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Dr. Thompson Diagnosed

\$150,000 Liver Transplant Needed In Order To Live



Dr. W.F. Thompson, a family care physician in Knox County for the past 17 years, has received a diagnosis that he admits he would hate to give a patient. He would also hate to tell a patient that they only have three or four months to live without very expensive treatment that involved organ transplanting. But, as fate would have it, that diagnosis and prediction were given to Dr. Thompson last week with regards to his own condition.

- 3 Or 4 Months To Live -

In Dallas undergoing a series of tests for several medical problems, Dr. Thompson was told that he would only have three to four months to live unless he undergoes an organ transplant for another liver.

That diagnosis came with several others, including a blood disorder that allows too much iron to accumulate, and an aneurysm the size of a coke can on his stomach. Treatment on the blood disorder and the aneurysm can be put off for a while, but without a liver transplant, Dr. Thompson has three, maybe four months to live. The failed liver is the direct result of a blood disorder called hemochromatosis, a disease that allows too much iron in the blood.

- \$150,000 To 250,000 Needed -
If all this news wasn't bad enough, there was one more piece

of information that was just as devastating to Dr. Thompson. A liver transplant will cost between \$150,000 and \$250,000, and the minimum of \$150,000 will need to be in an account before serious consideration is given to putting Dr. Thompson on the national liver transplant waiting list. That's a hard blow to a physician who didn't have health insurance because as he stated "I was 10 feet tall, 4 feet wide and bulletproof. You know, that was never going to happen to me." Dependent on a Medicare system that refuses to pay for a liver transplant, Dr. Thompson has no other choice than to ask for help from those he has helped and known for so many years.

- Donations Needed Now -

Friends, patients, fellow businessmen, and everyone else is being asked to donate whatever they can to help pay for this liver transplant for our Knox City physician. Bank accounts have been set up in Knox City at Citizens Bank, in Munday at the First National Bank, in Rochester at Home State Bank, and in Seymour at both the First National Bank and Farmers National Bank.

Because of the time factor involved, active fund-raising is the only hope for Dr. Thompson to live past the next three or four months. Already having lost 40 pounds and barely able to physically move, the physician is desperate for all the financial help he can get. Selling everything he

owns, including his medical practice, land, farms, home, and vehicle have all been considered in the effort to raise money, but because of the time element involved, just are not practical short-term solutions. In most cases, the paperwork on such transactions would take longer than the Doctor has been given to live.

- Patients Can Help Too -

Another help would be the balance on past due accounts that many of his medical clinic owe. Dr. Thompson has never been the type of physician to demand payment for treatment, and many patients have let their outstanding account balances grow quite large. Anything that anyone can pay now would be a great help.

- Fund-raisers Also Planned -

Several fund-raisers are being planned, but in a small community like Knox City, those events will not be able to raise the \$150,000 to \$250,000 needed.

Having given so much of himself to his practice and patients for so many years, Dr. Thompson has always been a man of stubborn pride. The hard-headed stubbornness has been changed to a fierce desire to live, and the pride has been replaced by pain. This long time friend and physician to so many now needs whatever financial help everyone can give. Asking for help has not been easy for Dr. Thompson, but as he stated in a painful voice during a recent television interview, "I just don't have much time left."

Guthrie Grad Is Recipient Of \$10,000 Scholarship

Kendra Williams, daughter of Debbie and Kelley Williams of Guthrie, was one of 123 4-H'ers that received a 4-H Foundation Scholarship that ranged from \$300 to \$15,000 at the State 4-H Round-Up held on Texas A&M campus June 5 through 8. Kendra received a \$10,000 Scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

A total of \$735,400 were distributed out to the 123 youth.

Kendra was a 12 year 4-H member receiving the Texas Gold Star Award, second place Senior Horse Record book for three consecutive years, state participant in horse judging and method demonstration, champion reiner and cow horse at district for three years, reserve champion reiner at state in 1994, showed beef, sheep and swine winning Grand or Reserve Champion in all three species at county, participant in foods, clothing and home design at county and district.

School honors consist of valedictorian, national silver medalist in FHA parliamentary procedure, state UIL in calculators and cross country and state medalist in FFA parliamentary team.



KENDRA WILLIAMS
... Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship recipient

Kendra will attend Texas Tech and plans to receive a dual degree in agriculture economics and business administration.

Safety Urged By DPS For 4th

Last year, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported the worst seventy-eight hour July Fourth Holiday ever recorded in the state. The final death toll of 65 deaths included 31 people killed in three multiple accidents on July 3 in Runnels County, Scurry County and Parker County.

Forty-four persons died on Sunday, July 3, making it the worst day in Texas traffic history.

The people of the State of Texas and the Texas Department of Public Safety do not want a repeat of last year. If the holiday goes as expected, many people will lose their lives, but the DPS hopes that this can be kept to a minimum through education and enforcement, as well as another key factor, voluntary compliance.

Trooper Joe Clement stated, "The main reasons for highway deaths are speed, alcohol misuse and not wearing your seat belts. Let's let this go hand in hand with the voluntary compliance of the

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Ainsworth Named To Brazos Valley All-Stars

Anthony Ainsworth of Knox City has been named to the Brazos Valley All-Stars.

Anthony is one of 15 members selected to this team.

Tournament play for the Brazos Valley All-Stars will begin on July 1 in Hamlin.



FAST PACED ACTION PROVIDED LOTS OF ENTERTAINMENT at the Brazos Valley Junior Rodeo this past weekend at the BVRA rodeo grounds. Afton Camacho from Avoca is shown here wheeling her horse around a barrel during the barrel races on Saturday night. (Related NEWS Photos on page 8)

Knox County Junior Rodeo Awards \$3499 In Cash & Prizes

The Knox County Junior Rodeo was held this past weekend and those working the annual event consider the event a huge success, with a grand total of \$3,499.50 in both cash and prizes awarded.

