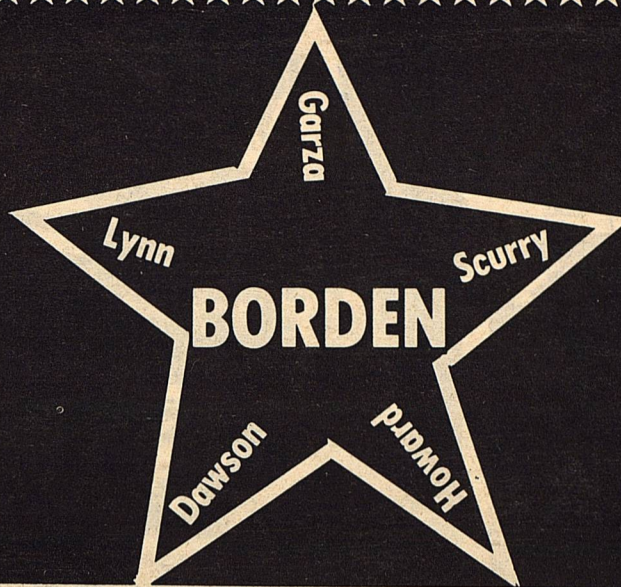


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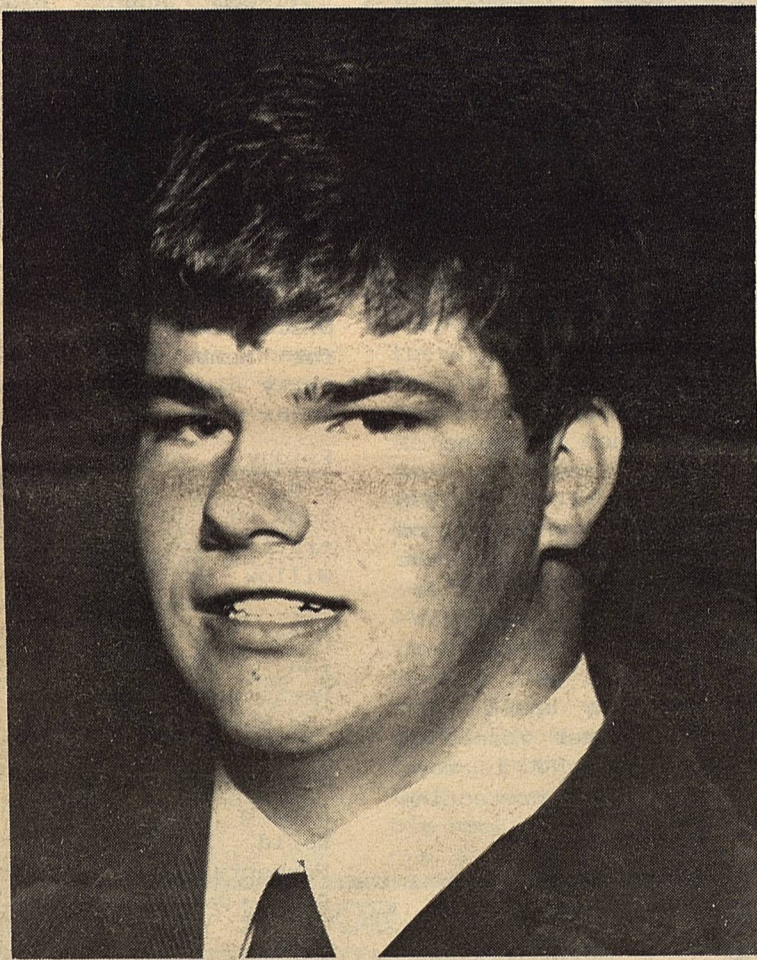


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RODEO QUEEN CONTEST



GERRY SMITH

FFA AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Gerry Smith, 18, of the Gail FFA Chapter, was awarded a \$8,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship at the 59th State FFA Convention, July 16, in Fort Worth.

Gerry, the son of Edward and Terry Smith, has been an active member of the Gail FFA Chapter for the past four years. Gerry's main project areas have been lamb and beef production.

In the fall, Gerry will attend Texas A&M University, to pursue a career in animal science.

AJRA FINALS

August 11-15, 1987 (Tuesday thru Saturday) in the Scurry County Coliseum at 8:00 p.m. nightly.

Four area equestriennes will be competing for the title of Lamesa Rodeo Queen for 1987. The area young ladies will be competing in three divisions: Little Miss Lamesa Rodeo; Miss Lamesa Rodeo Teen, and Miss Lamesa Rodeo Queen.

