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Hoedebeck homecoming uplifting

Friends pull together, love fixes a home

Community concern in Muenster was at its peak during the past weekend when the Jim Hoedebeck home on North Oak Street became a home that love fixed. The sizeable renovation project was under way as Jim returned home from a two weeks absence for hospitalization at the VA hospital and recuperation at his father's home in Irving.

The emotional impact on the family was tremendous, including many thanks with profuse tears. Jim and his wife and two daughters had bought the house in February and had started the repair job in spite of lingering illness following surgery for colon cancer at the veterans' hospital in October. He returned to the hospital for a check-up and tests on March 21 and for surgery on April 19. At the operation doctors found cancer of the liver and dismissed him on the 23rd. After a short recuperation at his father's house in Irving he headed for home. He's now awaiting admission to M.D. Anderson Hospital of Houston.

He faced a sad homecoming... broken in health, unable to work, his home in disrepair, and enormous debts.

However, the sadness was offset to a great extent by the happy

scene that greeted his arrival. Caring friends had come by the dozens to help.

Work on the love project was sort of spontaneous. First a few; then it mushroomed as word got around and more volunteers came with tools and enthusiasm and pitched in. The estimated number of workers was 75 to 80, and their combined effort Friday, Saturday and Sunday was figured at more than 500 man hours.

Meanwhile ladies joined in, and business houses, along with individuals and civic and religious organizations provided foods and drinks and money for materials. KCs, across the street, opened their hall for a place to serve the workers.

Materials likewise came in abundance. Much of it has been paid for and considerably more is charged, awaiting other donations, especially to those to the Jim Hoedebeck Building Fund set up at Muenster State Bank.

Work was extensive, both outside and inside. Pieces of worn and damaged asbestos siding were replaced, as were defective windows as well as door and window frames. Also all frames were caulked and the porch was repaired. Then all of the exterior was finished with a double coat of paint.

Inside the work was equally extensive, in fact it was almost a completely new interior. It began with an updated wiring job, then ceiling and wall insulation, sheetrock walls and new flooring. Still in the plans are taping and bedding of the sheet rock to be followed by paint and wallpaper and cabinet work, plus still more details as needed.

That will begin at the next work party scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Persons wishing to volunteer for continuation are asked to contact Emily Klement, 759-4554, or Sam Endres 759-4504.

And everyone who is willing to help pay the material bill are reminded of the special building fund set up at the bank. Also to help defray enormous hospital and medical bills, Beta Kappa Sorority has opened a love fund at the bank.

Jim Hoedebeck spent most of his life at Irving, served in the Vietnam war, married at Fort Knox Kentucky after returning from Nam, was employed as a building inspector for the City of Farmers Branch before coming to Muenster in 1979.

Misfortune dealt an earlier blow to the family in January 1982 when a fire destroyed most of its home furnishings.



THE OFFICIAL CITY FLAG is displayed by David Fette, Don Abney and Johnny Fisher (left to right). Fette was instrumental in initiating a contest to design a flag for the City of Muenster. The contest was held last year when Abney was president of the Chamber of Commerce. As Abney turned his

presidency over to Fisher, the Chamber's approved design for the flag was unveiled at the January banquet. Fisher then had the flag manufactured in Dallas and submitted to the City Council who adopted it as the official flag for the city at their Monday meeting.

Photo by Janie Hartman

City Council adopts official city flag

Muenster now has an official city flag.

City Council members adopted the flag proposed by the Chamber of Commerce and presented to the Monday night meeting by Chamber President Johnny Fisher.

The Chamber sold miniature and large versions of the flag in their booth during Germanfest, and had previously sponsored a flag design contest. Winners of that contest were announced at the Chamber Banquet in late January, when the design for the flag was unveiled.

From the numerous designs entered in the contest, the Chamber selected two designs they thought could be incorporated into one design. The central design for the flag was done by Becky Fenton. Amy Walterscheid had presented a design which included a type of crest.

Chamber Secretary Monica Hess contacted Fenton to ask her to put her flag design inside a crest

and to do the design and rendering of the final flag.

That design was then unveiled at the banquet and subsequently taken to Dallas to be made into flags.

According to the description of the flag's symbols submitted by Fenton with her design, an explanation of Muenster's City Flag is as follows:

"The flag of the German Empire, until c1918, consisted of three horizontal stripes of equal proportion. The top stripe was black, the center white, and the bottom stripe red.

The colors, thus, were taken from the German flag.

On the Muenster flag, the black represents the darkness of the past, the white the light of the future, and the red the abundance of the present and positive progression toward the future.

The locomotive brought the majority of the settlers to this area. Thus, the train.

The windmill played a key roll in the settler's early days, pro-

viding both a source of energy and a means of supplying water.

The white banner in the middle of the flag signifies the founding of Muenster in 1889 and the beginning of a bright future.

The church represents the religious factor in the founding of this German-Catholic community.

The oil derrick is a symbol of the community's rich natural resource.

The beer barrel is a symbol of the economic growth in the community, as well as a part of the German heritage.

The dairy cow is a symbol of the rich dairy production in the area.

The wheat symbolizes the rich farming land around Muenster.

The crest symbol represents the common heritage with Germany."

According to Fisher, a limited number of the flags are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Three-inch by 5-inch flags are \$2.50 each, 3-foot by 5-foot flags are \$50.

The Chamber is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Search on for new appraiser

The Cooke County Tax Appraisal District has launched the search for a new chief appraiser, after the departure last week of Pat Dennis, who had held the job since 1983.

Dennis was demoted to a regular appraiser's position by the board of directors last week, and subsequently left the office. Sport Mowell, who had planned to retire this month, was named interim chief appraiser in her place.

Meeting in regular session Wednesday morning, the board voted to advertise the position in a statewide bulletin issued by the State Property Tax Board, as well as in area newspapers.

Board members Don Hawkins and Bill Williams were appointed to serve as a committee along with Mowell to draw up some criteria for the job — experience in appraisal and personnel management, training and proper certification — and place the ads. They said they would have the ads running by Monday.

Audit ordered

The board also asked accountant Earl H. Husfeld, of the Gainesville CPA firm of W. Scott Whaley, to conduct an audit of the Tax Appraisal District's books in the wake of Dennis' departure.

"From what I've seen in the past, I can't think of any area where we would need an audit," Husfeld told the board. "The way the controls were set up, with the checks and balances we have, I don't see any potential problems."

Nevertheless, board chairman Chester Calhoun said that "for protection both ways" the audit was a good idea. It was determined that it would also reduce the cost of next year's annual audit.

The board also approved a reorganization of the appraisal office staff and requested Mowell draw up salary schedules and job descriptions for the various positions in the office.

Money looks good

Audit, subdivisions top agenda

By B. J. Fenton

The city's financial status is sound according to an audit presented the City Council Monday night by Earl Husfeld, CPA.

Husfeld gave a brief summary of the audit and left it for the Council to study before discussion at the June meeting.

Husfeld said, "Even with the extra street costs, some good investments and as little debt as the city has, it has made it easier to balance finances. Even with the problems with the lake project, the city is in pretty good shape."

The only major difficulty noted in the audit is the city's lack of previously maintaining a record of its property and equipment that is recorded in the General Fund Asset group of accounts and the Water and Sewer Utility Fund.

The audit notes that that historical deficiency doesn't permit the application of adequate alternative procedures regarding the cost of property and equip-

ment acquired prior to Oct. 1, 1979.

Due to the lack of historical cost data and a record of fixed assets at the beginning of the year, the audit does not express an opinion on the Water and Sewer Utility Fund and the General Fixed Asset group of accounts as of Sept. 30, 1984, Husfeld pointed out.

However, under City Administrator Joe Fenton, that situation is in the correction stage with the implementation of an inventory of all properties and equipment. In Husfeld's opinion the situation should right itself with the help of a current inventory. (Please see page 3 for a table on the second quarter budget report)

It was also noted that the last payment on the City's general obligation bonds will be made next week, clearing that debt from the budget.

A somewhat heated issue before the council was the City's subdivision ordinance, which was

adopted in January of 1980. The question of whether the City was going to comply with or ignore the ordinance met with much controversy.

At issue is the installation of curbs, gutters and paved streets, all to insure proper drainage and to avoid muddy streets and erosion from water run-off.

City Attorney Chuck Bartush explained that the ordinance was meant as a guideline and that each area in question was entitled to a variance if agreed upon by both the Planning and Zoning Board and the Council.

In other words, where the ordinance calls for curbs, and gutters, and pavement in a new development, a variance could be granted to allow for single unit installation of one or more of those items rather than the entire development or street of the development having to be done at one time.

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Summer getting close

The past week has been somewhat like summer. Temperature is gradually creeping up as moisture is slightly below normal and crops are ready for a soaker. Low and high readings of the week were

recorded as follows by Steve Moster.				
Date	Precip.	Low	High	
May 2		58	78	
" 3		56	78	
" 4		54	80	
" 5		57	84	
" 6		58	84	
" 7		64	88	
" 8		66	84	
Precip. for month: .00				
Year to date: 11.44				

MHS signs Sims Hornets get coach

Dewey Sims of Moss Lake is the head coach of football and boys' track as well as a science teacher at Muenster High School. His appointment was announced by Superintendent Charles Coffey following last week's meeting of the school board.

Coaches Bob Gross and Charles Meurer will continue as assistants in football and will also be in charge of boys and girls basketball, girls track and junior high football basketball and track.

Sims is a present track coach at Gainesville High School following four years as defensive football coach and track coach at Callisburg.

He said he's looking forward confidently to the coming football season. As a county resident, he is familiar with the Hornet record and he's encouraged by the upcoming roster of returning veterans along with the boys advancing from junior varsity.

Sims is a native of Oklahoma and came to Texas after his graduation from high school. He graduated from North Texas State University and has been coaching since then. His assignments prior to Gainesville included three years at Smiley, two at Bridgeport and



Dewey Sims...new coach...

one each at Cedar Hill, Callisburg, Howe and Henrietta.

The coach's wife, Ann, is a teacher at Callisburg. They have three daughters, ages 15, 11 and 4 years old. They will continue living at the home they built at Lake Moss.

Happy Mother's Day, May 12

Council discusses ordinance

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Bartush said the spirit of the ordinance was to pave and gutter the streets as they were developed, and that those stipulations can be varied through the Planning and Zoning and the Council determining when a hardship would exist.

Specific guidelines are set forth in the ordinance which require a developer to present his plans and plats with provisions for curbs, gutters, pavement, drainage, etc. before the Planning and Zoning for approval.

With recommendations, the P&Z passes the developers proposal on to the council, who may either agree with P&Z's suggestions or send it back to them for additional consideration.

The point being that plans have to be approved before construction is started.

Mayor Richard Grewing and City Councilman Ted Henscheid disagreed with the ordinance and questioned its need and practicality in Muenster.

Henscheid said he had not agreed with the ordinance when it was adopted and still did not agree. He expressed a belief that it made the property too hard to sell when the buyer had to foot the bill for the curb, gutter etc.

Grewing agreed saying, "It won't work in Muenster." He then referred the matter back to the council for further study before taking action.

Each councilman was given a copy of the ordinance at the April meeting to study in hopes that the issue of compliance could be settled Monday evening. The matter will now be taken up at a later date.

Members of the audience appeared to be in favor of the ordinance with one member of the audience noting that if you have a law you should follow it or change it.

In other business, Councilman A. T. Tuggle presented a conflict he and some of his neighbors are having with noise coming from the

AMPI plant and keeping them awake at night.

Gary Christian, plant manager, assured the council that two attempts have been made and a third is under consideration to muffle the noise.

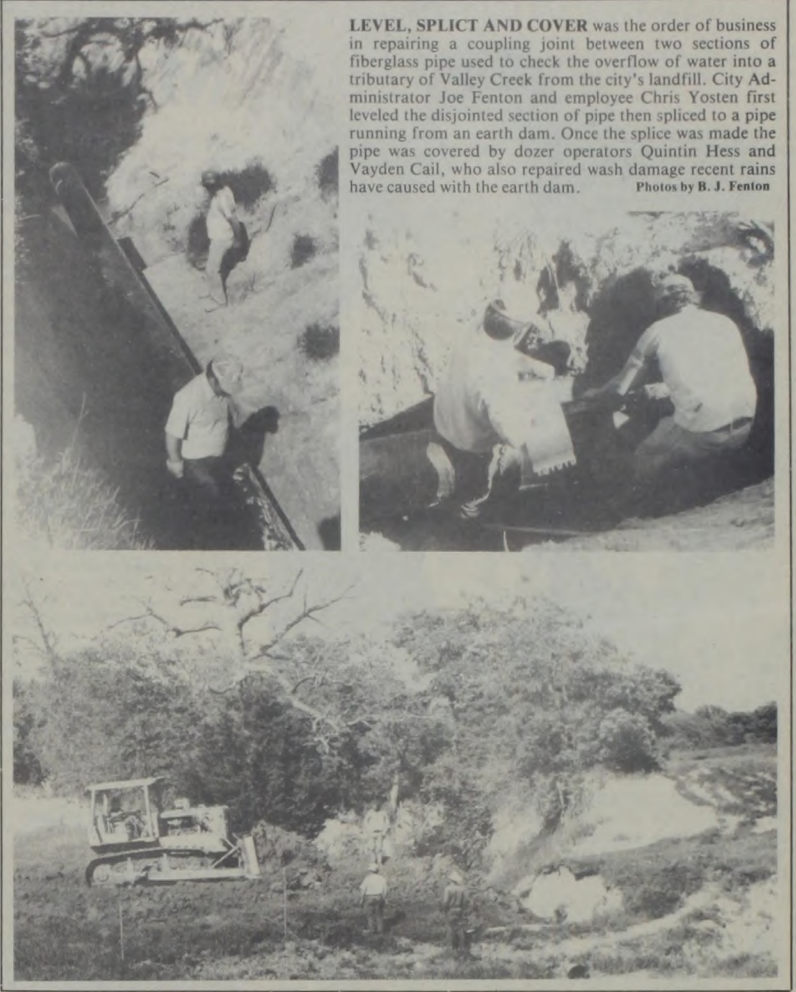
Council approved the recommendation of the Park Board for swimming pool manager and life guards. They are: Beverly Hermes, manager; Tammy Reiter, Janet Reiter, Valery Vogel, Tammy Hess and Bob Stovall, lifeguards.

The opening date for the pool was set for May 25.

A request to dedicate a street running north and south in block 61 between Cross Street and Eddy Street was tabled.

Approval was given for a street light at the corner of Eddy and South Main streets.

Approval was given to renew Jim Vogel's contract to mow city yards and ball park at the same rates: \$17.50-\$25 per yard and \$50 for the ball park.



LEVEL, SPLICE AND COVER was the order of business in repairing a coupling joint between two sections of fiberglass pipe used to check the overflow of water into a tributary of Valley Creek from the city's landfill. City Administrator Joe Fenton and employee Chris Yosten first leveled the disjointed section of pipe then spliced to a pipe running from an earth dam. Once the splice was made the pipe was covered by dozer operators Quintin Hess and Vayden Cail, who also repaired wash damage recent rains have caused with the earth dam. Photos by B. J. Fenton

SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

(Current through March 31)

Departments	2nd Qtr Budget	Spent	Total Annual Budget	Remaining Budgeted Fds.	Allotted Per Month For Remainder of Yr.
*Police Dept.	\$42,129.39	47,628.83	84,258.79	36,629.96	divided by 6 - 6,104.99
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Fire Dept.	6,300.00	2,728.09	12,600.00	9,871.91	divided by 6 - 1,645.32
Street Dept.	25,695.00	21,645.10	51,390.00	29,744.90	divided by 6 - 4,957.48
Health & San.	1,500.00	927.38	3,000.00	1,072.62	divided by 6 - 345.44
Park Dept.	6,650.00	3,599.40	13,300.00	9,700.60	divided by 6 - 1,616.77
Swim Pool	10,150.00	36.36	20,300.00	20,263.64	divided by 6 - 3,377.27
Administration	19,500.00	19,444.27	39,000.00	19,555.73	divided by 6 - 3,259.29
Garbage Dept.	39,529.73	23,115.95	79,059.45	55,943.50	divided by 6 - 9,323.92
Brush Control	6,609.01	4,064.48	13,218.00	9,153.52	divided by 6 - 1,525.59

* Police — included \$4,000.00 allotted in last budget for car
 * Fire — includes 4,000.00 allotted in budget for new truck fund
 * Park — includes 2,000.00 for drainage flume and \$5,000.00 for park road repair
 * Swim Pool — includes \$10,000.00 for filter repair
 * Garbage — includes year supply of garbage bags.
 Water and Sewer Fund; Amount spent \$84,942.70 Budget \$157,773.70
 Remaining Budgeted funds 72,831.00 divided by 6 - 12,138.50

State returns money

City gets \$862 tax rebate

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Wednesday sent checks totaling \$11.7 million to 220 counties and 424 cities as their share of the state's 12 percent mixed drink tax collected during the first quarter of 1985.

The Texas Legislature raised the tax from 10 to 12 percent effective October 2, 1984, during a special session last summer.

Receiving 12.5 percent of the tax that had been collected in their areas; Muenster received \$862.68 rebate on a tax remittance of \$6,901.41; Lindsay received \$2,863.19 rebate on a tax remittance of \$22,905.55; and Gainesville received \$3,003.95 rebate on a tax remittance of \$24,031.56; and Cooke County received \$7600.15 rebate on a tax remittance of \$60,801.19.

Bullock said the state collected \$48.7 million in mixed drink taxes for the first quarter at the increased rate, compared with \$39.1 million collected during the first quarter of 1984 at the old 10 percent rate.

Texas cities and counties receive a share of the tax collected on mixed drinks sold within their boundaries under the law that legalized the sale of mixed drinks in the state.

Of the total \$48.7 million in state collections, counties received \$6 million compared to \$5.8 million for the first quarter in 1984. Cities received \$5.6 million, up from the \$5.4 million collected during the same period last year. The state's general revenue fund received the balance.

Bullock said \$37 million was deposited in the state's general revenue fund from first quarter collections compared to the \$27.8 million collected at the 10 percent rate for the same period in 1984.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and city-county rebates are sent out quarterly by the Comptroller's Office.

In the service

Airman Michael L. Sieger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Sieger of 400 Third St., Whitesboro, Texas, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Sieger is scheduled to serve with the 52nd Aircraft Generation Squadron at Spangdahelm Air Base, West Germany.

His wife, Michaela, is the daughter of Bill and Peggy Kersey of Gainesville, Texas.

He is a 1982 graduate of Whitesboro High School.



PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING for students entering kindergarten was held Monday at the KC Hall. Stephanie Huchton, daughter of Neil and Peachie Huchton, jumps in up and down as part of the motor coordination testing. Shauna Endres, daughter of Gary and Mary Enders, sits with earphones on as her auditory ability is tested. Photos by Janie Hartman



Fluker to explain CTBS, TABS tests

Parents of second, third and fourth graders at Muenster Elementary were notified this week by Principal Gwen Trubebach that they can meet in the MHS library May 13 with Counselor Tom Fluker for interpretations of the CTBS Achievement Test and the TABS

Test. He'll give second grade results at 7 p.m. and third and fourth grade results at 7:30.