Held on both Friday and Saturday nights, the rodeo attracted entrants from a large area of north Texas, while one contestant came all the way from New Mexico.

With age categories of age 7 and under, 8 to 10, 11-14, and 15 to 19, the entrants and winners in the various events were furnished to the NEWS by Sharla Carver, Secretary of the Brazos Valley Rodeo Association, and are listed as follows:

AGE 7 & UNDER

All Around Boy: Bryan Knox from Vernon, All Around Girl: Tara Ford from Stamford.

Barrels

1. Chelsey Callan from Roby, 2. Tara Ford from Stamford, 3. Bryan Knox from Vernon, 4. Holly Hurt from Guthrie, 5. Cameron Callan from Roby, 6. Laryssa Hise from Aspermont, 7. Jay Hollabaugh from Stamford and 8. Misty Hise from Aspermont.

Flags

1. Tara Ford from Stamford, 2. Laryssa Hise from Aspermont, 3. Misty Hise from Aspermont, 4. Cameron Callan from Roby, 5. Bryan Knox from Vernon, 6. Holly Hurt from Guthrie, 7. Jay Hollabaugh from Stamford, 8. Erin Baker from Spur, and 9. Chelsey Callan from Roby.

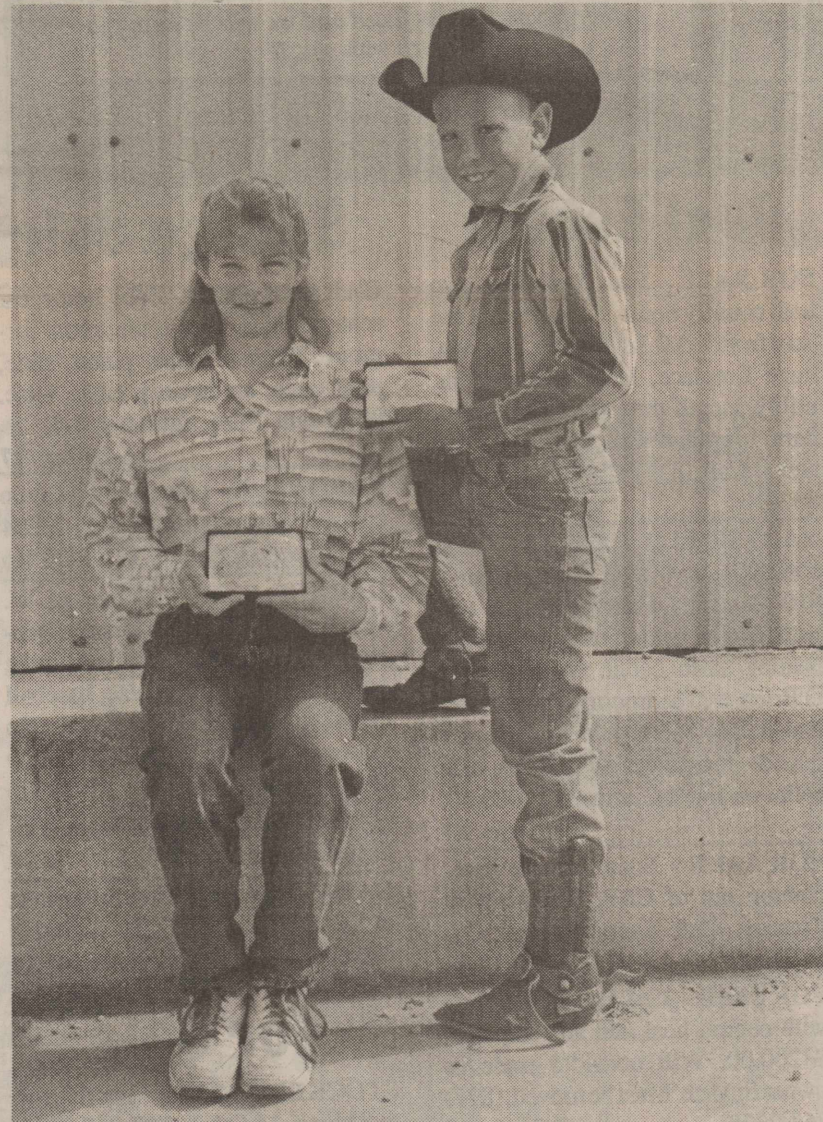
Poles

1. Chelsey Callan from Roby, 2. Tara Ford from Stamford, 3. Bryan Knox from Vernon, 4. Laryssa Hise from Aspermont, 5. Cameron Callan from Roby, 6. Holly Hurt from Guthrie, 7. Jay Hollabaugh from Stamford, and 8. Misty Hise from Aspermont.

Goat Ribbon Pull

1. Tara Ford from Stamford, 2. Misty Hise from Aspermont, 3. Chelsey Callan from Roby, 4. Bryan Knox from Vernon, 5. Cameron Callan from Roby, 6. Laryssa Hise from Aspermont, 7. Holly Hurt from Guthrie, and 8. Jay Hollabaugh from Stamford.

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ALL AROUND GIRL AND ALL AROUND BOY in their respective age divisions at the Brazos Valley Rodeo Association's annual Junior Rodeo held in Knox City this past weekend were (left) Ronnie Morrow, Junior Girls 11-14, and Caleb Carver, 8-10 Year Old Boys. Other related rodeo photographs featured inside this edition.



HOLDING ON TO A WHOLE LOT OF ACTION, Jason Malone of Abilene is shown here riding a steer Saturday night at the rodeo.