The young ladies will be competing for a variety of prizes including gift certificates and belt buckles. Runners-up will also be given awards. The winners will be crowned during festivities at the final rodeo on Saturday night, August 1, by last year's winners Kristi Stone, Miss Lamesa Rodeo Queen; Mindy Trotter, Miss Lamesa Rodeo Teen; and Dawna Hogg, Little Miss Lamesa Rodeo.

Competing for the title in the youngest division will be Shawna Jo Braswell, eight year old daughter of Billy and Debbie Braswell. She is the granddaughter of Hazel Braswell of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Josey of Amarillo, Ruby Laube of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Braswell of Abilene. Shawna attends school at Gail where she will be a third grader, and she is a member of the Borden County Horse Club and the Dawson County 4-H Horse Club. She participated in the Junior Rodeo in the pole bending, goat tie-



SHAYNE HESS



SHAWNA JO BRASWELL

ing, and barrel racing competition. Her hobbies are gathering and working cattle on the Dean Ranch where she lives. Sponsoring the Little Miss is the Dean-Boswell Indian Canyon Ranch.

Vying for the title of Miss Lamesa Rodeo Teen are Me'Linda Richards of Klondike and Shayne Hess of Gail.

Shayne Hess, 13 year old daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hess will be an eighth grader at Borden County Junior High School. She participates in many activities such as basketball, tennis and twirling. She will be the featured twirler for the Borden school for 1987-88. Involved in many 4-H projects, she shows steers, lambs, pigs and horses. Shayne won the Grand Champion Lamb and Grand Champion Pig at Gail and this past year took Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

The busy teenager also travels to many rodeos in Texas and New Mexico. Her sponsor for the contest is Canon Supply in Snyder.

The senior division boasts Clintonna Smith as candidate for Miss Lamesa Rodeo Queen. Clintonna is 18 years old and the daughter of Bud and Iris Smith. She is a 1986 graduate of Lamesa High School and a licensed cosmetologist. A member of the Dawson County 4-H since the age of two--she has competed in rodeos since she was four years old. Clintonna has won buckles, trophies, ribbons, blankets, and spurs in a multitude of riding and showing events over the years. She is also a member of the West Texas Barrel

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CLINTONNA SMITH

Racing Association. Interests other than riding horses are lifting weights at the Body Shop and riding her three-wheeler. The active young woman is sponsored by the Fertilizer Place.

Me'Linda is the 17 year old daughter of Max and Rita Richards and a member of 4-H for eight years and the Dawson County Horse Club for three years. She has served as president of the horse club and is currently serving as Senior Prin-



Me'LINDA RICHARDS

cess and council delegate. Me'Linda was Reserve All-Around Champion in the senior division of the horse club for the past year and placed in many events.

She will be a junior at Klondike High School in the fall and is actively involved in the Cougar band. She has also served as twirler for three years. Other interests include basketball, track and competing in 4-H play days. Miss Richards' sponsor for the contest is R-Bar Ranch.



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The 35th Annual AJRA National Finals Rodeo will get underway August 11th through August 15 in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder, Texas.

Once again top names will be running the finals. Bob Tallman will be the announcer and emcee for the televised rodeo. Tallmann will be assisted by Charlie Throckmorton. Rick Chatman, Leon Coffee, and Tom Feller will be the professional Rodeo Clowns. T.V. Commentators are Pam Menick, Don Gay, and J.C. Trujillo and Roy Cooper. Jenice Miller is Executive-Producer



PROFESSIONAL RODEO CLOWNS

Once again the spectacular AJRA National Finals Rodeo will be entertained by three of their favorite Professional Clowns. Rick Chatman has been with the Finals since 1976 but four years ago, he teamed up with Leon Coffee and Tom Feller as a team and the three have been top hits working together. Rick was named 1984 Clown of the Year winning the pro-bullfights several times but hasn't reached that No. 1 goal yet. Leon Coffee is a barrelman and was named PRCA Clown of the Year 1981. A better threesome could not be under contract. AJRA is most fortunate to know we have the best protecting our young competitors.

AJRA Finals

of the Telecast.

TO BE TELECAST AUG. 15

It has been confirmed that Zoli Vajda with Zoli Communications of Palmer Lake, Colorado will once again be producer-director of 1987 filming of AJRA National Finals Rodeo.

The 1986 filming of the AJRA Finals was the first live Rodeo production ever filmed. All rodeo had been filmed with time delay in the past. The only affordable way to film this two hour production was to do it live and Zoli Vajda said it could be done. Well done it was--AJRA and Snyder,

Texas has been making the air waves ever since by Satellite. It proved to be a very popular production for it was the first Junior Rodeo ever televised and the viewing audience loved it. Letters from most every State flowed into the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and BCD proving how the film excited the U.S.

