

All Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

PET ROCKS

You know, I've kept pet rocks for years but I never knew what to call them until now. And I never dreamed that their popularity would catch on with so many people.

We've dabbled with rock polishing a little at our house, and it's always fun to put a creekbed rock in the tumbler and see how it looks as it progresses through the various stages of being polished.

I have a cousin in Houston who is really into the lapidary business. He makes some very pretty jewelry items and has the saws and things needed for slicing up the rocks. He keeps a large jar of polished rocks in his bedroom, and passes them out to his friends like candy. He walks along the railroad rights-of-way and places like that to find rocks. I prefer the creek beds, but of course, he doesn't have access to these.

Saw in the paper the other day where there are people who specialize in treating the illnesses and diseases of pet rocks. The following article appeared recently in "Marie's Malarky" in The Tulsa Herald.

You are probably tired of hearing about how to train a pet rock, but this will be the last of the instructions published by Rock Bottom Productions:

The best place to teach your pet rock to roll over is on the side of a hill. Place your rock on the ground at the top of a hill and give the command, "Roll over." Now, let go of your rock. It's that simple! Your rock will roll end-over-end and not stop until it tires of the game when it reaches the bottom of the hill. Praise your rock profusely and it will repeat the trick as soon as you return it to the top of the hill. You will tire of this trick long before your pet rock does.

Your pet rock will take the order to play dead like a duck takes to water. If your rock is like most rocks it will not have to be told more than once. Immediately, it will go completely stiff as though rigor mortis has set in and will remain in this posture until you give a different command.

Rocks enjoy this trick so much that often, when you're not even looking, they'll actually practice it on their own. It's not unusual to walk into a room and see a pet rock playing dead.

Pet rocks really enjoy the water, but, as nearly everyone knows, they are atrocious swimmers. Therefore, teaching your rock to skip over the surface of the water is very important. To do this, first find a narrow stream, pond or swimming pool. Do not attempt this trick on a wide body of water! Hold your rock firmly in your hand, give the command, "Skip!" and throw your rock across the surface. More often than not, and depending upon your arm, your pet rock will skip happily to the other side. If your pet does not make it happily to the other side, it will sink like a stone, and if that happens, you'll be needing a new one. Too bad!

To teach your pet rock to fetch, throw a stick or a ball as far as you can. Next throw your pet rock as far as you can. Rarely, if ever, will your pet rock return with the object, but that's the way it goes.

A healthy rock is a happy rock, everybody knows that! If you are getting blood out of your rock you should contact the Internal Revenue Service immediately. They've been attempting to do this very thing for years.

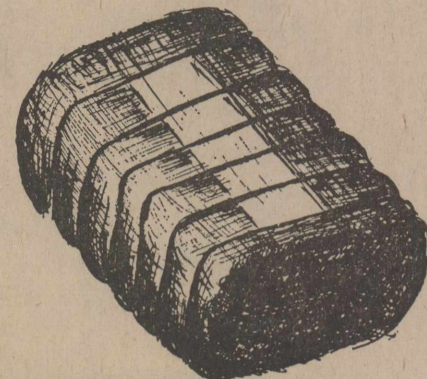
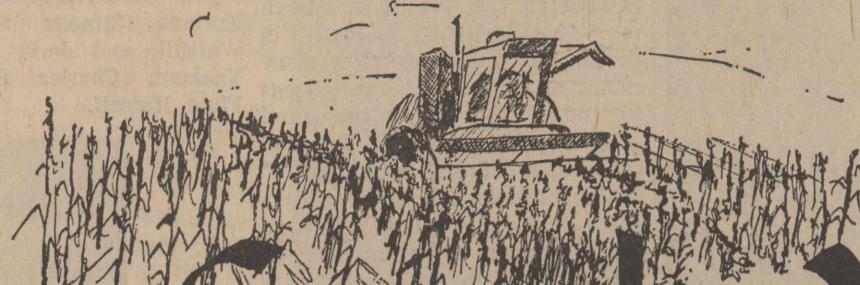
A chip off the old rock can be much more serious than a chip off the young rock.

