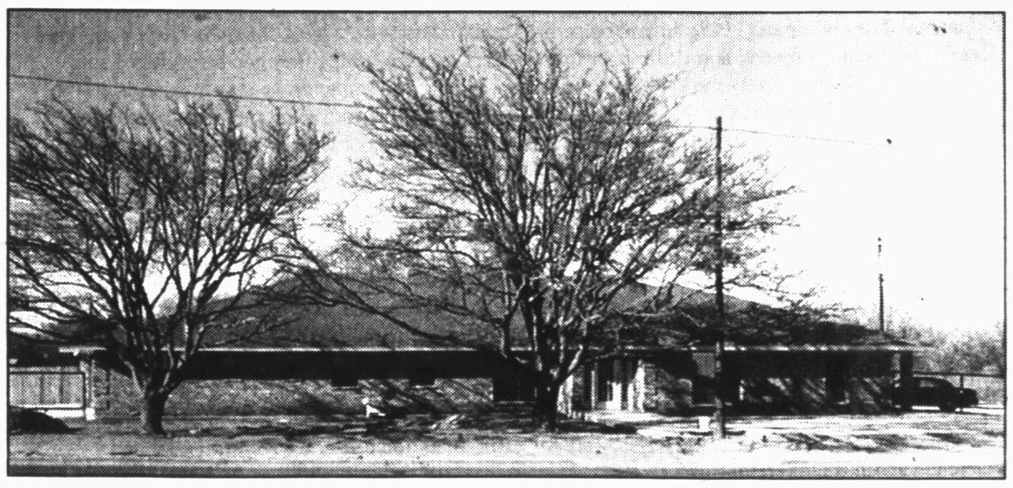

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The Golden K Kiwanis Club was organized in 1979 for men over age the age of 60. Of the charter members, only two remain — C.J. Smith and Gilbert Fields.

About 10 years ago, membership was opened to women. Today's membership is about evenly divided.

The Golden K Kiwanis Club has always been associated with the Senior Citizens Center where meetings are held every Tuesday at noon.

Not only does the the organization provide services for and through the Senior Center but it also has helped the center with equipment and furnishings.

Annual fund-raisers include a garage sale in the fall and a fish fry in the spring. The majority of the project money is used to support local organizations with a small portion going to international organizations.

Additional members are always needed. Contact the Senior Center or one of the members.

Present officers include Evalyn Tate, president; Sylvia Spivey and Otis Crumly, vice presidents; and Bernhard Bartels, secretary-treasurer.

Over the years there have been numerous presidents but only two other secretary-treasurers besides Bartels — Pete Glass and Jay Massingill.

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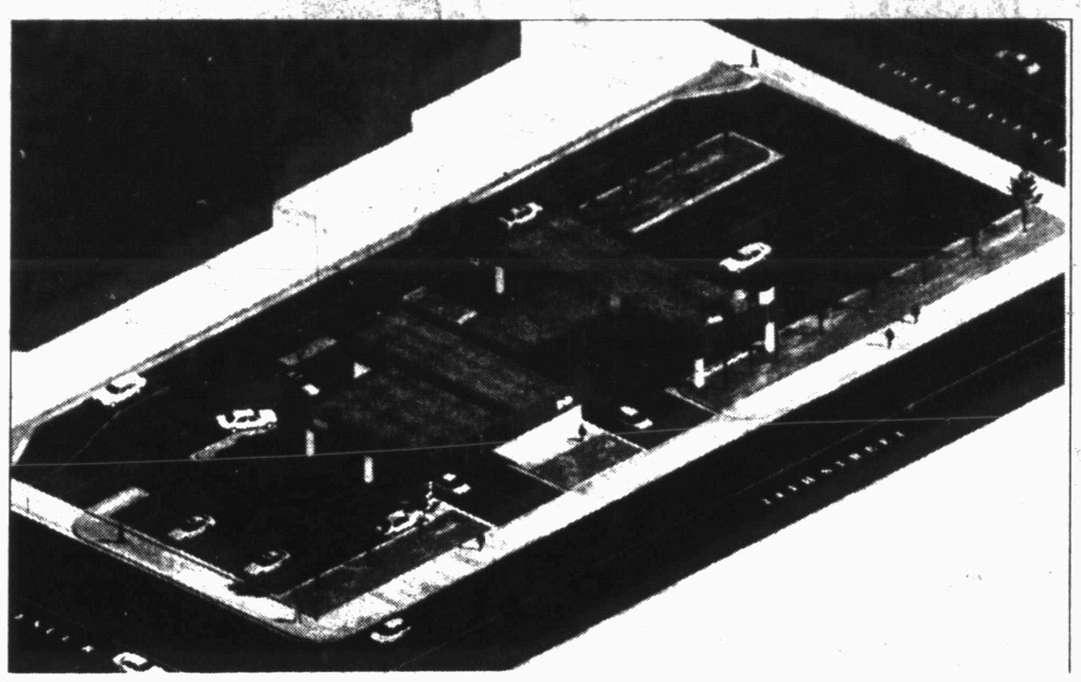

Now under construction

Question: What best describes YZ Industries: Innovative? Homegrown? People Oriented? High-tech? World-wide?

Answer: All of the above!