Parents of kindergarten and first grade students can arrange with classroom teachers for results of their CTBS Achievement Tests.

Mrs. Trubebach also asked parents to complete registration

cards and return them to the children's classroom teachers as soon as possible so plans can be made for next year.

Chamber to meet on May 14

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon meeting Tuesday, May 14, at the Center Restaurant.

All available figures for the 1985 Germanfest will be disclosed at this meeting.

The meeting follows both the May 7 post-Germanfest meeting held in the Muenster Telephone office building and the May 10 Board meeting held in the Chamber office.

Interested persons are invited to attend the May 14 luncheon meeting.

The next director's meeting is scheduled for June 7, and the next luncheon meeting for June 11.

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SHAREN WOLF, MUENSTER HIGH SCHOOL student, was one of 89 donors at the Muenster District blood drive Wednesday. The hospital district is association with the Red Cross Blood Center of Wichita Falls on which it draws for its needs and to which it regularly contributes for the entire blood bank system.

Janie Hartman Photo

Awards Banquet set for May 17 at MHS

Academic and athletic achievement at Muenster High will be reviewed next week Friday, the 17th, at the school's annual recognition and awards banquet, 7 p.m. in the gym.

The highlight of the program will be the Who's Who of academics in which leaders of each department are named and awards are presented to the top nominees. In addition membership and leadership in sports and organizations will be recognized by their respective coaches and sponsors.

Heading the program as master of ceremonies is Doug Robison, a 1950 graduate of Muenster High and a member of the first class to receive diplomas in the new building. He also received a bachelor degree at A&M in 1954 and a master degree, also from A&M, in 1965. Since '54 he spent 12 years in field research for A&M and since 1972 he has been an instructor in the ag department of Cooke County College. His wife is the former Bonnie Hammer. They have two children and four grandchildren.

The awards program, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization, will open with remarks by the president, Mrs. Alice Davidson, and invocation by Neal Flusche, then music by the



DOUG ROBISON

MHS band. Following are a welcome by Mrs. Davidson, response by Anita Meurer and introductions by Mrs. Davidson. After that recognitions and awards will be made by Superintendent Charles Coffey, Principal Eddie Green and coaches and sponsors. Closing remarks by Dennis Hess and benediction by Drue Bynum will end the program.

Tickets at \$5 are available at the school.

Have it checked

May's blood pressure month

Although health awareness should be a year-round concern, the American Heart Association in Texas is urging residents to consider a special health matter in May — high blood pressure.

High blood pressure — or hypertension, as it is sometimes called — is a major cause of heart attack and stroke. It significantly reduces life expectancy, and the higher the blood pressure, the greater the reduction in length of life.

In terms of dollars, high blood pressure costs over \$8 billion a year, half in medical care spending and half in lost work output due to disability. It is no wonder that companies throughout Texas are joining in the battle to control high blood pressure among their employees.

High blood pressure occurs when the smallest arteries of the body become narrowed and the heart must pump harder to force the blood through. Blood pressure levels change from minute to minute with exercise, tension, smoking and sleeping. This is why several readings are needed to determine high blood pressure.

A person may have high blood

pressure and not know it. It is a common myth that people who are nervous or compulsive have high blood pressure. In its early states, there are usually no symptoms. And there are no specific warning signs for high blood pressure. Although headaches, dizziness, fatigue, tension and shortness of breath sometimes go with high blood pressure, they may result from a variety of causes.

According to James M. Atkins, M.D., President of the American Heart Association in Texas, "Most people have essential or primary hypertension (high blood pressure), the cause of which is unknown. However, food containing too much salt may be a factor causing high blood pressure in some people. Other forms of high blood pressure are caused by kidney disease, tumors of the adrenal glands near the kidneys, and the narrowing of certain arteries of the body." Studies indicate that a tendency toward high blood pressure is often found in families.

Years ago, when the American Heart Association and others began to inform the public about

the dangers of high blood pressure, the major thrust was to make people aware of its seriousness and lack of symptoms, according to Dr. Atkins.

"The natural question used to be 'If it doesn't hurt, why fix it?' But recently, several important surveys have shown that most Americans understand that high blood pressure is a major cause of strokes and heart attacks and recognize the importance of having their blood pressure checked regularly," he said. "Now we need to shift the emphasis. We need to stress how important it is for people with high blood pressure to continue following their doctors' orders, whether that means a calorie and salt restricted diet, daily medication, or other treatment."

Indeed, there is good news on the treatment front. During the past five years, research has shown that many cases of mild high blood pressure can be treated without drugs through changes in lifestyle — by weight reduction coupled with a regular exercise routine, less sodium (salt) in the diet, and less alcohol, for example. And if medication is required

for more severe cases, these same "non-drug" treatments often make total control more effective.

Drug therapy to treat high blood pressure has become more sophisticated as new drugs and new methods of using existing drugs have evolved. Staying with a long-term program of control involving drugs can be difficult because of the expense and occasional side effects of the drugs and the lack of symptoms. The person simply doesn't feel sick.

The complexity of this treatment makes communication between doctor and patient a critical factor in control of the high blood pressure condition.

"If we can get across just one message this year," Atkins concluded, "it should be this: If you're under treatment for high blood pressure, stick with it. People with high blood pressure can live as long and healthily as a normal person. High blood pressure can't be cured, but it can be controlled."

For more information on high blood pressure, contact your local office of the American Heart Association, listed in the White Pages of your telephone directory.

MHS entries rate high at arts show

Ronnie Fisher received the Best of Show award in the Red River Valley Industrial Arts Show April 26-27 at the Sikes Center of Wichita Falls. He was one of twelve of Rudy Koester's workshop students of Muenster High School exhibiting in the show with students from Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, Bowie, Electra and Graham.

Awards to the MHS boys are listed as follows.

Ronnie Fisher, oak roll top desk, blue ribbon, best of show.

Warren Sicking, oak china cabinet, blue ribbon.

Doyle Lewis, oak dining table, blue ribbon.

Drue Bynum, oak blanket chest, blue ribbon.

Greg Hoening, ash gun cabinet, blue ribbon.

Brian Hess, ash plant shelf, blue ribbon.

Mike Armstrong, bowl, blue ribbon.

Pat Hellman, oak pedestal table, red ribbon.

Rodney Hess, walnut clock, red ribbon.

Scott McAden, mahogany night stand, red ribbon.

Billy Youngblood, ash plant shelf, red ribbon.

Kevin Anderle, dominoes and box, red ribbon.

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

A gift subscription to The Muenster Enterprise is a good way to say "Happy Birthday" or "Get Well Soon" or "Thank You For Your Hospitality." The Enterprise will send a suitable card with your greeting.



MEMBERS OF THE MHS SHOP CLASS who displayed their projects at an industrial arts show in Wichita Falls are: back, all with blue ribbon displays, Greg Hoening, Mike Armstrong, Ronnie

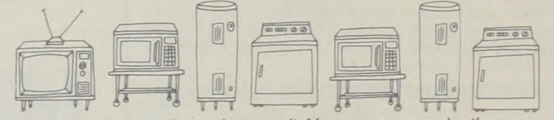
Fisher, Warren Sicking, Doyle Lewis and Brian Hess (Drue Bynum not pictured); front row, all with red ribbons, Billy Youngblood, Pat Hellman, Kevin Anderle, Scott McAden and Rodney Hess.



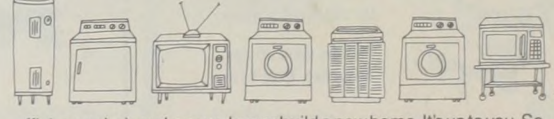
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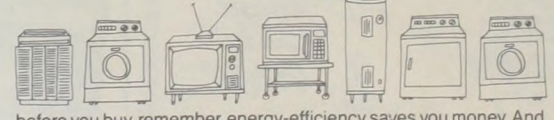
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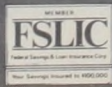
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School Lunch Menus

**Forestburg School
May 13 - 17**

Mon. - Taco Salad, pinto beans, peaches, milk. Breakfast - cereal, juice, milk.

Tues. - Hamburger Steak, creamed potatoes, English peas, fruit cocktail, milk, bread. Breakfast - cheese toast, juice, milk.

Wed. - Sandwiches, vegetable soup, applesauce, cake, milk. Breakfast - biscuit and gravy, juice, milk.

Thurs. - Goulash, fried okra, blackeyed peas, milk, bread, fruit, jello. Breakfast - cereal, juice, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, milk, banana pudding. Breakfast - donuts, juice, milk.

**Sacred Heart School
S.N.A.P.
May 13 - 17**

Mon. - Pizza, pinto beans, lettuce, pears, milk.

Tues. - Fried fish, potatoes, corn, jello, homemade bread, butter, milk.

Wed. - Fried Chicken, rice, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk.

Thurs. - Ascension Day, no school.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, milk, ice cream.

**Tender Loving Care
Day Care Center
May 13 - 17**

Mon. - Snack: orange juice, graham crackers. Lunch: open tacos with chips, lettuce and cheese, jello, milk. Snack: rice krispie treats, kool-aid.

Tues. - Snack: apples and juice. Lunch: peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, carrot sticks, cheetos and milk. Snack: cheese and crackers, Kool-aid.

Wed. - Snack: orange juice, banana bread. Lunch: goulash, mixed vegetables, pudding, milk. Snack: rice krispie treats, juice.

Thurs. - Snack: orange juice, peanut butter crackers. Lunch: creamed chicken and rice, green beans, jello, milk. Snack: Super K treats, juice.

Fri. - Snack: apple slices, Kool-aid. Lunch: Sloppy Jo on bun, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, milk. Snack: rice Krispie treats, juice.

**Muenster Public School
May 13 - 17**

Mon. - Hot dogs, beans, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Ham, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, milk.

Wed. - Stew, Choice of Sandwich, fruit, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Thurs. - Hamburgers, trimmings, fruit, cookies, milk.

Fri. - Chicken Fried Steak, creamed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, milk.



EIGHTEEN MUENSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL students competed April 27 in Gainesville Solo and Ensemble Contest. More than 200 students from Gainesville, Whitesboro, Pilot Point, Aubrey and Muenster participated in the event. Pictured in the large group at the top are 6th and 7th graders. Back row, left to right, are: Karri Ramsey; Lanette Fisher; Rodney Kanabe, 1 rating; Spencer McAden, 1; Michael Abney, 1. Front row: Douglas Evans; Sheryl Sicking, 1; Marcia Vogel; Melissa Bayer, 1; Jon Fletman, 1. Not pictured is Amy Hoeng. Pictured above left are 5th graders Tonya Knabe, 1; Amy Dankesreiter, 1; Christie Christian. Pictured above right are grades 8-12, back row, Dana Dankesreiter, 1; Amy Davidson, 1. Front row, Jennifer Carroll, 1; Jenni Reeves. Photo by Janie Hartman

Boy Scouts attend Benbrook camporee

Longhorn Council Boy Scouts of America presented a huge Camporee at Benbrook Lake near Fort Worth on April 19-21 to honor scouting's 75th anniversary.

Life Scouts Murlin Evans and Jeff Walterscheid, Second Class Scout Douglas Evans and Scout Sammy Walterscheid accompanied Troop 659 of Gainesville to participate in the celebration.

On Saturday morning Brigadier General Wall arrived by army helicopter to greet the 3600 scouts attending. Scouts participated in various scouting activities on

Saturday afternoon, including a cobbler pie cook-off. All scouts attended the slide show that evening depicting varied features of the area. A campfire followed and then chosen scouts attended an Indian ceremony honoring outstanding campers.

The scouts attended church services Sunday morning following closing goodbyes by the Longhorn Council executive representative. Soon thereafter all scouts attending, received a commemorative patch of the 75th anniversary of scouting. The camporee was reported by Murlin Evans.

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Obituaries

Tim Stormer services set for Friday

Funeral service for Emerson Thomas (Tim) Stormer, 63, will be held Friday, May 10, 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church with Father Denis Soerries and Father Victor Gillespie officiating at a Mass of Christian Burial.

Stormer died suddenly of a heart attack on May 8 in Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Interment following the church service will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home with Eugene Hoberer, Edwin Hoberer, Harold Bindel, Dolphy Joe Hellman, Larry Hennigan and Terry Thomason as pallbearers.

A prior service will be a rosary Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home chapel.

Tim Stormer was born May 19, 1921, at Brookville, Pa. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps as a navigator on a B-17 bomber over Germany and Korea. He was married to Agnes Fette on October 28, 1944 in St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, Okla. He was a rancher and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors are his wife, Agnes; two daughters Karen Partridge of Jackson Hole, Wy., and Kris Ducote of Dallas; two sons Kenneth of Muenster and David of Gainesville; and eight grandchildren.

Jr. Hi Banquet set for May 16

The junior high school awards banquet will be held for Muenster Public School on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym for all junior high students and their parents.

Students will be guests of the PTO. Parents' tickets will be \$4.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased from Theresa Walterscheid for \$4.00. More information, if needed, may be obtained by phoning Jean Park, 964-2439.

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WILLKOMMEN ZU DEUTSCHERFEST

By B. J. Fenton

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week's issue carried a picture special on activities at Germanfest and several articles concerning those activities. This features the remainder of the activities and some additional pictures of the festivities.

BBQ Auction

This first sausage and brisket cook-off and auction drew 52 teams and netted the Chamber of Commerce a tidy \$2,100 after expenses were paid.

The Chamber furnished all the sausage for the cook-off and brought 42 briskets for the cook-off participants to prepare for the auction. C. D. Fisher, Miller Beer distributor, sponsored the cook-off, paid all the promotional expenses and provided the headquarters where the judging was held.

The brisket auction brought in \$1,496 for the Chamber. Auctioneer Chris Cain got a high bid of \$45 for one of the briskets, which were barbecued by the cook-off contestants at no charge.

Among the 52 entries were the top 10 finalists for the state of Texas from the last two years' state cook-offs. The winner was Col. W. E. Montgomery from Greenville.

Judges in the brisket cook-off were Craig Rosenbaum, Jerry and Marianna Stephenson, Kenny Otto, Jeanette Hilz and Lynn Goerke. Sausage judges were Dee Blanton, Gayle Bolin, Butch Fisher, Bernard Luke and Don Barr.

The auction netted the Chamber just over \$1,000, according to president Johnny Fisher, while entry fees for the cook-off brought in another \$1,300.

Calf Raffle

Gary Walterscheid was the winner of the steer auctioned off at Germanfest to benefit Muenster Boy Scout Troop 664.

The steer, which won grand champion honors at the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show in March, was purchased by Muenster Milling Co. and then donated to the Boy Scout troop.

In addition to the steer, Fisher's Meat Market donated the processing for the winner.

The Muenster Jaycees and the Knights of Columbus handled the raffle, earning around \$2,500 for the Boy Scouts. Scoutmaster Waylen Poole said the funds will be used to help purchase troop equipment and send several boys to summer camp in Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Engine Fire

The engine on the "tilt-a-whirl" ride at Germanfest caught fire Saturday evening, providing some unexpected excitement and shutting the ride down for a time.

According to Kiwanis Club member Gary Fisher, the engine on the ride is a diesel, but it is started with gasoline injection. When it was switched from gasoline to diesel, the back-pressure pushed a hose loose and gasoline sprayed out on the wiring, starting the fire.

Those at the scene used a nearby fire extinguisher to put the fire out, and no one was injured. The engine was not damaged and the ride was back in service shortly.

The Kiwanis Club sponsored the rides at the 'Fest.



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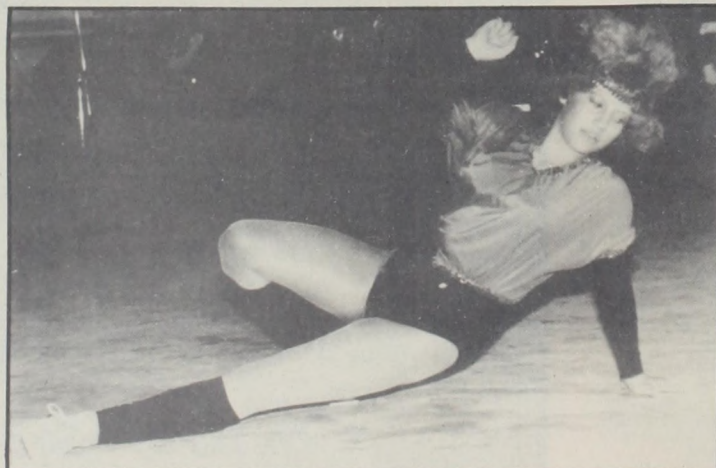
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Vows renewed in Lindsay ceremony

Darlene Ann Schmidkofer Williams and James David Williams celebrated the renewal of their wedding vows during a double ring Catholic Blessing Ceremony in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Father Cletus Post, O.S.B., pastor, officiated.

The couple was married on July 20, 1984 and chose to receive the original blessing in the bride's original parish church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schmidkofer of Rt. 2, Gainesville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Rt. 2, Gainesville.

She is a 1980 graduate of Lindsay High School, attended Cooke County College and is employed at Wal-Mart.

He is a 1976 graduate of Callisburg High School, attended Cooke County College and North Texas State University and is employed by Oak Creek Homes.

The bride was presented at the altar by her father. She wore a formal length, Alfred Angelo

designer gown of ivory satin and venise lace, featuring an exquisite Queen Anne neckline outlined with matching lace. Medallions of the same lace accented the fitted bodice and encircled the waistline to come together in back in a dropped basque effect. Long sleeves were full to the elbow, and fitted to the wrist, accented with sheer lace ruffles over her hands. The full A-line skirt fell in graceful folds, extending into a semi-cathedral train completely edged with a band of matching lace.

She wore a walking-length illusion veil, attached to a head-piece of venise lace and satin roses, with medallions of matching lace scattered on the veil.

She carried a bridal cascade of silk flowers in her chosen colors of peach and ivory, with matching ribbon streamers. Her crystal, first Communion rosary was entwined in the bouquet, made by Linda Yosten of Muenster.

Attendants

Charlene Schmidkofer of Lin-

dsay, was her sister's maid of honor, and Melissa Hacker, niece of the bride was the flower girl. They wore identical, floor length, peach gowns, designed with off-shoulder necklines edged with a wide ruffle trimmed in satin. The full skirt, edged with a wide ruffle at the hemline, with satin trim, continued ruffling that rose to the back waistline.

The maid of honor carried an arrangement of long-stemmed peach roses and the flower girl carried a basket of peach and ivory flowers.

Chas Williams, son of the groom was ring bearer.

Brad Williams of Callisburg was his brother's best man. Tony Voth and Doug Voth, both of Lindsay, cousins of the bride were ushers.

Wedding music was provided by Martha Fuhrmann, Deana Norntman, and Laura Fuhrmann of Lindsay, who were musicians and vocalists. Selections included "Treasures", "Perhaps Love", "A Wedding Song" and the Wed-

ding March.

Readings for the wedding liturgy were chosen by the couple, and were read by the bride's mother, Rachel Schmidkofer and by a friend, Kathy Felderhoff of Muenster.