If your pet rock appears nervous and fidgety, it's a better than even chance it's suffering from dreaded rock bottom. No other disease is as debilitating to pet rocks as rock bottom. The first symptoms are manifested in an almost unbelievable forgetfulness and your pet rock will not remember a single command or trick. Suffice to say that should your pet rock contract rock bottom, get a new pet rock immediately. There is no known cure.

As the owner of a pet rock you have assumed a responsibility to love and care for this new addition to your family. Under no circumstances should you turn your pet rock loose. The world is already overcrowded with discarded



Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



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Property Owners Carry Brunt Of Tax Load



UIL MUSIC COMPETITORS from Silverton High School this year have been Lee Ann McMurry, Lesa Francis, Danna Garvin, Becky Francis, Kim Hutsell, Tracy Gill, Mignone Rauch and (seated at the piano) Rebecca Reid.

Local Students Compete In Regional UIL Music Contests

The Regional Solo-Ensemble Contests were held recently in Lubbock. In the Vocal Solo competition, Becky Francis and Lesa Francis were awarded Division I and III ratings for their Class II solos. Danna Garvin received a Division II rating for her Class I solo. Mignone Rauch had prepared to enter the competition, but unable to enter because of illness.

In the Piano Solo contest, Lee Ann McMurry received a Division II rating on a Class I solo. Tracy Gill and Kim Hutsell were awarded Division I ratings on Class II solos. Rebecca Reid received a Division II rating on a Class II solo.

These girls represented Silverton High School in Interscholastic League competition.

Wedding Postponed

The engagement and marriage of Miss Sherri McJimsey and Ronald Dean Hale has been postponed due to his being transferred to duty in Okinawa with the U. S. Marine Corps.

He will be overseas for a year.

Shower Cancelled

The coffee and shower that had been planned for Saturday for Miss Sherri McJimsey, bride-elect of Ronald Dean Hale, has been cancelled due to the postponement of the couple's engagement and marriage.

and unwanted rocks, and millions must be destroyed each year. These poor, unfortunate rocks meet brutal ends in roadbeds, cement mixers, or as land fill. Don't allow your pet rock to meet an untimely demise at the bottom of an obscure pile of rubble.

Mrs. Ruth English To Be Buried Here

Graveside rites for Mrs. Ruth English of Borger will be held at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday, March 4) following funeral services at 10:00 a.m. at Gatewood Baptist Church in Borger.

Services Today For Charlie A. Morris, 68

Funeral services for Charlie A. Morris, 68, will be conducted at the Silverton Church of Christ at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday, March 4) with Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements directed by the Silverton Funeral Home.

Mr. Morris died at 12:55 a.m. Tuesday at the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo. He had resided in Plainview with his son since shortly before Christmas.

He was born in Erath County at Thurber April 18, 1907. He farmed near Silverton until 1939, when he moved to Earth. After remaining there for three years he moved to Hereford. He served in England with the U. S. Infantry, and married Jonie L. Ashworth of Elk City, Oklahoma in 1954. She died in 1974. He moved from Hereford to Logan, New Mexico, where he lived for six years. He worked as a barber while he lived in Hereford and Logan.

Survivors include one son, Jerry L. Morris of Plainview; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Jo Prock of Pampa and Mrs. Markita Andris of Missouri; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Gregg of Amarillo, Mrs. J. T. Witcher of Roswell, New Mexico and Mrs. R. P. Feagans of Decatur; two brothers, J. L. Morris of Quitaque and Howard Morris of Welch, Texas; three grandchildren, Charlie Morris and Mrs. Linda Wheeler, both of Hereford, and Cathy Morris of Plainview; and

Clyde Mercer, 50 Buried Here Friday

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton for Clyde Edwin Mercer, 50.

Officiating were Rev. Larry Wilson, pastor, and Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

Pallbearers were Vinson Smith, Ray Teeple, Robert McPherson, Raymond McJimsey, Joe McWaters and Sam Lewis.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of the Silverton Funeral Home.

Mr. Mercer died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo where he had been a patient for nine days.