NOTE: Address For Jo Dee Homstad

Readers have asked, and we are glad to report that Jo Dee Homstad, severely injured in a traffic accident nearly three weeks ago, is improving and has been moved to a private room. Those wishing to write or send cards should address them to: Jo Dee Homstad, Room 692 S, Methodist Hospital, 3615 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

O'Brien Happenings

By Audle Johnston

"For your information - Another top ten list - These are the top 10 ways to get annoying guests to leave:

10. Pretend to fall asleep while they're talking.
9. Invite them to participate in your latest hobby: skunk chasing.
8. Ask them to baby-sit for a few minutes while you pick up a few things at the store.
7. Practice your family fire drill every 15 minutes.
6. Treat them to your child's piano recital piece - often.
5. Ask them if they've seen your vacation slides yet.
4. Turn the heater up to 90 degrees, then ask them if they want coffee.
3. Invite your insurance broker to join you and your guests for cocktails.

2. Sneeze on the hors d'oeuvres.

1. Ask them for a loan.
HERE AND THERE

Gena Yarger was in Lueders last week with 13 Junior GA's attending GA camp. They all had a great time and enjoyed lots of swimming, eating and meeting girls from other churches.

Freddy, Tonya and Haley Ledesma spent the weekend in Brownwood attending a family reunion. They enjoyed lots of swimming and eating and visiting.

I returned home this morning (Monday) after visiting Ken and Sammie Roberts in Plainview, Shirley and Freddie James, Joel, Beckie and Thomas Mowery, Rodney, Sherrie, Jenna and Jerod Roberts, Jim and Tenia Johnston, all in Lubbock; Don, Marilyn, Kenda and Lance Johnston, Brad,

Kari, Kristen and Kelcee Lewis in Slaton and Bill, Laura, Tom and Amy Proffitt, David, Joe, Joseph, Mia and Christa Vierra, John, Judy, Beth, Breanna, Amaberly and Amanda Powers in Lancaster, California. We attended a Dodgers baseball game while there.

Janoma Stephens and Dwight Gothard were in Lubbock last week to visit Grady Ellis, who is seriously ill in the hospital there. They also visited Douglas Carlisle, who is seriously ill in the hospital also.

Visiting the the Ranzy Herring home recently were their granddaughter and great-grandson, Julie and Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Lubbock; the Herring's daughter and her husband, Panzy and Alvin Hines of Lubbock and Adelle's sister, Claudia Reid of Rochester.

Watson-Durham Engagement Told

Helen and Don Watson announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Marie to Charles Wayne Durham, son of Christine Durham and the late B.R. Durham.

The bride-elect attended Lake View High in Garland and graduated from Southwest Tech in San Marcos. She is employed by Child Protection of Dallas.

The prospective bridegroom attended Knox City High School and graduated from McMurry University of Abilene. He is employed by Child Protection of Dallas.

A July 8 wedding is planned at Bridal Cottage at Rockwall.

DPS Urges Safety

From Page One

speed limits." Trooper Clement also stated, "Our attitudes control greatly whether or not we will be that good courteous driver. Let's take the two seconds that it takes to buckle up, to also adjust our attitudes so that no matter what the other person does, we will remain a good, courteous, defensive driver."

Let's all have a safe and a happy Fourth of July holiday so that we will all see another Fourth of July celebration next year.

Third Annual Powell Family Reunion Held

The third annual reunion for the Powell family was held at the Little League Ranch near Benjamin, Texas, on June 10 and June 11, hosted by Troy Powell and his wife Mary.

The Powells were honored with the presence of family members Bill and Beth Powell of Glen Cove, Dorothy Word, Amanda and Josh of Hereford, Clarence and Letha Powell of Monroe, LA, Frank and Nelda Powell of San Angelo, and Marshall and Janie McColuskey of Lewisville.

Grandchildren, nieces, and nephews included Earnie and Kathy McColuskey of Terrell and three children Daniel, Kelly, and Rachel; Scott and Brenda Jackson of Lewisville and two

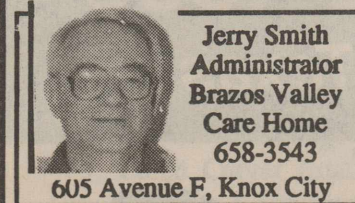
children Doug and Christie; Robert and Donna Powell of Fort Worth, two daughters, Amy and Kelly and their friends; Curtis and Mandy Aker of Austin; Terry and Linda Powell of Sweetwater; and Rob and Lawri Trowbridge of San Angelo.

The family attended First Baptist Church in Knox City on Sunday, June 18, where Clarence Powell preached to church members and family. The Powell family provided the special music.

On Saturday evening the group enjoyed a catfish fry at the ranch and Sunday was barbecue brisket with all the trimmings.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year!

A Golden Time



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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation predicts that by the end of the decade there will be more than 10,000 adult day care centers in the U.S. About 1% of the total population may need such services.

There's a clearing house for information on adult day care. Write to the National Institute on Adult Daycare, 409 3rd St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

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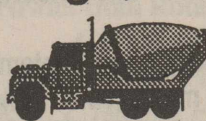
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AMY CORKER and BRAD MILES

Corker - Miles To Wed August 5

Amy Lynn Corker of San Angelo and Bradley James Miles of Brownwood will be married August 5 at Hillcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Glenda and Emmitt Corker of San Angelo. Connie and Gary Miles of Claremore, Oklahoma, are parents of the prospective bridegroom. His grandparents are Corine and Wayne McKinney of O'Brien.

The bride-elect's activities are Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Baptist Student Ministry - Drama, Organization President for Women's Fitness Ministry Baptist Student Union; President's Honor Roll 1994-95 at Howard Payne University where she is a Junior.