The church altar held lighted candles; and two large white baskets held peach, ivory and rust flowers, to decorate the communion rail. Various other flowers were used in church. Peach bows marked front pews.

Reception

A reception and dinner followed in the Lindsay Parish Hall, with catering by Mrs. Ed Schad.

Melissa Hacker, niece of the bride presided at the guest book.

The wedding cake centered the bride's table, with a row of porcelain doves along the length of the table. Mrs. Henry Spaeth baked and cut the tiered wedding cake and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Gerladine Haverkamp baked the groom's cake. Kathy Hacker of Lindsay, sister of the bride, and Julie Hacker of Muenster served both cakes.

Guest tables held crystal vases with peach flowers, tall spirals of peach candles and accents of peach crepe paper.

The couple is residing north of Lindsay.



MRS. JAMES DAVID WILLIAMS
... nee Darlene Schmidkofer ...

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Hospital hosts area directors of nurses

Muenster Memorial Hospital hosted the North Texas group of Directors of Nurses for small hospitals at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

The organization consists of nursing directors from area hospitals with 100 beds or fewer. They are located at Gainesville, Seymour, Graham, Quanah, Bridgeport, Henrietta and Muenster.

After their meeting Joan Walterscheid, directors of Muenster nurses guided them on a tour of Muenster Memorial and they went to Fischerhaus for luncheon.

Next meeting will be held at Bridgeport.

LIFESTYLE

Grandparents attend granddaughter's first communion

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walter attended the First Communion celebration of their granddaughter, Sally Ann Walter in St. Vincent de Paul Church in Arlington on Sunday, May 5, during the 2 p.m. Mass.

She is the daughter of David and Ann Walter, who also attended with their daughter, Lisa.

There were two classes of 50 communicants each — the first was held on April 28. All the children approached the altar with their parents. Sally's first communion dress was made by her mother and her veil was made by her grandmother, Mrs. Oscar Walter, and worn also by her cousins Michelle and Jennifer Walter and Kimberly and Lori Hoberer on their first communion days.

A dinner followed in the David Walter home. Guests at church and in the home also included Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Hellman; Mr. and Mrs. John Hoberer, and Kimberly, Chad and Lori, and Kelly Kiesel and baby Brandon. (Mrs. Kiesel and the 8 month old returned from Germany in April. The father, Paul, will return in June and the family will be stationed in Georgia.)

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stock and son Dale of Dallas visited friends in Muenster on Saturday and Sunday and were house guests of the Alvin Hartman family. He also attended the exes football game in Gainesville Saturday evening and played in golf tournament sponsored by SHHS on Sunday. Stock is a former SHHS football coach.



Marie Mosman attends graduation

Mrs. Marie Mosman was in College Station last weekend to attend the graduation of her grandson, John Robert McDonnell from Texas A&M University. Mrs. Mosman was accompanied by her daughter and family Carol and Bill Hopfer and children of Keller. Of added significance to the graduation was the speech by Senator Phil Gramm, who was the main commencement speaker.

John Robert McDonnell is the son of Mrs. Rebecca Edwards and the late John Terrence McDonnell. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of TAMU, receiving a bachelor's degree in Ocean Engineering and will be employed in San Diego. He will be married to Lynette Mickey in Mojave, California on June 8. He was a Germanfest visitor here and will return this weekend to visit his grandmother before leaving for California.


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Double ring ceremony

Kevin Wolf weds Gina Hellman

Gina Elizabeth Hellman became the bride of Kevin Michael Wolf in a nuptial Mass with double ring ceremony celebrated by Father Cletus Post in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on April 19 at 7 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Glenn and Betty Hellman of Lindsay and the groom is the son of Billy Don and Sharon Wolf of Muenster.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For her wedding she chose a gown of white silk organza over taffeta, featuring a Queen Anne neckline and fitted bodice embroidered with Schiffli lace and sprinkled with seed pearls and rhinestones. Long sheer sleeves, applied with matching lace and seed pearls, were tapered to petal points over her hands. Her skirt was edged with a border of Schiffli lace and formed a chapel length train.

She wore a lace and pearl bridal hat that held the bridal veil which fell in soft folds to waltz length.

Her cascading bridal bouquet of white silk roses and lavender pixie carnations was entwined with a blue crystal rosary.

Attendants

The maid of honor was the groom's sister, Donna Wolf of Muenster. She wore a violet, floor length dress of silk organza over taffeta with ruffled neckline and ruffled overskirt, trimmed with dainty satin ribbon bows. She carried a white lace fan with lavender rosebuds.

Jeff Hellman, brother of the bride was the best man. Dwayne Hellman, brother of the bride and Mark Klement, uncle of the groom were ushers.

Mass servers were Joey Weinzapfel, bride's cousin, Chris Klement and Robert Fuller, groom's cousins.

For the wedding liturgy, the bride's brother Brian Hellman of Fort Worth served as lector; and Jeanette Jones of Fort Worth, aunt of the bride and Charlotte Zimmerer presented Offertory gifts at the altar.

Mrs. Patsy Henry of Gainesville, the organist played the traditional wedding marches and accompanied herself in vocal selections "The Rose", "Edelweiss", "Only A Shadow" and "On This Day."

Fan-shaped arrangements of white gladioli, with lighted candles, enhanced the altar area.

Reception

A reception and buffet dinner hosted by parents of the couple in the Lindsay Parish Hall followed the church service.

Judy Biffle, cousin of the bride secured guest signatures in the bride's book.

The tiered, white wedding cake, baked and served by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was decorated with orchid flowers. It held a cupid and fountain ornament between tiers, and a bridal figurine on the keepsake layer. It was surrounded by a wreath of fresh green fern, orchid daisies and white babies breath. The chocolate and beige groom's cake was accented with the couple's monogram.

Reception assistants were cousins of the groom, Susan and Brenda Jones, Misty Klement, Tabby Wolf and Amy Fuller.

Special guests were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Hellman of Muenster and the groom's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Walt Klement and Mr. and

Mrs. Charlie Wolf all of Muenster.

Guests coming from out of town included Jerry and Glenna Metzler of Austin; Sandy Moon of Sanger; Brian Hellman; Lonnie and Pam Hellman and Wes; Jeanette Jones and family all of Fort Worth; Doug and Sylvia Hellman, John Beeler all of Carrollton; David and Desiree Robison of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fuller and family of Nocona; Kevin Owen of Alpine and Chuck Roper of North Carolina.

The couple is at home in Muenster. The bride is a 1984 graduate of Lindsay High School and attended Cooke County College. She is employed at Eckerd Pharmacy. The groom is a May graduate of Muenster High School and is employed by Felderhoff Drilling Co.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville on April 16, hosted by the groom's parents. A miscellaneous shower on March 31 was given by Beth Thurman and Donna Wolf in the Kenneth Thurman home.

Nursing home has 322 open house visitors

The extensively remodeled Saint Jo Nursing Center hosted 322 visitors at an open house showing improvements since it was purchased about four months ago from the Yes-Ter-Year Nursing Center.

The project included enlarging the nursing station and dining area, renovating all rooms and halls, enlarging the parking area and renovating a formerly unused patio.

The facility has 61 beds, two of which are occupied by W.B. Wilson and M.F. Milner, formerly of Muenster. It is under the same ownership and management as Horizon Manor of Nocona and Henrietta Care Center.

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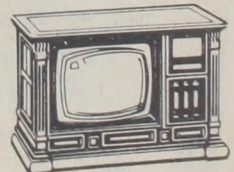
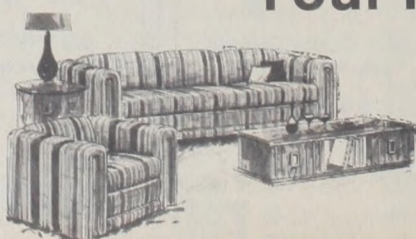
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MINDY JANE HENNIGAN
... celebrates seventh ...

Hennigan celebrates 7th birthday Sat.

Mindy Jane Hennigan celebrated her seventh birthday on Saturday May 4 with a Cabbage Patch party. Classmates and friends attended.

Mindy's parents, Mike and Janie Hennigan hosted the party with help from her godmother Carol Klement, her sister Michelle, and a friend Dianne Pagel. Mindy's little sister, Megan was also present.

Guests enjoyed playing games and watching the honoree open her gifts. Refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream drumsticks and Cokes were served, and each guest received a Cabbage Patch loot bag to take home.

On Mindy's actual birthday, May 8, she celebrated with family; grandparents Vince and Trudy Felderhoff and Pat and Alice Hennigan; and godparents Carol and Roy Klement and their children.



KIMBERLY GAY STURM
... honored on fifth ...

Kimberly celebrates birthday

The fifth birthday of Kimberly Gay Sturm daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sturm on April 19 was celebrated with a party at McDonald's Restaurant in Gainesville on April 20. Family, friends and cousins joined in the celebration.

A Ronald McDonald cake, ice cream and soft drinks were served to guests. The honoree and her guests enjoyed party games and playing on the outside playground attractions.

Attending were her mother Joni Sturm, her sister Amy, and her cousins Joshua Wilde, Jeffrey and Matthew Wilde, Christin Cain and Chelsea Womack. Also friends Amanda Russell, Aaron Sicking, Amy Truebenbach, and Brandi Grewing. The honoree's aunt, Tina Womack also attended.

Two parties honor Dangelmayr twins

Patsy Dangelmayr and her twin brother, Pat Klement, were surprised with two parties to observe their May 6 40th birthdays.

The first event was held on Sunday, May 5 in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Klement, who hosted a barbecue beef dinner at noon, with decorated birthday cakes.

Also attending were Mrs. Pat Klement and children Renee, Darren, John and Crystal; and Paul Dangelmayr and children Mike, Ron, Chris and Darrell.

Other guests were Amber Grewing and Kerri Haverkamp.

On Sunday evening a party in the Dangelmayr home was a total surprise for both birthday honorees.

More than 60 relatives and friends arrived with a bountiful covered dish meal, gifts and birthday cake. Barbecued fresh pork was prepared by Steve Klement and the decorated cake was made by Charlotte Dangelmayr.

Dominoes and table games and visiting provided the evening's entertainment.



YARD OF THE MONTH honors have been presented to Craig and Donna Walterscheid of 915 North Cedar Street. Cited in particular were the new lawn, well established, healthy and neatly

manicured; colorful roses along the south house wall; a shrub border along the east wall; and a fenced-in back yard. The award is presented by the Muenster Garden Club.

Janie Hartman Photo

Dr. Gerald M. Graham attends Forums Seminar

Dr. Gerald M. Graham, D.D.S. and his assistants, Elaine Schilling and Monica Hartman attended a Dental Forums Seminar instructed by Dr. Clayton Parkinson, D.D.S. PhD in Dallas on Sunday, April 21. Entitled "Practical and Predictable Endodontics" the seminar provided practical clinical

information in the area of endodontics. A hands-on participation session was included in the program. Major emphasis was placed upon the rationale and techniques to provide patients with more efficient and effective endodontic care.

Mother's Day reminder

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Schedule of Meetings

Garden Club
The Muenster Garden Club will meet on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde. It will be a covered dish dinner, followed by installation of officers. Special attention is called to the change in date and time.

VFW
The VFW meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 8 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce
The Chamber of Commerce luncheon is held on the second Tuesday of the month (May 14) at noon at The Center Restaurant.

4-H Club
The Community 4-H Club meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month (May 14) at the cafeteria, immediately after school.

AA
The Muenster chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous meets regularly on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Community Center meeting room.

Special Cooking Class
A Vegetarian Cooking Class will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Muenster Public School Homemaking

KC Bingo set Sunday

Muenster Knights of Columbus will sponsor bingo on Sunday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the K.C. Hall. Everyone is welcome.

News of the Sick

Tony Felderhoff has been transferred from Arlington Memorial Hospital to St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth. Cards will reach him addressed to Tony Felderhoff, Room 3221, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1401 South Main St., Fort Worth, Tx. 76104.

room. There will be a fee of \$3.00. "You will sample the entrees, so come hungry!" is the invitation issued by the sponsors, the Seventh Day Adventist Church members of Gainesville. Please register for class by phoning 668-8687 or 726-3669.

Diabetic Support
The Diabetic Support Group will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Muenster Hospital meeting room. Dr. Gerald Graham will speak on "Dental Care for Diabetics". Special attention is called to the date, May 21.



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CCD 2nd grade has liturgy

Second graders of the CCD class of Sacred Heart Parish, taught by Kathy Vogel and Sharon Walterscheid, participated in the CCD liturgy on Wednesday, April 24.

Sharon Walterscheid gave the first reading and Kathy Vogel gave the responsorial psalm.

Julie Walterscheid, Andrew Hacker, Jill Reiter, Jason Huchton and Rae Ann Walterscheid, students, led prayers of the faithful; and Lisa Lippe, Coy Fisher, Laura Vogel, Cindy

Reiter, Jeffrey Walterscheid and Sabrina Truebenbach all students, presented Offertory gifts at the altar.

Narrators of the liturgy were other students, Cody Klement, Becky Fleitman, and Ashley Hartman.

For the meditation song "Our Hands," sung by the second graders, the children assembled at the communion rail and turned to face the congregation.

Father Denis Soerries was celebrant of the Mass and Kody

Truebenbach, Chris Kubis and Rodney Knabe were Mass servers. Ruth Felderhoff and Eileen Fisher were accompanist and song leader.

Screening to be held on May 15

The Texas Department of Health Regional Office in Arlington announces a Hypertension and Diabetes Screening Clinic to be held in Muenster at Sacred Heart Community Meeting Room, 730 North Main on Wednesday, May 15, 1985 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Screenings are targeted toward those individuals who could not obtain them otherwise and will be performed by Public Health Nurses at no charge. The goal is to find suspect cases of these so-called "Silent Diseases" early in their course, refer the patients to physicians for diagnosis and treatment, and thereby reduce disease, death, and health care costs.



JUST YOU AND I was the theme of the Sacred Heart Junior-Senior Prom. The prom was held Saturday, May 4, in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Colors for prom decorations were purple

and lavender. The class flower was the violet. The moto for this year's class was "Live each day to the fullest, for who knows what tomorrow will bring."

Photo by Janie Hartman

May Calendar for SHHS

May 9, 10, 11 - Senior trip.
 May 10 - Special liturgy for mothers. Early dismissal 1:30 p.m.
 May 15 - Grades 2 and 3 field trip.
 May 16 - Ascension Day. Free day. Awards banquet.
 May 17 - Elementary field events. Parents invited to lunch. Non-uniform day.
 May 19 - High School graduation, Sacred Heart Church, 6 p.m.
 May 20 - Sacred Heart School Board meeting. Eighth grade field

trip to Six Flags.
 May 21 - Kindergarten graduation, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 May 22 - Grades 5 and 6 field trip.
 May 22, 23, 24 - Final exams for high school.
 May 23 - Eighth grade graduation, Sacred Heart Church
 May 24 - Last day of school, dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
 May 27 - Teacher work day.
 Note: Some field trips are still being planned.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Rodney Hess, 18, of Route 1, is the son of Pat and Tommie Sue Hess.

Rodney's years at Muenster High School have been active ones. He played football for two years, participated in track for three years, and was on the basketball team for four years.



Rodney Joel Hess

His list of organizational activities includes three years of theater arts, two years of FFA, one year on the debate team, Spanish Club, and one year of FHA.

Honors and awards for Rodney include being voted class favorite his freshman year, Who's Who in Drama, all-star honorable mention in UIL one-act play, third place in shot put in 1984 and second place in district track meet in 1985, and regional qualifier in shot put in 1985.

"I feel that what I have learned in my high school years will help me in my future plans," Rodney said. "The things I've learned from the teaching staff will help me. They know what they are talking about."

The things Rodney feels he will remember best about his high school days are, "The impressions left by my friends and teachers."

In his spare time, Rodney likes to hunt small game.

After graduation, Rodney plans to work and to go to Cooke County College before finishing his studies in Denton and becoming a physical therapist.

Sondra Hess, 18, is the daughter of Frank and Ruth Hess.



Sondra Hess

Sports have played an important role in Sondra's years at Sacred Heart High School.

While basketball was her favorite sport, she also participated in volleyball and track.

In basketball, Sondra played the position of guard and went to all-district and to all-state competitions. She also played on the Texoma Land All Star basketball team.

Her senior year, Sondra was positioned as a spiker on the all-district volleyball team.

In track, Sondra placed third in the 1600 meter relay at the state track meet.

I liked basketball best. It's my favorite sport," Sondra said. "I did my best in basketball. I liked the coach, too. He really cared about us."

Sondra attributed participation in sports to the most important lesson she learned in high school. "In sports I learned to discipline myself. To do good, you have to discipline yourself," Sondra said.

Her senior year holds the best memories for Sondra. "This year I made so many friends from all over. I think that will help me when I go off to college. I think I'll remember them best," Sondra said.

Sondra works at Hofbauer Food & Locker part-time.

After graduation, Sondra plans to study pre-law and eventually become a lawyer. She has not decided which college or university she will attend.

"I think it would be fun (to be a lawyer)," Sondra said. "Sometimes I'm bull-headed, and I think I could be a good lawyer."

Mark Hoeing, 17, of Route 2, is the son of Janet Hoeing.

During his years at Muenster High School, Mark was a four-year member of Vocational Agriculture and served as secretary of that organization his senior year.

In sports, Mark played split end on the football team for four years, and participated in track for two years. In track, Mark ran the mile and two mile as well as pole vaulting.

Mark said the thing he liked best about football was that "It was more violent. You get to hit people and stuff." In track, Mark said he liked pole vaulting best of all events because it was the easiest.

The most important thing Mark said he has learned from high school is, "...to do things I don't want to do, like homework." He said his best memories of high school would be, "Hopefully, graduation."

After graduation Mark said he would either work or go to Cooke County College. His main interests are along the lines of mechanics, auto painting and auto body work. Mark said he got interested in this line of work because, "My pickup keeps breaking down all the time."



Mark Hoeing

Patricia Herr, 18, is the daughter of Richard and Anna Herr.



Patricia Herr

While a student at Muenster High School, Patricia has participated in several school organizations as well as sports. Her senior year she served as secretary of Student Council. She was a member of band for four years, serving as drum major her senior year.

Patricia has been a member of FHA for four years and served as vice president of that group her senior year. She has also participated in National Honor Society, drama for two years, and track for two years. In track, she specialized in long-distance running.

Patricia said the thing she liked best about track and running long distances was, "surviving."

When Patricia has free time she likes to read and to play racquet ball.

Of the many things Patricia has learned in high school she said the most important is "How to do things on my own."

When it comes to good memories, Patricia said hers will center on her teachers. "They were so helpful," Patricia said.

After graduation, Patricia plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in engineering. "I like science," Patricia said, "and I think engineering would be fun."

Patricia is valedictorian of her class and already has a WalMart scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to help her in college.

Cory Klement, 17, is the son of Marcie Klement and the late Rod Klement.



Cory Klement

Cory participated in FFA for four years and in FHA for one year. An interest in the family planning study offered through the FHA group prompted Cory to join the organization his senior year.

In sports, Cory participated in basketball at the position of guard for three years, and was on the tennis team for two years.