The son of the late Henry and Leona Mercer, he was born July 22, 1925 at the old Mercer homestead, 11 miles southwest of Silverton in the Francis Community. He grew to manhood in that rural community, as a farm boy, farm hand and farmer owner and operator.

He attended school at Silverton and played in the band, engaged in other school activities and was graduated from Silverton High School.

He was married to Jo Ann Odom June 10, 1957, and they have resided on their farm southwest of Silverton.

He had been ill for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann; one son, Joe Douglas Mercer of Dallas; one daughter, Mrs. Linda DeBose of Wolforth; five grandchildren; three stepdaughters, Arlene Jordan of Dallas, Gaytha Ann Summerlin of Lubbock and Sue Stephens of Fort Worth; three brothers, Joe, Frank and Fred Mercer, all of Silverton; four sisters, Mrs. Mamie Holt and Mrs. Faye McCarty, both of Graham, Mrs. Mary Dee Minyard and Mrs. Ruth Smith of Washburn, Missouri.

three great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Carl Stewart, Lowell Pittman, Raymond Smith, Jack Shiplet, Arnold Wall and Scott Kercheville, all of Logan, New Mexico.

Wednesday Was Filing Deadline

Wednesday, March 3, was the deadline for filing for places on the ballots for the City of Silverton and Silverton Independent School District elections to be held at the City Hall on April 3. Filing was to continue to 5:00 p.m., but at presstime Wednesday the following candidates had filed for places on the ballots.

For City Council, the three incumbents, H. A. Cagle, Wayne Nance and Charles Sarchet, had been joined on the ballot by Stan Fogerson, Jack Robertson, W. L. (Bud) Couch and Perry Thomas.

For three-year terms on the school board, candidates included incumbents John Schott and L. B. Garvin, jr., as well as Wayne Stephens, Don Cornett and J. E. Patton, jr. Candidates for the one-year term on the school board were the incumbent, Raymond McJimsey, and Donnie D. Martin.

Services Planned For Former Resident

Graveside rites will be at 4:00 p.m. Friday in the Silverton Cemetery for Mrs. Ruth C. Watley, 82, a former Silverton resident.

Mrs. Watley died at Sinton Tuesday.

Survivors include one brother, Graton Cleveland of Falfurrias; two sisters, Mrs. Winnie Whately of Amarillo and Mrs. Walter Brown of Sinton.

In implementing T.E.T.'s long term goal of reducing the tax burden on real property, the organization plans to push for replacement of property taxes as the sole source of local fund revenue in Texas' public school finance system. "The 64th Legislature, with the support of the Governor, increased the amount local school districts must raise by \$330 million," states Moeller. "T.E.T. would like to see all or part of this local fund assignment raised from some source other than property taxes."

Silverton I.S.D. Local Fund Assignment (money secured from local sources) was \$55,000 last year, is \$110,000 this year and it will be \$165,000 next year. Twenty-seven percent of the resources (real property) is generating 85% of the tax revenue.

Anyone interested in joining Texas for Equitable Taxation should contact O. C. Rampley or write Texas for Equitable Taxation, 1011 Congress, Suite 513, Austin, Texas 78701.

Public Hearing Will Be Held March 22

Notice is hereby given by the Parks and Wildlife Department that a public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on March 22, 1976 at the County Courthouse at Silverton for the purpose of gathering information concerning proposed hunting, fishing and trapping regulations for Briscoe County.

As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of taking the wildlife resources in Briscoe County. All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the proposed regulations.

Sale Of Cafe Is Announced Here

Mrs. Mildred Brooks has announced the sale of Mildred's City Cafe to Wayne and Anne McMurry, effective March 13.

After March 13, the cafe will be closed a few days for remodeling, and when it re-opens will be known as The Coffee Shop.

Mrs. Brooks will continue to be associated with the cafe.

Terry Culwell Recovering at Home

Gene Culwell went to Denver, Colorado last week to return home his brother, Terry Culwell, who had been a patient there since January 26 when he was injured in a vehicle accident at St. Francis, Kansas.