Brad is a senior at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and his activities are Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society; President - Student Foundation; President - Student Speaker Bureau; Recipient Outstanding Student Speech and Communication Dept. 1994-95; J.C. Penney Super Scholar 1994-95. He is presently minister of youth and music at First Baptist Church in May, Texas.



Justin Ryan Vaden

Brittany and Derrick Vaden want to announce their new arrival.

Justin Ryan was born Friday, June 16, at Wichita General Hospital. He weighed in at seven pounds, seven ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches in length.

Proud parents are Charlie and Amanda Vaden of Seymour.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Jimmy Vaden of Knox City.

Mary and Roy Hernandez of Taylor, Texas, are maternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Margie Sessions of Seymour and Ida Vaden of Knox City.



AMBER PAGEANT MAHAN DONALD EDWARD WYATT

... set July 22 date

Couple To Wed In Ohio Rites

Amber Pageant Mahan and Donald Edward Wyatt announce their engagement. Amber is the daughter of LaNell B. Kight of Knox City and Jodie D. Mahan of Corpus Christi. Amber is a 1990 graduate of Knox City High School. She graduated at Texas Tech University in 1994, acquiring a bachelor of science in multi-disciplinary studies with her specialization in geography.

Donald is the son of Barbara A. Balzer of Westlake, Ohio, and the late Donald M. Wyatt of Lorain, Ohio. Donald is a 1981 graduate of Admiral King High School in Lorain, Ohio. He is a graduate of Tidewater Community College-Virginia Beach at Virginia Beach, Virginia, in 1991 and of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, acquiring a bachelor of science in electrical engineering technology in 1993. Presently, he is a naval officer stationed at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi.

The couple will be married on July 22 at First Baptist Church in Sandusky, Ohio, and will reside in Corpus Christi.

Cowboy Poetry Gathering Set Sunday At Stamford

An afternoon of cowboy humor, music, and storytelling along with the logic of the working cowboy in poetry will be held Sunday afternoon, July 2, at the Dance Pavilion located at the entrance to the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo Grounds. Tickets at the gate will be \$3.00 per person with children under twelve admitted free.

This year's lineup of entertainers will bring first time participants along with returning poets for an afternoon of listening to all of the facets that bring about living "the Cowboy Way."

Sarah Gill, Miami, TX, brings for the first time to this Gathering her interpretation of 33 years of life with a rancher and the incidents related to her from folks who live in their ranching community in the Northeast Texas Panhandle. Her poetry is written from a woman's point of view and is well received by both women who can relate and empathize and the men who see themselves from another perspective.

Sarah has been published in "Country Woman", "Country Progress", and "True Love" magazines. She has two books published including *Me or the Cow and Pickups* and *Trailors and Dirty Shirts*.

C.J. Berkman will be making his fifth appearance at this year's Gathering will all new works ac-

complished during the winter months. Berkman conducts poetry gatherings in the San Antonio area, is a columnist for two newspapers, and teaches creative writing in San Antonio.

Tom Blanton is familiar to the Texas Cowboy Reunion as rodeo announcer. Tom announces about 100 performances each year, crediting his success to great audiences. "The folks in the stands are really nice to me and I think they are the most important people in the world." Tom says those same nice folks attend cowboy poetry gatherings since he has been well received at this one and enjoys sharing his own poems with this crowd. Tom's poems involve his experiences in rodeo and the cowboys he has worked beside.

John Dalliston, the Texstralian, has shared his brand of humor from downunder since the first year of this gathering. He has performed at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene, the first gathering in Alpine at Sul Ross University, and at the Cowboy Symposium on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Featured performers will be the Gillette Brothers of Crockett, TX.

Charlie Sinclair of Amarillo heads up the Southwest Texas Cowboy Poets and will make his first appearance at the TCR Gathering.

Jim Stewart of San Antonio will be singing some of his original compositions followed by fellow Alamo City poet Christ Crabtree.

Local performers will include Ray Clark, musician-singer, and Jess Kelley, former bullrider.

Weather

| Date | Low | High | Rain |
|------|-----|------|------|
| 6-20 | 71 | 90 | |
| 6-21 | 68 | 93 | |
| 6-22 | 65 | 95 | |
| 6-23 | 68 | 97 | |
| 6-24 | 63 | 83 | |
| 6-25 | 62 | 86 | |
| 6-26 | 64 | 95 | |

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"A-B" HONOR ROLL - Kallie Antilley, Ashley Bouher, Kim Bradbury, Zach Daniel, Zane Daniel, Colt Ellis, Lance Green, Candice Stofel, B.J. Uribe.
Junior High Honor Roll
Second Semester
"A" HONOR ROLL - Brandon Richardson
"A-B" HONOR ROLL - Elizabeth Cave, Byron Fields, Amber

Green, Leon Lewis, David Lowrance, Ashley Pettiet, Summer Ray, Chase Richardson, Brandi Seago, Krissy Shipman, LaSha Vinson.
High School Honor Roll
Second Semester
"A" HONOR ROLL - Jennifer Burkett, Marcus Cave, Jay Gholson, Will Hale, Kala Jackson, Charles King, Kendra Williams.
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September 2 and 3, 1995

The community of Rhineland will observe their Centennial with a two-day celebration - - all day festivities on Saturday, September 2, and spiritual celebration on Sunday, September 3, 1995.

The Rhineland community extends a warm welcome to everyone to join them in this celebration.

