

**All Around the Town**

by Mary Ann Sarchet

The following article was taken from a column in the Livestock Weekly by Stanley Frank.

Businessmen whose customers derive their living entirely from ranching or farming don't need economists to explain how recession or depression in agriculture carries over to the butcher, the baker, and the new pickup maker. Many once thriving rural towns have withered away, not entirely because good highways have made it easier for country people to speed into the city where stores offered a wider variety of goods and services. It has happened everywhere: the rural merchant has been unable to compete with infinitely larger establishments in the city, not only in price and choice of merchandise, but often as not because he couldn't continue issuing credit to his customers while paying interest on the money he had to borrow to provide the credit.

Innumerable press reports, along with extensive Washington rhetoric, have called attention to the plight of rural businessmen and even bankers in areas where agriculture is the principal industry. Sympathetic as we may be toward these good people, let us not overlook the man whose misfortune has resulted in their own troubles—the farmer himself.

A Panhandle subscriber of long standing dropped us a note the other day:

"I have truly enjoyed getting and reading your paper for the past several years, and furthermore I still do. But time and fate have decreed that I decide whether to read or eat a little, so I must choose to eat.

"I am not really much of a cattleman, but a farmer, and you know what the situation is with both, I reckon.

"I read about writers interviewing farmers, and saying they (the farmers) showed no bitterness. Well, sorry, but I expect mine shows pretty plain at the mess we're in. Agriculture prices would kind of do IF everything we buy was not highway-robbery high. Anyway I just wanted you to know I must drop out for now . . ."

Farmers (in the generic sense, including ranchers) form a tremendous market for all sorts of consumer goods. Although statistics show that bona fide agricultural producers comprise only a tiny fraction of the population, their mere numbers don't tell the whole story by a long shot. There are more store clerks and filling station attendants than farmers, but they don't buy many \$50,000 tractors or \$7000 pickups. Perhaps they can't afford to, but plumbers can. Meanwhile, it's getting so farmers have a hard time making the necessary capital expenditures to raise a crop which they then have a hard time selling at a profit.

It's a fact that working the land, as a plowboy or cowboy, has always been anything but a sinecure. Agricultural producers have found much of their compensation in other forms than money. However, country folk do produce food for an amazing number of their fellow citizens. Like the man said above, when it comes to buying something to eat rather than a newspaper or a new car, even a farmer must obey his stomach to a certain extent, especially if he likes coffee. You just can't raise coffee, or oranges either, on a Panhandle farm. You can raise wheat and cattle, bread and meat, but the minute you start making a little money at it the whole world screams in protest.

**DAVID DEA NAMED TO**

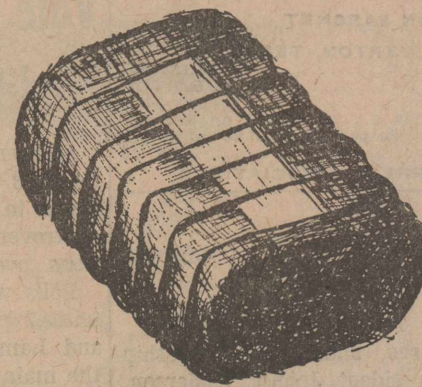
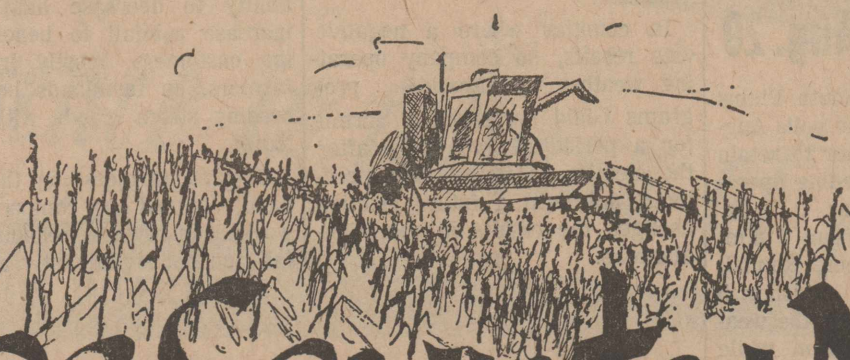
**DEAN'S LIST AT ASBURY**

David Dea has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter at Asbury College, Christian liberal arts school in Wilmore, Kentucky. David is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Dea of Silverton.

With an enrollment of 1,176 students from 44 states and 21 foreign countries, Asbury College is interdenominational. Since 1890 the college has sent nearly 8,000 graduates into business, teaching, law, medicine and church vocations, according to Dr. Howard Barnett, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.



Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



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**Owls To Scrimmage Lefors Here Saturday**

Silverton fans will get their first real look at the 1977 Owl football team at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 20, when the boys take the field here to scrimmage with Lefors.

The scrimmage will be the first since coming here from Lefors for new Head Coach James Al-

len. The assistant coaches this year are Lyndel Norwood and Jimmy Kirkland. Thirty-three players have been taking part in two-a-day workouts, and, according to the coach, are coming along well to be as young and inexperienced as they are.