Terry has been farming with his brother, Theron Culwell, at St. Francis. He received a broken vertebrae in his back and severe injury to his face in the accident which occurred when the vehicle slid into a tree on icy pavement.

He underwent almost five hours of plastic surgery on his face. Terry will be continuing to recuperate in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Culwell, for a few weeks.

Telephone Company Installing New Central Office Equipment Here

Installation of additional central office equipment necessary for the furnishing of Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) to Silverton on June 5, 1976, at 2:00 p.m., is now underway, according to J. H. Davis, Division Manager for General Telephone Company.

Placing of underground toll cable between Silverton and Quitaque where it will interconnect with the Quitaque-Turkey-Memphis underground toll network is scheduled to start this week. The open-wire pole line between Silverton and Ralls where it interconnects with the Ralls-Lubbock toll network will be removed after conversion to DDD operation on June 5, Davis added.

DDD and operator service will then be provided from General Telephone's Memphis office.

Davis indicated that temporary

service problems might be expected during projects of this magnitude. Every reasonable precaution is being taken; however, should a service interruption occur, immediate action will be taken to correct the problem.

Toll service reliability should be greatly enhanced since all long distance calls will be via underground facilities through Memphis and Amarillo to world-wide points, after conversion to DDD service effective June 5, 1976, Davis added.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT has been arriving in Silverton to begin the job of plowing down the cable which is scheduled to bring Direct Distance Dialing to Silverton on June 5, 1976. The work is to begin this week, according to Division Manager J. H. Davis of Memphis.





ERIC PATTON AND HIS BREED CHAMPION AT SAN ANTONIO

Patton, Burson Big Winners At San Antonio Fat Stock Show

Top winners from Briscoe County at the San Antonio Stock Show February 15-21 were Eric Patton, who showed the Grand Champion Other Pure Breeds Barrow, and Bryan Burson, who was exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Poland China Barrow. Patton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton, and Burson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Burson, all of Silvertown.

Briscoe County 4-H also won second place in the Junior Market Barrow Neatness Awards. This

was for finishing feeding before 8:00 a.m., keeping their pens neat and clean, the banners that decorated their pens, and the general appearance and conduct of the 4-H boys and girls. This brought Briscoe County 4-H a big red banner and \$5.00 cash.

According to Extension Agent Eddie Holland, the Briscoe County 4-H'ers did a very good job in competing for this award. "The thing that probably cost them the first-place banner," he said, "was that they had so much stock to

take care of. The group that won first place had only about eight head in their pens, and this made the difference. The judging for this award is by businessmen who are members of the Chamber of Commerce. They observed the boys and girls at work with their projects, and we never knew who they were or when they were there."

Twenty-one barrows from Briscoe County made the auction sale, in competition for the prize money with over 1100 barrows.

- Other winners were
- James Alan Patton, 5. OPB; 8. Hampshire
 - Alesha Patton, 4. OPB; 4. Chester
 - Mark Patton, 3. Chester; 19. Hampshire
 - Eric Patton, 1. OPB, Breed Champion; 4. Duroc
 - Craig Patton, 2. Hampshire, 22. Crossbred
 - Mike Cornett, 2. Chester; 5. Duroc
 - Kim Cornett, 10. Duroc
 - Tad Cornett, 15. Duroc
 - Bryan Burson, 1. Polands and Spots, Reserve Breed Champion; 7. OPB; 9. Chester
 - Karen Martin, 15. Crossbred
 - Kelly Comer, 5. OPB
 - Dave Francis, 17. Duroc
 - Wes Fleming, 1. Polands and Spots
 - James Kitchens, 8. Chester

Others attending the show from Briscoe County were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton and DeLyn, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett and Shellie, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West, John Francis, Cam Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Forbes, Vocational Agriculture Teacher Bill Rumpy and County Extension Agent Eddie Holland.

SORTER PARTICIPATES IN BOLD EAGLE '76 EXERCISE

St. Louis—Air National Guard (ANG) Senior Master Sergeant Darrell E. Sorter, whose wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Patton of Silvertown, recently participated in Bold Eagle '76, a joint Army, Navy and Air Force training exercise held in Nevada and the Southern California desert.