The live Rodeo telecast opened doors for other live Rodeo Productions. Zoli filmed the PRCA National Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1986 live.

All area residents are encouraged to attend the Rodeo on Saturday

August 15 so the coliseum will be full.

AJRA SCHEDULE Aug. 9-15

Sunday, August 9 at 1:00 P.M. the World Champion Barrel Race for 8 and Under Age Group, Boys and Girls. Sponsored by Ogden Family

Monday, August 10 10:00 a.m. Team Roping Finals, 8:00 p.m.-Racing Slack starts in Coliseum. 9:00 p.m. Disco Dance Coliseum Annex Building.

Tuesday, August 11-9:00 a.m. Roping Slack in Coliseum. 8:00 p.m. First Performance of AJRA National Finals and Disco Dance in Coliseum Annex Bldg.

Wednesday, Aug. 12-3:00 p.m. (Same as Tuesday but to include at 3:00 p.m.) Cowboy's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting and Special Music in Coliseum.

Thursday, Aug. 13-Same as Tuesday except the Disco Dance will be for Members only-AJRA Party night. Coliseum Annex Bldg.

Friday, Aug. 14-9:00 a.m. Roping Slack. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.-Registration for AJRA EXES-Willow Park Inn. 5:00 to 7:00- Reception for AJRA EXES-Willow Park Inn. 8:00 p.m. Fourth Performance of Finals (To be Televised). "Miss AJRA" will be crowned. All Around Champions of Finals Rodeo Crowned. World Champion Awards Presentation after Rodeo Disco Dance for Public in Annex Bldg.

Saturday, Aug. 15-NO SLACK. 9:30 a.m. Pictures and Presentations-Coliseum. 11:00 a.m. Exes Rodeo-Coliseum. 5:00 p.m. Exes Steak Cook-out and Auction Towle Park Sponsored by AJRA Alumni Association. Honoring Exes, National Sponsors, Members, and Pro-Celebrities.

8:00 p.m. FINAL PERFORMANCE- NATIONAL TELECAST (Short-Go performance includes top four champions of each event for the year 1987.) Disco Dance for Public in Annex Bldg. EXES DANCE for Members only-Willow Park Inn

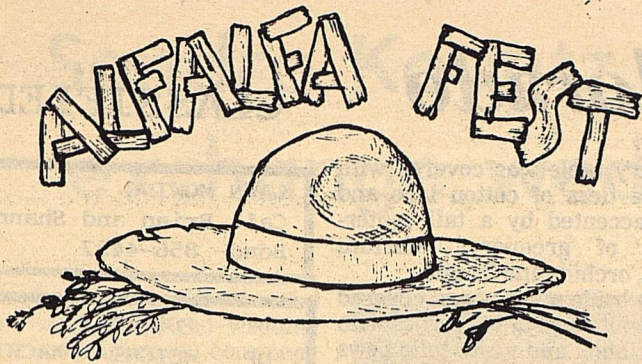
Scripture Corner

Dear Church Member: Don't wait until the hearse hauls you to church. If you do---

1. You will go, regardless of the weather.
2. You will go, regardless of the condition of your body.
3. There will be beautiful flowers there, but you won't enjoy them.
4. You will go, regardless of how your family feels.
5. The minister may say many good things, but they will do you no good.
6. There will be beautiful music, but you won't hear it.
7. There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart.
8. There will be friends, and relatives there, but you won't worship with them.
9. You will go, no matter how many hypocrites are there.
10. You will go no matter how much you are needed at home or at work.
11. You will receive no blessing from the service.
12. You won't feel concerned about your clothes.
13. You will never have to decide about attending church again.

Aren't you glad to be alive and well and full of zest and able to choose to go to church?

Waltr Nuessle, Pastor
Port Orchard, Washington



ALFALFA FEST

What is three-and-a-half miles long, green and has over one-thousand heads?

The World's Largest Hayride Parade, which is part of Carlsbad, New Mexico's, Alfalfafest

Two years ago someone in Carlsbad had an idea to put together an event that would be fun and entertaining for Carlsbad's residents as well as bring in visitors for a weekend in October. After considerable thought, the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Special Events Committee decided on "Alfalfafest" because the alfalfa industry is a large contributor to the economy of the area. Pecos Valley alfalfa is sold all across the United States--as far away as Florida and Kentucky--because it is considered some of the nation's finest.

In a little less than two months, the committee put together an event that has attracted more than 15,000 people each year. "We stopped counting people at 3 p. m. each day, after 10,000 were phy-

sically counted. This figure did not include the parade participants or the vendors, which numbered over 1000. The festival lasted well into midnight, so we estimated a total attendance of well over 15,000," commented Dave Sepich of the chamber's Special Events Committee.