A product of the Snyder oil boom, I.V. "Jack" Zeck arrived in Snyder in 1949 from Iowa Park. He and a partner, Jack Young, set up shop to perform small engine repair.

A few months later, Jack's son, Ted, joined Y-Z Carburetor Service, specializing in oilfield and industrial engine service and magneto sales and service.

The firm soon evolved into an open machine shop — a far cry from the sophisicated computerized lathes that characterize the business located just north of Snyder on Business U.S. 84.

In the 1960s Ted Zeck was approached by a local oilfield company and asked to develop a crude oil sampler. That successful venture was the springboard of what has become a company located in Snyder, Texas with products all over the world.

That led to the development of a gas sampler, a device that became the cash register for trades between different production and gas transmission companies.

A third generation Zeck returned to Snyder in 1980. A 1969 graduate of Snyder High School, Paul Zeck returned to his hometown as a graduate engineer of Texas A&M University.

Father Ted continued to tinker and invent and Paul combined his engineering skills with his understanding of sales networking and management.

A company landmark occurred in 1989, when at the request of a customer, YZ was asked to develop a product that would inject the chemical which gives natural gas its odor.

YZ Industries, located in West Texas, is now the recognized leader in gas-odorization equipment. In fact, Oct. 1 marked the date of substantial completion of a massive installation of equipment for all of the United Kingdom.

All those products were produced in Snyder, and shipped ahead of schedule. Orders for YZ products are being filled for other parts of Europe, South America, Africa and Asia.

Dayton Robertson, Snyder plant manager, said that YZ made a conscious effort to keep its manufacturing facilities in Snyder.

"Everybody is a key employee in our business. Ours is a team effort and that's what makes our products great," Robertson said.

"We design, build, test, install and service everything we sell," Robertson added.

Most of the employees are home-grown and trained locally. "We look for smart people who will work hard, can think and take pride in what they do."

Robertson said YZ isn't just a place to work — it's a family. "We know and care about each other, like whether one of our kids won last night's soccer game."

YZ is building a corporate office in Conroe, near Houston. That facility will include accounting, research and development and sales. The primary sales office has been in Tomball for a number of years.

YZ also has sales offices in Lafayette, La. and Tulsa, Okla., and Snyder. YZ manufacturing reps are located throughout the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

"Today we have skids on the yard going to Chicago, Russia and to South America," Robertson added.

A closely-held corporation, YZ had rather track its growth in terms of employees than in sales volume. "In the past six or seven years, we have tripled the number of employees," Robertson said.

With approximately 100 employees and quickly outgrowing current facilities, YZ earlier this year announced plans to expand its manufacturing facilities in Snyder.

Initial expansion plans are being developed, Robertson added. "We're in the engineering and design stage as we speak."

Part of the need for expansion involves a new product introduced last May at the industry's largest trade show in Chicago.

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SNB building new motor bank

Work is underway on Snyder National Bank's new drive-in facility. The expansion project is located on the entire north one-half block bounded by College Avenue, 24th Street and Avenue R.

The bank owns the entire half block and a portion of it had been used by the bank for employee parking.

The only building on the property, a frame building that formerly housed a finance company, has been removed.

The new drive-in facility will feature six teller lanes, plus a lane for ATM use that can be entered off College Avenue.

Plans also call for two additional drive-up lanes reserved for commercial customers that will enter off Ave. R. Plans also call for a night depository.

An eight-foot fence will be erected along the ally way and will conceal the rear of the buildings that face the square from the north side.

Lighting, paving, landscaping and flag poles are also part of the project that was designed by Stiles and Stiles Architects of Lubbock.

The project calls for $691,000 for the building, $148,000 for equipment and up to $61,000 for the fencing.

Knox, Gailey and Meador of Lubbock is the general contractor on the $1 million project. It is estimated that it will take nine months to complete.

The current motor bank, with four lanes, was built in the 1970s. Snyder National Bank is the oldest financial institution in Scurry County, dating to 1905.



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Wright Colonial Funeral Home believes the purpose of a funeral service should be more than an economic event. Our priorities are the religious, psychological, cultural, and social aspects a funeral service provides to families.

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Local Lions Club nears 75th anniversary date

The Lions Club in Snyder will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year. It was founded on Aug. 20, 1924 at the Manhattan hotel, with 30 members attending.

The club met there through 1951, and then moved to the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. In 1995, the club began meeting in Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The first president, J.M. Harris, served from 1924-1926. He was followed by Earnest Taylor who served from 1926-1927. Two other early presidents were C. Wedgeworth, 1927-1929, and Warren Dotson, 1929-1930.

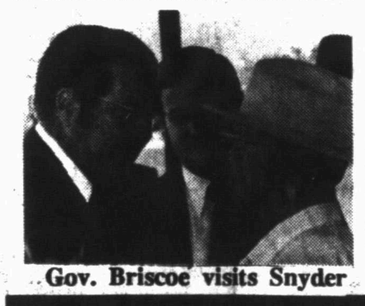
World War II interrupted meetings for a time.

The organization raises about $20,000 each year and gives most of it away, except for funds to begin the next year of service.

Various local organizations benefit. The Lions Club's main project each year is to provide 40 pairs of glasses to needy Scurry County children. Estimated yearly cost is about $3,500.