Sergeant Sorter, an aircraft maintenance superintendent with his ANG unit at St. Louis, was among the more than 17,000 Armed Forces personnel that took part in the U. S. Readiness Command-sponsored maneuvers. The massive exercise tested the capability and combat readiness of the Armed Forces to conduct large scale joint operations.

The sergeant graduated from high school in 1954 in McCurtain, Oklahoma.

* NEW BABY

A baby girl was born February 25 at 7:58 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitfill of Plainview. She was born at the Palo Duro Hospital in Canyon and weighed seven pounds and one-quarter ounce. She is 19½ inches long.

She was named Leah Robin and has one very proud brother, Cody, who is two years old.

Leah's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitfill, all of Silvertown. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard, Mrs. Nena Lóudermilk, all of Silvertown; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitfill and Mrs. Mamie Wofford, all of Lockney, and Mrs. Charlie Baker of Springdale, Arkansas.

March Is Voter Registration Month

Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed the month of March as "Voter Registration Month" in Texas. But a proclamation alone is not enough to get our citizens registered. This is a monumental effort which requires the help and cooperation of all the people.

There are about 200 prospective voters in Briscoe County who have not returned their registration certificates to the office of County Tax Assessor-Collector Arthur S. McJimsey.

At the present some 3.5 million eligible Texans are not registered to vote. There are some important elections coming up on the local, state and national levels, and you need to be sure to go by the tax office and fill out your registration slip if you want to be a qualified voter.

Pee Wee Tourney To Be Held Here Friday, Saturday

Fifth and Sixth Grade basketball boys and girls from Valley, Dougherty, Kress, Silvertown and Lakeview will be competing for the first place trophies which will be awarded to the winners of the tournaments to be held Friday and Saturday in the Silvertown School Gym.

In the Fifth Grade Girls bracket, Valley will play Dougherty at 1:00 p.m. Friday. Kress and Silvertown will play at 5:00 p.m. Friday.

In the Fifth Grade Boys bracket the Valley Red Team will play Kress at 2:00 p.m. Friday, and the Valley White Team will play Silvertown at 6:00 p.m. Friday.

In the Sixth Grade Girls bracket, Lakeview and Valley will play at 3:00 p.m. Friday, and Kress and Silvertown will play at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

First games in the Sixth Grade Boys bracket are Lakeview and Dougherty at 4:00 p.m. Friday. Kress Red Team and Valley at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Kress White Team and Silvertown at 9:00 p.m. Friday.

ATTEND WATER BOARD MEETING AT CROSBYTON

Among those attending the meeting of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority board meeting held at Crosbyton Tuesday night were Silvertown Directors Norman Strange and Charles Whitfill, and Jerry Patton, Bill Yoakum, Charles Sarchet and Flute Hutsell.