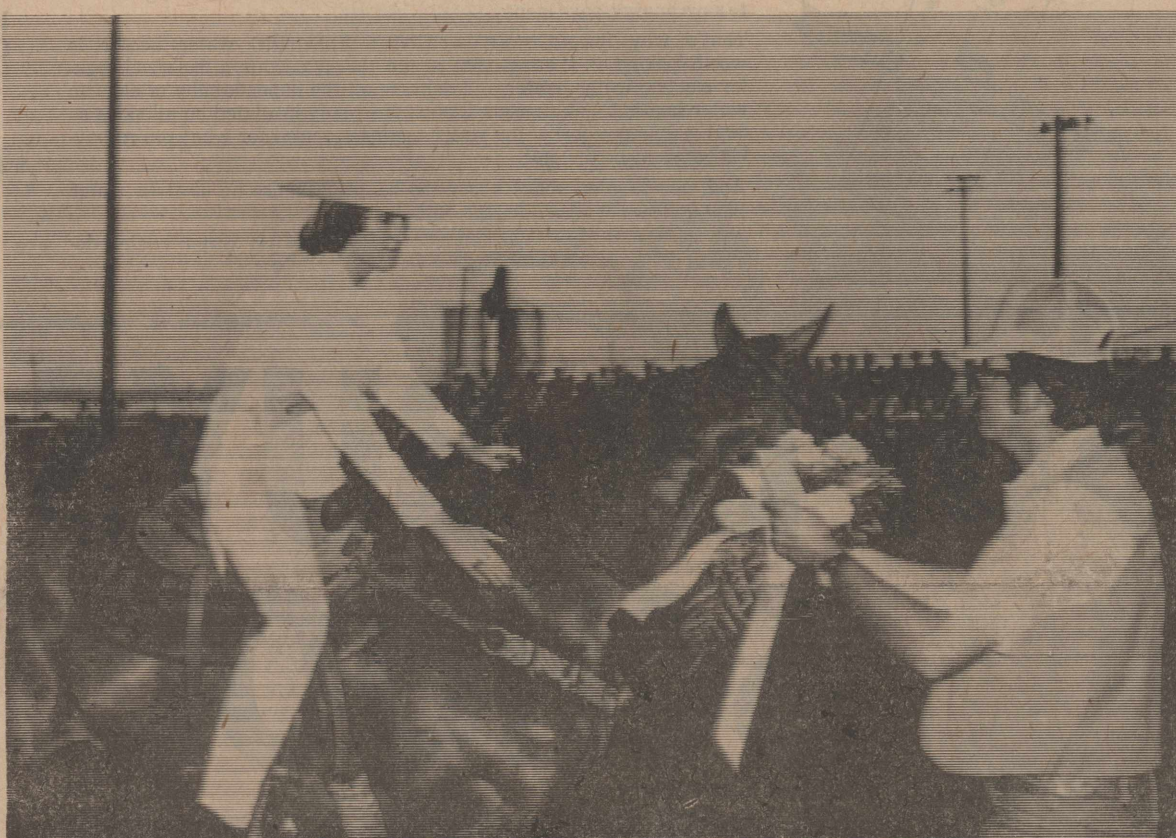
The two senior lettermen, Jace Francis and Mitchell Roehr, have been selected to serve as co-captains for the team. Francis is a 191-pounder who stands 6'2" tall. He will be playing in the backfield in jersey number 12. Roehr is a 163-pounder who stands 6'1" tall. He will be playing in the

backfield wearing jersey number 10. The other seniors on the squad are James Kitchens, a 210-pounder who stands 6'2" tall and wears jersey number 28, and Johnny Ortega, 146-pounder who stands 5'9" and wears jersey number 76.

Juniors on the roster are Kirk Durham, 5'11", 143 pounds; James Alan Patton, 6'1", 165 pounds; Larry Stephens, 5'6", 125 pounds; Kyle Bean, 5'9", 130 pounds; Wayne Reed, 6'0", 142 pounds; Earl Jarrett, 6'1", 168 pounds; Mitchell Simpson, 5'10", 139 pounds; David Williams, 6'1", 171 pounds; Doug McJimsey, 5'7", 117 pounds.

The sophomores are Mike Cornett, 5'9", 190 pounds; Greg Hill, 5'10", 190 pounds; Darrell Couch, 6'2½", 151 pounds; Nicky McJimsey, 5'1", 94 pounds; Mark Brown, 5'8", 135 pounds; Bobby McPherson, 5'11", 160 pounds; James Jarrett, 5'7", 180 pounds; Zane Reagan, 5'10½", 137 pounds; Kelly Comer, 5'9", 167 pounds; Ron Boling, 5'8", 129 pounds; Geary Roberts, 5'8", 133 pounds; Paul Brannon, 5'7", 125 pounds; Bill Denton, 6'0", 163 pounds.

Freshman playing football this year are John Segura, 5'3", 108 pounds; Mark Patton, 5'7", 116 pounds; Roger Cantwell, 5'9", 177 pounds; Russell Couch, 5'10½", 119 pounds; Monty Roehr, 5'10", 128 pounds; Brandon Jarrett, 5'5", 125 pounds; and Tony Denton.



SUSAN PAYNE was declared Queen of the 1977 Silverton Young Farmers Rodeo Saturday night for

her outstanding assistance to the sponsoring organization. She was pictured astride her horse as she

accepted a bouquet of flowers from Orville Baker Turner, a member of the Young Farmers.

**Mackenzie Authority Equalization Board To Meet August 23**

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board of Equalization will meet at the City Hall in Silverton from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23.

**Barbecue Donors**

The donations to the 1978 barbecue fund were received from George Reed, O. E. May, O. M. Dudley, Joe Montague, Riley Ziegler, James Davis, Arch Arnold, Ashel McDaniel, Ravenell Grewe, Jord Hollingsworth, Troy Burson, Edwin Dickerson, Dean Burson, In and Out Drive-In, Harold R. Storie, John Schott, Joe McGwaters, Bryant Eddleman, Pascal B. Garrison; Also, Blanche Newman, E. A. Birdwell, Jim Brooks, Jay V. Towe, Grabbe-Simpson, Bill Durham, Briscoe Cooperative, Ray Thompson Implement, Brown-McMurtry, L. E. Davis & Son, W. E. Schott, jr., Edwin A. May, Oliver Ware, Anne C. Bryant, Mrs. D. H. Davis, Maude McJimsey, Walter Fleming, Hester & Son Gulf, J. D. McGavock;

Also, D & D Fertilizer, Frank Hunt, Fleming Well Service, Bill Griffin, John Turner, Jack Davis, Bill Boling, and J. E. Patton, jr.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Victor McGavock are parents of a son, Brian Wade, born Thursday, August 11, at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulsa. He weighed eight pounds, one and one-half ounces, and is 20 inches long.

The couple are also parents of a daughter, Pam, who is two years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

**Rodeo Winners Announced Here**

Winners of the 1977 Silverton Young Farmers Rodeo have been announced.

Winners in the Tie Down Calf Roping were Newell Squyres, 11.11, Dumas, first; Eddie Stanfield, 11.16, Clovis, New Mexico, second; Pat Shelton, 11.17, Vernon, third; Roy Henley, 12.39, Lubbock, fourth.

In the Heading and Heeling, winners were Dickie Garrison and Fred Lucero, 7.90, first; Bob Waide and Corky Berry, 8.41, second; Pete McKee and James Koonsman, 8.90, third; Dan Bailey and Fred Lucero, 8.90, (tie), third; Mike Jones and Wayne Dendy, 8.97, fifth.

Winners of the Ladies Barrel Race were Vicki Henry, 18.61, Broadview, New Mexico, first; Cris Cook, 18.75, Portales, New Mexico, second; Paula Best, 19.20, Portales, New Mexico, third.

Silverton cowboys won the Kids' Break-Away Roping. They were Bob Arnold, 8.41, first, and Jim Forbes, 9.81, second.

Bareback winners were Bob Wilfong, 58, Stephenville, first; Mac McLoud, 54, Amarillo, second, and Bobby Riddle, 54, Stephenville, third.

Saddle Bronc winners were Bob Wilfong, 62, Stephenville, first, and David Glenn, 55, Tulsa, second.