Members raise money through various selling projects including peanuts, light bulbs or mops and brooms. They also sponsor the carnival at the Fourth of July celebration in Towle Park and a golf tournament.

Ricky Fritz is the current president; Mike Hartman, second vice president; Bill Overhulser, first vice president; Emerson Armstrong, third vice president; Mac McCown, treasurer; and Jene Steakley, secretary.



Gov. Briscoe visits Snyder

Masonic Lodge noted for its charitable work

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 received its charter on Dec. 12, 1890. The original charter was provided through the Waco lodge.

I.P. Skinner was the first master of the lodge, serving from 1890-1891.

The second lodge master was J. Wright Mooar who served three terms, 1891-1892, 1892-1893 and 1895-1896.

Ira Lodge #934 received its charter on Dec. 6, 1906 and Hermleigh Lodge #987 received its charter on Dec. 3, 1908.

The State of Texas received its charter from the Louisiana Grand Lodge in 1837.

The Masonic Lodge is known for its charitable work and on a national level contributes over $1 million to charity work, especially children's medical needs.

Scurry Lodge #706 raises funds through garage sales and members dues.

Current Scurry Lodge officers include Tracy Knipe, master of the lodge; Jerry Englert, senior warden; Johnny Greenfield, secretary of the lodge; Don Witte, treasurer; and Bob Ivey, junior warden.

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Museum records passage of time in County

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Scurry County Museum has been an important part of the community since it was established on the campus of Western Texas College some 27 years ago.

Throughout the years, the museum has hosted many events and exhibits, including September's second annual Taste of Scurry County.

Community response to such fund-raisers have been great, said Charlene Akers, director. So much so, that the third Taste of Scurry County is already being planned.

In a September, 1997 article, she noted that the musuem board plans events like "Taste" to help generate funds for the museum's operational budget. Last year they also sold tickets for a computer drawing.

Two years ago, the museum also implemented the first inmate art show which proved so successful that a second show opened in September and will conclude at the end of this month. Some 35 inmates participated last year, with about 40 currently showing examples of their work.

Akers said the inmate art show has received positive comments from the Institute of Museum Services in Washington, D.C.

In 1997, the museum also hosted Texas Water Color Show, as well as major exhibits from Baylor University. Within the past couple of years, Akers, said some 13 exhibits have been shown. A few include the international kite exhibit, rural Texas women, Texas Rangers, desert exhibit, wildflowers of Texas, photography essay and pictures of a childhood exhibit were shown during this past summer's Kiddie College.

Akers said the museum has a three year perpetual exhibit in place. Setting up an exhibit requires some seven to 10 days to complete.

This past summer, she said the museum hosted a weeklong workshop presented by the Texas Council for the Humanities. The workshop for teachers focused on teaching humanities with technology. They spent the afternoons working in the computer lab, finding appropriate sites on the Internet.

Akers said WTC has increased its use of the museum, particularly history, government, psychology and botany classes.

This past summer, the museum offered several Kids Kollege courses in conjunction with WTC.

Two years ago, the museum hosted a series of brown bag lectures. When scheduling permits, she said they want to offer it again.

Akers said the museum has received three grants addressing collection care, one specifically for rehousing old quilts. The other two enabled the museum to develop long range conservation and collection plans.

She said they now have a long range plan in terms of general development. She said they have began looking at ways to renovate the permanent gallery so it incorporates present day scholarship and technology.

In a 1997 article in the SDN, Akers, who became the director in 1996, said operational changes have been made, including internal organizations and setting up a new accounting system.

Also, grants have been received including from a private foundation awarded in November of 1996 which allowed the museum to contract with Southwest Museum Services to redesign the permanent gallery of exhibits.

As the layouts will be redone, Akers said they are trying to achieve a better flow of traffic and eliminate the bottlenecks. Museum study interns at Texas Tech have provided conceptual drawings.

In addition, the museum is currently working on re-accreditation which occurs every 10 years. To accomplish that, Akers said all exhibits, finances and training programs must be in order and documented.

One of the goals of the museum is to become more involved with the county schools and to provide more "hands on" experience.

Akers noted that children learn more by touching and feeling objects. She considers it important that they develop an appreciation of historical objects.

Museums have to be creative, she added, because they are competing with such things as Disneyland and the Internet.

She also considers it important that the museum have the area's past on display because not every museum visitor is familiar with the history of the area.

The museum's exhibits focus on seven topics: pre-history, Indians, military, buffalo hunters, farmers, ranchers, supply center and oil.

Akers said they are continuing to incorporate recent history into the exhibits.

Since the museum has a small staff, she said the exhibits need to be arranged in such as way that students or other visitors can "walk through on their own guided tours."

Besides Akers, the museum's staff also includes Sue Goodwin, curator, and Jody Smith.

History

(Editor's Note: The following history was taken from "Footprints Across Scurry County.")