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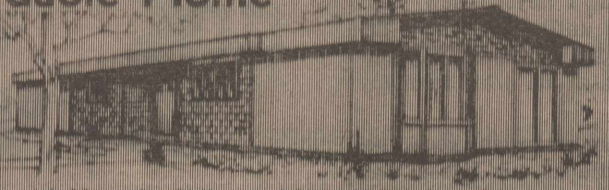
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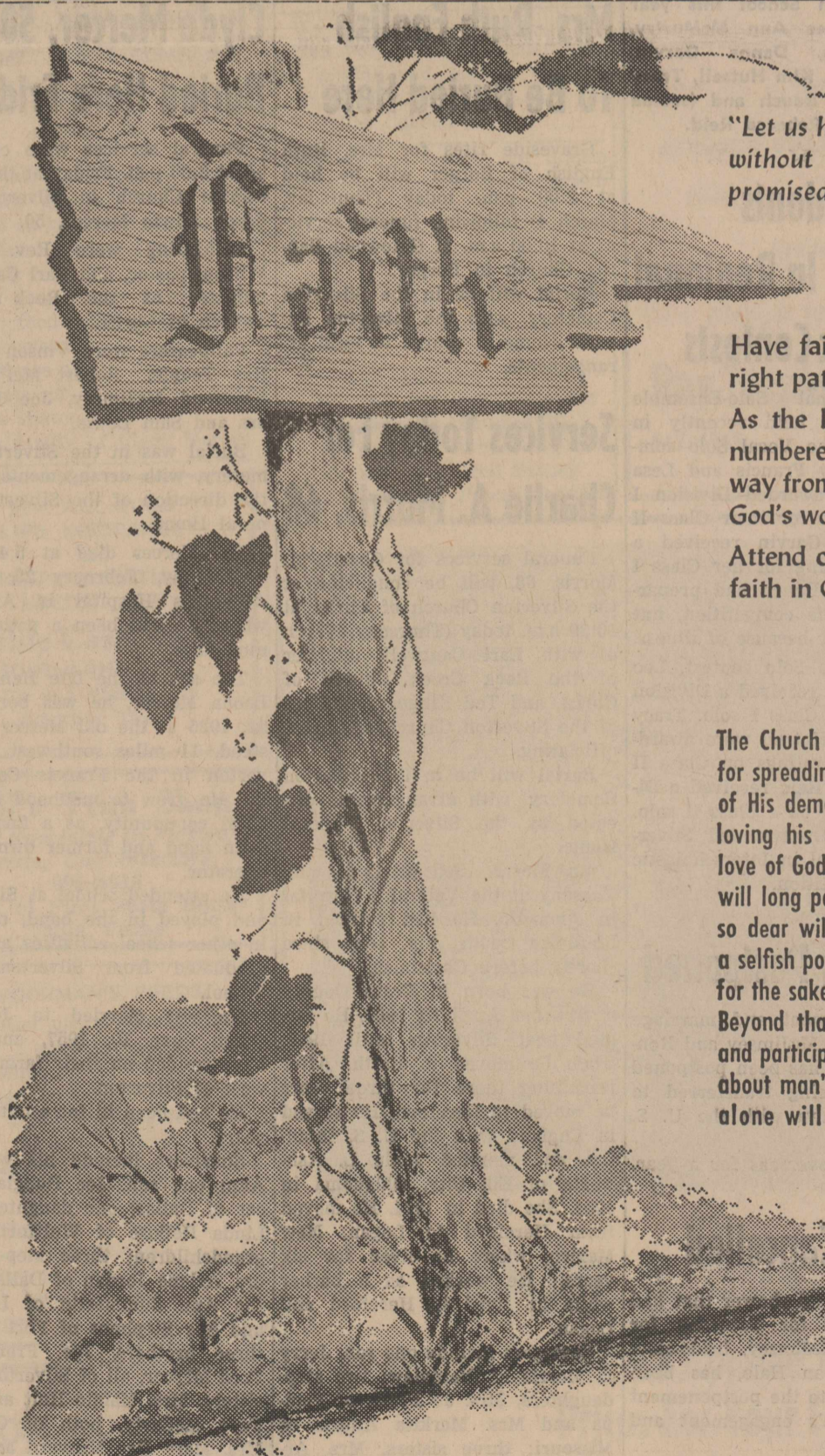


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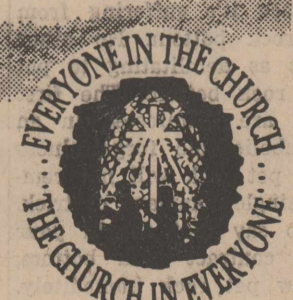
"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.)"

Have faith in God. He will lead us in the right paths. He will never fail.

As the highways are clearly marked and numbered so that we might easily find our way from city to city and across the nation, God's word clearly marks life's paths.