Catered meals will be available for Saturday evening, September 2, and for Sunday noon, September 3. The public is cordially invited to make reservations for either or both of these meals. When making reservations for the catered meals, please specify for which meal the reservations are made: Saturday evening meal, Sunday noon meal, or both. The meal charge is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Reservations must be made by August 6, 1995, by calling or mailing the information below to either of the following persons:

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| Annelle Welch Route 2, Box 40-A Munday, Texas 76371 PH: 817-422-4828 (home) or 817-422-4501 (work) | Mary Birkenfeld Route 2, Box 12 Munday, Texas 76371 817-422-4496 | FAMILY NAME: _____ Submitted By: _____ |
| | | Saturday Meal _____ Sunday Meal _____ |
| | | Adults: _____ Children: _____ |

Reserved tickets will be placed in an envelope labeled with the family name that is turned in when making reservations. These will be available to you throughout the day on Saturday, September 2, at the school building and also at the Knights of Columbus Hall before the meals. We hope that you will honor us with your presence at our celebration of 100 years of colonization.

Thanks For Reading The Knox County News

METER TAMPERING NOW A FELONY

The State of Texas has recently adopted an amendment to the State Penal Code making meter tampering a third degree felony. A third degree felony comes with a punishment of confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections for a term of not more than 10 or less than 2 years. In addition to imprisonment, an individual adjudged guilty of a third degree felony may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

Before the amendment of the new law, it was a class A misdemeanor for meter tampering unless the loss of service was more than \$200. Under the new law, any meter tampering regardless of the amount of loss is now a felony of the third degree.

Meter tampering consists of, but is not limited to:

- (1) Diverting electricity from passing through a meter device.
- (2) Preventing electric service from being correctly registered by a meter device.
- (3) Unauthorized activation of electric service.

As a special note to our members, it will also be considered meter tampering if a meter is reset and electrical service is restored by anyone other than a Cooperative employee.

All Cooperative meters are sealed. This seal should not be cut or broken without special authorization. In cases where the seal must be cut for emergencies the Cooperative should be notified as soon as possible so that the meter can be resealed.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

I start this week's column with an expression of sympathy to the family of Darlene Benson. Darlene passed away last Monday afternoon after a long illness. Her funeral was here on Wednesday.

Maretha Patterson is doing pretty well with her broken arm. She's able to "do around" her house a little now and says she's feeling fine. She did have a reaction to some medication Saturday night but after getting that taken care of, does feel better.

Bud Clower returned home from Houston last Monday. He's glad to be back and be with his family. (His kids were here since their exposure and cases of the chicken pox.) In talking with Debbie today she says Bud is doing pretty well. Having to stay pretty quiet as he tires very easily. Also she said they appreciate everyone's concern but must discourage visiting right now as Bud's immune system is so low. They do, however, welcome phone calls and cards and do ask us all to continue to remember them in our prayers.

HERE 'N THERE

Sharon Johnson of Alpine returned home last Tuesday after a few days stay here with her parents, Rex and Maretha Patterson.

Dutch and Imgean Young and grandson, Anthony Lamb, spent a few days the latter part of the week in Abilene. Imgean attended a JP conference and Dutch and Anthony "vacationed".

Tracy and Susan Cartwright and family vacationed in the San Antonio area last week.

Johnnie Williams and Bobby Frank Hudson spent the latter part of the week in Cypress with former Benjamin resident Claudine Davidson. Ms. Davidson will be remembered here as the wife as the late Sid Davidson While in the area, they also spent time in Houston and Galveston.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral of Darlene Benson were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Benson, Wanda Joyce Jennings, Brenda Gallaher and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mendoza and family, all of Wichita Falls; Tommy Benson and Lance of Abilene, Joe Nunley of Dickens, Jack Nunley and Mike Young of Seymour, Joy Yancey of Lakeside

City, Claudia Renthrop of near Nacogdoches, Mrs. Mike House of Arlington, Wanda May of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Green of Guthrie, Sue Terry of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Benson of Munday, LeeAnn Benson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Nunley of Mineral Wells, Lewis Mullins of Dickens, Tom and Wanda Noll and Mike and Ann Yancey and family of Wichita Falls, Butch and Letha Young of Arlington, Nancy Coody of Haskell and David Benson of Lubbock.

Gary and Janet Reed and Blaine and Clayton Conner spent the weekend at Lake Kemp. They joined Janet's parents, Ed and Edith Broach of Lubbock, for the two-day outing. Also with the group were Trent and Traci Broach and friends, Erin and Jeremy, also of Lubbock.

Glenda Bearly of Eric, Colorado, is here for a few days visit with her mom, Odessa Cox. Ms. Cox has not been feeling too well lately and Glenda came to take care of her and make her behave herself until she is feeling better!

TCR To Be Honored As Site Of First American Quarter Horse Show

STAMFORD - For 65 years, the well-known Texas Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion in Stamford, Texas, has been a social event for thousands of West Texans. During the Fourth of July holiday weekend, families enjoy exciting rodeo action, dancing to the tunes of a Western swing band and visiting with old acquaintances.

After a decade of existence, the Texas Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion held a new event in 1940 - an American Quarter Horse show to determine who owned the best horses in the area. The Quarter Horse Association had just been organized and incorporated in March of the same year in Fort Worth.

On June 30, the Texas Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion will be honored as being the site of the first Quarter Horse Show, by having an American Quarter Horse Historical Marker erected on the rodeo grounds.

The Historical Marker Program is an educational outreach project administered by the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum on behalf of the American Quarter Horse Foundation.

This show in Stamford was the first AQHA-approved horse show. Today, there are more than 2,300-approved American Quarter Horse shows around the world and more than 3.3 million horses registered with AQHA. Also, AQHA has 300,000 members who are active showing, racing, ranching and trail riding aboard their American Quarter Horses. AQHA's international headquarters and the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum are located in

Amarillo.

Winning Grand Champion at the 1940 Quarter Horse show in Stamford was Del Rio Joe, a 1936 grandson of Harmon Baker by Peter McCue. Del Rio Joe was owned by Bob Denhardt and shown by Tinker Allbright. Denhardt was later inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1982.