October 10-11 is the date for the 1987 Alfalfafest, which will be held at the Carlsbad Civic Center. Planned for this special event are traditional activities such as the parade, mule races, horseshoe pitching contests, giant tugs-o-war and the exclusive Farm Olympics--a number of athletic feates using farm equipment, such as Potato Stake Races, Hay Rake Backing, Hay Stealing Contest, and many more. The Alfalfafest also features food booths, game booths, an open market, live entertainment, a barn dance featuring Diana Hart and band, a concert with big-name Country Western Star (TBA), and a

giant beer pavillion. And, a big problem has been solved for this year. "We've improved our parking and transportation facilities this year to accommodate the huge crowd," commented Matt Carlson director of Alfalfafest parking, "in the past two years we were overwhelmed by the huge numbers, but this year we're ready. We have a larger parking lot, and two shuttle buses on regular routes all day long to and from town."

Persons interested in any of the events listed above are encouraged to call Jeff Neal at the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, 887-6516.

BIG SPRING JR. RODEO

Over 40 years and almost two generations of cowboys and cowgirls have grown-up through participation in the annual Junior Rodeo in Big Spring as it kicked off its annual opening night on Wednesday, July 29th, in the Rodeo Bowl. The event, sanctioned by the American Junior Rodeo Association and sponsored by the Howard County 4-H Adult Leaders Association serves as the major fundraising activity for the county's 4-H program. And is host of over 300 youthful rodeo contestants from throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico who annually come to Big Spring to vie for points in their AJRA standings and the opportunity to participate in the organization's finals in Snyder late in August. Dates for this year's show are July 29-August 1.

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Couple exchanges vows in Eldorado



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY DON MARTIN

ELDORADO — Mitzi Marie Mittel and Jeffrey Don Martin exchanged wedding vows June 20 at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. Rev. Chris Graham, pastor of the church, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mittel of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Martin of Fluvanna.

The church was decorated with flowers and greenery. The center aisle was lined with tall candles and sparkling tulle and bows draped from each pew. Greenery and candle arrangements were placed in the eight stained glass windows on each side of the sanctuary.

Boston fern, English ivy and baby's breath were the background for altar arrangements of gladioli, rubrium lillies, gerber daisies, japhet orchids and freesia. The altar was flanked by pyramid-shaped candelabra decorated with greenery. An arched candelabrum was placed behind the altar and was accented with greenery and rubrium lillies. Swirled candelabra covered in English ivy flanked the arch.

While guests were being seated, the handbell choir of the church played selections. The bells were joined by the organ for the seating of the parents and grandparents. Mrs. James Page

was organist.

Each mother went to the altar and lit a small candle on each side of the unity candle, representing the families being united.

Soloist Sherry Belk, accompanied by pianist Lynn Meador, sang "The Lord's Prayer." The wedding party's entrance was accompanied by the traditional wedding march. "You and I" was sung after the bride was given away by her father. "This Is Where the Candle Glows" accompanied the lighting of the unity candle and the exchange of rings.

The bride chose a gown of light weight bridal satin in white. The fitted bodice had a deeply pointed waistline with a deep V-neck in back. The entire bodice was covered with appliqued lace outlined with seed pearls. The full skirt extended into a cathedral-length train which was encased in satin ruffles and seed pearls.

The fingertip veil of bridal illusion was fitted with a crown of satin roses and seed pearl sprays highlighted with a stand-up ruffle. The bridal bouquet was a free-form cascade of stephanotis, japhet orchids, freesia and baby's breath. Arranged in the bouquet was an antique handkerchief belonging to the groom's great-grandmother along with his grandmother's wedding

band.

In further keeping with tradition, the bridal gown was something new, pearl earrings belonging to the bride's grandmother was something borrowed, and something blue was a garter made for the bride by the groom's aunt, Mrs. Don Wills.

Maid of honor was Lisa Wiley of Stratford. Bridesmaids were Libby Williams of Lockney, Kim Wills of Fluvanna, cousin of the groom, Leslie Harrison of Eagle Lake and Debbie McManus of San Angelo.

The flower girls, both cousins of the groom, were Jonna Stewart of Greenwood and Amy Church of Snyder.

The attendants' dresses were made of slate blue moire taffeta with floor-length skirts. Each fitted bodice ended in a pointed waist in front and back and had a V-neck in back. Large puffed sleeves finished the design. The flower girls wore matching dresses.

Each attendant carried a hand-tied garden bouquet of rubrium lillies and English ivy.