His years at Muenster High School have taught Cory many lessons. "The most important thing I have learned is that whether you are doing your school work or have a job just working, you should strive and perform to the best of your ability," Cory said.

Looking back over the years, Cory said, "The best thing I remember is the basketball games and all of my friends."

When Cory isn't busy with school or chores he likes to spend his free time hunting or going to Lake Texoma.

After graduation Cory plans to attend Cooke County College and to work part-time. Later he plans to go on to college but is undecided where. "I don't really know where I'll go to college or what I'll do in the future. I guess I'll just play it by ear and see what I like to do best," Cory said.

Keith Klement, 17, of Route 4, is the son of Kenneth and Mary Klement.



Keith Klement

Football and track have taken up a good deal of Keith's time while at Muenster High School. He played football for four years at both tight and defensive end positions.

During his four years on the track team, Keith ran the 3200 and 1600 meter. He participated in regional competition for three years and qualified for state his senior year. Keith said track was his favorite sport because of the individual competition.

Among the most important things Keith said he learned in high school is that, "You must set a goal if you want to achieve something."

His best memories will center on track, Keith said. "I also like the shop program they have here. It's good, too."

Keith has lived on the same farm all of his life. After graduation he hopes to someday go into the dairy farm business with his father and brothers.

Carmen Daugherty, 18, is under the guardianship of Chris and Peggy Walter.



Carmen Sue Daugherty

As a student of Sacred Heart, Carmen participated in National Honor Society her junior and senior years; was Student Council vice president her senior year; was a member of Spanish Club two years; was Tiger mascot for four years and was a member of Drill team for four years.

Her athletic endeavors include three years of track, three years of Letterman's Club, one year of basketball, and four years of powderpuff.

"Carmen said, "The most important thing I have learned is to appreciate my friends and not to take them for granted."

When she looks back over her years in high school, "The best thing I will remember is all the good times with my friends," Carmen said.

After graduation, Carmen plans to attend North Texas State University and get a degree in computer programming and sociology so that she can be a social worker or computer programmer.

Anita Meurer, 18, is the daughter of John and Agnes Meurer.



Anita Meurer

Anita is valedictorian of her graduating class at Muenster High School.

She participated in Student Council and served as senior representative.

Anita served as reporter for FHA, an organization she participated in for four years. She was a three-year member of National Honor Society and served as that group's president her senior year.

Anita was also on the volleyball team her junior year.

"The most important thing I have learned (in high school) is to do my best at everything," Anita said.

"The best thing I will remember (about high school) is being with my classmates and teachers who have helped me throughout the years," Anita said.

In the afternoons, Anita works as a typist in the school office. In her spare time she likes to sew and take pictures. She has developed an interest in photography over the last year.

After graduation, Anita plans to attend North Texas State University to study business and computers.

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Record breaker



Klement is regional standout

Keith Klement of the MHS Hornet track team stole the show at last week's regional track meet with a double win. He was number 1 in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:07 and in the 1600 meter run with 4:45. Furthermore, his performance in the 3200 set a new regional record.

The wins qualify Klement for the state meet in both events Saturday at Austin, at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Other state qualifiers of Muenster are girls of the 1600 meter

relay team, who were second with a time of 4:19. Members are Melody Klement, Meredith McDaniel, Rita Walterscheid and Dana Dankesreiter.

Other Hornets of the district, from Era, will join Muenster at Austin. Their qualifiers are Bradley Fenley with second in pole vault at 12 ft. 3 in.; Richard Zanchetta, second in shot put with 47 ft., and Laurie Lewter, second in the 3200 meter run at 12.42.

Both schools earned more points at the regional but fell short of

the first and second needed to qualify for state. For MHS Rodney Hess was 4th in shot put with 46'6" and John Anderle was 6th in the 800 run with 2:07.3. Ronnie Fisher failed to place in the 300 meter hurdle.

Also Tanya Fisher was third in the 3200 run with 12:57; Tammie Reiter was fourth in discus with 94 ft; and seventh in shot put with 30 ft. 11 1/2 in.; Dana Dankesreiter was fifth in the long jump with 15 ft. 9 in. The 800 m relay team including Judy Biffle, Melody

Klement, Rita Walterscheid and Dana Dankesreiter was sixth with 1:53.5; and Judy Biffle failed to place in the 100 m dash.

Era entries at the regional who failed to qualify for state are Kevin Ford, third in high jump with 5 ft. 8 in.; Mark Knabe, 4th in pole vault with 12 ft. 3 in.; Laurie Lewter, 4th in the 1600 m run with 5:54; Kelly Yarbrough, 6th in 100 m hurdles; and the boys' 400 relay including Richard Zanchetta, Chris Sikes, Mark Knabe and Kevin Ford, 8th.

Players, coaches needed for ball program

Summer Little League baseball is getting organized for the season. Interested persons, whether it be kids, parents or prospective coaches are urged to contact Chris Sicking at 759-4511 or Tim Felderhoff at 759-2878.

According to Sicking, an organizational meeting will be set for those wishing to participate in the summer ball program as soon as interested persons have made contact with Sicking or Felderhoff. The time, date and location of that meeting is forthcoming.

The purpose of this initial notice is to find out who wants to play and who would like to coach so that team assignments can be made, and so that try-outs can be held to help assign any who have not played before, Sicking said.

Games are to be played on Monday Wednesday and Friday. Hopefully, the schedule will allow open dates for two weeks in June so players can attend a summer camp.

Little League is limited to boys aged 9-12. The requirement is to be nine years old on or before August 1, but not older than 12 on that date.

An older team, ages 13-15, is also being considered. This older team could, hopefully, play teams of the same age from area towns. Boys who fit in that age bracket are invited to come and see what can be done, Sicking said.

The accompanying application is provided for the convenience of boys who wish to sign up.

SETTING NEW RECORDS, Keith Klement of Muenster High School is headed for state track competition in Austin this weekend. Klement walked away with a double win at last week's regional meet.

LITTLE LEAGUE APPLICATION

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

Last Year's Team: _____

Please bring this with you at the sign-up meeting to be announced.

Your parents MUST sign!!!

We, the undersigned parent or guardian hereby give permission for our child to play Little League Baseball in the Muenster League in the summer of 1985; and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters and all other persons and entities, their agents and assigns, associated with this League from any liability for all injury or damage my child or children may sustain, whether it be caused by accident or for any negligence of the sponsors or promoters or other persons or entities, their agents or assigns, associated with this event or their employees, or otherwise. For more information call Chris Sicking 759-4511 or Tim Felderhoff 759-2878.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Perrins are SH champs

Wallace and Bill Perrin with a score of 64 were the champs in a field of 88 players in the seventh annual scrambles tournament sponsored by Sacred Heart Alumni Sunday at the Gainesville Municipal Course.

Close behind for champ flight honors were Charley Brown and Clyde Bond, 66; Mark Metzler and John Woods, 67; and Ronnie Adkins and Paul Davis, 67.

Prizes in the flight and each of the other four flights were 20 balls for No. 1, 16 balls for No. 2, 12 balls for No. 3, and 8 balls for No. 4. In addition a consolation prize of 6 balls was awarded to the high scorers of each flight.

Still more prizes were gift certificates to the winning team of each flight and also a dozen balls each to Ruth Hess for longest drive, Wallace Perrin for most accurate drive and Larry Kirby for nearest the pin shot. Ricky Futch won the mulligan raffle.

For generous support of the tournament the Alumni extends special thanks to Cooke County Distributor, Gilbert Endres Distributor, Clyde Fisher Distributor and the Coors Company; and also to restaurants which treated the first place team of each flight to free meals.

Teams of each flight and their scores, as well as restaurants which treated the winners and business firms which sponsored one hole each are listed as follows.

Champ flight	
Wallace and Bill Perrin	64
Charles Brown and Clyde Bond	66
Mark Metzler and John Woods	67
Ronnie Adkins and Paul Davis	67
Fouth and Alexander	68
Bluhm and Prescher	68
Harvick and Dollar	68
Roy Metzler and Pat Dieter	69
First flight	
Kenny Hartman and Mike Hess	70
Clegg Hazel and Bobby Graham	70
Ray Die and Trey Schalk	70
Chuck and Larry Kirby	71
Cloud and Deleon	71

Danny and Ray Voth	71	Walterscheid and Teague	95
Dot and Don Endres	71	Walterscheid and Felderhoff	104
Partain and Williams	71	Restaurants	
Jon LeBrasseur and Bobby Hartman	72	Center Restaurant	
Shane and Larry Wimmer	73	Rohmer's Restaurant	
Second flight		Metzler's Barbecue	
Harold Owen and Terry Heilman	74	Smokehouse I	
Todd Richey and Brian Bednorz	75	Smokehouse II	
B.R. Dollar and Billy Johnson	75	Gourmet II	
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Billy Brock and Don Eckart	80	10) H&W Country Korner	
Hal Mollenkopf and Babe Schilling	80	11) Tops & Teams	
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Henscheid and Mollenkopf	82	14) The Dairy Inn	
Siofels and Hennigan	83	15) Dude's Gulf	
Cagle and Green	87	16) Muenster Garden Center	
Hamric and Gobble	89	17) Neil's Kerr McGee	
Hennigan and Hesse	90	18) Muenster Pharmacy	



SECOND PLACE WINNERS in the men's division in Tug-a-war at Germanfest are pictured above. Standing, left to right, are Louis Koelzer, Jim Koelzer, Gary Dankesreiter, Danny Bezner, David Hermes. Kneeling, left to right, are Jeff Grewing, Bobby Noggler, Stan Dieter, Daryl Dieter.



STATE BOUND track girls from Muenster High School are, left to right, Melody Kelment, Rita Walterscheid, Meredith McDaniel, Dana Dankesreiter. The girls will compete Saturday in Austin.

Exes team up to raise \$1556 in benefit game

A good crowd was on hand and donated \$1556 Saturday night as ex-ball players from Sacred Heart/Muenster High School teamed up to face ex-ball players from Gainesville High School in a football game to benefit cancer patient George Lewis and his family.

Muenster		Gainesville
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45	yds rush	53
52	yds pass	27
15/4	pass, a-c	8/1
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1	fumbl lost	0
3/35	penalties n-yds	2-20
3/305	punts, n-yds	2/25

Lewis is an ex-Gainesville Leopard who is currently hospitalized at the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Research Center in Houston.

This was the second annual exes game to be played by the former high school stars. The event was held at Leopard Stadium in Gainesville and saw the Leopards leap to a 27-2 victory over the boys from Muenster.

Gainesville players had both size and age over the Muenster players, but the game was a hard-hitting contest just the same.

In the first quarter of the game neither side scored. The second quarter saw Gainesville put six points on their side of the scoreboard.

Muenster put two points on the board during the third quarter, but that wasn't enough to topple the eight points Gainesville added to their score.

In the fourth and final quarter, Gainesville added another 13 points to their score. In the end, it was Gainesville over Muenster 27-2.

Those who played for Muenster included: Tim Hermes, Mike Bartush, Kim Hale, Daryl Herr, Mike Nash, Joe Bartush, Burt

Walterscheid, Ted Walterscheid, Louis Koelzer, Monty Moore, Phil Wolf, Kenny Hartman, John Hartman, Rusty Serna, Randy Serna, Dwayne Knabe, T. J. Walterscheid, Gary Hermes, Kevin Klement, Sam Hess, John Bartush, David Felderhoff, Kenny Felderhoff, Steve Hennigan, Monty Endres, Brad Huston, Mel Walterscheid, Hal Mollenkopf, Greg Walterscheid, Jim Koelzer.

SPORTSBEAT

A roundup of area sports happenings

Co-ed tourney set...

Entries are still being signed up for a co-ed softball tourney on Sunday, May 19, according to Deb Klement, supervisor. Eligible age for both men and women is 19 or older. Persons enter individually, not as teams.

Assignment to teams is made at the tournament beginning, five men and five ladies to each side. The number of entries will determine the number of teams competing.

The tournament is a double elimination all-day event. Persons wanting to enter or to get more information may call or see Deb Klement 759-2540, John Schneider 759-4253, or Terry Walterscheid 759-2599.

Miller Lite softball...

Miller Lite of Muenster will sponsor a 16 team softball tournament beginning Wednesday, May 15. All entries must be in by May 14. For more information, call 759-2737 before 5 p.m. or 759-4540 after 5 p.m.

5K Love Run...

The 5K America's Love Run will take place June 1 in downtown Wichita Falls at 7:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$12 if received before May 24. Late registration is \$15.

All runners will get an America's Love Run T-shirt and a certificate. The first 200 finishers will get medals as will the overall male and female runners under and over 19, the runner who traveled the farthest, the oldest runner, and the youngest runner. There will also be four surprise awards.

Also included in the entry fee will be a Bar-B-Q meal created by Zero's. Extra meals will be available for \$5 for non-runners.

The race will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist parking lot located on Tenth and Travis. The meal will take place in the church park across the street.

For more information contact Carol Rudd at 817-322-8648.

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NEW INDUCTEES IN HONOR SOCIETY at Sacred Heart High School include Stephen Schmitt, Laura Flusche, Donna Fuhrmann, Amber Grewing, Lisa Haverkamp, Ken Hesse, John Nasche, Lloyd Walterscheid, Lydia Walterscheid, Paul Yosten. Others include Connie Bayer, Rose Felderhoff,

Sondra Hess, LeAnn Mollenkopf, Sandy Taylor, Kyle Walterscheid, Christy Yosten, Stephen Becker, Richard Fuhrmann, Beverly Haverkamp, Sharon Henscheid, Kelly Schilling, Sally Stoffels, Craig Voth, Shari Voth. Also pictured is Sister Carmelita Meyers, moderator. Photo by Janie Hartman

SHHS Honor Society inducts new members

The Sedes Sapientiae Chapter of the National Honor Society of Sacred Heart High School held its annual induction service on May 3.

Father Denis, O.S.B. presented stoles to the members during the Mass. Assisting him were Kyle Walterscheid, president, and LeAnn Mollenkopf vice-president. Those receiving stoles were Stephen Schmitt, senior;

juniors, Laura Flusche, Donna Fuhrmann, Amber Grewing, Lisa Haverkamp, Ken Hesse, John Nasche, Lloyd Walterscheid, Lydia Walterscheid, Paul Yosten.

Also present were seniors: Connie Bayer, Rose Felderhoff, Sondra Hess, LeAnn Mollenkopf, Sandy Taylor, Kyle Walterscheid, Christy Yosten. Probationary members are Stephen Becker, Richard Fuhrmann, Beverly Haverkamp, Sharon Henscheid,

Kelly Schilling, Sally Stoffels, Craig Voth, Shari Voth.

After witnessing their pledge to the Honor Society, Father Denis addressed the students describing the ideals and responsibilities of the Society.

A reception was held in the library after Mass for all the members. Sister Carmelita Meyers is moderator for the Sacred Heart High School Honor Society.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS of Sacred Heart School are: front, Noelle Hesse, Vicki Walterscheid, Laura Flusche, Paula Yosten and Kelly Hennigan; back, Curt Bayer, Julie Rohmer, Gail Fisher and John Nasche. At an election April 25, Laura Flusche was chosen president for the

coming school year. Others elected were Paula Yosten, vice pres.; Vicki Walterscheid, secy.; Noelle Hesse, treas.; John Nasche, senior rep.; Gail Fisher, junior rep.; Julie Rohmer, sophomore rep.; Curt Bayer, freshman rep.; Holly Koch, sponsor. Photo by Janie Hartman

REA has 50th anniversary

Saturday, May 11, 1935, was just another spring day to millions of Americans, including a lot of rural people throughout the U.S. But before the day was out, a program was authorized that would revolutionize the lives of rural people.

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The government knew that without the area-coverage stipulation, the desired goal of electrifying rural America would not be achieved. Because of the area coverage requirement, existing investor-owned utilities decided not to become involved in this program because of the low density in most of rural America and the likelihood of very low return on the capital they would invest.

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John Joseph Matthews is A&M graduate

John Joseph Matthews, son of Willie and Lorraine Matthews of Gainesville and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sicking of Muenster, received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Texas A and M University on Friday evening, May 3. He is a graduate of Gainesville High School.

Commencement exercises were held in G. Rollie White Coliseum and U.S. Senator Phil Gramm was the guest speaker.

Attending the graduation were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Matthews and daughter Charlotte and son David, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sicking. They spent the weekend and also enjoyed touring the vast A&M campus, particularly the Zachary Engineering Building.

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All awards banquet

Lindsay honors top students

Lindsay High School honored its top students in Academics and Athletics on Sunday night, May 5 at their annual All-Awards Banquet.

President of the Lindsay School Board, Jim Myrick gave the welcome address and Brenda Haverkamp gave the response from the student body. Victor Schmidkofer led the invocation.

Coach Grady Roller spoke first on the 1984 Knights football team, congratulating them on a job well done. He said they went far beyond the expectations of all and that the 1984 season was a most enjoyable year.

J.V. football players were: Steven Zwingsi, Phil Metzler, Rick Sandman, Ted Cason, Greg Roller, Ashley Fuhrmann, Ralph Klement, Rudy Hess, Jeff Myrick, Alex Schroeder, Tejay Fleitman, Michael Lutkenhaus, Dale Martin and Leo Sandmann.

Lettermen honored were Sophomores, Eddie Hughes, Eric Weems, Roy Neu, and Frank Fangman all one-year lettermen. Juniors, Toby Fuhrmann, Bill Eberhart, Steve Fleitman, and Joe Myrick, one year lettermen. Two-year lettermen were: Wayne Fleitman, Jeff Metzler, Adam Arendt, Tim Carpenter and Leroy Hermes.

Senior lettermen were: Jeff Hellman, one year; Jeff Wimmer, Kurt Hermes, and Scott Fleitman,

two-year lettermen; Kenneth Fuhrmann and Victor Schmidkofer, three-year lettermen and Steve Corcoran, four-year letterman.

Managers were Paul Hughes and Robbie Sandmann who was a two-year letterman. Troy Eberhart was recognized as being the ball boy.

Mr. Allen Hobbs introduced the students who competed in the UIL Speaking, Writing and Spelling categories while Mr. Troy Edes introduced the Number Sense and Calculator Application students. Mrs. Mary Holland introduced the typewriting students and Mr. Jim Anderson recognized the Science students.

Any student who placed at the District level of competition from 1st place through 6th place in any of the above categories was recognized as a UIL letterman. The following students are 1985 UIL Lettermen at Lindsay High: Sophomores, Victor Schmidkofer, Brenda Haverkamp; Juniors, Leroy Hermes, Wayne Fleitman, Christy Hellman, Minnie Hundt, Michelle Miller, Tammie Sandmann; Sophomores, Cheryl Dennison, Sonya Eberhart, Andrea Madey and Freshman Lucy Fuhrmann.

Others participating but not lettering were: Julie Myrick, Collette Hoening, Laura Fuhrmann, Deanna Nortman, Joe Myrick, Adam

Arendt, Jeff Metzler, Tim Carpenter, Katrinka Griffin, Gina Sandmann, Carol Hermes, Robbie Sandmann, Gina Arendt, Monica Johnson, Shelly Fleitman, Jacque Sandmann, Jolanda Wimmer and Steve Zwingsi.