The realization of a long-time dream of many individuals and groups interested in a museum to preserve and show the history of

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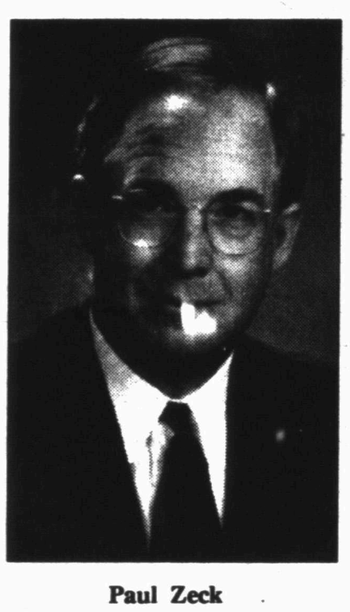

Paul Zeck



Schoolmates pose for picture in 1930s

YZ

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"We're tooling up to manufacture it right now," Robertson said. Also designed for the natural gas industry, the portable device is to monitor and record the level of odor at various points in the gas transmission process.

Next year, YZ Industries will celebrate its 50th year in Snyder. That could be a banner year for Snyder and Scurry County, as a home-grown business digs even deeper roots.

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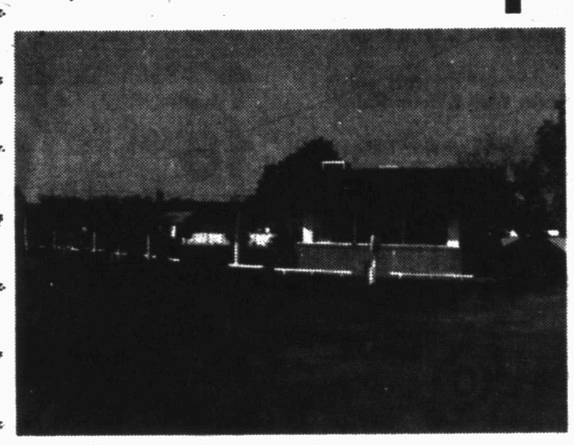

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Museum tracks local history

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Scurry County began on April 13, 1970. This progressed through the opening of temporary exhibits in a room at Western Texas College on Aug. 20, 1972 to the permanment exhibits housed in the new museum building in February of 1975.

During the intervening five years, intensive research and work was done by many dedicated people of the community starting with the actual formation of a museum group at a meeting called by the Scurry County Historical Society.

Mrs. T. Dudley Cramer and Mrs. Wayne Boren were appointed to write pro-forma by-laws and to select candidates for the first board of trustees who were to be appointed jointly by the Scurry County Historical Society, the Scurry County Chapter of the South Plains Archeological Society, and the Ranch Headquearters Committee.

The first meeting of the appointed board of trustees was held Aug. 20, 1970 with the members of the board being Harold Bennett, president; Bentley Baize, vice president; Mrs. H.P. Redwine, secretary; Buford Browning, treasurer; Mrs. T. Dudley Cramer, Mrs. Pat W. Bills, Ernest Sears, Mrs. Wraymond Sims and Gene Dulaney.

Initial funding for expenses of the museum was provided by the Scurry County Commissioners Court. At the first meeting of the new museum board, Western Texas College offered a room in its Learning Resource Center as a temporary location for the museum and also suggested the possibility of a site on the campus for a future permanent museum building.

The exciting and intensive work to produce the museum of the highest standards began under the direction of Mrs. Cramer. Much research in museum procedures, exhibit design, and architectural planning was undertaken. Many museums in Texas and other states were contacted and visited. Each responded generously with advice and information, particularly the Texas Tech University Museum in Lubbock through Dr. Eugene Kingman, curator of art and exhibits design.

C.T. McLaughlin donated office space for the use of the Scurry County Museum in the Diamond M Building. Many volunteers began collecting artifacts, cataloging them, and helping with exhibit planning and construction.

On Nov. 23, 1971, a bond issue was passed by the people of Scurry County which included funds for a museum building on the WTC campus. A Museum Architectural Advisory Committee, headed by Mrs. Cramer, was formed and worked closely with Dr. Robert Clinton, president of WTC, and the architects from Parker-Croston Associates of Fort Worth. A beautiful museum building resulted which would meet the standards required for eventual national museum accreditation.

The temporary exhibits portraying the main segments of the history of Scurry County were opened to the public on Aug. 20, 1972 in a room in the Learning Resource Center on the WTC campus. These exhibits presented the highlights of the history of the country from the pre-historic and historic Indians through the oil boom days. A docent training program was established that same month to provide guided tours for the schools and others visiting the museum.

The search for historically significant items continued and these were collected, cataloged, and prepared for the exhibit. The community became involved in helping in this area with many donors and with very dedicated professional museum techniques.

The museum building was completed in August 1974. The move to the new permanent quarters in September 1974 required the difficult job of transporting and expanding the historical exhibits that had been temporarily housed in the room at the Learning Resource Center. It also involved moving the artifacts donated to the museum to the new permanent collections storage area from various locations in Snyder where they had been stored pending completion of the building of the museum and the expansion of the exhibits.

The new exhibits were opened to the public in February 1975 in the permanent historical gallery. Since that time the museum has also sponsored rotating exhibits loaned by major museums and individuals covering various subjects.

The Scurry County Museum was honored to receive the accreditation by the American Association of Museums in 1979. In order to be eligible for accreditation, a museum must meet national standards set for the plan and security of its building, the calaloging, documentation, and proper care for each artifact, and the quality and effectiveness of its exhibits. This honor is achieved by few small museums.

The first director for the museum throughout the initial formation was Mrs. T. Dudley Cramer followed by Mickey Schmidt, Sharon Sutton, Eunice Irwin, Shirley Leftwich and Charlene Akers.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, each director has contributed to continued growth and improvement of the museum.