Winning the Gelding class that day was Punkin, owned by Jess Slaughter, and Ramon Wood's Breezy D won the Best of Mares

division. Jiggs II won first in the Stallions and Mares Foaled On or After May 1, 1938 division, for his owner George Clegg. Jim Minnick, first AQHA inspector, judged the show.

The dedication of the first Historical Marker will be Friday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery on the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo Grounds.

The next Historical Marker dedication will be held Labor Day weekend at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico. The world's richest American Quarter Horse race, the All American Futurity, was first ran at Ruidoso in 1959.

Texas Cowboy Reunion To Run July 1 Through July 4

Stamford will come alive as the tradition and excitement of the 65th annual Texas Cowboy Reunion will get underway, Saturday, July 1 and span through the holiday weekend ending on Tuesday, July 4.

With a variety of events planned, everyone who attends the TCR will find something to their interest and enjoyment.

It all kicks off at 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 1, with the grand parade being led by actor/stuntman Dean Smith. The theme for this year's parade is "65 Years and Going Strong".

There will be nightly chuckwagon dinners catered by Joe Allen's Barbeque of Abilene.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night performances of the world's largest amateur rodeo begin at 8:00 p.m. Featuring rodeo's most exciting events and a few surprises along the way, this year's rodeo expects to turn out some of today's finest in the sport.

Rodeo fans can then head up to the TCR covered slab and dance under the stars to the western sounds of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Throughout the four days of TCR activities, visitors are urged to see the Western Art Show in

the John Selmon Memorial Pavilion and the TCR Trade Show featuring crafts, clothing and handiworks, upstairs in the Pavilion.

Sunday morning, at 7:00 a.m., there will be a special Cowboy Prayer Service and Breakfast at the Chuckwagon Grounds. This will also be the day for the Brisket Cook-off and the Chili and Bean Cook-off.

Then, the place to be at 2:30, Sunday is under the slab for plenty of humorous cowboy entertainment during the Cowboy Poetry Exhibition featuring some of the top cowboy and cowgirl entertainers in the state.

Monday and Tuesday is the Bit, Spur and Western Collectible Show in the Tri-Area Barns (across from the pavilion). A visit to this event is a history lesson in itself.

Also on Monday, area ranches will compete for the top prize money in the Chuckwagon Cook-off.

Then on the fourth, the TCR will light up with an array of activities including the Oldtimer's Fiddler's Contest at 9:30 a.m. and an afternoon dance at 2:00 p.m. in the Roundup Hall.

At 1:00 p.m., cowboys from area ranches will demonstrate their ranching skills in the second an-

nual TCR Ranch Horse Show.

There's so much to see and do at the 65th Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford when the tradition of the old west comes alive!

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Rites Are Held June 21 For Darlene Benson

Funeral services for Darlene N. Benson of Benjamin were held Wednesday afternoon, June 21, at two o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Benjamin. The Rev. John Gillispie and Larry Neal officiated. Burial was in the Benjamin Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Benson, 66, died Monday evening, June 19, in the Brazos Valley Care Home following a lengthy illness.

Born September 1, 1928, in Benjamin, her parents were the late Grover and Thelma Nunley. She married Vernon (Slick) Benson on January 7, 1945, in Seymour. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1991. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Benjamin.

Survivors include a son, Todd Benson of Wichita Falls; a daughter, Toni Rhodes of Iowa Park; two brothers, Jack Nunley of Seymour and Joe Nunley of Dickens; three sisters, Joy Yancey of Wichita Falls, Imagean Young and Jane Gideon, both of Benjamin; and three grandsons.

Pallbearers were Kyle Nunley, Kynn Patterson, Stephen Kuehler, David Benson and Mike Young.

Sheri Easton Credited For Saving Man's Life

(The following article was featured in the Hendrick Medical Center's News Journal in regard to former Knox City resident Sheri Evatt Easton, daughter of Annette and Dick Evatt. Sheri, who is nurse manager for Hendrick Housecalls, was credited with saving a man's life.)

THE HOMEFRONT ADVANTAGE

Being in the right place at the right time never meant so much as it did the day a nurse for Hendrick Housecalls saved a man's life.

On February 21, Sheri Easton nurse manager of Hendrick Housecalls, was checking on a patient at Sears Heritage Place, a local retirement center, when one of the employees told her a resident had collapsed on the concrete outside. Sheri checked on the man and discovered he had stopped breathing. She immediately began to administer CPR, and probably saved the man's life before emergency rescue workers arrived.

"Sheri Easton was a true heroine that day," Judy Coffin, secretary and bookkeeper for Housecalls, said. "That man is alive and well today because of Sheri's quick thinking and



SHERI EASTON

skill."

When people ask Sheri about the life she saved, she modestly declines all descriptions of a hero and considers what happened part of doing her job right and to the best of her ability.