Best man was Keith Martin of Fluvanna, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Ty Wills of Fluvanna, cousin of the groom, Perry Echols of Snyder, Glen Gray of Gail and Ron Mittel of Eldorado, brother of the bride. The ring bearer was Clark Church of Snyder, cousin of the groom.

Ushers for the ceremony were Jim Bob Reynolds of Lubbock, Paul Erwin of Snyder, Cotton Merritt and Brett Merritt of Snyder, cousins of the groom.

The groom wore a black pin-striped tuxedo with tails, a white shirt and black bow tie and cummerbund. The groomsmen, ushers, ring bearer and fathers were all attired in black pen-striped tuxedos and white shirts with slate blue bow ties and cummerbunds.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. Near the entrance, the bride's

registry table was covered with double tiers of cotton lace and was accented by a tall centerpiece of greenery, rubrium lillies, orchids and freesia.

The bride's table was covered with white crystalline ruffles with blue ribbon and white tulle bows on the front.

The four-tiered wedding cake was decorated with gum paste miniature rubrium lillies, icing lace flowers and dainty blue delphiniums. The top tier held a miniature bride and groom under a heart-shaped arch covered with lace ruffles. The center tier was filled with miniature flowers and seed pearl sprays. Center and top tiers also had miniature lights. The bottom tier had small hexigon-shaped decorated cakes at each of four corners.

A silver coffee was on one end of the table and a large silver punch bowl accented the other end.

The groom's table was covered with double cloths with inlaid lace cutouts in the center and at the edges.

A large chocolate cake in the shape of a double T for Texas Tech had a miniature red raider standing on the side. Both were decorated in red and black. A large silver candelabra with white tapers, English ivy and limbs accented by tiny green apples centered the table.

Three large food tables decorated with greenery held various finger foods. The center table held an ice sculpture of a bride and groom with boiled shrimp around the base.

During the reception, music was provided by Rev. and Mrs. Chris Graham on the piano and flute.

The bride is attending Texas Tech University and is majoring in elementary education.

The groom is graduating from Texas Tech University in August with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural finance.

The couple is at home in Lubbock.

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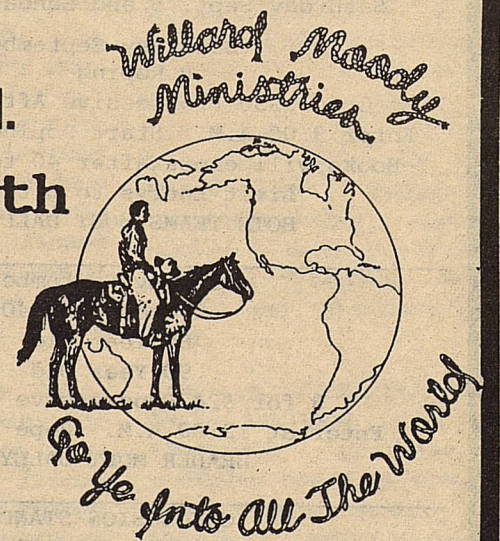
Mark Altizer of Del Rio, Texas is a PRCA Rodeo Stock Producer of BAD COMPANY RODEO. Mack was a member of AJRA and won his share of championships. He served as president of the AJRA Association in 1976, the first year the Finals were held in Snyder. Later years, he formed the BAD COMPANY RODEO and furnished the stock for the AJRA Finals in 1981-82. Returning as stock producer in 1987, he will not be a stranger to Snyder nor the AJRA EXES RE-UNION.

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Sandra Kountz, Kip Pease exchange wedding vows

Sandra Vanette Kountz and Kip Pease exchanged wedding vows in an afternoon ceremony on July 11 at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa. Bro. Rick McGee of Cranes Mill Baptist Church at Canyon Lakes officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Van H. Kountz of the Klondike community and Mr. and Mrs. Kimball G. Pease of Rotan.

Organist Wanda Chapman provided the accompaniment for a number of songs spaced throughout the ceremony. Jenita McGee and Debra Leonard sang "That's The Way" as the grandparents were seated, with McGee singing "This Is The Day" as the parents were seated. During the lighting of the candles, "My Only Love" was sung by Van and Shirley Kountz, the bride's parents; Debra Leonard, the bride's sister; Russell Leonard, the bride's brother-in-law; and Jenita McGee. Jenita McGee and Debra Leonard sang "The Wedding Song" as the parents were lighting a unity candle and "Together as One" as the bride and groom light a unity candle. McGee sang "The Lord's Prayer" as the bride and groom knelt together in prayer.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a dress designed by William Cahill. It featured a white satin gown with an overlay of silk organza. The V-neckline and V-back was accented with an accordion pleat of silk organza. The fitted bodice was appliqued with Alencon lace, seed pearls, and sequins. The fitted full-length sleeves were appliqued with Alencon lace, seed pearls, and sequins. The back of the dress and the sleeves were lined with miniature satin-covered buttons. The shoulders were lined with white satin rosettes. The organza skirt was detailed with satin rosettes, Alencon lace, seed pearls, and sequins and Rachel lace. The chapel-length train was trimmed with scalloped Rachel lace. The chapel-length veil of sheer net was attached to a headpiece made of tissue silk roses and pearls.