—The purpose of the museum is to preserve and interpret the history of Scurry County through the collection and exhibition of significant historical objects. It is a community project involving the various historical groups, the college, and dedicated individuals who continue to support and volunteer their services for the continuation of a dream, that became a reality.



Picnic on courthouse lawn

TU bought Lone Star in 1997

In 1882, electricity arrived in North Texas with the construction of a power plant in Dallas, making it one of the first cities in the nation to get electricity. Four years later, another plant was built.

After rapid progress, Texas Utilities Co. was incorporated in 1945 as a holding company for three utilities.

Natural gas was the fuel used in virtually all power plants in Texas until the early 1970s because it was the least expensive and most available fuel.

The local Texas Utilities office in the 2100 block of Ave. R was closed in 1993 under the legislative action plan (restructuring). Daryl Thomas was named manager in Snyder, and other employees were transferred to Dallas and Waco.

The local Lone Star Gas Company office was also closed in 1993 and only service men and technicians remained in Snyder.

In 1997, TU Electric purchased Lone Star Gas and in 1998 Daryl Thomas was named TU Electric/Lone Star Gas manager.

TU/LSG jointly serves 54 other Texas counties with a combined customer population of 2.8 million.

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In order to compete better in the changing energy marketplace, LSG began transforming itself. On Oct. 8, 1975 the name of the parent was changed to ENSERCE Corp, and LSG became the distribution division of the corporation.

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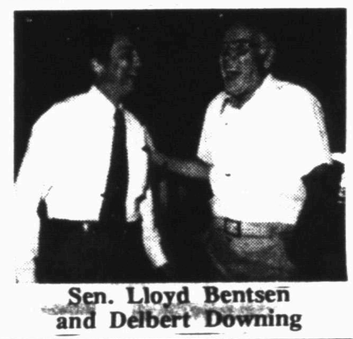

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Delbert Downing

Museum benefits from grant monies

WASHINGTON, DC — The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced $523,207 in awards to Texas museums to promote leadership, foster innovation and encourage a lifetime of learning.

These awards provide critical support for core museum operations, help museums care for collections and strengthen professional standards and practices within museums of all sizes and disciplines.

Diane Frankel, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, celebrated the awards saying, "Today's museum's connect people with ideas, memories, accomplishments and congratulates them for the unique experiences they offer to millions of visitors each year."

Scurry County Museum has received $3,390 for the conservation of exhibits and $19,778 for general operational support.

IMSL provides a wide range of awards: General Operating Support (GOS) grants reward the best in museum practices with funds than can be used for ongoing institutional activities; Conservation Project (CP) Support provides for a variety of activities to care for collections and preserve our nation's heritage for future generations.

Conservational Assessment Program (CAP) helps small museums hire professional conservators to evaluate the condition of the museum's collection; and Museum Assessment Program grants (MAP I,II and III) offers technical assistance for museum operations, care of collections and the museum's public dimension.

IMLS supports the full range of museums including acquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history, and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums and zoological, parks. Small and large museums in cities and towns across the U.S. use IMLS funds to strengthen their public service.

Created by the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996, IMLS is an independent federal grant-making agency that fosters leadership, innovation and a lifetime of learning by supporting museums and libraries.

Bealls now open on College Ave.

Bealls, located at 2310 College, held its grand opening in Snyder on Oct. 23, 1997 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The 17,400 square-feet store was originally an Anthony's. It was purchased by Bealls' parent company, Stage Stores Inc. in June of 1997.

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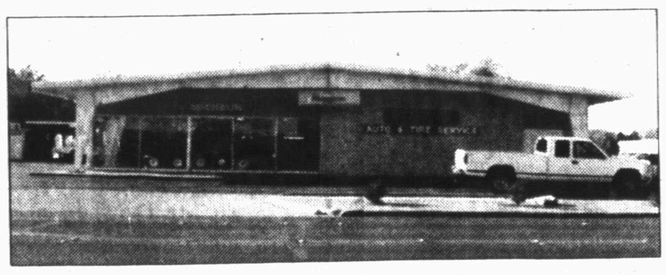

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Cogdell, founded in 1950s, continues to grow

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital has been serving Snyder and the surrounding area since it was built in the early 1950s.

It has come a long way since the original 50-bed facility opened.

It is now licensed by the Texas Department of Health for 99 beds. For the past 11 years, it has been managed by St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock, now Covenant Health System, and accredited by Joint Commission On Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Within recent years, the hospital has expanded its services, brought in area doctors to practice locally through its specialty Clinic, started, completed and planned future renovations, and purchased equipment.

But with all Cogdell has accomplished during the past four years, Jeff Reecer, CEO, said there are several areas which still need attention.

First and foremost, is physician recruitment, particularly family practitioners. As soon as more are secured, Reecer said they want to start recruiting specialists including OB/GYNs. The most recent doctors recruited to the community are Dr. Gloria Gerstner, podiatrist; and Dr. Robert Rakov.

He said physician recruitment is the key to making Cogdell more regional in scope. That is already happening to a certain extent, and Reecer added that he thinks the new Covenant Health System will help facilitate more of that in the future.