George Thomason, basketball coach recognized both the boys and girls basketball lettermen. Senior girls being recognized as two-year lettermen were Brenda Haverkamp, Julie Myrick, Sherry Anderle, and Deanna Nortman. Juniors and one-year lettermen were Gina Arendt, Christy Hellman, Minnie Hundt and Michelle Miller. Jolanda Wimmer, a freshman is a one year letterman. Members of the J.V. team were Julie Dankesreiter, Tammy Huchton and Kim Smelcer, Sophomores and Shelly Fleitman, Connie Hermes and Jacque Sandmann, Freshmen.

The Knights basketball lettermen were Jeff Hellman, Sr. three-year, Kevin Fuhrmann Senior, two-year; Scott Fleitman, Sr. one-year, Leroy Hermes, Junior two-year, Wayne Fleitman, Junior one-year, Toby Fuhrman, Junior two-year and Donald Neu, Sophomore, one-year.

J.V. BASKETBALL BOYS WERE: Steve Fleitman, Shawn Hoening, Frank Fangman, Ashley Fuhrman, Ralph Klement, Tejay Fleitman and Phil Metzler.

Basketball managers were Carol Hermes, two-year letterman and Monica Johnson and Donna Lutkenhaus each one-year lettermen.

Coach Thomason also introduced the 1985 girls track team, lettermen Gina Arendt, Junior, three-year; Christy Hellman, Junior, one year; Michelle Miller, Junior, one-year; Gina Sandman, Junior, one-year, and freshman girls were Shelly Fleitman, Lucy Fuhrman, Connie Hermes and Jolanda Wimmer each a one-year letterman.

Coach Roller introduced the boys track lettermen as follows: Kenneth Fuhrman, Senior, four-year, Victor Schmidkofer, Senior, four-year, Steve Corcoran, Senior, four-year; Scott Fleitman, Senior, one-year; Leroy Hermes, Junior, three-year; Tim Carpenter, Junior, three-year; Wayne Fleitman, Junior, three-year; Joe Myrick, three-year; Murray Fulton, Sophomore, one-year, Greg Roller, Freshman, one-year. Other track participants were Rich Sandmann, Ted Cason, Rudy Hess, Tejay Fleitman, Ralph Klement and Donald Neu.

Superintendent Glenn Hellman recognized the High School cheerleaders and drillteam captains and Mrs. Smith for all the hard work that they had done during the 1984-85 school year. The Benediction was given by Senior Scott Fleitman.

Lindsay News

by Patty Eberhart and Edna Hermes

Regional track meet held in Kilgore May 3-4

The Region II A Track meet was held at Kilgore on May 3-4. Lindsay's lone competition in the girls meet was Jolanda Wimmer who ran the 400 meter dash. Jolanda ran a :65.7 in the prelims which qualified her for the finals. In the finals she ran a :65.03 and placed seventh.

Eight teams went to the finals. Running on the mile relay team was Victor Schmidkofer, Murray Fulton, Leroy Hermes and Kenneth Fuhrmann.

Victor Schmidkofer ran the fifth best time in the 800 meter run to qualify him for the finals. Victor ran a 2:05.31 to take fourth place in the 800 meter run. Winning time was 2:02.32. Leroy Hermes ran in the 3200 meter run and placed fifth with a time of 10:49.89. Winning time was 10:07.74 run by Keith Klement of Muenster.

Kenneth Fuhrmann qualified for the finals in the 400 meter dash and placed sixth with a time of 52.93. Winning time was :50.23.

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Rep. Williamson to speak at Lindsay graduation

State Representative Richard F. Williamson has been chosen to be guest speaker at the 1985 graduation services at Lindsay.

Mr. Williamson was born in Abilene, Texas and attended public schools there. He went to the University of Texas at Austin and obtained his BA degree majoring in Political Science. Presently he is active in vocational education and FFA high school programs.

Graduation will be taking place

on Friday, May 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lindsay Cafetorium.

WHO hosts

Kindergarten through third grade students recently enjoyed a program put on for them by the organization WHO. WHO which stands for "We Help Ourselves" is a sub-division of Cooke County Friends of the Family, which is based in Gainesville.

The children listened to speaker Becky Bryant as she spoke on subjects of Child Abuse, kidnapping and "feelings" put on the childrens level of understanding through video's, puppets and open discussion.

Later the program was given to fourth through eighth grades. They also watched a video, held discussions and received a pamphlet on the subject matter.

New Arrivals

Jeff and Melinda Dieter of Gainesville are parents of their first child, a son, Dustin Michael, born on Monday, May 6, 1985 at 11 a.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Dustin Michael is a grandson for Wilfred and Joanie Bezner of Lindsay and Nick and Hank Dieter of Gainesville. There are three great-grandmothers, Mrs. Jake Bezner, Mrs. Al Geray and Mrs. Mike Dieter all of Lindsay. Mrs. Jeff Dieter is the former Malinda Bezner.

Calendar of events

- May 10 - Powderpuff football, 7:00 p.m.
- May 10, 11 - State Track meet at Austin.
- May 12 - Baccalaureate
- May 16 - Last day of school.
- May 17 - Graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hacker of Gainesville announce the birth of a daughter, Crystal Gayle on April 28, 1985 at 12:18 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long, in Muenster Hospital. She joins a four year old sister, Melissa Dawn. Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schmidkofer of Lindsay and Mrs. Paul Hacker of Muenster. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Schmidkofer and Mrs. Geraldine Haverkamp, all of Lindsay. Mrs. Annie Hacker of Myra and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Zandt of Muenster. Mrs. Patrick Hacker is the former Kathy Schmidkofer.

Hess Reunion set for Sunday, June 9

The Hess reunion will be held in the Lindsay Park on Sunday, June 9. Each family should bring a covered dish and cold drinks. There will be a volleyball tournament starting at 10 a.m. if enough players come early. For more information call Rosemary Fangman, 668-8498 or Nellie Berend 423-6240.

Lindsay 4-H elects officers

Donna Lutkenhaus was elected to head the Lindsay senior 4-H club during the meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 1. Other new officers are Lucy Fuhrmann vice president; Debbie Nortman secretary/treasurer; Shelly Fleitman reporter; Eddie Krebs council delegate; Mike Lutkenhaus alternate council delegate.

Doris Voth, out-going president conducted the May 1 meeting. Ten members attended. Eddie Krebs was 1984-85 reporter and Shelly Fleitman is newly elected reporter.

School Lunch Menus

May 13 - 16

Monday - Chili with beans, crackers, creamed potatoes, congealed salad, pickle, iced cake, bread, milk.

Tuesday - Barbecue, potatoes, corn, sliced peaches, bread, milk.

Wednesday - Steak Fingers or Charbroiled Steak, potatoes, mixed veggies, fruit, milk.

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"I've been making ropes all my life," he says. "Bull ropes are a specialty because bull riders are little picky about the tightness of the braid, the length of the hand-hold, things like that. If you've ever been on a bull you'll understand why."

Mel also makes lariat ropes — at one time he supplied all the lariats for Shepler's stores — all the way from inexpensive to professional cowboy quality. Leads and other rope items are also hand-made in Autry's home workshop, from the best rope stock available.

"Ropes have to be aged," he explains. "You have to let them lay and work for awhile, straighten out. In a lariat, ropers look for a good straight eye and a straight rope."

Autry's has the largest selection of lariat ropes, bull ropes and leads in this part of the country, but the store is more than a rope shop — they carry a complete line of Western tack at good prices.

There is a good selection of new and used saddles, bits and spurs, all types of head stall, breast collars and cinching, saddle blankets, etc. — plus some interesting and unusual Western gifts, like cowhide rugs, toilet tissue holders made of stirrups, and decorative blankets. Autry also offers some minor saddle repair such as cleaning, horn wraps and stirrup leathers.

Mel collects rodeo pictures, too, and a glance around the shop can acquaint you with some of the meanest bulls and bucking horses ever to throw a cowboy. There's a story behind every one, and Mel is usually willing to tell it if asked.

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"I was the first man every to get eat up in the Astrodome," he laughs, then launches into the story about getting laid on by a bull so hard that it took four cowboys to rescue him — two on the bull's horns and two to drag him away by the boot heels. He suffered a dislocated shoulder in that encounter, but the same bull killed a rider several months later and had to be taken out of the draw.

Mel and his wife Joyce run the shop, which is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 5:30. Their location on the highway, and a large side yard, make it especially convenient for

vehicles pulling trailers to stop and browse.

The Autry's are longtime residents of Oklahoma, but they have lived in Gainesville about three years. The shop just opened in December.

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Fluctuating economy diversifies business

A continually fluctuating economic picture is prompting many area business people to diversify to protect their primary investments, says Don Martin, district manager for Ralston Purina Company in the Gainesville area.

"By diversifying, people spread risk over a broader base," he explains. "This enables them to better weather seasonal slumps and market swings. The results can be a more stable investment situation overall," he adds.

Martin says he is witnessing a trend toward farm diversification. "We've all seen farmers who raise several crops as insurance against low prices," he says. "But now we're seeing them branch into distributorships of all kinds. Even local business people are diversifying into more agriculturally oriented businesses."

One such business opportunity attracting widening interest is a feed dealership, Martin notes. "The products and services a feed supplier offers are needed year-round," he says. "As an integral part of the food chain, feed dealers are often less effected by the fluctuating economy."

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Bankers hear issues, visit Gov' mansion

State Rep. Charles Finnell, D-Holliday, spoke this week to the annual convention of the Texas Bankers Association which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

Finnell discussed issues facing the Texas Legislature and the financial position of the state.

Other participants included: Representatives Stan Schlueter and Terral Smith, along with Senators Ray Farabee, Grant Jones, and Ike Harris.

The three-day meeting included an evening at the Governor's Mansion where Rep. and Mrs. Finnell visited with bankers of the 80th House District and Walter Cronkite, keynote speaker.

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Forestburg News

by Myrt Denham

God's Little Helpers — every community has them and we here in the Forestburg area have them also. Two of God's little helpers here are Jewell and Carroll Dill. These two don't go about "tootin their horns" about being Christians — they live in their daily lives by being good neighbors, good friends and "Our Good Samaritans" at all times. These two have opened their home to needy young folks, helped friends move from and to Forestburg, provided home for friends until they could find their own, they help with all community projects with their time, labor and money, they haul people to and from airports, to and from doctors and hospitals. They give aid, help and comfort where it is needed. Jewell and Carroll are one of the busiest couples about — but always make time if their "talents" are in demand and are very supportive of their Church in all respects. Christians are to do their best to be Christ-like, to live it and practice it — and if any two folks fill the "bill" these two do. Jewell and Carroll, we are proud of you.

Due to various reasons some of our news items are a little "oldish" but worth mentioning. One Sunday April 21, Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Dill and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson motored to Saginaw to have lunch with Mrs. Faye Jones. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moon of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. David Jones and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jones and family of Fort Worth, Linda Brown and two children of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Griffin also of Arlington, and Mrs. Ruby Wright of Levelland. Mrs. Faye Jones and Mrs. Moon are sisters and Mrs. Wright is their mother and step-mother to Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Griffin. Thus Mmes. Jones, Moon, Jackson and Griffin are sisters.

Well, all of our newly elected County officials have been at their new jobs for 4 months now. Don't know about any of the rest but sure am wondering where "our" road hands are hanging out — haven't seen much of them over Deway way. The roads hereabouts were bad enough before but they haven't improved any at all since January. Perhaps they are working in your area?

Mr. and Mrs. Don Farrell, Jackie and Scott motored to the Tyler-Kilgore area on Thursday May 2nd, returning home Sat., May 4th. The Farrells mostly

visited Kilgore College which Jackie is planning to attend in the fall. Scott got to visit the East Texas Oil Museum at Kilgore College — which thoroughly fascinated him!

It was one of those "jet-trips" via highway for Merle and Clifford Hudspeth plus son Dale. It was up to Sioux City, Nebraska on Thurs., May 2nd, where Dale picked up a truck and he headed home on Fri., a.m. making it in late that day. Merle and Clifford detoured a little by visiting a "wee-bit" in Missouri — they got home Saturday the 4th.

The Forestburg United Methodist Women met for their regular meeting Wed., May 1st at 2 p.m. in the Annex of their church. Mrs. Laura Belle Jackson called the meeting to order and she was also the leader of the program titled "Communication — who controls our information flow." After the program there was a fellowship period with refreshments. Others present were: Mmes. Lucille Littell, Esther Shears, Vera Mae McGee, Cleo Lanier and Betty Reynolds.

Met with Veda Magee last Wed., May 1st, and do want to thank her for her very complimentary words on this writer's news column in the Enterprise. Veda says I should write a book about Forestburg people. Told her that if I did — I sure would have to move to some far away place before it was published.

Thanks to Johnny Lanier for mowing around the old Community Center. It is deeply appreciated.

The Annual Tinney Family Reunion and Camp Meetin took place from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5. This reunion is for the children and descendants of Mrs. Lillie Tinney of Boyd and her late husband Lee. Those attending camped out in campers, trailers and tents. They enjoyed horseshoe pitching, softball and other games. There was much good food and visiting. Perryman Denham and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Reynolds visited with the group Saturday afternoon the 4th.

A nice group of folks attended the "Pot Luck" Supper at the new Community Center Saturday night May 4th. Those attending enjoyed touring the Center, seeing what all had been accomplished and what still needed doing. Everyone there enjoyed a lot of

good food and visiting with each other. If you weren't there — why weren't you? It's your Community Center also. This needs your support and presence, at least your presence!

The Forestburg FFA Annual Rodeo will be Friday night and Saturday night of this week.

Jimmy and Darlene Thompkin's son underwent emergency surgery Sunday May 5th at Westgate Hospital in Denton. The Thompkins family reside on the late Oscar Ray place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gunter of Jacksboro honored their little granddaughter Jayme Houston with a birthday party in their home Sunday, May 5th. Jayme is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Houston of Sunset. Others attending the party for Jayme were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson, Garrett and Lance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McGee of Kemp spent the past weekend with her parents — Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Hoover of Montague. After lunch on Sunday Vera Mae McGee and her niece Wanda Perryman drove over to Montague to visit with Dale and wife and the Hoovers. From there Vera Mae and Wanda drove over to Bowie to the First United Methodist Church to attend the Bowie Civic Chorus Spring Concert.

Faith Sandusky and Mary Hays of the Burg were part of the chorus.

Others attending the concert from here were: Hal Hays and Leann, Jewell Dill, Mrs. Judy Farrell and Jackie, Janell Wade

Once again the Annual Chisholm Trail Drive made its "ride" thru the Burg Monday the 6th. The drive began at Denton on Saturday a.m. and ended at Rosston Monday p.m. the 6th. Local riders were "Doe" and Wilma Moseley.

Mrs. Clarice Merritt celebrated birthday a little early on Sunday May 5th. Helping with the celebration were husband Olin, three daughters and their family, one son and family plus other relatives and friends. I'm told May 7 is Clarice's birthday.

Millie and W.T. Reynolds were over in Bowie Thursday May 2 and went "a-calling" on Mrs. Joe Deham at the Bellmire Home.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Blankenship of Lindsay, Okla. spent the past weekend with her mother, Mrs. Louise Shults. On Monday the 6th, Louise Shults and Lyndell Richardson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon "Witt" Penton in their Gainesville home. "Witt" is recuperating from surgery. Then the two drove on to visit Louise's sister Nannie Mae Bonner in the Muenster Hospital where Nannie is undergoing a series of tests.

Mrs. Paula Barber and Angie and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Brien and three sons were May 4-5th visitors with the Clifford Hudspeths.

Want to add here that Clifford was admitted to Westgate Hospital in Denton Sunday afternoon May 5th. This was an emergency situation. Clifford is now undergoing tests of various types. We all wish you well, Clifford and our prayers are with you.

Mrs. Cleo Lanier was in Saint Jo Sunday afternoon May 5th to attend a wedding shower for Dale Romine and Stacy Martin. After this Cleo took in the open house of the Saint Jo Nursing Center.

Mrs. Bessie Greenwood is a patient in the Bowie Memorial Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenne Woods of Henrietta were met at Love Field Sunday May 5th by his parents, Charlene and Kenneth Woods, the Kenne Woods had attended a Dental Convention in San Antonio, from May 2 to May 5.

Perryman and I were very pleasantly surprised Sunday afternoon by a very nice visit from Ruth Smith of the Freemound area.

Bud Griffin of Wichita Falls is a patient in the General Hospital there after undergoing Gall stone surgery Monday a.m., May 6th. Bud is Vera Mae McGee's son-in-law.

May 4 - 5th weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Echols of Mallard were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leeper of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Leeper of Irving, Nancy Dunn and boys of Gainesville and Mrs. Hazel Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Putnam's May 4-5th weekend guests were Mrs. Becky Harwell of Denton and Bonita LePuma of Decatur.



FORESTBURG VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN
Laticia Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bell, is the valedictorian of Forestburg High School with an average of 97.40. Kendall Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holland, is the salutatorian with an average of 97.29. Forestburg High will have its baccalaureate service Sunday, May 26, 8 p.m., in the gym, and commencement will be Friday, May 30, 8 p.m., also in the gym.

Mrs. Tressie Scroggum of Throckmorton and her friend Audrey Benson of Wichita Falls spent Saturday the 4th with Cecil and Dorothy Foster. Tressie and Dorothy are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Cox of Pueblo, Colorado and Mrs. Elizabeth Cox visited with Loveta and Clifton Bewley Sunday May 5th and helped Loveta celebrate her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Cox will be in and out of the community visiting with relatives and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Miller of Irving spent the past weekend at their Dewey Retreat and took in the "Pot Luck" Supper at the new Community Center.

Mrs. Christy Rashid of Denton and Mrs. Tammy Brewer, Josh and Ryan of Fort Worth spent the past weekend with the Kenneth Hollands of Stone Point. They enjoyed horseback riding plus stunts on a three-wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Warford of Slidell and their daughter from the State Tenn. called on the Ted Jacksons Monday a.m. the 6th.

The former Ileen Watts Foster and her sister Frances of Decatur visited with Merle Hudspeth Monday afternoon May 6th and then went on to call on other folks in the area.

Fine Arts program held in Forestburg school

Connie Stockard, Artist in Residence with the Region IX Education Service Center, has worked in the Forestburg ISD for the past six weeks. The goal of her program has been to develop a clearer concept and understanding of Fine Arts.

Mrs. Stockard worked with all students, kindergarten through grade 8 during their allotted Fine

Arts time. Also, she worked with the high school fine arts classes.

Student activities ranged from creative poetry to painting with water colors, to creative expression and better awareness of oneself and others.

All of the Forestburg students were inspired, and productive during Mrs. Stockard's visitations.



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Bart Sirman, with an average of 93.84, is the valedictorian and Lisa Hamric, with an average of 93.20 is the salutatorian at the eighth grade graduation in Forestburg May 30, 8 p.m. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Sirman and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hamric.

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Above average rainfall received throughout most of the state since last October has provided growth conditions that should make 1985 an excellent year for control of mesquite with foliar applied her-

bicides. Data obtained from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research shows that high plant kills occur when monthly rainfall exceeds the average six months prior to spraying. To take

advantage of these optimum conditions, herbicides should be applied at the correct time and with proper application.