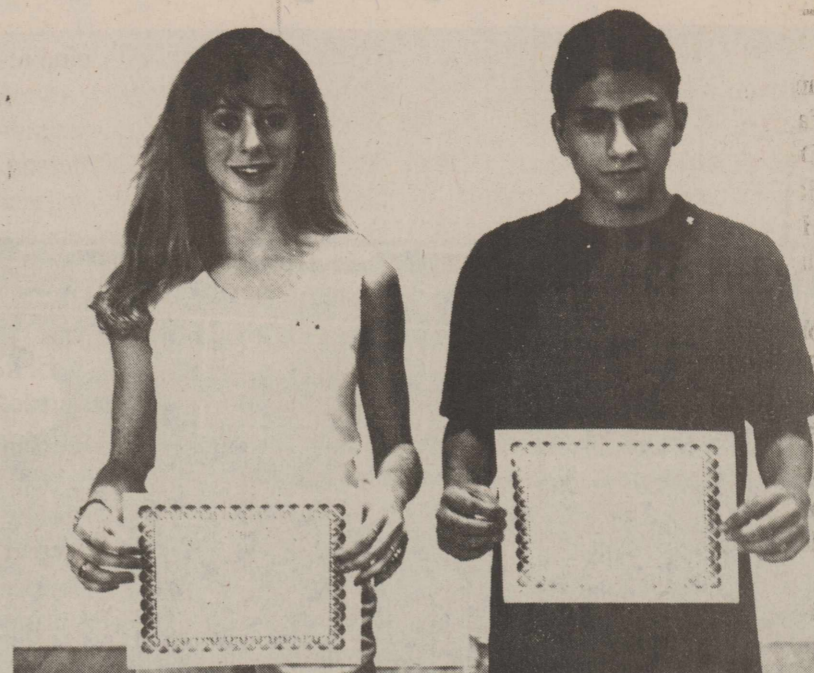
As a small token of appreciation, the staff from Sears Heritage Place sent Sheri a bouquet of cookies decorated as little nurses, along with a package of Life Savers. Sheri's co-workers also are very proud of her.

Shelly Vasquez, Director of Home Health Services and Sheri's supervisor, said this is one ex-

ample among many that illustrates the commitment and professionalism of Sheri and the other nurses, medical professionals and home health aides who work for the home health service.

Sheri said situations similar to what occurred at Sears Heritage Place are rare. The daily routines of her job are to make a difference in the lives of her customers. Along with providing medical attention, that includes home health aide services such as light house-keeping, personal care, errands and companionship.

Services under Housecalls are provided under the supervision of an RN such as Sheri, who makes regular visits to each patient. The service offers people at home access to a nurse who is on call 24 hours a day.