Also being considered are ways to make the hospital more patient and visitor friendly. Reecer said when Cogdell was built it was designed for in-patient care. However, he said out-patient care now makes up about 64 percent of the hospital's business.

Specific areas they are looking at include the bottleneck in admissions and its lack of privacy. A new radiology department which handles a lot of our-patient business is also being considered.

In addition, he said they are looking at ways to make the emergency room more user-friendly.

A fourth consideration will be relocating the ICU.

Reecer noted that on an administrative level much of the development is completed, but that details remain to be defined. He said much input will be sought from physicians and staff.

These projects are expected to be implemented gradually early next year and will take about two years to complete.

Like other medical facilities, Cogdell's reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and third party payers has decreased. While that situation is not new, the Balanced Budget Amendment passed in 1997 is having a significant impact.

Reecer said the hospital has already begun to work on the Y2K issue, the date rollover that will occur at the end of 1999. At potential risk is any piece of equipment that operates on electricity or battery power.

To seek solutions, Cogdell is working with St. Joseph Health System which owns the Covenant Health System in Lubbock.

"They have the most knowledge in this area. We are lucky to have them as a Big Brother to walk us through this," Reecer said.

The hospital has access to St. Joseph's data base and web site as well as the web site of its consultants.

"We are educating people and taking a complete inventory of all equipment. We have 3,700 pieces of equipment and that doesn't include the heating and air conditioning system or elevators which may fail after the date rollover."

Each piece of equipment is assigned a priority level. Then they begin testing according to priority.

Even if the equipment checks out all right, should it need to be sent off to be repaired, then it will have to be tested again because a chip may have been added that won't accept the date rollover.

"It is a significant problem," Reecer said, "Because we are a data and technology intensive facility."

Reecer said the hospital has been getting financially stronger and that the cash reserve is now around $2.1 million. He said that has been achieved without cutting services or equipment purchases.

A major renovation of all the hallways on the first floor of Cogdell Hospital is now underway. This involves painting as well as wall covering and new flooring.

The hallway from the Emergency Department is expected to be completed first. The Medical Specialty Clinic area and Radiology Department will follow, as well as the remaining halls on the first floor.

The work is expected to cost around $38,000.

During the past 12 months, renovations have helped transform Cogdell's OB department into a state-of-the-art maternity center. Renovations included modern decor, showers in each patient room, whirlpool bath, nursery security, plus the finest in labor and delivery equipment and surroundings.

The cost was $870,000.

"While a professional and qualified staff remain the cornerstone of this department the surroundings now are more conducive to a pleasant hospital stay," Reecer said.

Over the years, several patient rooms on the third and fourth floors have also been renovated by donations from private individuals as well as organizations.

Renovations have helped the hospital to expand service in several areas including, the Prime Rehab, Wellness and Development center. Staff members include: four full time and two part time licensed physical therapists, two physical therapy techs, a masters degree speech/language pathologist, cardiac rehab specialist and fitness center director, an exercise assistant and two clerks.

This center now provides services to an average of 50 physical therapy patients each day, from four to seven cardiac rehab patients daily and 50-60 persons participate in the fitness center each day.

The project was completed at a cost of $273,000.

New diagnostic equipment has also been added including the CT Scanner in 1997 which cost $560,000 and the Ultrasound Cardiac Echo which were purchased in 1995 at a cost of $142,000.

Cogdell has nuclear medicine capabilities which allows staff to conduct diagnostic tests using radioactive dye. It also has a dedicated mammography suite which was opened in the early 1990s.

Services offered at Cogdell are: respiratory therapy, full acute care services, intensive care unit ICU, maternity center, long term care unit, home health services, 24-hour Level IV emergency room staffed by on-site physicians, 24-hour laboratory featuring the lastest technology.

Cogdell also has 54 physicians on staff, 10 of whom are local full time physicians. The two newest physicians are Drs. Gloria Gerstner, podiatrist, and Robert Rakov, family practitioner, who are expected to be formally approved at the hospital board later this month.

Drs. Kathleen and Mark Weaver joined the staff about five years ago. She is an orthopaedic surgeon and he is a general surgeon. Dr. Thomas L. Kerr, internal medicine, joined the staff about four years ago.

Others on the active staff include Drs. James Burleson, Bid Cooper, Paul Thompson and Gary Nussey, family practitioners; Dr. Sherman Merritt, radiology; Dr. Carl Dillaha, unit medical authority, TDCJ; Dr. Marcia Odal, emergency room.

Family practice physicians have been able to absorb the additional patients created by the recent loss of Dr. W.B. McSpadden, Dr. Robert Pierce closing his practice and Dr. Gary Nussey limiting his practice.

Cogdell also established a Medical Specialty Clinic several years ago which allows physicians from the surrounding area to provide medical specialty services not available locally.

"A number of physicians are choosing to perform surgical procedures here, such as cataract surgery, thus saving the patient and family members an out-of-town trip," Reecer said.

New services offered through the clinic, include pediatric cardiology, neurology, cataract surgery, endocrinology and allergy.

The newest member is Dr. David Lamberts of Lubbock, opthalmologist. Previously, he had seen patients at the office of Dr. Jack Nesbit who died recently.

Other opthalmologists include Dr. Peter M. Ho of Lubbock and Dr. Brett Teague of Abilene.