The bridal bouquet was made of large-petal peach silk flowers and buds. It was accented with seafoam green flowers, baby's breath, greenery, and peach and silver ribbons. It was attached to a Precious Moments wedding Bible given to the couple by the bride's parents.

For something old the bride wore a pearl necklace given to her by her grandmother Kountz. Something new was the wedding dress. For something borrowed the bride wore pearl earrings



MRS. KIP PEASE
...nee Sandra Vanette Kountz

given to her sister as a wedding gift by her husband. Something blue was a blue garter worn by her mother in her wedding.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Debra Kountz Leonard of Roswell, N.M. Bridesmaids were Kristi Kountz, the bride's cousin, of Lubbock; Kellie Cave, the bride's cousin, of Klondike; Julie Pease, the groom's sister, of Rotan; and Kellie Pease, the groom's sister, of Rotan.

They were attired in tea-length dresses made of crepe-backed peach satin. They had short puffed sleeves pleated at the hem. They had a round neckline and a dropped V-waistline accented with a large peach bow. Accessories were silver puffed heart necklaces and matching earrings given to them by the bride. They wore matching silver pumps.

They carried arrangements of large petal seafoam green flowers accented with baby's breath and peach and silver ribbon.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails and a peach bow tie and cummerbund.

John Pease, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Kelly Cassells of Lubbock, John Henry of Lubbock, Bobby Hamilton of San Angelo, and Darren Leverton of Abilene. They were attired in black tuxedos with peach bow ties and cummerbunds.

Ushers were Steve Harry of Lubbock, Jon Cave and Lane Turner of Klondike, and Julio Carrilo of Ft. Worth. Ring bearer was Elliott Nixon of Lubbock.

Decorations in the sanctuary included a brass sunburst candelabrum between two brass tree candelabra, all decorated with peach satin bows, and two white baskets filled with peach and seafoam green satin rose buds and baby's breath. The parents' pews were decorated with floral arrangements in peach satin bows. The unity candle was decorated with a double bow of seafoam green and peach ribbon.

Guests were registered by Sheryl Callaway, cousin of the bride.

RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom greeted the

guests at a reception in the fellowship hall at the church.

The bride's table was covered with a dotted Swiss floor-length cloth, accented with peach bows. Seafoam green punch was served from an antique punch bowl. Chocolate and green mints were served along with salted nuts. The bride's three-tiered layer cake featured peach roses and was topped with a bride and groom caketop which was used on her parent's wedding cake in 1961. In between the first and second tier was a Precious Moments statute given to the couple by Iris Gandy.

The groom's table featured a chocolate double-T cake and a watermelon fruit basket and coffee.

Lisa Cassells, Teri Henry, Cynthia Clark and Jill Jersersky served. Teresa Herral provided piano music during the reception.

Following a wedding trip to New England, the couple will reside at Shamrock, where the groom is employed at The Shamrock Texan.

COURTESIES

The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower at Klondike Baptist Church on May 19. Hostesses were Sharon Airhart, Zada Cave, Janice Cope, Rita Cornett, Cathy Davis, Sharla Echols, Sharon Foster, Juanelle Harris, Lynn Harris, Tracey Harris, Lillian Holcomb, Thelma Holcomb, Kathy Howell, Linda Jensen, Teri Jones, Mildred Koehler, Joan Lobstein, Mary Catherine Logan, Carolyn Lowe, Jo Mitchell, Betty O'Brien, Merrel Pennington, Wanda Snell, Alfrieda Sterling, Jane Tidwell, and Judy Turner.

The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Ellen Gruben in Rotan on May 28. Hostesses were Janice Copeland, Mary Ann Marshall, Glenda Wright, Lavenda Eaton, Jan Thornton, Dot Harris, Shirley Hull, Darlene Carter, Nell Hunt, Janis Collins, Alta Hinson, Ellen Gruben, Linda Dickson, Barbara Gray, Betty Kiker, and Willmath Posey.

The bride and groom were honored with a "Honey Do" shower in the home of Lillian Kountz, the bride's aunt, in Lubbock on June 5. Lillian

Kountz and Kristi Kountz, cousin of the bride, were hostesses.