Abundant moisture received last fall should allow mesquite plants to develop a large quantity of leaves. Before herbicide is applied, these leaves should be fully extended and should have turned from light green to dark green in color. This usually occurs about 40 days after bud break. When the leaves have matured, the plants begin to restore carbohydrate reserves. Research from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Tech University has shown that soil temperature at 12-18 inches of depth at time of spraying should be 75 degrees F. or above to obtain best control. Soils may be slow to warm this year because of the high moisture levels. Results from Texas Tech research show that poor control of mesquite is obtained if herbicide is sprayed when soil temperature at 12-18 inches is below 75 degrees F.

According to research reported by Texas Tech University, food reserves are utilized during the period of pod elongation and application of herbicide during this period usually results in poor control. After the pods have elongated, storage of food reserves is again initiated and excellent control is obtained during this period. About 90 days after bud break, control with foliar applied herbicides decreases because of build up of wax on leaves and a general decrease in growth activity of the plants.

If frequent rains occur during the spray season, new leaf growth may be initiated. The new leaves should be allowed to mature before spraying. If mesquite foliage is damaged by insects, disease or hail, do not spray until new foliage has developed and matured.

With the registration of Grazon ET (triclopyr), four herbicides are registered and effective for control of mesquite on rangeland. These

herbicides are: 2, 4, 5-T, Grazon ET (triclopyr), Grazon PC (picloram) and Banvel (dicamba). 2, 4, 5-T, Grazon ET and Banvel, may be used alone for control of mesquite. However, a higher degree of control may be obtained by utilizing a 1:1 mixture of 2, 4, 5-T and picloram, a 1:1 mixture of dicamba and picloram, or a 1:1 mixture of triclopyr and picloram. The 1:1 mixture of 2, 4, 5-T and

dicamba may also be used. However, the control obtained is generally less than with the other mixtures.

The success of controlling mesquite with foliar applied herbicides depends on many factors. Therefore, to make sure that the maximum benefit is obtained from money spent, apply herbicides at the proper time, with the proper method, followed up with good range management.

FARM & RANCH

Biotechnology helps pinpoint new bacteria

Although many serve as helpful assistants in the production of cheeses, yogurt, beer and other everyday products, all bacteria are most often thought of as "bad guys," causing food to spoil and illness in humans and animals.

Scientists have long known that bacteria perform numerous beneficial tasks. However, new biotechnology techniques — some developed within the last six months — are allowing scientists to better understand and define the important roles that many bacteria play in everything, from making silage to maintaining animal health.

One of the most promising areas for increased use of bacteria is in the animal health field, according to Dr. Bruce Wren, manager of Animal Scientific Services for the Microbial Genetics Division of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

While certain bacteria can cause illness, scientists are assembling a long list of benefits provided to animals by other strains of bacteria. This includes a role as "soldiers" who help hold populations of undesirable bacteria in check.

Companies are now producing and marketing selected strains of beneficial bacteria. And livestock owners are increasingly using the new bacterial products to repopulate intestinal tracts of ill or stressed animals with beneficial bacteria.

A significant portion of this increase can most probably be credited to university research and field experience showing that cattle receiving cultures of beneficial bacteria get on feed faster and experience less sickness.

Among those who have studied the use of microbial cultures in cattle is Dr. Dave Bechtol, a feedlot consultant based in Canyon, Texas.

"The studies we've done on incoming cattle have shown a definite decrease in sickness when beneficial bacteria are administered," Dr. Bechtol says. "We've increased the performance of incoming feeder cattle. They gain better and perform better."

Although bacteria being incorporated into the new microbial products are identified and evaluated through use of highly advanced biotechnology techniques, Dr. Wren of Pioneer is quick to point out that these bacteria are not "genetically engineered." These are naturally-

occurring bacteria collected from the intestinal tracts of healthy animals.

Through use of biotechnology techniques, the bacteria are identified or "fingerprinted" and then each strain is evaluated for its ability to perform specific desired tasks.

Those having desired features are grown under carefully controlled conditions, packaged in a variety of forms which maintain viability of the bacteria, and marketed to livestock and pet owners.

"Just a few years ago we were only able to test about 10 strains per day," Wren says. "Now we can test hundreds. And computer technology helps us keep track of reams of data generated each day. With the aid of these new tools, we're convinced that even better bacterial products will be developed in the future, and use of these products will grow as livestock and pet owners increasingly recognize the benefits that these products provide their animals."

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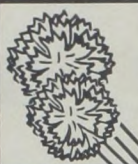
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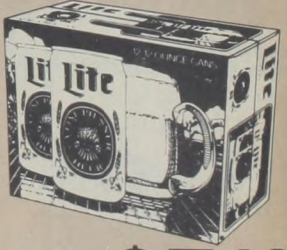
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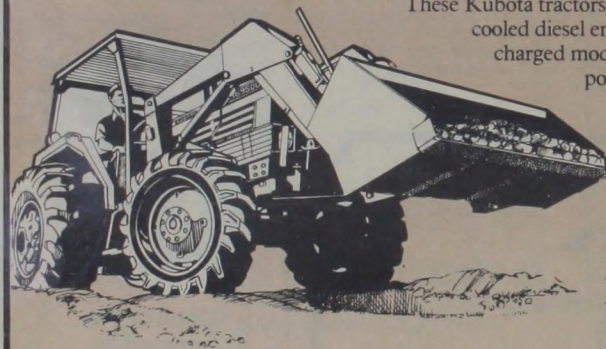
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— Rill erosion occurs on gentle slopes that have little protective vegetation. Water runoff on the slopes accumulates into small channels of only a few inches deep.

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—*/The term cropland here refers to crops which are planted annually such as soybeans, corn and wheat. It does not include perennial crops like orchards, nurseries and permanent haylands.

*Thirty million acres or 8% of the nation's total cropland—**/ are so highly erosive that no type of conservation practice can protect them. The only way to salvage these lands is to take them out of production, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

—**/The term total cropland refers to crops which are planted annually such as soybeans, corn and wheat as well as perennial crops like orchards, nurseries and permanent haylands.

*In terms of Sheer tonnage, Iowa experiences more sheet and rill (Rain induced) erosion than any other state. The most recent federal data indicates that Iowa each year is losing 245.2 million tons of soil from cultivated cropland. Other states losing vast quantities of soil from sheet and rill erosion include Illinois (171.7 million tons annually), Missouri (144.7 million tons), and Nebraska (103.7 million tons).

*Earthworms make the soil richer by digesting organic matter and recycling nutrients. One earthworm can digest 36 tons of soil in a year.

*The nation's cultivated cropland is eroding at an average rate in excess of 8 tons per acre each year, more than the rate at which eroded soils are replaced through natural processes. In some places the losses are much more severe. For example, some Tennessee farms are losing 150 tons per acre per year and some eastern Washington farms are losing 200 tons.

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**Stewardship a
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For the thirty first consecutive year, the National Association of Conservation Districts, along with almost 3,000 local districts throughout the nation, is sponsoring Soil Stewardship Week. In keeping with a tradition begun more than 1500 years ago, it is dated near the feast of Ascension when French peasants set aside the three days preceding the feast as Rogation Days, asking for Divine protection against crop failures that once caused widespread hunger.

The custom continued through the centuries, gradually evolving into a petition for a bountiful yield rather than the prayer to prevent storm and drought. It is well remembered by old timers of this community who recall that their parents brought the custom here and observed it for many years.

Times have changed considerably since then. Modern farmers are inclined to assume that they are expected to do more on their own. They have adopted the principles of soil stewardship with full conviction that proper care of the land will not only fulfill the sacred duty of saving and improving it but also increase production.

We get a certain satisfaction out of the thought that the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District is ahead of the nation in observance of Soil Stewardship Week. As the national association reminds us, the observance originated thirty one years ago. But this is the thirty sixth year of the Upper Elm-Red awards banquet honoring outstanding conservation farmers of the district. Another point of difference is that the local observance is usually ahead of Soil Stewardship Week. Perhaps it's better that way because harvest work is less likely to conflict with the very appropriate program.

Richly deserved congratulations are in order to the conservation champions of 1984 for their outstanding achievements. But they are only a few of the many. Hundreds of others are also conserving and improving, and they are included in the spirit of this week's program even though they are not specifically named. The combined result of their effort is what inspires the district's awards program and makes it significant.

The concept of soil stewardship implies that soil is sacred and that in the eternal plan no person owns the land he tills. Rather, he is a temporary steward with an obligation to return it to God as good or better than he received it.

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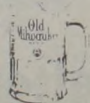
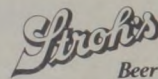


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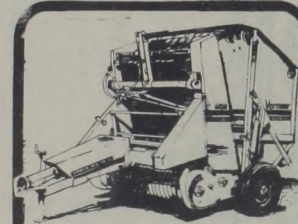
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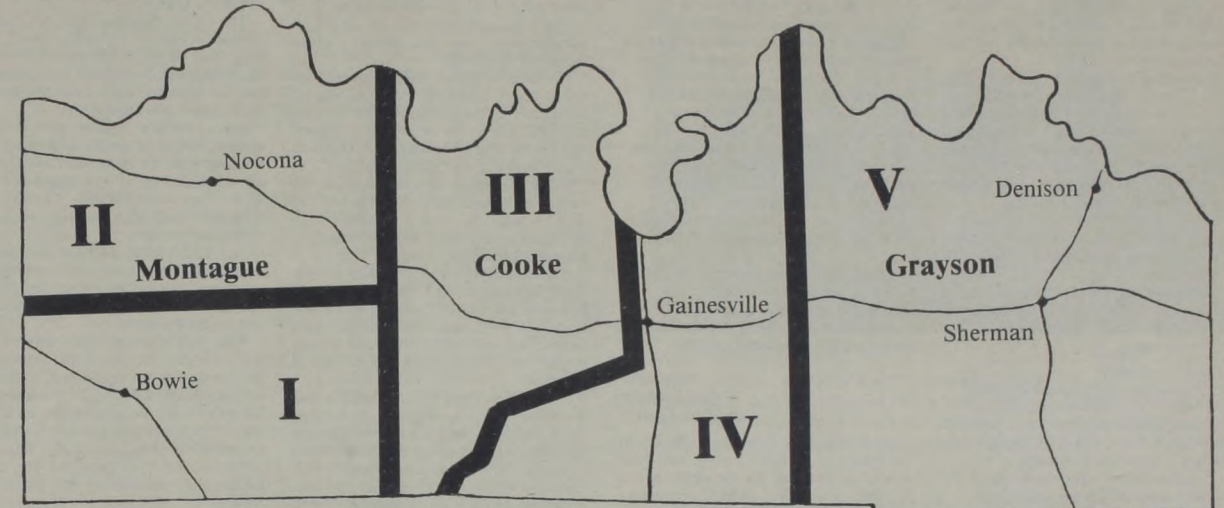


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Soil Stewardship Week — May 12-19

This week, May 12-19, is "Soil Stewardship Week" in the United States. The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District joins in the national observance to honor those who conserve the natural resources of this country, and to call attention to the need for conservation.

The theme of this year's observance is "Tomorrow Together" — an appropriate way to emphasize the fact that all of us who share the planet Earth depend on its limited resources for survival — especially the basic necessities of soil and water. Together, we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources entrusted to our care.

The Upper Elm-Red SWCD was organized in 1941 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local communities in this area a voluntary technical assistance program. Individuals of all races, colors and creeds can seek conservation assistance through the SWCD to meet the particular needs and capabilities of their land. There are nearly 3,000 such districts in the United States.

"Basically, it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested," said Clyde Hale of Sherman, chairman of the SWCD board of directors. That assistance may come in the form of advice on proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solutions to drainage problems and assistance to farmers and ranchers with crop, range and pastureland management.

Fifty years of service

April 27 marked the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service — a milestone in a voluntary conservation movement that has involved more than two million farmers, ranchers and other landowners and operators.

"SCS can be proud of what it has done," said Billy C. Griffin,

State Conservationist for the SCS in Temple. "It has helped to reduce soil erosion, conserve water, reduce flooding, improve rangeland and protect other natural resources."

"In Texas, about 200,000 landowners and operators voluntarily apply conservation measures with SCS assistance," he added. "They have built more than 220,000 miles of terraces, applied conservation tillage on 2.9 million acres of cropland, and are using planned grazing systems, with regular rest periods, on 13 million acres of grassland."

SCS technical assistance is available through 201 locally-run soil and water conservation districts, such as the Upper Elm-Red SWCD which serves Montague, Cooke and Grayson counties.

SCS efforts in promoting conservation tillage and planned grazing systems today parallel the agency's early efforts in convincing farmers to use contour stripcropping, terraces, crop rotations and other practices that returned eroded fields to productive cropland and pasture. Along the way, the SCS has achieved an international reputation in the field of soil and water conservation.

What has been accomplished in 50 years is the result of federal and state agencies working together with local groups to solve the nation's soil and water problems. The leadership and investment of farmers and ranchers has been vital to the effort, along with the support of conservation districts and professional organizations, and the dedication of people from all walks of life who feel a sincere sense of stewardship for the land.

Everyone in the United States has benefitted from the protection of soil productivity and a cleaner environment. The SCS and the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District are working together with the good stewards of this area to make this a better, more productive place to live.

Budget cuts threaten SCS activities

by Bob Buckel

Debate continues on the federal budget for fiscal 1986, in which massive funding cuts are proposed for the Soil Conservation Service.

According to Dan Waggoner in U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office, those who support the SCS are "hoping for a freeze" in funding at the 1985 level. The President's proposed budget would slash funding by more than 25 percent, from its current level of \$603.3 million to \$456.2 million.

"The House (of Representatives) hasn't moved yet," Waggoner said. "The budget is being debated right now in the Senate."

Waggoner referred our inquiry to the office of Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, who responded with the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Buckel:

As requested when you talked with one of my staff, here is a summary of the changes that were proposed in the President's Fiscal Year 1986 budget for the Soil Conservation Service.

Conservation is a popular topic of discussion in the Congress right now, with much negotiation taking place regarding appropriate funding levels. What the final outcome will be is yet to be determined, of course, since the budget debates are just starting on the

Senate floor. I plan to watch this closely, though, as I am a firm believer in the need to conserve our natural resources.

There will have to be some budget cuts made in many areas — conservation included, I'm sure — because of the overriding need to reduce the federal deficit. We simply cannot continue indefinitely accumulating debt at the current rate. The impact is just too great on production costs, product prices, and even the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies in international trade. Of prime importance is the effect the deficit has on interest rates.

Tough decisions are going to have to be made, but we must take care to ensure that vital services are not eliminated in the process. Conservation is one area I'll be watching closely.

Sincerely,
Thad Cochran
United States Senator

An aide in Sen. Cochran's office said "it could be awhile" before any final verdict is reached on the SCS and a number of other federal programs whose fates hang in the balance as the budget debate goes on.

"There is a lot of interest in it (the SCS)," he said. "Senator Cochran is a real supporter of the need, but the whole

budget deficit is the major concern right now. A lot of things come into play."

The aide said there will be "a lot of compromises" on the budget before things are finalized.

"A lot of this stuff is done in a round-about way," he added. "No one has introduced anything specifically on the SCS yet. It's in the negotiation process right now, and it's going to be hard to even figure out who the players are."

While declining to speculate on the outcome of the debate, the aide said the SCS would be "very difficult" to eliminate completely from the budget.

Cuts would be deep, wide
The cuts in the budget which is now being debated on the Senate floor would basically reduce SCS personnel to one man per office. In the districts with more than one field office, the offices would be consolidated at a central location.

The one SCS man left in each office would serve as a catalyst for solving local problems, and aid in coordinating the planning and design of conservation projects. SCS would concentrate its efforts on high-priority critical resource problems caused by excessive soil erosion and inefficient use of limited water supplies.

On-site assistance for installation of all conservation practices would have to

be provided by state and local agencies or private sources.

The 1986 funding level of \$453.2 million would be a transition to a funding level of just \$200 million in 1987, thus slashing the agency's funding 67 percent in two years and eliminating more than 9,000 employees.

All cost-share funds, except those already obligated under long-term contracts with ACP, Watershed and GPCP, are scheduled to be terminated in 1986. The Plant Materials Centers at Kingsville and Nacogdoches would be eliminated as well.

No funds would be provided for new watershed construction, making it necessary for sponsors to handle all operation and maintenance on already constructed projects.

The Soil Conservation Service has been making an effort to reduce the federal deficit for more than a decade: an examination of the SCS budget for 1976 and 1986 shows a decline of \$231.2 million in continuing soil and water conservation programs in actual dollars — a reduction of 53.6 percent. The SCS' budget has declined every year since 1976.

Conservationists have said the proposed cuts would be "devastating" to local conservation programs across the nation.

Grassland management critical this season

Due to last year's drought

Grassland and other forage plants that were grazed short during last year's drought are in a weakened condition and will recover much faster if managed properly during the 1985 growing season according to Ray J. Svacina, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Gainesville.

Svacina said producers who sold their livestock last year should develop a grazing plan that considers the need of these weakened plants before they buy back.

"Our better range plants are very low in vigor right now due to the drought," Svacina said. "The more rest we can give them this year, the faster they will begin to regain their productivity."

"People who are stocking back now should consider stocking at a lower rate for at least a year, to give the grass a chance to get ahead of the livestock," he said. "And remember, we don't have any assurance that we won't be back in a drought by the end of this year."

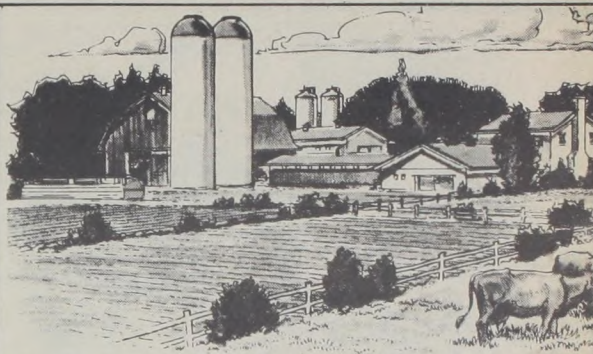
Svacina said since we now have

adequate moisture, this would be an excellent time to install a planned grazing system so all pastures could be rested sometime during the current growing season.


"If you have cropland, you might also want to consider growing some forage sorghum this year," he added. "You could graze it to take some pressure off your grassland until later in the year. If you have improved pastures or bermudagrass or kleingrass, you might also fertilize it and run livestock on it to rest rangeland."

Svacina noted, however, that some tame pastures are so low in vigor that weeds have taken over. This land needs weed control, fertilization, and rotational grazing.

SCS personnel assisting landowners in the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District can help producers work out a planned grazing system or a grazing plan to help improve drought-stressed grassland.