Others added within the past few years include Dr. Kim E. Pershall of Abilene, allergy and ear, nose and throat; Dr. Joseph Rizzo of Lubbock, cardiology; and Drs. Joon Park, Athos G. Colon and Charlie Sang, all of Lubbock, pediatric cardiology.

Others at the specialty clinic include neurologists, Dr. Bhupesh Dilhenia and Dr. Benjamin E. Williams, both of Lubbock; Dr. Howard W. Beck of Lubbock, urology; Dr. Charles Bloomer of Abilene, oral surgery; Dr. Ted L. Phipps of Lubbock, gastroenterology; Dr. Austin King of Abilene, ear, nose and throat; Dr. Jon Ashby of Abilene, audiology; Dr. Carlos Dimidjian of Big Spring, podiatry; and Dr. William Radentz and Dr. Leslie Radentz of Lubbock; dermatology.

Dr. Margaret Daly of Lubbock, former Snyder resident, may also join the specialty clinic.

Besides Jeff Reecer other administrative staff include, Jerry Vestal, director of utilization management services, Selina McGuire, controller; Norma Adams, nurse executive; and Cathy Trout, director of rehab services and program development.

Cogdell employs 312 people, but only 238 work full-time.

The board of trustees include James R. Cave, chairman; Stanley Martin, Jimmy McMillan, J.B Tate, Jr., E.D. Walton, Dr. Mark Weaver.

The Foundation Board of Directors has recently been reorganized. The current board is exploring grant possibilities as well as local area campaign to increase public awareness.

Since 1992, the foundation has contributed more than $293,000 for renovations of patient rooms and equipment.

The Foundation officers include Helen Hatter, president; J.B. Tate, Jr., vice president; Dr. Mark Weaver, secretary/treasurer; Wilma Dillard, Sammie Jarrell and Lynn Heard.

Cogdell Hospital also has an active Auxiliary which supports medical students through scholarships. Current ones include a physical therapist, a nurse practitioner and two registered nurses.

Auxiliary members have also contributed to the OB and rehab projects.

In 1952, D.M. Cogdell, Sr., wealthy oilman, rancher and philanthropist, donated 18 acres of

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Aerial photo of Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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Beautification group works to keep Snyder looking good

The Snyder Beautification Committee was formed in February of 1993, for the purpose of placing and distributing 1,000 trees that were given through the Soil and Water Conservation Service.

The first project the committee had was to coordinate the distribution of these trees to the city, county, Western Texas College, and Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh School Districts.

The committee's membership consists of private citizens, representatives of the city, county and Snyder Garden Club, chamber of commerce, WTC and private businesses.

"Through volunteers, donations and the publicity provided by the news media, the committee has been able to accomplish a lot," said Carolyn House, chairman.

Other projects have been:

1.—Planning and constructing the Deep Creek Walking Path with contributions from citizens, businesses, TXDot, WTC, county and the city. The manpower was provided by the Price Daniel Unit inmates.

2.—Developing the entrance area (old Neff's Florist location) on College Avenue to Deep Creek Walking Path, a rose garden, feeders and plants for birds and butterflies.

3.—The committee was instrumental in sponsoring the "Make Snyder Brighter) slogan contest, with Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and American State Bank contributing to a scholarship presented to the winner.

4.—At one time there were many vacant stores around the square. The committee coordinated the placing and painting of panels. Martha Floyd, Carolyn Bostick and Donna Holt did the painting. Materials were paid for by merchants that sponsored each window.

5.—The committee was instrumental in the city receiving, on behalf of the citizens, the "Proud Community Award" from Keep Texas Beautiful.

6.—The Committee, along with the city, Scurry County Extension Service Executive Board and the Environmental Committee at WTC, coordinated and organized the first recycling program.

7.—The committee, along with the chamber of commerce and city, initiated the city wide Clean-up Campaign. It started with committee members going around the city and listing buildings and areas that need to be addressed.

8.—The committee initiated the program that recognizes the "Most Improved Yard" and the "Most Improved Business" of the month, which is conducted each year by the Snyder Garden Club.

9.—The committee contacted, presented requests and worked with TXDot regarding improvements at the the traffic circle and exists and entrances on U.S. Highway 84.

10.—The committee initiated the "Business of the Month Around the Square" in an effort to allow the citizens to get to know the merchants, bring people to the square and keep the buildings at full occupancy.

The committee is often assisted with projects by WTC's Summer Youth Program and various scout troops.

Future plans are to coordinate the construction of a "Welcome to Snyder" sign to be placed on highway 350 (Big Spring Highway), with funds donated by United Supermarkets.

With the extremely dry years and the lack of manpower, Carolyn House said they are finding it hard to maintain areas that need regular maintenance. She noted that one of the projects the committee works on constantly is finding a way to take care of those areas.

St. Mary Healthcare Center opened in '97

St. Mary Family Healthcare Center has been open since March of 1997. Currently five family practitioners and one internist call the 13,500 square foot facility home.

Dr. Robert Rakov, the newest member, began seeing patients last month.

Other family practitioners include Drs. Jim Burleson, Paul Thompson, Gary Nussey and Bid Cooper. Dr. Thomas Kerr specializes in internal medicine.

Beth Ashley is the nurse practitioner.