Winners of the Bull Riding were Bobby Cobb, 64, Haskell, first; Kenneth McKee, 59, Lubbock, second; Mike Godines, 58, Lubbock, third, and Bill Baber, 57, Wichita Falls, fourth.

**Birthday Calendars May Be Picked Up**

You may pick up your Birthday Calendar in the office of the superintendent at Silverton High School. See Mrs. Jealeta Baird Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

If your order was placed by telephone you will need to pay for it when you pick up your calendar.

**GUIDELINES GIVEN FOR FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES**

On July 14, 1977, the Board of Trustees of Silverton Independent School District selected the following guidelines for free school lunches.

Family Size	Free Meals	Family Annual Income	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$0-3,140	\$ 3,140-6,120	
2	0-4,130	4,130-8,050	
3	0-5,110	5,110-9,970	
4	0-6,090	6,090-11,880	
5	0-6,990	6,990-13,630	
6	0-7,890	7,890-15,380	
7	0-8,710	8,710-16,980	
8	0-9,530	9,530-18,580	
9	0-10,270	10,270-20,030	
10	0-11,010	11,010-21,470	
11	0-11,740	11,740-22,890	
12	0-12,470	12,470-24,310	

Each Additional Family Member \$730 \$1,420

The school will give each family an application on the first day of school.

The regular price of school lunches will be 75c this year.

David Strange underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He returned home Wednesday morning.

**OPEN LETTER TO THE FANS**

Dear Fans: Yes, it's that time of year again when we turn to put things away for our football season. This is a new year for us and for you as a fan under our new head coach, James Allen. We are a very young and inexperienced team, but our coaches have faith in us and we have faith in them. This is the beginning of a successful year, we feel, but we also need your support as a fan.

We need your support as we start a new year, so come help us out against Lefors August 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Feel free to stop by at any practice we have and give us a look. Practices start at 7:30 in the mornings and 6:30 in the evenings, except on Wednesdays, when

**Booster Club Having Membership Drive**

Silverton Booster Club is now having a membership drive. They would like to have all Silverton townspeople as well as the parents of all the athletes as members. Dues are \$5.00 per person (\$10.00 for a couple), and this money is used to help pay for filming of ballgames, sponsorship of the athletic banquet, and other projects carried on by the club throughout the year.

The concession stand has been ready for the ballgames, and the football field was marked off Tuesday night.

The club met August 9 with 16 present and elected George Reed to serve as president. J. E. Patton was chosen as vice president and Don Cornett was selected as secretary-treasurer.

**New Students Need To Register Now**

All students who did not attend school in Silverton last year, but who plan to enroll in the Silverton Schools this year, need to register. Plan to go by the high school as soon as possible to do this to save time during regular registration and opening of school.

Mrs. Riley Ziegler was listed as a patient in an Amarillo hospital early this week.

William Martin has received treatment at an Amarillo hospital during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lavy were in Fort Worth July 30-31 and August 1 to attend the funeral of his brother.

Michael and Julie Graham of Lefors spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Graham.

Inside our lungs is a lubricant called surfactant. This substance coats the surfaces of the air spaces (alveoli) in the lungs and keeps them from collapsing during exhalation.

practice begins at 4:30 p.m.

We are really proud of our team and especially our coaching staff, but we really need your support.

Thank you. The Silverton Owl Football Team

**Seven Counties To Vote On Weather Modification**

Elections to determine whether cloud seeding operations may be continued over all or portions of seven South Plains counties will be held August 20 and 23.

Petitions calling for the elections were circulated in the central South Plains counties by Citizens for Natural Weather, a group of more than 4,000 farmers opposing the weather modification activities of Atmospherics, Inc. of Littlefield and Plains Weather Improvement Association of Plainview.

Voting will be done in the following counties on August 20:

- Swisher, all precincts except Vigo Park
- Randall, Precincts 2 and 3
- Lamb, all precincts
- Hockley, Precincts 32, 33, 44 and 46.

Elections have been set for August 23 in these counties:

- Bailey, all precincts except Three Way
- Castro, all precincts
- Floyd, all precincts but those near Goodnight, Baker and Dougherty.

Polls in all counties will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Earlier, in Briscoe County, voters voiced their opposition to weather modification by a margin of 430 to 3.

Voters in each election will be able to vote only on the proposition affecting the company which operates over their precinct. Some precincts may vote on both propositions, while others within the same county will vote on both.

Although the elections are called against specific permits for specific companies, the results will be binding for any company for a period of two years.

In counties where negative votes result, no company operating weather modification programs could be issued a permit for a period of two years after the election in target area precincts and not until a future election changed the results in operational areas.

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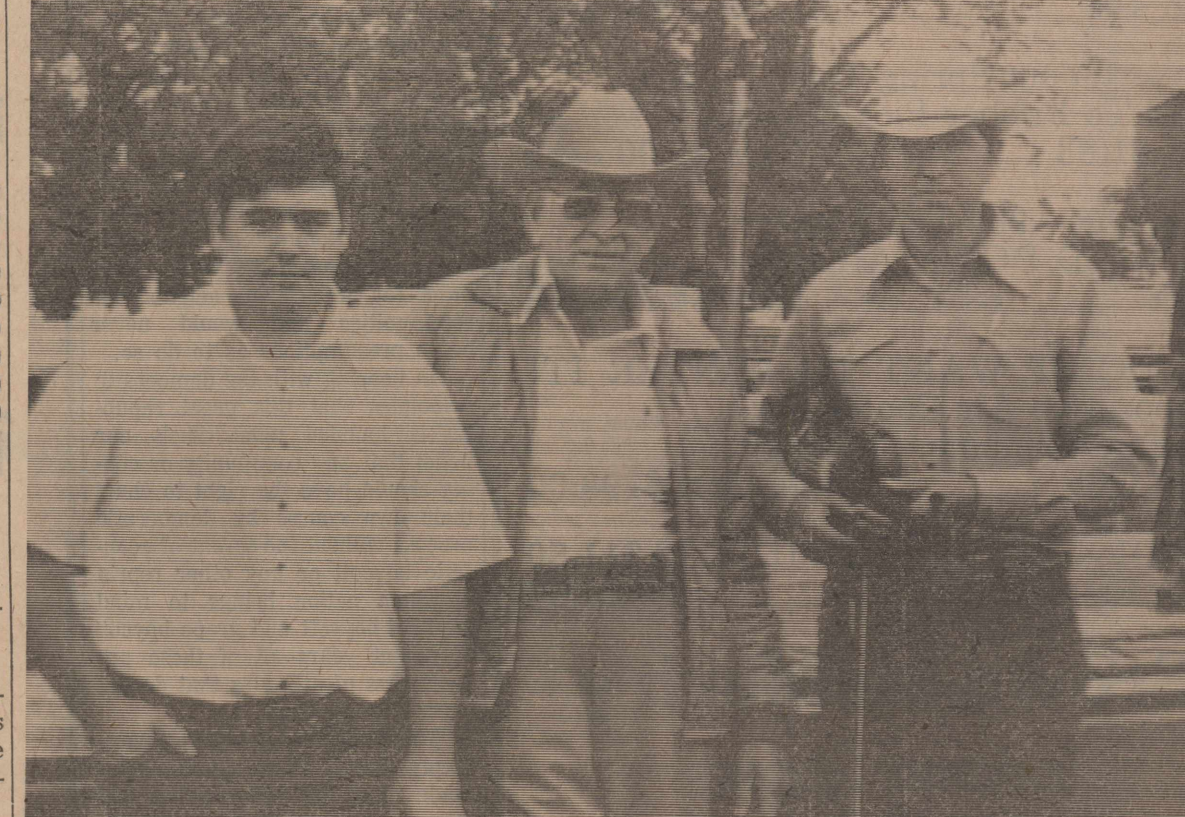
Dryland farmers, meanwhile, claim the companies are working in reverse, reducing rainfall while not significantly affecting the amount of hail.