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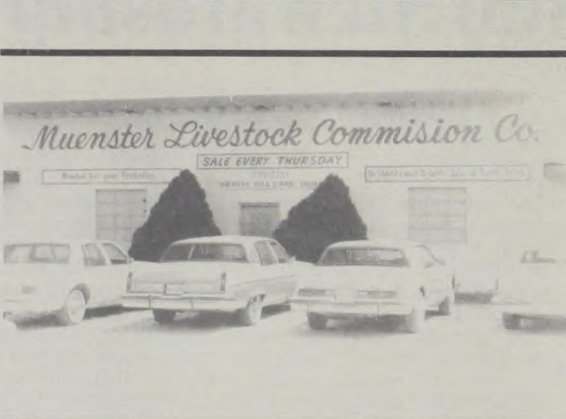
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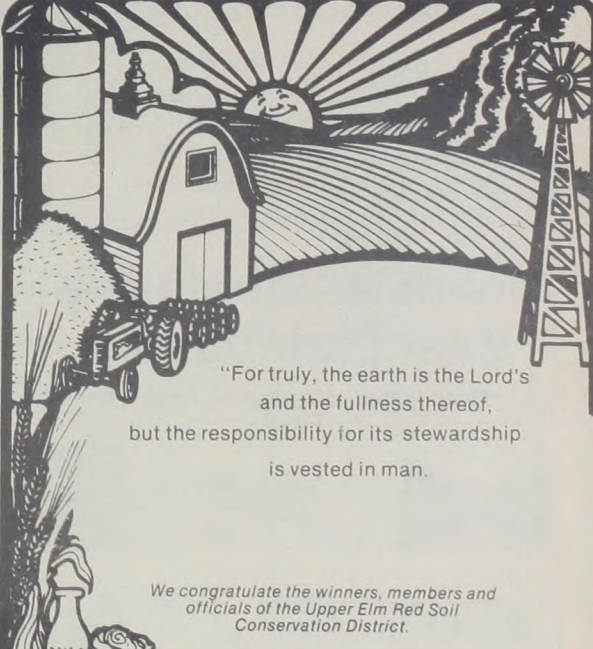


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“Confetti” lauds conservation ideal

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one's job for God and posterity, the better for one's self. Conservation farmers are the prosperous farmers. They learned long ago that right practices result in better production and better living.

This applies to the communities and the nation as well as to individuals. Except for the good work done by soil stewards the dreaded food shortage once predicted for America and now existing in a number of unfortunate other countries might be causing us much concern.

As it is, production is not our problem. U.S. farmers are the world's greatest food producers providing abundance for ourselves plus many more people elsewhere. The nation's farm problem now is to compensate our good soil stewards adequately for doing their part and to adopt distribution policies that will bring the most benefit to our own needs and those abroad.

In this connection, we think of U.S. food shipments to starving Ethiopians which were diverted by the Marxists for political purposes. With confidence in the good will and integrity of our government, we look to better conditions for our farmers as well as the hungry

people. Meanwhile, we can proudly say that farmers are doing their part toward providing a better life.

However, this is not the time to rest on our laurels. The future calls on conservationists to keep up the good work, practicing proven methods of saving soil and water and increasing production and finding more ways to produce food, and fiber.

We like to think that the combination of ambition and ingenuity will keep on moving ahead so that the confrontation of supply and demand can be delayed indefinitely. We can imagine development of farming techniques to increase yields even more. We can imagine further progress in livestock and poultry breeding and feeding to produce more meat, milk and eggs. We can imagine a surge in fish farming and edible vegetation from ponds and lakes. We are confident that food production will keep advancing, and are also confident that conservation farmers will have a big part in the future farming methods.

We like to think also that science and technology will help along, that research will make food out of plants not used now and out of by-products that are



DIRECTORS OF THE Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District are (front, l-r) Andrew Enderby, zone four; Jake G. Biffle Jr., zone three and secretary of the board; (back, l-r) Bob Beckham, zone two; Clyde Hale, zone five and chairman of the board; and James K. Brite Jr., zone one and vice-chairman of the board.

wasted now. Hopefully, consumers will do their bit by wasting less, thereby relieving some food shortage and causing less pollution.

When the district awards program

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Soil Conservation Essay Contest winners

1st place, Kimberley Key

Soil and water conservation is not a new idea. Even early people had the need for conservation. Also, many nations of the world have declined because of unwise use of natural resources.

When the colonists first came to America, they found a land of forests, abundant wildlife, and fertile soil. It was a land richer than any they had ever seen. Soil that had never been farmed, streams that were alive with fish, and flocks of birds that darkened the sky.

The colonists cut down the trees to clear the land for farms. The farmers wore out the soil by planting the same crops over and over. Hunters shot bison and birds by the thousands. Nature always gave them more than enough.

More and more people came to live in America, and by 1850 the country was no longer wilderness. As the country grew, people realized that the wealth of the land was not endless after all.

Now, in the 1980's, the horizon is filled with skyscrapers. Synthetic goods and chemicals are dumped on land and in streams everywhere. Food is grown hydroponically for lack of land. Many lakes are polluted beyond reason. People just aren't aware of the dangers in wasting our natural resources.

Conservation is not just for the farmers and factories; it's for everyone. It is time that the people of today realize that the wealth of our land is not endless. In order for our grandchildren to have the things we have today, we are going to have to conserve our soil and water now.



Kimberley Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Key, is a student at Denison High School

2nd place, Scott Spencer

The last of the "Outsiders" were being brought into the doomed city by government agents. The outside world was no longer inhabitable because of the dwindled supply of fresh water and the lack of food. The dust storms had forced all of the world's people into the controlled environment of geothermal domes. The outside world was a sad sight indeed.

The decline of the world had started many years earlier when the government failed to take steps to conserve soil and water. Farmers were left without the necessary funds for soil fertilization, making the topsoil lose the proper nutrients needed for growing crops. Without the grains necessary for feeding cattle, the world's meat supply became almost nonexistent. The useless topsoil remaining encircled the earth in the form of a dust cloud. The world's soil disappeared from the surface of the earth forever.

About the same time, the world's water supply dipped to an all time low. The failure of countries to build dams and lakes to contain the fresh water had resulted in an increased supply of impure water. The people of the world failed to conserve the remaining water and scientists were not able to convert the remaining salt water into fresh water. Along the same line, floods had caused a great deal of erosion in the remaining fertile soil, and acid rain began to poison the environment. There was no fresh water left in the outside world.

The few people left in the world were shoved into uncomfortable domes where the food was grown from chemicals. The water was made by the new techniques of fusing hydrogen and oxygen atoms together. Nothing seemed to go right in the new world of domes. The people grew restless and unhappy and finally died from misery.

None of this would have happened if mankind had stopped and had taken time to conserve the soil and water essential to the earth's survival. Man failed to do this task, and doom was the final result.



Scott Spencer, son of Ed and Carolyn Spencer, is a student at Denison High School

3rd place, Dana Dankesreiter

Conservation is the intelligent use of natural resources in man's environment. Since natural resources vary widely in the degree of their scarcity and only a part of them are renewable, there are wide differences in how they should be used. When satisfactory substitutes are available, they should be used in order to save scarce minerals for their most useful purposes.

Soil and fresh water are the basic natural resources of most concern to man and are believed to be in abundant supply for all time to come. Since they are linked by nature they must be considered together.

Soils contain living organisms, decaying plants and animals, and essential elements for plant growth. Most of the products supplying man with food, shelter and clothing come directly or indirectly from such plant growth. Misuse and abuse of the soil have resulted in the loss of some of the topsoil. As a result of this loss, the land no longer is equipped with the necessary minerals to provide for the growth of vegetation which it had earlier been able to support.

Some land erosion is prevented with strip cropping, contour planting, and the rotation of crops.

Water has been regarded as a permanent and abundant resource. Yet, uncontrolled runoff has caused much soil erosion and loss of fertility and many serious floods resulting in losses of life and property. Intelligent use of water does not mean its free use but the controlled use of it to assure maximum value to all the people. Some of the control must be supplied by federal, state, and local units. The conservation, management, utilization and controlled disposal of water is one of the most complex conservation problems.

Water and soil are essential to man's existence because man depends on them both for food, clothing, and shelter.

Dana Dankesreiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dankesreiter, is a student at Muenster High School



Planned grazing practiced here

Technique designed to improve both benefits and rangeland

Increasing production of beef, wool or mohair with little extra expense is one benefit of a relatively new grazing technique being used in the Gainesville area.

Ray J. Svacina, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Gainesville, says the technique is what range scientists call a planned grazing system.

"A planned grazing system merely means you rest, or defer from grazing, pastures in a planned sequence," Svacina said. "Several producers in our area are using the method and each system has its own advantages and disadvantages."

"But what is important is that they all work when carried out properly, and they all improve benefits while improving rangeland. The key is to graze and rest all pastures in a regular sequence, especially during the growing season."

The most simple system used locally is

called a two-pasture, one-herd system: one herd of livestock is rotated between two pastures about every four months.

Other systems include a three-pasture, one-herd system; a three-pasture, two-herd system; a four-pasture, three-herd system; a short duration grazing system (eight or more pastures grazed in rotation with one herd); a cell grazing system; a high-intensity, low-frequency system or whatever.

Resting rangeland during the growing season breaks the continuous pressure put on better plants when livestock are allowed to graze pastures all year long. Since livestock prefer plants high in protein, they bite them off daily while leaving plants lower in protein untouched. This weakens the more desirable plants while inferior plants are allowed to thrive and multiply.

Resting rangeland in a planned sequence gives the better plants a chance to compete and multiply, thus increasing the amount of high-quality plants

available per acre.

Nearly all rangeland pastures also have areas where livestock concentrate — such as around water, bedding grounds and feeding grounds. Under continuous use, these areas are always overgrazed and never produce up to their potential due to low plant vigor of the better plants. By resting pastures, you allow these plants to rapidly increase vigor, thicken the stand, increase forage production and reduce erosion.

Resting also breaks the selective grazing pressure that continuous use

puts on the more productive range sites. In a pasture with both deep clay and shallow soils, livestock usually tend to overgraze deep sites under continuous grazing. Because of this overgrazing, they seldom produce to their capability.

SCS personnel who give technical assistance to landowners and operators through the local Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District can help producers work out grazing systems to fit their individual needs. For information, call 668-7794.

Soil samplings

*Kentucky leads all other states in the amount of soil lost per acre from sheet and rill (rain induced) erosion. The most recent federal data indicates that each

acre of cultivated cropland in the state is losing 11.7 tons of soil each year. Other states with high rates of sheet and rill erosion include Tennessee (11.5 tons per acre annually), Missouri (11 tons per acre), Iowa (9.6 tons per acre), Virginia (7.9 tons per acre), Pennsylvania (7.7 tons per acre), Alabama (7.6 tons per acre), North Carolina (7.1 tons per acre), Illinois (7.1 tons per acre) and Massachusetts (7.1 tons per acre).

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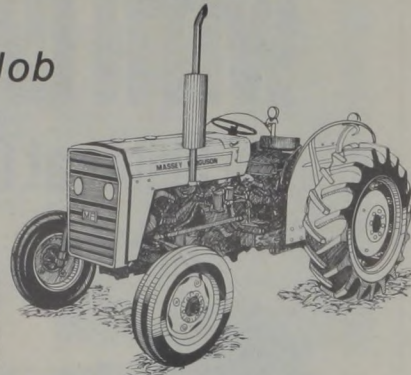
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Hinkle's philosophy earns Zone 1 honors

A desire to see a piece of land get better and better is the philosophy of Lloyd Hinkle, Zone 1 Conservation Farmer of the Year.

Hinkle became a member of the Upper-Elm Red Soil and Water Conservation District in 1977 after purchasing 581 acres of land near Forestburg in the Dry Valley bottom. Most of the land was in undesirable brush with a few fields that had been farmed to melons and forage sorghums. He began immediately to clear the brush out of the bottoms and plant to Coastal Bermudagrass. The cutover oak on the hills was chained.

In 1980, an additional 1606 acres joining this land was purchased, which was in about the same condition as the original 581 acres.

In the short span of time since 1977, Hinkle has established Bermudagrass on 384 acres by clearing elm, cottonwood, willow, oak, and associated species, and sprigging. He has improved 1766 acres of rangeland from a wooded range in fair condition to a bluestem range in high good to excellent condition by carrying out brush management, range seeding, deferred grazing and proper grazing use. A floodwater retarding structure is located on the land, consisting of 23 acres, dam, spillway, and

sediment pool.

Much work was needed to improve this 2187 acres, which Hinkle states has seen more improvement than any of the four that he has owned.

Some of the statistical information on land improvements are: 300 acres of land cleared for pasture; 1473 acres of brush management by chaining; chemical control of regrowth with 245-T and grassland pellets; range seeded 130 acres; critical area treatment on 8 acres; pasture planting on 384 acres; built 3.5 miles of cross fences; 2 ponds; 2 grade stabilization structures; drilled a water well; built 216 feet of livestock water pipeline, and carried out pasture management and proper grazing use on all of his land.

Improving land is nothing new to Hinkle. He was reared on a dairy farm near Springtown in Parker County. For 30 years, he was in the banking business, during which time he owned and improved 3 farm, purchasing his first farm in 1962. He retired from banking in 1980 to spend full time improving their land.

Hinkle loves to work with the land. All the work that is done on the land has been done by himself and his son, Wayne. They own two dozers plus other equipment needed to do land improvement. He is one of the first to try



ZONE ONE WINNER LLOYD HINKLE works in his shop.

new ideas in conservation and other farming methods. He has just installed a freeze-proof water trough in the back of a pond dam for livestock watering.

Almost any day you go out to Dry Valley, you will see the Hinkles out working, making improvements to the land.

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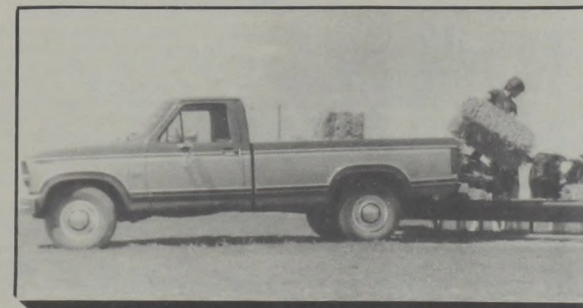
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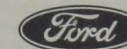
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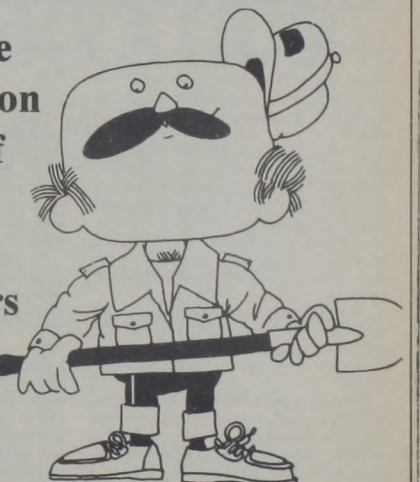


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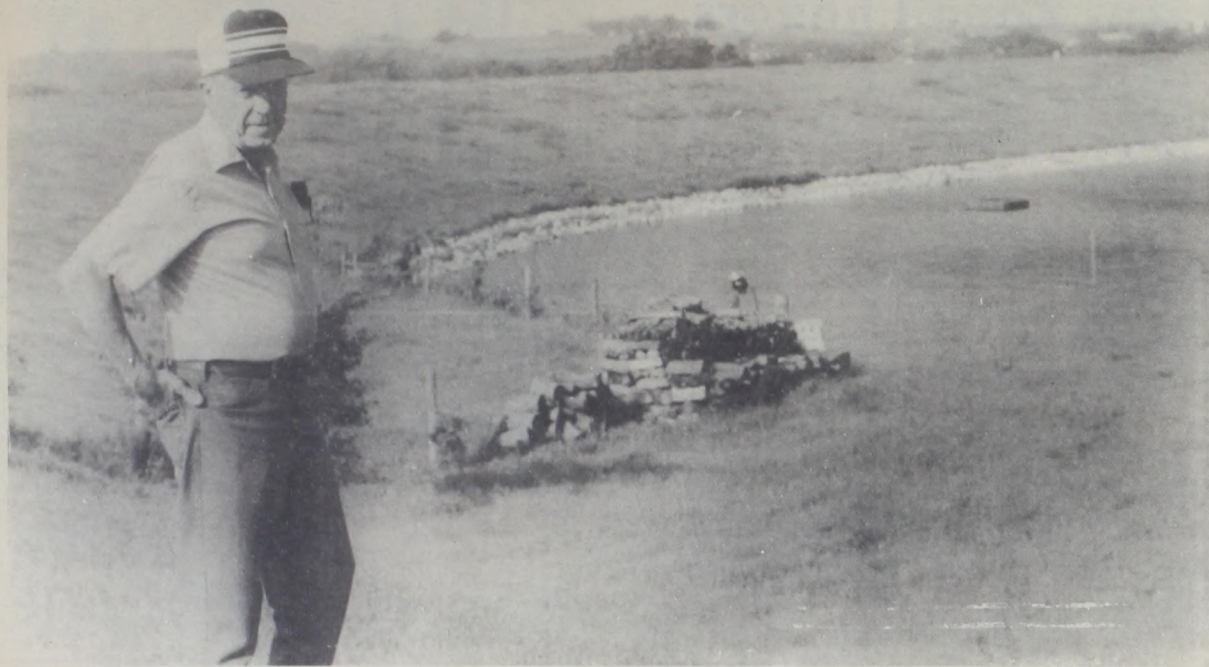
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RETIRING CONSERVATION WORKER Ray Endres has helped put in a lot of conservation structures during his 35 years with SCS.

Endres steps down after 35 years

by Bob Buckel

"I feel like I had the most satisfying job in the SCS. I could see it being put on the ground, and see the results. I see a lot of my tracks when I look around this area."

For the past 35 years, Ray Endres of Muenster has left tracks all over North Texas: terraces, ponds, grade stabilizing structures and grass plantings. Endres retired last month from the Soil Conservation Service, ending an era that saw a lot of progress toward conservation of our country's limited soil and water resources.

"I was farming in 1949 — I had quit milking — and they needed a clerk in the office," Endres recalls. "I went in and they jumped on me. I've been there ever since."

Endres, a native of Muenster, started as a clerk-aid for the SCS on November 14, 1949. He did office work, but he also worked "in the field" whenever the paperwork was all done. In 1952 the SCS did away with the clerk's position in the field offices, and Endres went to the area office in Gainesville.

He came back to Muenster in January of '53 as a conservation aide, and held that title here for 20 years. His job was to take the plan drawn up in the office

by the engineers and conservationists, and turn it into reality on a piece of land.

"I guess the biggest challenge about my job was being able to get grade stabilizing structures built properly so they could withstand those heavy rains," he says. "This is problem soil to work with. It's just a matter of designing them to a proper size, getting them built and maintaining them. We lost some in the big floods of '81."

During his career, Endres has worked from Bonham to Bowie to McKinney to Denton, and all points in-between. He has seen many changes in the way the SCS runs, both in the office and in the field.

"It's been a pretty interesting career," he says. "I don't know where 35 years went. The SCS doesn't pay enough, so you've got to be interested in what you're doing and enjoy your work, to stay with them. I always got a lot of satisfaction out of seeing what I had done."

Endres recalls with a smile how many a farmer has told him a terrace "is going uphill as sure as the world."

"Then it rains and he sees you knew what you were doing after all," he laughs. "Of course, I pulled a few boo-

boos every now and then, too. But I've never had to pay for one yet."