Sharon Chandler is the current practice supervisor.

The Center features 23 exam rooms, four special procedure rooms, in-house laboratory and X-ray capabilities and a conference room.

The Center offers total family care, obstetrics, and gynecology, prenatal care, minor office surgical procedures, minor casting, gastrointestinal procedures, dermatology and geriatric care.

When the facility first opened last year, St. Mary officials said the Center will help solidify the Lubbock hospital's association with Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Cogdell has been managed by St. Mary Hospital, now Health Covenant System, since 1987.

Other medical care available in Snyder

Medical care is also available at Snyder Medical Clinic which is open six days a week. Nelson Brice, M.D., general practitioner, sees patients Monday through Friday and Saturday morning but his office is closed on Wednesday afternoon.

Some of the services available include medical care for entire family, including cardiac, gynecological, pediatric, allergy, respiratory, geriatric and workman compensation. The clinic also has its own laboratory and is able to take X-rays, administer hearing tests and perform physical therapy.

The clinic also offers serum cholesterol evaluation, nursing home visits and physicals.

Snyder also has two chiropractic clinics. Bennett Chiropractic Clinic, located on the square, has been open for 4½ years. The staff consists of Dr. Dan Chasteen and his wife, Dee. The clinic offers a full range of chiropractic rehabilitation.

Hanks Chiropractic Center, located at 4203 College Avenue, specializes in complete family care, work and sports related injury. The Center also offers acupuncture.

Big Spring doctors staffing local multi-specialty clinic

The Snyder Multi-Specialty Clinic located at 1805 27th Street opened earlier this month and doctors began seeing patients on Oct. 5.

Two of the five new doctors are family practitioners including Mara DeLaVega, M.D. who welcomes women's health care patients, and Michael Stephens, MD, who welcomes pediatric patients.

Two of the doctors specialize in internal medicine, Anna Rosinska's, MD, special services include dermatology, and Guido Toscano's, MD, specialty is adult medicine.

Cezary Kuprianowicz, MD, "Dr. Koop," is a pulmonologist or lung specialist.

The doctors are associated with Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Hospital.

In a previous story, Amber Rich, marketing director of the hospital which is owned by Community Health Systems, said Colorado City, Lamesa and Sweetwater were also considered as locations for the multi-specialty clinic, but the doctors liked Snyder the best.

"There is a good medical facility in your community, as well as good physicians " said Rich. "I think we will be able to provide services that are not currently available."

Community Health Systems is the firm which offered to lease Cogdell Hospital, but the company's plans were thwarted by voters in August, 1997.



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Bird's eye view of Snyder on March 20, 1937

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land, and an additional $200,000 cash gift toward the construction of a 50 bed hospital in Snyuder.

Following a favorable bond election, the county commissioners court let contracts in March, 1952 totaling $913,987. The original 50 bed hospital was expanded in early 1961 when the two-story wing that now houses the Intensive Care Unit was put into service.

The newest wing, containing the emergency department, respiratory therapy, CT Scan, nuclear medicine and offices on the ground level, and the medical/surgical floor plus the fourth floor long term care unit was completed in 1981.

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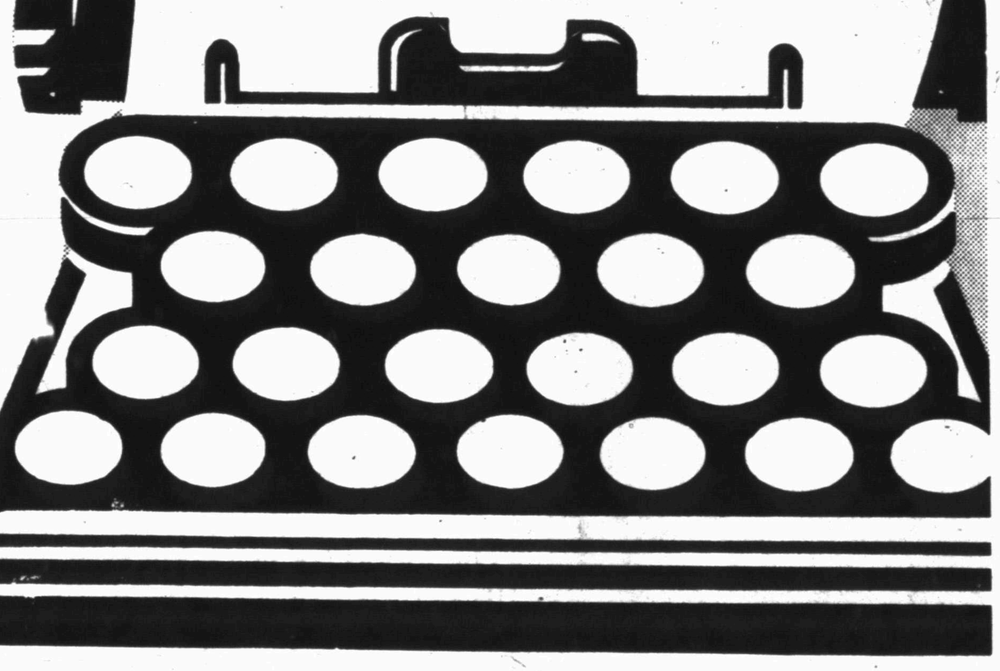

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