**Receive Degrees**

Approximately 350 West Texas State University students graduated in the summer commencement exercises August 13.

The ceremonies, held in the Amarillo Southwest Church of Christ, recognized 237 bachelor's degree and 127 master's degree graduates.

Receiving degrees from Silverton were John Minyard, who received a bachelor of science degree, and Mrs. Mary Ann Rauch, who received a master of education degree.



Winners of the Fiddlers' Contest: Cunningham of Paducah, third; Henry Lester of Idalou, first, and Jimmy Burson of Silverton, second. The contest was sponsored by the Silverton Lions Club, and cash prizes were awarded.

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**Hail Suppression  
Statement Issued**

Due to recent media coverage of remarks made by Plainview Chamber of Commerce President John Anderson concerning the "Boycott Plainview" movement and hail suppression activities, the Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting last week, issued a formal statement explaining their neutral stand on the issue.

The committee includes officers and division chairmen of the Chamber.

amber.  
The statement, in its entirety, follows:  
"The Plainview Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of its president, John C. Anderson, chose not to endorse nor oppose hail suppression. This action followed a meeting of at least two of the leaders of Plains Weather Improvement Association with President Anderson. Following this meeting, our president called a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.  
"The records show that President Anderson was most emphatic in his recommendation that the Chamber of Commerce not become involved in the hail suppression issue. By a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, it was decided to take no action on hail suppression, and further it was decided that the issue would not be broached in a subsequent board meeting unless an individual board member requested such.

**Three Counties To  
Vote On Weather  
Modification Aug. 20**

Residents of three South Plains counties will trek to the polls August 20 to decide whether to retain controversial cloud seeding operations over their areas.  
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. in Swisher, Randall and Lamb counties. Swisher is the main target area for the weather modification program while Randall and Lamb counties are affected areas.

Voting will be conducted in all Lamb County precincts, but only Precincts Two and Three in south and southwest Randall County will be casting ballots. All Swisher residents except those in Vigo Park, will be able to vote.

Opponents of hail suppression activities circulated petitions in order to have the elections called. Earlier, weather modification foes had forced an election in Briscoe County, where voters in Precincts one and three soundly voiced their opposition by a margin of more than 100 to 1.

Citizens for Natural Weather, a protest group of more than 4,000 farmers, is spearheading the anti-hail suppression activities of Atmospherics Inc. of Littlefield and Plains Weather Improvement Association of Plainview.

Petitions also are being circulated in Castro County, which is serviced by both cloud seeding firms.

Separate petitions are being circulated and separate propositions will be included on different ballots when—or if—an election is called there.

Bruce Bigelow, general counsel for the Texas Water Development Board, said that procedure should be followed where a precinct is in a target or an operational area of both companies.

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"Subsequent to this decision, various news media called President Anderson and asked for his reaction to a proposed boycott of Plainview merchants by Briscoe County residents. In attempting to cooperate with the news media, Anderson made the following statement, 'Any customer you lose is significant and we have a significant number of customers in Briscoe County. We at the chamber do not want to lose any customers in our outlying trade area, but would like for them to remain our friends.'

"After having made this statement to one reporter, that reporter asked, 'Will this trade boycott by Silverton residents put Plainview in any great bind?' President Anderson replied, 'No, I do not think so.' The reply to this question was not made in a spirit of contempt nor was it meant to offend anyone.

"Some elements of the news media have chosen to attack President Anderson personally for having answered this question in all candor. They have misquoted, quoted out of context, and quoted without having even contacted President Anderson. Neither President Anderson nor the Executive Committee of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce has ever knowingly reacted with contempt for any of our neighboring communities and would never be so presumptuous as to do so.

"In keeping with the democratic principles that this great republic is founded upon, it is our belief that any community or county should have the right to chart their own course by democratic process without the threat of economic boycott or any other reprisal. Such action brings to mind the beef boycott and grape boycott of recent years—all of these are reminders of attitudes that do not benefit West Texans.

"The Executive Committee very deeply objects to the attacks being made upon our organization and more specifically upon our president. We stand by our original position and by all statements made by our president."