Before Endres went to work, a soil conservationist usually went out first to consult with the client landowner and determine his place's conservation needs. After a hard look at the problems, the conservationist and the farmer would draw up a plan and a schedule to follow in implementing that plan. Then Endres and his crew would stake it and begin construction.

Endres started out with small projects and was trained, learning much of his trade from Lee Toothaker of Muenster, who was over the local office when he started. Later, Endres helped the newer employees with more complicated plans, and in 1975 he was promoted to civil engineering technician — a job involving a lot more design work.

"Montague County is one of the most critical counties in the state as far as gully erosion is concerned," he says. "The soil is sandy and deep — it's not unusual to find a gully over there 40 feet deep. We spend a lot of time building grade stabilizing structures, just trying to keep them from getting deeper."

"They used to say, when I first started, that we were going to be through in 20 years," Endres recalls.

"Now, I think it's going to be a never-ending thing. Technology changes. We do things a lot differently now than we did 30 years ago, and 20 years from now they'll think we didn't know anything. I don't think we'll ever whip it — there'll always be a need for conservation."

Endres says the best part of his job was working with people who were concerned about the land.

"I've been lucky working in Muenster most of my career. There's never been a slack period. These people are concerned, and they're diversified as far as land use goes. It's an interesting place to work."

He says he's never had a boss he didn't like, although there were some he "was a little concerned about" when he found out they were going to be his boss.

In between all the work, he found time to help Elitha, his wife of 44 years, raise their nine children. They've got 16 grandkids now, including three sets of twins, two of which were born within 10 days of each other last month.

"I've enjoyed it tremendously," he says of his career in the SCS. "These are good people I've worked with."

And Ray has left some pretty good tracks on their land.

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Commissioners earn special award

The board of directors of Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District have selected the Cooke County commissioners court for a special award.

The commissioners court has done outstanding work in carrying out operation and maintenance on the 39 flood control dams on Elm Fork Creek, a subwatershed of the Trinity River.

For many years, landowners in the watershed suffered the constant of flood damage. During heavy rains, flood waters caused extensive damage to soil, crops, bridges, fences, roads, livestock, and other property. Silt deposited by floods severely damaged thousands of acres of valuable bottomland. Hundreds of residents in the City of Gainesville feared the threat of floodwater since the creek flows through the city.

A Flood Prevention Work Plan on Elm Fork Creek was developed between the Upper Elm-Red SWCD and the Soil Conservation Service.

In June of 1956 this plan specified the land treatment and structural practices needed to contribute directly to flood prevention.

In February 1960, the Watershed Work Plan was supplemented. County Judge Shelby signed the agreement obligating the county to handle operations and maintenance of the work of improvements.

It was determined that the county will benefit from flood prevention through the reduction of damage to property, including county roads and bridges that are located within the flood plain of the watershed.

The county has carried out the agreement signed in 1960. The commissioners court has spent more than \$27,000 for maintenance of the 39 flood control dams on Elm Fork Creek.

The Court was faced with additional expense after the flood of 1981. Seven of the dams were damaged during the flood. Their part was \$31,000 for repairs of the dams. At least annually, the plans are reviewed with the Commissioners, conservation district and the Soil Conservation Service.

The Elm Fork Creek Sub Watershed is 94 miles long. It starts near Saint Jo in Montague County and empties into the Trinity River near Dallas. It covers over 250,000 acres of drainage. Floods occurred several times a year prior to the flood prevention program and caused high annual damage. Between 1923 and 1942, there were 12 major floods that cover more than one half of the flood plain, and 23 smaller floods.

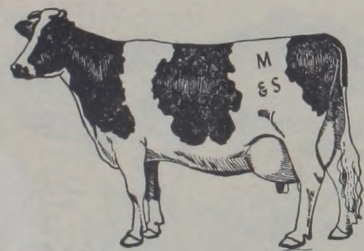
One more dam remains to be constructed on the Elm Fork Creek. It is the multipurpose dam for the City of Muenster. Acquisition of land will begin for the dam in the near future.



COOKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT includes (l-r) Robert Bayer, Jerry Lewis, county judge Jim Robertson, Kenneth Alexander and Danny Knight.

The Cooke County Commissioners are doing their part to make the flood prevention plan work on Elm Fork Creek. Court members are, Judge Jim Robertson, he has served 4 years. Commissioner William D. "Danny" Knight

started in January 1, 1985. Commissioner Kenneth Alexander has served 6 years. Commissioner Robert Bayer has served 16 years. Commissioner Jerry Lewis has served 8 years.



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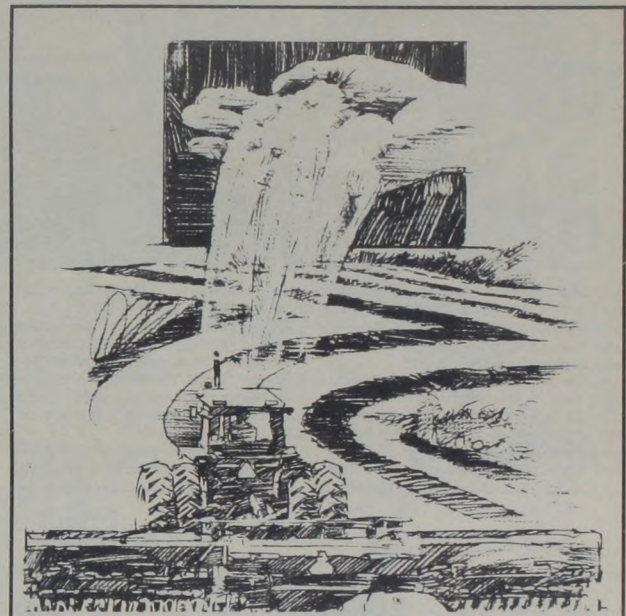
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CHARLES T. EDWARDS, agriculture teacher at Forestburg, was named the Texas Teacher of the Year for 1984 at a meeting in Corpus Christi last October. The award was presented by the State Soil and Water Conservation District at its annual convention. Edwards was also named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Sportsman's Clubs of Texas.



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Zone II winner gets most from land



RICHARD HARALSON of Spanish Fort combines conservation with high productivity. Here he examines some of his pecan trees

Beef production on Montague County pastures is always a product of the quality and quantity of grass growth. This is the thought of Richard Haralson who ranches near Spanish Fort.

Richard and his wife Carol bought their farm in December 1978. Many of the 262 acres were eroded with gullies eating away their topsoil. Richard signed an agreement with the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District soon after

purchase and entered into a Great Plains Conservation Program in 1979.

The first step was to seed the eroding areas to Kleingrass and Switchgrass.

"The land is most productive when held in place" states Haralson. "Kleingrass and Switchgrass seemed like the best combination of grasses for my mixed soils."

Much of the low ground was infested with brush. Removal of this brush has

added 130 acres to his productivity base. Coastal bermuda was established in this area. The brush control also opened up many pecan trees that Haralson manages as a cash crop.

Due to coastal bermuda's undesirability during the winter, Haralson has experimented with a Sod-seeding drill to overseed Wheat and Arrowleaf clover. "Overseeding seems like a profitable way to add quality forage at a

time when cattle are high," states Haralson.

Wheat is also a major cash crop on this operation. A diversion was built above the wheat field to divert outside water off the wheat field.

Cross fences are used to rotate cattle to the fresh pastures where ample water has been established. Two of the ponds are Spring-fed so Haralson installed a pipe through the dams to regulate the water level and keep the spillway dry. "This year I have kept the water running for about three months. The water level is still at the spillway," Haralson said. "When my crossfences are completed, I'll put another drinking trough downstream to water another pasture."

With all of the production emphasis, Haralson still has left room for wildlife. The brush along the cliff was left for erosion control, deer and bird habitat, and beautification.

To supplement family income, Haralson does custom hay baling and pean management.

The Directors of the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District recognize a job well done and name Richard as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of Zone II.

A tour through the Haralson Farm shows that conservation of our land and maximum sustained returns are obtainable and really go hand-in-hand.

Fact sheets available through local SCS

A set of fact sheets about rangeland management in the Southwest is now available from the Soil Conservation Service.

Ray J. Svacina, district conservationist for SCS at Gainesville, said the fact sheets are designed to help livestock producers figure out how to reverse the general decline in rangeland productivity that has occurred this century in the western states.

One leaflet, entitled, "How Plants Grow" describes how plants manufacture food in their leaves using solar energy to produce most of the food and fiber in the world today. It cautions that excessive leaf removal through overgrazing reduces production and

weakens root systems.

"Proper Grazing Use" outlines some principles livestock producers can use to determine if range plants are being damaged by excessive grazing pressure. The "Prescribed Burning" fact sheet summarizes how producers are using burns in some parts of the Southwest to suppress undesirable plants to improve rangeland.

"Planned Grazing Systems" outlines several kinds of graze-rest techniques that can greatly improve rangeland at little expense. Other fact sheets cover such subjects as plant succession, rangeland inventories, livestock distribution, brush management, wildlife on rangeland, erosion control and the water cycle.

Soil samplings

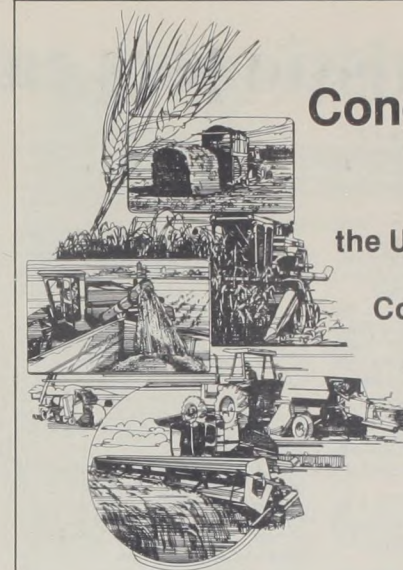
*When we see soil, we think of it as dirt. But that was not always the case. Originally the word "dirt" meant excrement, and "soil" meant earth or ground. In the 18th century, as industrial centers grew, "dirt" began to

refer to mud, soil, mold, or earth. "Soil" became a verb, meaning to dirty, to contaminate with filth.

*An acre of soil may be the home for 5 to 10 tons of animal life.

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Mrs. Hunt is Zone 5 winner



MRS. W.O. HUNT
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Mrs. W.O. Hunt was chosen as the outstanding conservationist for Zone 5 of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation for 1984.

Zone 5 includes all of Grayson County. Mrs. Hunt owns and operates three farms totaling 418 acres, consisting of 175 acres pastureland 82 acres hayland and 155 acres of wildlife. Her ranching operations consists of commercial cattle.

Since becoming a cooperater with the district in 1977, Mrs. Hunt has done an excellent job of carrying out conservation practices on her land. Conservation practices planned, with assistance from Soil Conservation Service technicians and applied by her include, 37 acres of gullies that were filled and

smoothed by dozing and established to coastal bermudagrass, 50 acres of undesirable brush was cleared and established to coastal bermudagrass along with 129 acres of old needlegrass fields.

Fences totaling 9900 linear feet were constructed to control grazing in pastures, four ponds were constructed to provide water for livestock in each pasture.

Mrs. Hunt has done an excellent job of carrying out pasture and hayland management by applying fertilizer and controlling weeds, proper stocking and rotating grazing between pastures. This type of management helps increase plant vigor, production and also does an excellent job of preventing soil erosion.

Since all of her land borders on the Haggerman Refuge the importance of wildlife is apparent to Mrs. Hunt. She has retained 155 acres of native trees, brush forbs and grass for food and cover for dove, quail, and deer.

Mrs. Hunt is a strong supporter of Soil Conservation and recommend anyone starting out to conserve and protect their natural resources to develop a conservation plan to be carried out over several years, then schedule specific conservation practices to be applied annually in the proper sequence and stick with it.

It has worked for her.

Soil samplings

*The United States is losing 6.5 billion tons of soil each year due to erosion, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This amount of soil would fill 320 million dump trucks, which if parked end-to-end would extend to the moon and three-quarters of the way back.

*It takes 250 to 1,000 years for

moth Nature to build one inch of top-soil.

*Cropland erosion in the U.S. is concentrated on a small proportion of the land. In 1977, for example, 43% of the total tonnage of sheet and rill (rain caused) erosion occurred on only 6%, or 25 million acres, of total cropland.

*One teaspoon of soil contains as

many as five billion bacteria and one million protozoa.

*There are about 70,000 different soil types in the United States which vary by origin, parent materials, age and climate. Some of these soils can claim surprising origins. The mid-Western American soils, for example, contain silt blown all the way from Asia.

Burning wastes nitrogen

Conservation tillage uses wheat stubble

Burning wheat stubble is bad business. For an average wheat crop, burning stubble sends about 10 dollars worth of nitrogen fertilizer an acre up in smoke. All nitrogen in residue is lost by burning.

Using conservation tillage, however, you can plant in wheat stubble, and use the nitrogen that is tied up in the residue said Ray Svacina, district conservationist for USDA's Soil Conservation Service at Gainesville.

"The use of wheat residue is especially important in the Upper Elm Red Soil and Water Conservation District, where more than 150,000 acres of wheat are planted annually," Svacina continued.

This practice, depending upon equipment used, leaves from 90 to 30 percent residue on the ground after planting.

"When residue decomposes in the soil surface, the nitrogen is made available for the next crop. In addition to the nitrogen, decomposing stubble adds organic matter to the soil, helps control erosion, reduces soil moisture loss, and improves soil aeration, tilth, and permeability. The stubble also helps provide a habitat for such wildlife as pheasants, rabbits, and quail."

Svacina said to make the nitrogen in the residue available requires the activity of numerous soil organisms. They flourish in a soil rich in organic matter.

"One important organism is the earthworm," Svacina said. "Research has shown that earthworms increase when a dependable supply of crop is available."

"They digest the organic matter and pass nutrient-enriched soil through their bodies. This recycles nutrients and makes the soil richer. In addition, their tunnels allow air and water to penetrate soil more rapidly. Burning stubble takes away possible organic matter."

"Don't pollute the air by burning money — that is, wheat stubble. Use conservation tillage to keep your nitrogen, protect against erosion, and improve the soil."

For more information on conservation tillage practices to use on your land, contact the local office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service.



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Hermes family wins honor in Zone three

William and Mary Hermes live on and operate their 285 acre farm in the Southwest part of the county. They also lease over 900 acres in the community. They became District Cooperators in 1972.

William is a conservationist. Since he moved on this farm in 1953, he has been concerned about many things, but two were always at the top of the list. They are soil and water. He relates to his farming as "a family operation." He is a strong believer in the family farm, "something we see disappearing throughout the nation."

While discussing his operation, he refers to it by saying "we". He likes to get everyone involved, including his wife and son, Gary who is farming with him.

Maintenance of terraces is done annually on the Hermes farm, and over eight miles of plowing up terraces is done as needed on the home farm. The glory of constructing new terraces is all gone — maintaining the terraces turns out to be hard work.

"You plow terraces for two or three days and it's just hard work and lots of fuel burned," says Hermes. William also constructed a waterway to safely outlet some of the terraces.

Plowing on the contour is another conservation practice, planting all rows with the terraces. This is carried out on the 202 acres of cropland in this farm. Over 700 acres is treated the same on the leased land. The residue is managed in a way to leave it on the surface until the land is prepared for the next crop. A conservation cropping system is carried out on the 202 acres, of cropland. Recently this has consisted of rotation of small grain, milo, and hay.

The Hermes are concerned about erosion on the cropland. With the combination of the cropping system, residue management and contour farming, the soil leaving the Hermes farm is held to a minimum.

In 1976 and 1983 William constructed over 8,000 feet of parallel terraces. This added to the efficiency of farming the cropland. In addition to the cropland, the Hermes' are in the livestock business, and pasture management is carried out on 79 acres.

Over 200 acres of pasture management is carried out on the leased land. The management of the bermudagrass is done by fertilizing, controlling weeds and not overgrazing.

The Hermes family stays busy year



MR. AND MRS. C. WILLIAM HERMES and son Gary.

around. William took his knowledge off the farm and has done his part for the community, serving as an ASCS county committeeman for nine years. His expertise in decision making while serving on the committee was of great value to the conservation program in the county.

His concern for every landowner and the soil was always of highest priority.

The Hermes' are proud of their accomplishments, and the board of directors congratulates them on a job well done.

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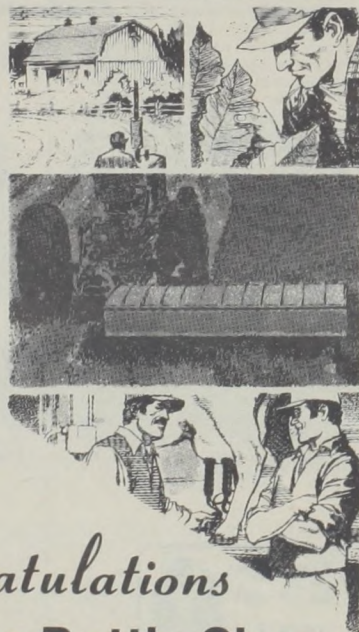
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Delashaws are honored

Zone 4 Winners of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District are Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Delashaw of Callisburg, Texas.

In 1951 they bought 178 acres of old cropland covered with weeds and needle grass.

The Delashaws became cooperators with Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District in 1954. Clearing brush and planting grass, mostly bermuda, some K.R. bluestem, was the first chore.

In 1959 they built their home and moved to the farm. They continued with all their work and plans. They added more work since they bought more land in 1962 and 1967, making a total of 470 acres. They cleared brush and planted more grass. A total of 116 acres of land was cleared.

Merwin planted some of the grass with a conservation district owned sodding machine. He later bought his own sodding machine. Most of the work was done at night and on weekends. He planted a total of 356 acres.

Also three new ponds were built to make for better distribution of grazing. The Delashaws' children, Bobby,

Glenda, and Linda did help with much of the work. They were active in school as well as on the farm. In 1976 Glenda was a member of the range and pasture judging team that won first place in Texas and also placed nationally.

Bobby was the second boy to ever have a perfect score at the judging contest in Houston.

Linda was the first girl to win high individual honors in the Houston contest. All three won the DeKalb Award for

outstanding achievement in agriculture.

The Delashaws have a long list of accomplishments on the farm. They are still building fences and improving facilities around the farmstead. All steel corral, working chutes, and a haybarn have recently been added.

Most of the hard work is done now and the Delashaws are rightfully proud of their accomplishments.

We the Board of Directors congratulate them on a job well done.



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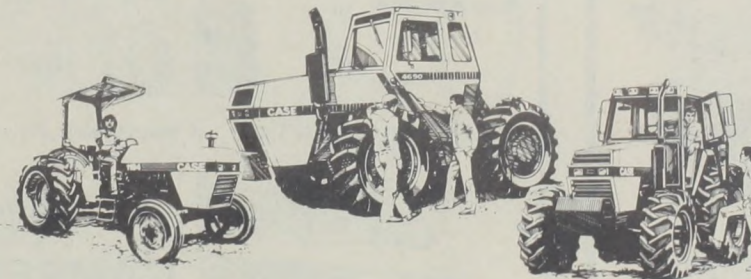


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