Attend church regularly and exercise your faith in God.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON HIGHLIGHTS



from Congressman Jack Hightower

HIGHTOWER VOTED TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENT'S VETO

Congressman Jack Hightower said today the overwhelming margin by which the House of Representatives voted to override the President's veto of the Public Works Employment Bill indicates an awareness that it is just good common sense to take people off the unemployment rolls and put them on the tax rolls through use-

ful work. "I voted for the bill and I voted to override the veto," Hightower said. "I have voted against and will continue to vote against frivolous government spending, but I am convinced funds to be spent under provisions of this bill will pay dividends to my constituents and the nation." As an example, the Congressman cited eleven towns and cities

in the district that had applied for federal assistance in construction of sewage treatment facilities—Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Childress, Henrietta, Holliday, Megargel, Spearman, Texhoma, Vernon and Windthorst. He was advised that had the bill not passed, these cities and towns would have lost any opportunity for funding in fiscal 1976. "In addition to these communities, the state of Texas would lose a total of \$261.7 million for construction of similar projects," the Congressman said. "These projects produce lasting benefits for citizens of the community and immediate benefits for the construction industry involved in building them."

Hightower noted that President Ford said in his veto message that the best way to create new jobs is to encourage the growth of the private sector. "I agree completely," he said, "and as the projects that would have been lost would indicate, everyone benefits—the contractors who build them, the citizens who utilize them and the towns and communities who can expand their economic bases because of better and expanded facilities."

The Congressman said that approximately two-thirds of all the jobs projected in the bill's provisions would be in the private sector. "The principal beneficiary would be the construction industry," he said. "In 1975 this industry suffered an unemployment rate of 18.1 percent, and experience has taught us that a depressed construction industry and depressed economy are inextricably tied together."

The argument also has been made that such projects produce no lasting results. "It is a fact that the nation is still using more than 19,000 facilities such as schools and libraries that were built more than 35 years ago by the WPA," he said.

The Congressman said the number of jobs that would be created has been debatedly vehemently. "One irrefutable fact cannot escape our notice," he said. "At the present rate the federal government will pay more than \$19 billion in unemployment compensation this year. Whether the number of jobs created is 100,000 or 800,000, each one represents a net gain for the economy."

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mallow of Plainview visited friends and relatives in Silvertown Tuesday. They spent last week in Louisiana, where their granddaughter Miss Tammi Lynn Bloxom (stage name Brandi Lynn), 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry T. Bloxom, formerly of Plainview, won the Louisiana Hayride at Shreveport for February 21. The young lady will return to Shreveport to compete again March 13. If she continues to win in the competition she will receive a recording contract on the Louisiana Hayride label worth \$5,000 and a \$1,000 wardrobe. Tammi won doing one of the songs that she had written for the Hayride. Needless to say, her grandparents and other relatives are very proud of her accomplishments.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SLATED HERE MARCH 5

Clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for March. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles and rubella. There will be no charge. The clinic at the Silvertown Schools will be held from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. March 5.

Dear Charlotte,

DEAR CHARLOTTE,

On this Sunday the Ides of March marched into our mansion as I listened to the rain on the roof and the chatter of six children (my two, plus four more).

To me March is a miserable, maddening mockery of a month. The Master must have made March to make us mindful of His many merits. He mixed His metaphors with March. He made her 31 days of mist, mystery, mildew, moisture, moans, mischief, melancholia and migraines! March is a melodramatic misfit, who makes me think of migrating to mountains, meadows, Manila, or Manchuria.

March is mean. It makes me mean! And I hope and mope that March marches masterfully into the memorable month that precedes the masterpiece of May!

"March"ing
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AN APPLE FOR THE TEACHER—L. O. A. Junior Study Club presented a bright, shiny red apple to each teacher in the Silvertown Schools Monday morning in observance of Public Schools Week.

The apple symbolizes the appreciation of the club members for the work the teachers are doing with the young people for the community. Pictured are L. O. A. Junior Study Club Projects Committee Member Mrs. Bud Couch and Miss Kathy King, school home-making teacher.

ment with extensive experience in all phases of livestock production. The program covered grain sorghums and cotton practices.

Crop Production, Land Use Is Topic For Young Farmers

Silvertown Young Farmers met Thursday, February 26 in the high school vocational agriculture department with the guest speaker, Walter Shuman, an agricultural consultant specializing in crop production and land use manage-

ment with extensive experience in all phases of livestock production. The program covered grain sorghums and cotton practices.