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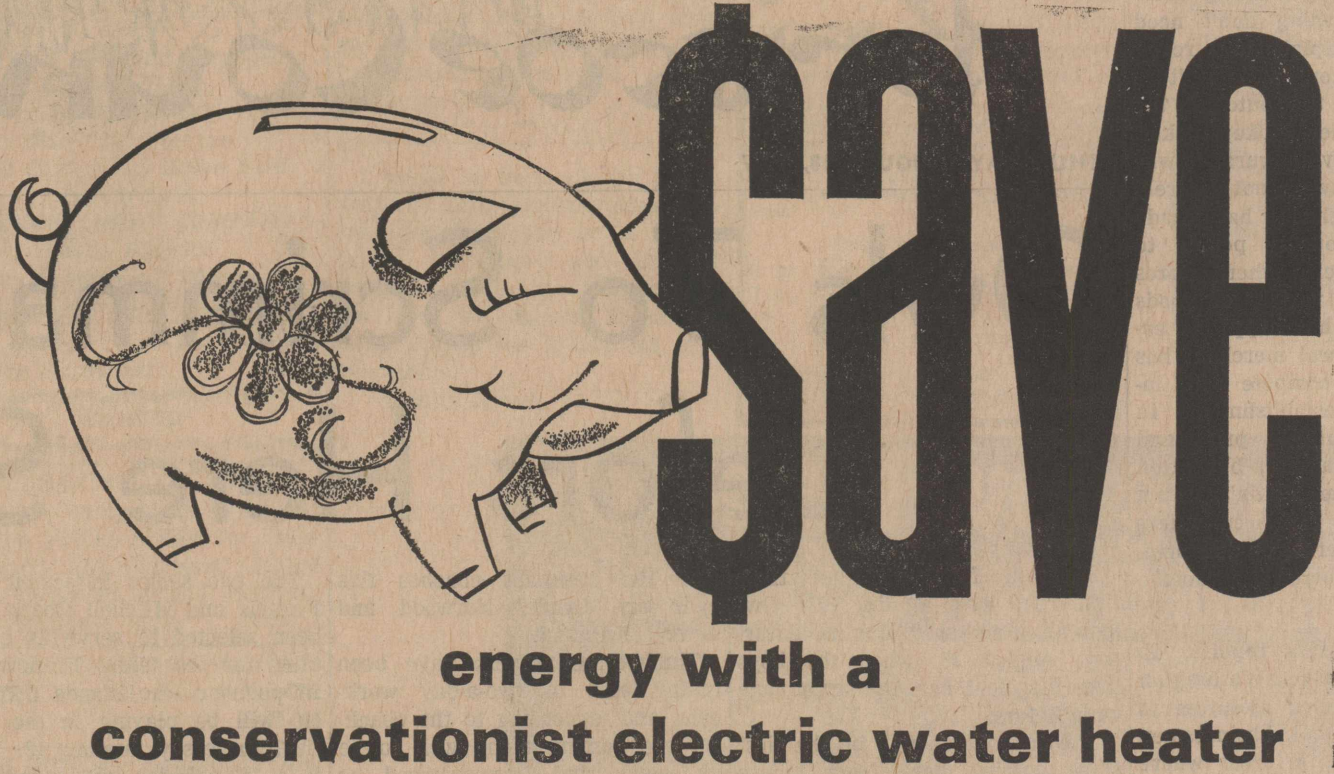
the amount of hail over the nation.

The series of elections is the most serious threat Citizens for Natural Weather have mounted against the cloud seeding operations to date.

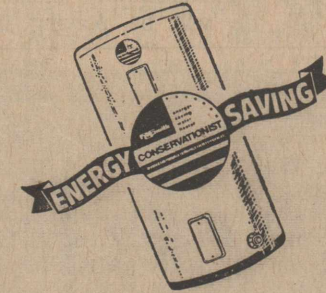
Another grandchild of the Ewing Vaughan's, Glenda Youngquist of Lubbock, visited them while Douglas and Delton were here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet and his sister, Mrs. Betty Sue Skelton of Lubbock, spent a long weekend in Ruidoso, Mesalero and Cloudercroft, New Mexico.

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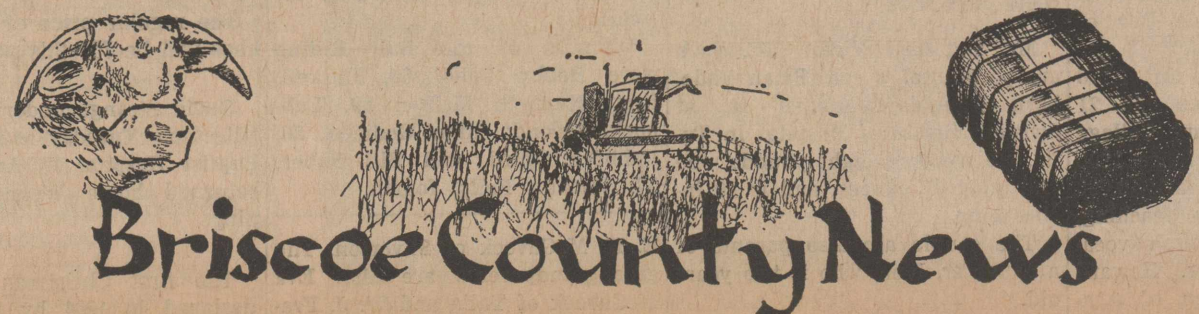
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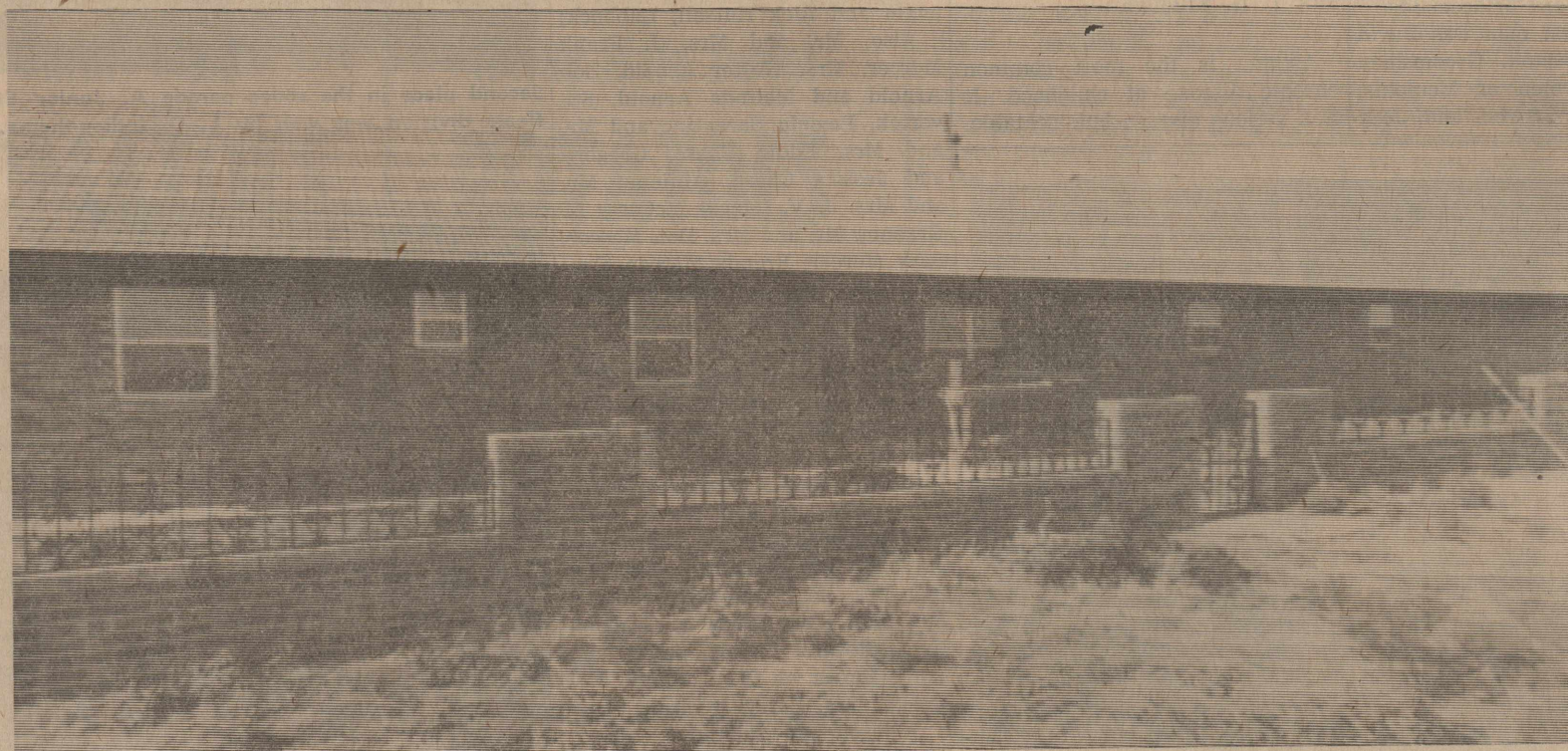
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MRS. BRIT PARKER