The bride was given a bridesmaids brunch on July 11 in the home of Theresa Estes. Theresa Estes, Jenita McGee, Lavonda and Kelli Cave, and Billie Estes were hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Pease of Rotan, parents of the groom, honored the couple with a rehearsal dinner on July 10. The dinner had a western theme and was held in an airplane hanger in Lamesa. The meal was catered by Claiborne's in Lamesa. After the meal, a live band provided music for a dance.

Courthouse News

The Borden County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on July 13, 1987.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The County Budget for 1988 was reviewed.

As advertised, bids for the purchase of a new tractor to be used in Precinct No. 1, were opened and the low bid of \$18,795.00 from Wayland Taylor of O'Donnell was accepted.

Current accounts were examined and paid.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CINDY HATAWAY TO SING

Cindy Hataway will sing the National Anthem live once more in 1987. Cindy has been a part of the AJRA National Finals since 1979. She is part of the AJRA Family from her years of sharing her wonderful talent. Reba McEntire got her start singing the National Anthem at the PRCA National Finals and we wish the best and same for Cindy Someday when she gets her break.

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LET ME GET MY HAT

By Dennis Poole

NEXT CRP SIGN-UP IS JULY 20-31

The next sign-up period for putting cropland into the government's Conservation Reserve Program is July 20-31.

Land accepted into the CRP must be kept out of production for 10 years and prescribed conservation practices must be followed. This includes planting the land to grass or trees to prevent wind and water erosion, with costs shared by the government.

Landowners must submit a bid on eligible land to their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservat-

ion Service office during the sign-up period. Land eligibility is determined by the Soil Conservation Service. If the bid is accepted landowners will be paid that price annually over the 10-year period provided they follow the prescribed conservation plan.

Because several new phases of the CRP are being enacted this year, including sod-buster, swampbuster and conservation compliance, interest in the CRP should increase. Details on the total program are available at any local ASCS of-

fice.

The CRP is part of the 1985 farm bill and was initiated during the spring of 1986 as a five-year effort to take some 45 million acres of highly erodible cropland out of production across the U.S. Some 11.5 million of these acres are targeted in Texas.

Farmers interested in learning more details about the CRP and about the type of land that is eligible should contact local offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service or the Soil Conservation Service.

CRP LINEUP

July 31st is the final date to sign up for the Conservation Reserve Program. This is the 10 year program to take highly erodible cropland out of production in return for an annual rental payment. All signatures must be on file by July 31st.

Costs shares are available to carry out the plan developed by SCS at the rate of 50 % of the actual cost with a limit of \$55 per acre ASCS's part. The limit for total rent payments to an individual or entity is \$50,000.

Notification of accepted bids will be in writing as soon as the county office is notified. This is determined at a National level as to the amount of the bid to be accepted in each pool after all bids have been received.

FINAL CERTIFICATION

The final date to certify your spring seeded crops, ACR, CUA, and CRP is August 3, 1987. This includes 0 certification on these crops. An accurate certification is essential for the protection of program benefits. If you feel you cannot accurately certify, you may request measurement service. Measurement service request must also be filed by August 3rd.

FAILED ACRES

A ASCS - 574 must be filed on disaster affected acres prior to any mechanical destruction. Failure to certify the crop and file the 574 will affect your program payments and base history. Even on a partial loss, the entire acreage of the crop must be certified when you file the 574.

ACR REMINDER

Program benefits are lost if ACR acres have uncontrolled weeds or wind erosion is not controlled. All ACR must have a cover crop unless a request to mechanical till the acreage due to a weed problem or preparing the land for a fall seeded crop.

CCC-6's

This is a reminder to check the expiration date on all Commodity Certificate that you have not sold or redeemed. If the date has expired the Certificate will not be honored. The expiration date is in item F.

START THINKING ABOUT WINTER PASTURES

Although grazing conditions have gotten a big boost from recent rains, producers need to look at long-range forage production. That means giving attention to winter pastures, and now is the time to start planning.

Small grain winter pastures planted on clean seedbed are most productive when planted early. This means late August in West Texas and the Panhandle, early September in Central Texas, and late September in South Texas.

For winter pastures to be productive, they must make good growth in the fall. Fall growth results from early planting, heavy fertilization and insect control.

Winter pastures overseeded into perennial sod grasses, such as bermudagrass and bahiagrass, can provide high-quality forage. Since the sod provides competition for moisture and nutrients, seeds should be planted somewhat later than small grain seed on prepared seedbed.

Abundant forage growth occurs later in the season, but sod seeded pastures can be an economical way to provide high quality forage.