Mr. Shuman is a native of the Oklahoma Panhandle where his parents had a large farming and livestock operation. He graduated from Oklahoma University with degrees in animal science and agronomy. While he was in college he was assistant herdsman with the college beef herd, where he gained valuable experience in breeding, feeding and showing.

Following graduation, he was manager for a large plantation in South Carolina, where he was instrumental in starting the no-till farming practices which now are receiving so much attention. "Opportunity knocked," and Mr. Shuman accepted the challenge of working in the hybrid seed industry where he gained a more extensive working knowledge of crops and soils in the High Plains area. An intense interest in soils and soil management led to his management and consulting for the Liberal, Kansas branch laboratory of Harris Laboratories.

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in the diversified management and agricultural production, Mr. Shuman started his own agricultural consulting service. His programs have been used to increase production on 700,000 acres, both

irrigated and dryland, throughout the Central and Southwestern States.

The program covered mostly ideas on how to increase crop production costs by using lower planting rate and proper balance of soil nutrients.

Steve Barbour presided over the business in the absence of club president Jimmy Myers who was in Washington, D. C. with the Farmers Union Fly-in.

Members voted to co-sponsor with the L. O. A. Junior Study Club a full page in the Briscoe County History in memory of Leland Hugh and Rita Wood. Mrs. Wood was an active member and officer of L. O. A. Junior Study Club and her husband was an active member and supporter of the Silvertown Young Farmer Chapter.

Other business discussed was the upcoming FFA Junior Rodeo which will be held this spring. YF members will assist the Silvertown FFA Chapter in selecting a rodeo stock producer and a western dance band.

Two new members, Bailey Loyd and Walter Hill, were welcomed into the club. Mr. Shuman was welcomed as an Associate Young Farmer member. Other members present were Tobe Riddell, Fred Hill, Claude Jarrett, Fred Minyard, G. W. Chappell, Bill Rampy, Steve Barbour, Ed Lain and Scott Garvin.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11.

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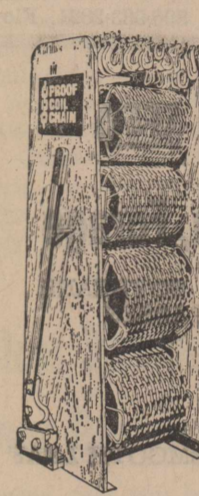
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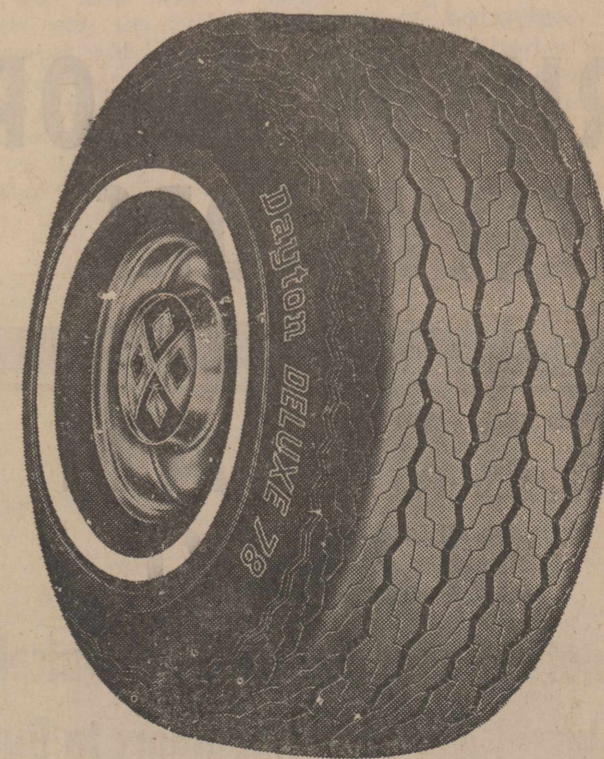


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 Terry Culwell
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 We would like to thank the Silvertown Volunteer Fire Department for coming and putting out the grass fire Friday, March 21.
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