### Day-Parker Vows Exchanged In Formal Ceremony At Midland

Miss Virginia Sue Day and Brit Parker were united in marriage in a formal ceremony at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas at two o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, August 13.

Fr. Edward Vrazel performed the single-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Day, 3704 Stanolind, Midland, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie B. Parker of Silverton.

Nuptial selections were played

by Mrs. Hugh Dickson. Soloists were Dan Shipman, trumpet, and Barbara Fairbanks, vocal and guitar.

Maid of honor was Miss Kathleen Day of Midland, sister of the bride. Another sister of the bride, Miss Barbara Day of Midland, Linda Monde of Sweetwater and Mildred Ellis of Anthony, New Mexico, were bridesmaids.

Serving as best man was David Kellum of Silverton. Groomsmen were John Carmen of Memphis, Kaci Jones of Canyon and Joey

Adams of Amarillo.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a traditional gown designed with A-line silhouette of quiana, chiffon and venise laces. The fitted bodice was overlaid with venise lace appliques outlining the Queen Anne neckline, over the tiny self belt and highlighting the deep cuffs of the chiffon bishop sleeves. The A-line skirt flowed softly into a chapel-length train. Venise lace traced the entire hemline. Bridal pearls were sprinkled lavishly upon the bodice. Her veil of French illusion was circular and lace-edged and was gathered to a matching lace and pearl bandeau.

She carried a semi-cascade of Spanish sun roses and stephanotis with camellia foliage.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the Sprayberry Room of the Midland Hilton.

Members of the houseparty included Miss Susie Parker of Silverton, sister of the bridegroom; Laura Yarbrough of Dallas, and Leigh Ann Bradshaw of San Antonio.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will be at home at 2026 South Austin H-91 in Amarillo.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Mrs. A. S. Leonard of El Paso, grandmother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burton of Albuquerque, New Mexico, grandparents of the bride; Mrs. Lola K. Thomas of Tucson, Arizona, great-aunt of the bride; Miss Anna Wallesch of Mankato, Minnesota, great-aunt of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Silverton, Mrs. Ruby Hutson of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Norris of Salinas, California and Mrs. Leland Norris of Monahans, uncles and aunts of the bridegroom.

#### REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner was held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 12, at the Sheraton Inn in Midland.

#### BRIDESMAID'S BRUNCH

A brunch for the bridesmaids was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 13, in the home of Mrs. Leon Freeman, 3706 Stanolind in Midland. Hostesses were Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. W. E. Nance and Mrs. L. G. Killough.

Asthma is the most common chronic disease of childhood. It is a serious disease but treatable.

### To Marry Soon



KAREN JEAN CHILDRESS



Mr. and Mrs. Vance Childress announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Jean, to Mr. Gabby Aguilar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Aguilar, also of Silverton.

The couple will exchange marriage vows at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church in Silverton on Saturday, October 1.

### Mercer Reunion Held Here August 6

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Mercer met Saturday, August 6, in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Holt of Graham and grandchildren, Wade and Karla Watson, Mrs. Kit McDaniel, jr. and Kaila McDaniel of Hale Center, and Randa McDaniel, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer of Silverton, Mrs. H. R. Fulton and Jeanna Fulton of Canyon, Dr. Jim E. Mercer, Kent and Jett Mercer of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Mercer, Silverton, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hutsell, Colleen Hutsell and Scott Hutsell of Silverton, Mark Hutsell of Amarillo and Rick Hutsell, Lubbock; Also, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Mercer, Mrs. Walter Arnold, Bob Arnold and Melinda Arnold, Silverton, Pamela Barentine and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chase, Gregory and Jessica Chase, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. (Mack) McCarty of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mercer, Gary Mercer, Brenda Mercer, Oregon, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riddle, Debbie Riddle, Paulette Riddle and Susan Riddle of Phillips; Also, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Doc) Minyard and Annette Minyard of Silverton, Mrs. Bill Hatchett, Billy and Deanne Hatchett of Fort Lee, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tomlin, Deedra and Shelly Tomlin of Spearman, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thrasher of Shamrock and Mr. and Mrs. John Minyard of Canyon; Mrs. Ruth Smith of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Lance Smith of Clay Center, Nebraska, Mrs. Larry Johnson, Sherri Johnson and Shannon Johnson, Washburn, Missouri;

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas Mercer, Doug Mercer and Tyson Mercer of Dallas and Mrs. Mary Linda DuBose of Amarillo; Rev. and Mrs. James Aiken of Taos, New Mexico, Jessie Mercer of Amarillo, Gerald Mercer of Riverside, California, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mercer, Jeffrie June Mercer and Clyde Mercer of Richardson; Shelia Carpenter of Phillips, Jan Pendergraph of Washburn, Missouri, Mrs. Frances Klien and Keith Klien of Amarillo.

Plans have been made for a 1979 meeting in Graham.