Be sure to test the soil from the area to be planted to winter pastures. Get the soil sample early so that there will be adequate time to make arrangements with the fertilizer dealer.

Wintertime may seem like a long time off, but September 1 and winter pasture planting are "just around the corner."

Kiker set as auctioneer

Earnest Kiker will be the auctioneer for the AJRA Alumni and Booster Club auction to be held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m. in conjunction with the steak cookout. For the convenience of all who attend, the event will be held in the ag complex at the coliseum instead of Towle Park as originally planned.

Kiker, son of Earl and Betty Kiker, is a native of Rotan. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelors and masters degrees in agriculture education.

Kiker has been with the Texas



EARNEST KIKER

Agricultural Extension Service for 15 years and is currently serving as county extension agent in Midland.

He is married to the former Vickie Newton. They have one daughter, Jessica.



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TEEN YEARS CRUCIAL FOR PREVENTING OSTEOPOROSIS

Good bone health later in life may stem from getting enough dietary calcium as teenagers. Recent research shows that teenage girls who develop a healthy bone mass in these formative years most likely will have the best protection against osteoporosis--a disease of fragile, brittle bones which currently afflict over 15 million Americans (primarily women over 45 years of age.)

Yet, government research has found that teen girls typically get less than 60 percent of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for calcium. Fortunately, there are a few easy steps that can be taken to remedy this situation. The following tips were developed by the National Dairy Board with the teen's specific nutritional needs in mind.

TIPS FOR TEENS: KEEPING BONES HEALTHY

*Adequate calcium intake is crucial--the Recommended Dietary Allowance for teens is 1,200 mg a day. This can be provided from four servings from the dairy group. For example, two cups of milk, a cup of yogurt and 1-1/2 ounces of cheese.

*When dieting to lose weight or maintain ideal body weight, be particularly careful to eat a balanced, varied diet that includes

plenty of calcium-rich foods. This is a time when it's easy to lose sight of a need like calcium. Dairy foods provide the main source of this mineral and the lowfat varieties save calories while supplying many other important nutrients in addition to calcium.

*Include in the day's schedule weight-bearing exercises such as walking, light jogging, bicycling, dancing and skating. These activities also help build strong bones.

*Avoid cigarettes and alcohol. Excessive amounts may increase your risk for osteoporosis later in life.

The importance of getting adequate amounts of calcium in the diet is far reaching. In addition to helping keep bones strong, calcium plays a big role in overall body functioning--it helps regulate heartbeats, aids in muscle contraction and it also controls hormone secretion and nerve impulses.

Dairy foods, an excellent source of calcium, also have many nutrients such as vitamin D and lactose which help the body absorb calcium more efficiently. The natural way is still the best way to get important calcium.



RACING AND ROPING GREAT SUCCESS — The Second Annual Barrel Race and Team Roping held by the Dawson County 4-H Horse Club on Tuesday night was judged a great success by participants and spectators. Winners were presented with belt buckles and included the following: back row (l-r) Champion heeler Don

Johnson, Me'Linda Richards, Kristi Franklin, Misty Franklin, and Kimberly Koger; and front row (l-r) Brent Schmidt, Richie Franklin, Kyle Schmidt, Jason Scott, Shawna Braswell, Josh Leatherwood and Champion Header Randy Ogden.

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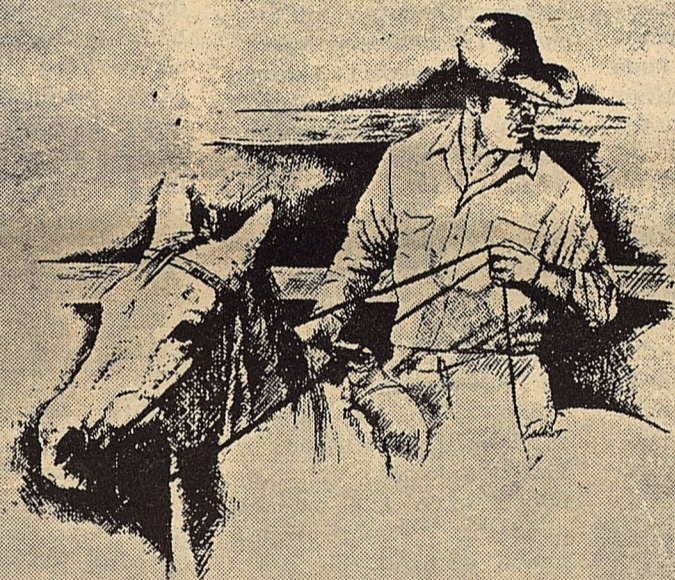
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