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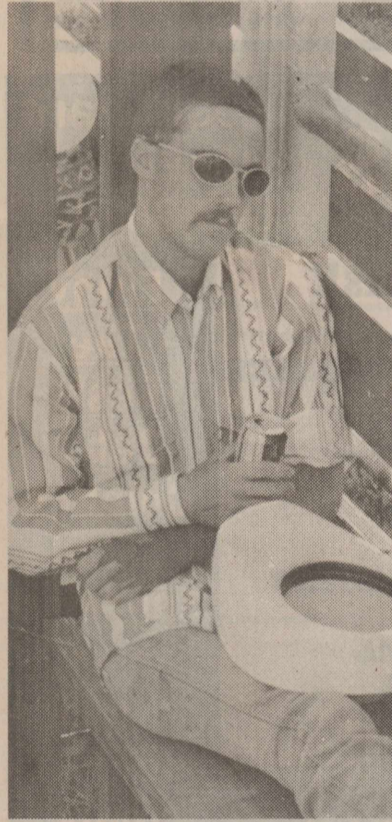
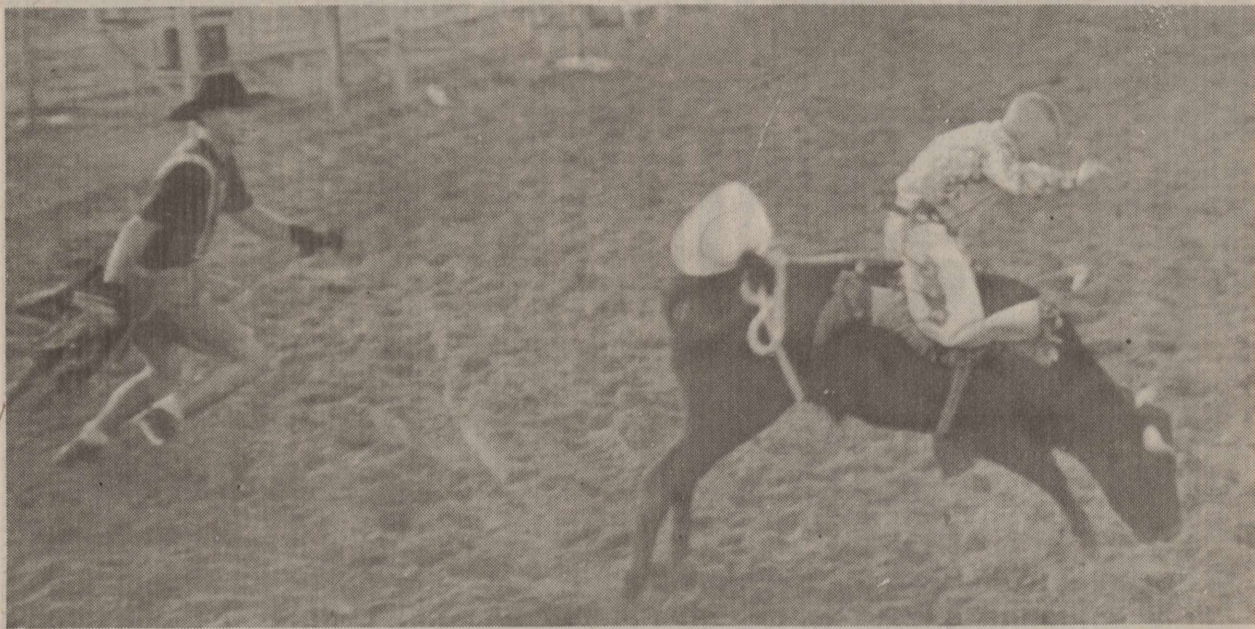
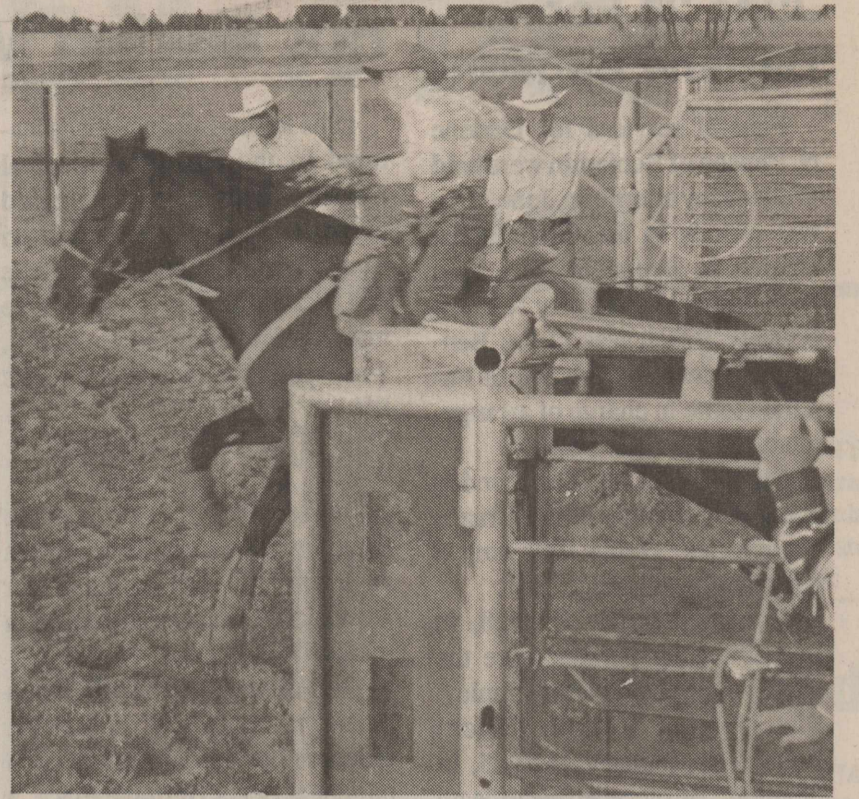
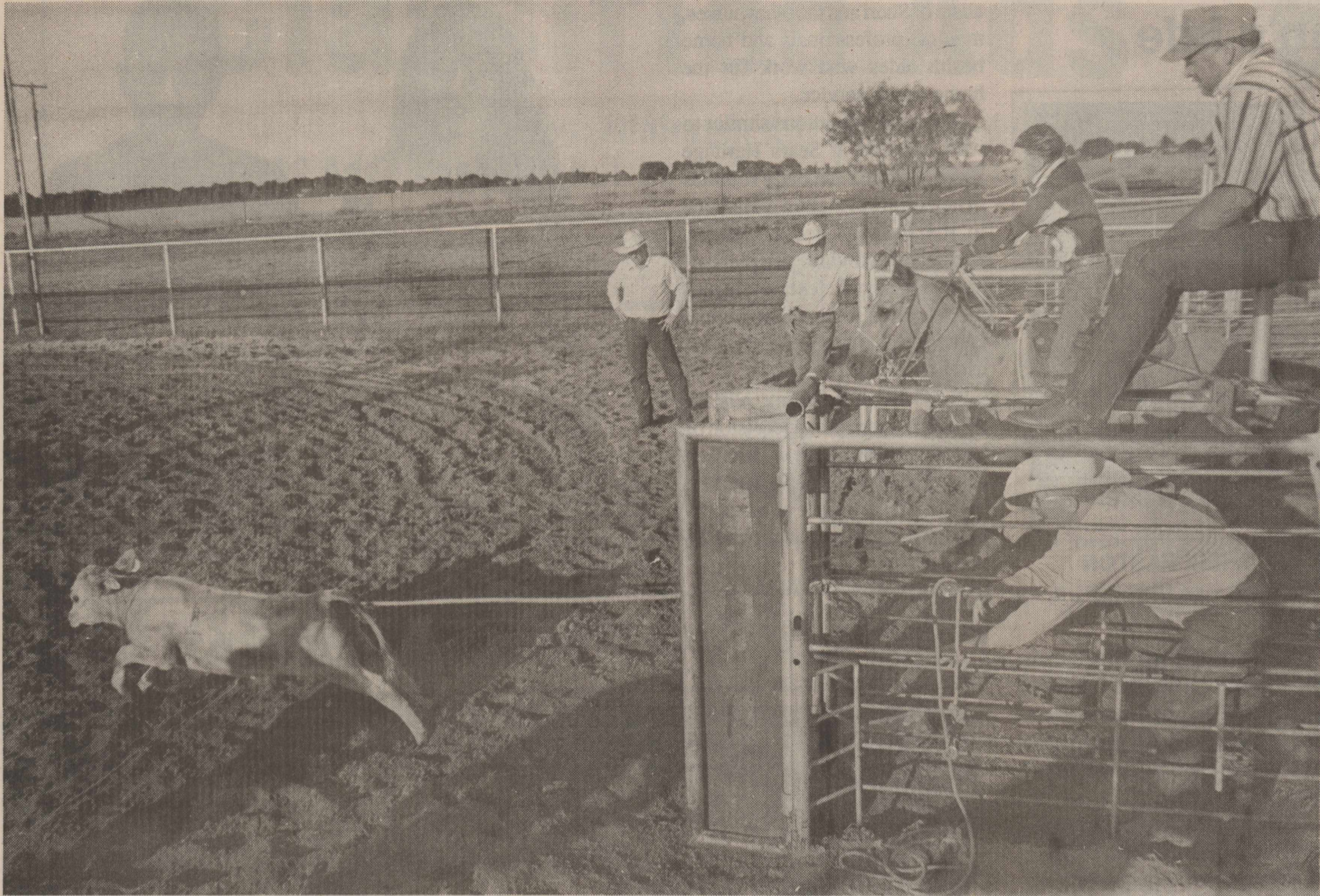
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