### McMinn Reunion Set September 4

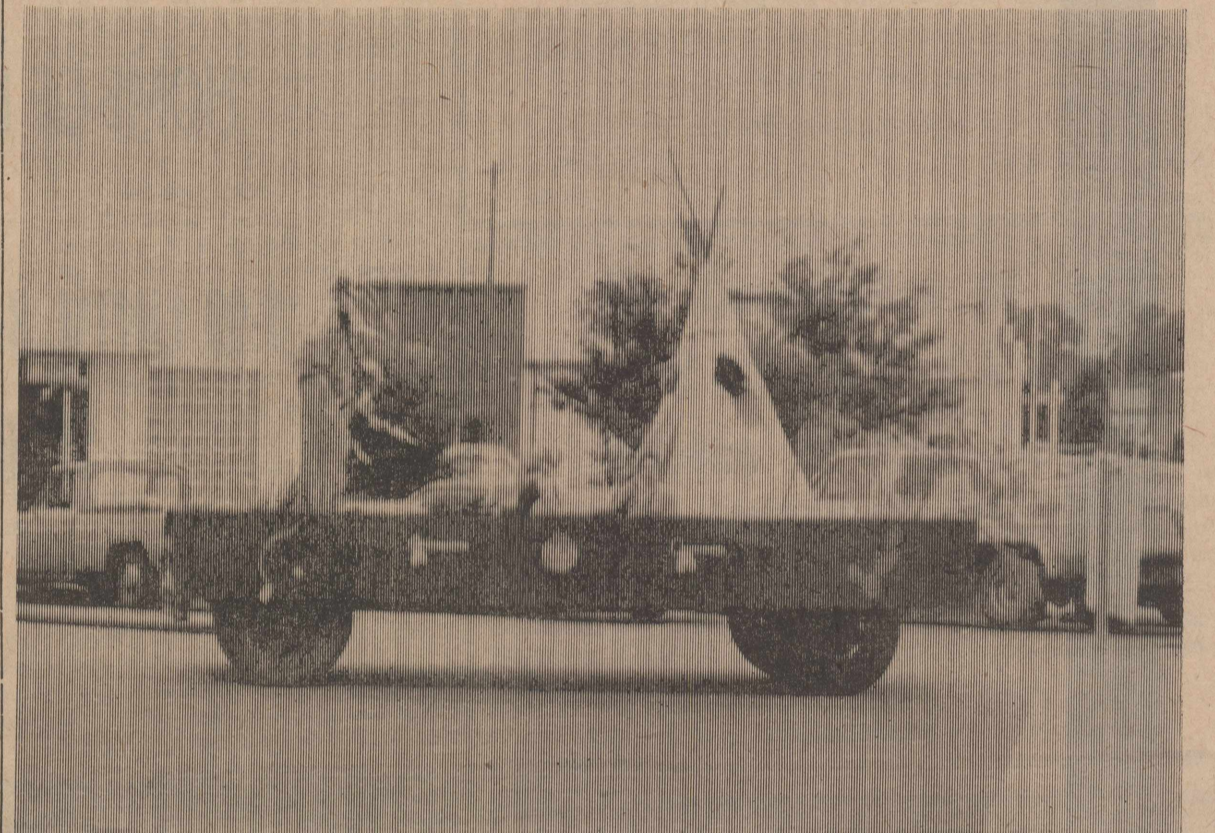
Friends and relatives of the families of the late W. L. and Abb McMinn are invited to bring two covered dishes to the Silverton School Cafeteria Sunday, September 4, and have lunch and a time of visiting.

The McMinnns are former residents of the Francis Community, dating back to the 1920's. Among those planning to attend are Mrs. Laura (Abb) McMinn, her son, Aubrey, and his wife, Mammie, and two sisters, Edith and Othel. They have expressed a desire to see and visit with all their friends here. They will be guests of Mrs. Ollie McMinn and Mrs. Jo Malow.

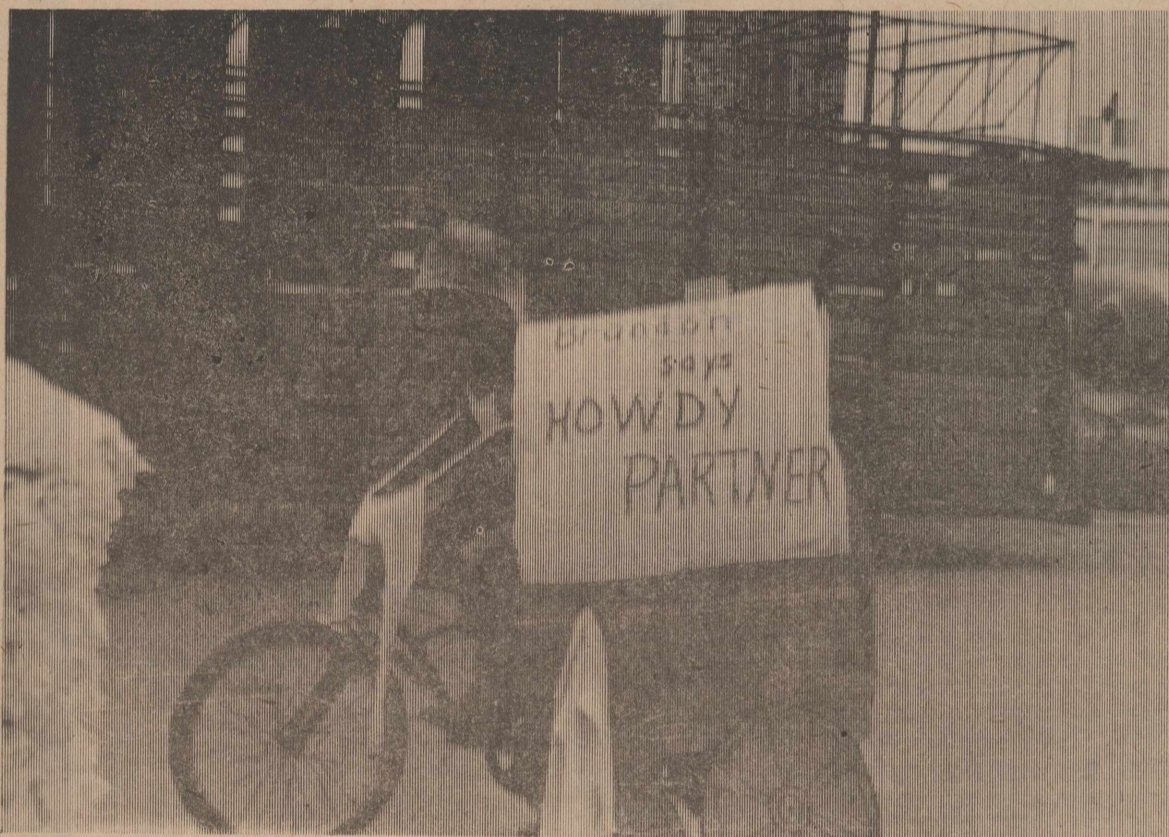
Mrs. Ollie McMinn, her children and grandchildren will host the reunion and invite all who wish to be there for lunch or visiting in the afternoon.



Silverton High School Cheerleaders were winners of first place in the floats division of the rodeo parade held here last Thursday afternoon. The cheerleaders are Traci Mayfield, Susie Tipton, Rebecca Reid and Kim Fitzgerald. Lydia Younger, Karen Ziegler,



Second place in the rodeo parade A. Junior Study Club with this the floats were several children floats division was won by L. O. Indian-theme presentation. Riding of the clubmembers.



Brandon Eddleman's covered wagon presentation won him the second-place prize in the bicycles division of the rodeo parade.

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Third place in the bicycles division of the rodeo parade was won by Blake Eddleman's pumpkin presentation.

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Third-place winners in the floats division of the rodeo parade were the Silverton Boy Scouts.



Beatrice Ortega was first-prize winner in the bicycle division of the rodeo parade.

**CHEMISTRY PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY**

Chemistry has played an important role in the generation of electricity for many years at Southwestern Public Service Company. And, with the advent of coal as a boiler fuel, chemistry has taken on even more significance.

Southwestern's system chemistry laboratory located at the Nichols Station plant, one mile south of Harrington Station, has been enlarged and expanded to provide a complete facility for analyzing and testing coal. The lab has a staff of 14 chemists in addition to plant chemists located at each generation station.

The lab takes coal samples from two different locations for testing and analyzing. The first source is at the mine site where the coal is being loaded into the unit-train. The purpose of the tests of this sample is to assure SPS that it is getting the kind and quality of coal for which it is paying. The lab analyzes the moisture content, the percent ash, the percent volatile, and most important, the heat value or the BTU content of the coal.

While the price of coal is generally expressed in terms of dollars per ton, Southwestern actually buys the coal on a BTU per ton basis. In other words, it's the amount of energy in the coal that determines its value.

The second source of samples of coal for testing is from the conveyor belt at the power plant where the coal is being moved from the crusher house to the bunker or storage silo. This sample is primarily for operational control. Immediate results indicate the kind of coal that is being fed into the boiler at that particular time.

Testing and analysis of coal in

the SPS system lab starts with the preparation of the coal sample. The coal is poured into a pulverizer and ground to a very fine powder-like consistency.

The first analysis is to determine the heat value or the BTU content. This is done in a laboratory apparatus called an Adiabatic Calorimeter. It measures the rise in temperature of a water bath caused by the heat generated when the coal sample is burned in an atmosphere of pure oxygen. The rise in temperature is compared to the rise experienced when a material is burned that has a known BTU content or is considered a standard. This comparison gives the BTU content or heat value of the sample.

The BTU content of the coal SPS is receiving from the mines in Wyoming will average about 8,425 per ton.

The test is computer programmed and a digital thermometer records the temperature rise as the sample burns while a digital printer records the results on tape.

The next test is to determine the percent of volatile elements in the coal - primarily the amount of hydro-carbons and fixed carbon in the sample. A weighed sample is placed in a crucible and placed in a 555 degree C. electric furnace for six minutes to remove the moisture. The sample is then placed in a second oven for an additional six minutes at 950 degrees C. Then the sample is weighed and the weight loss represents the amount of percent of volatile materials.

Another important aspect of the coal that must be determined in the laboratory is the percent of ash it contains. To make this test, the sample is placed in a 750 degree C. furnace equipped with forced air. Complete combustion is attained in this analysis and all that remains is ash-oxides of iron, aluminum, sil-

ica, calcium and magnesium. The coal that SPS is receiving for use at Harrington Station has approximately five percent ash. This means that in every 100 ton car of coal, there will be about five tons of ash. The 356,700 kilowatt unit at the new plant uses about 1-million tons of coal per year, leaving about 50,000 tons of fly ash.

Southwestern Public Service Company engineers are now looking at various markets and uses for the fly ash. It is particularly suited for use as a roadbed material as an additive for concrete mixes, and for landfill uses.

When coal is burned in a boiler, it is necessary to know the fusibility, or melting point of the ash. At certain temperatures, the ash begins to form slag inside the boiler and on the outside of the boiler tubes. This can eventually cause major problems in the boiler and lead to a complete shut-down for cleaning and repairs.

To determine the fusibility of ash, the sample is shaped into a cone and heated in an ash fusion furnace. By viewing the sample through an optical pyrometer, a device for measuring the temperatures of glowing objects, the melting point can be determined.

The temperature in the boiler is then kept just below this melting point, thus preventing the formation of slag and damage to the boiler.

Since the fly ash will be sold for other uses, it is important that an analysis be made to determine the percent of trace materials it contains. Trace materials include such metals as lead and arsenic that have a potential of being harmful to the environment. These tests make sure that the fly ash will not contaminate the water strata or nearby lakes and streams when used for commercial purposes.

**Montague Reunion Held In Colorado**

Descendants of the Montague family recently attended a reunion at John Martin Reservoir, located 20 miles west of Lamar, Colorado.

Local relatives attending were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cantwell, Mrs. Datis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Printz Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson, Mrs. Vinson Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Montague.

Former Silverton residents attending were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brown, Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner and Heather, Matador, and Jimmy Smith of

ern Public Service Company. No more power plants will be built by SPS that use natural gas as the primary fuel. However, gas will play an important role for some time to come as the fuel for the existing plants. But, the future belongs to coal and ultimately to uranium and nuclear power.

The percent of trace metals in the coal sample is determined by the use of an atomic absorption spectro photometer. The sample is burned in a graphite furnace and a spectroscopic light beam analyzes the sample.

Finally, the coal sample is given a sieve analysis to check the size of the coal and to make sure it is not too large for the crusher equipment at the power plant. On the other hand, if the coal is too fine, it will be hard to control and create dust problems. This test also checks the performance of the coal pulverizer at the plant.

The introduction of coal as a boiler fuel marks a milestone in the energy picture for the 45,000 square miles served by Southwest-

Guymon, Oklahoma.

The group had the pleasure of visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Smith and son, Andy, in Lamar, Colorado. Monte is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith.

Mrs. Ross Vanderpool and family of Las Animas, Colorado were hosts for the get-together. About seventy persons were present.

**Holt Reunion Held Here August 7**

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Holt held their annual reunion in the Silverton School Cafeteria August 7. There were 66 present.

Among those attending were Louise and Randa McDaniel, Hale Center; Karla and Wade Watson, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holt, Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaffer, Perryton; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton and Tammie, and Eric Cox, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Robison and son, Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hamilton, Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Jac Osborne, Pampa.

Also, Mrs. Georgie Gaither and Angela, Annie McGary, Elwana Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hamilton, Van, Becky and Steve, all of Spearman; Jan Bufkin, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter and Ross, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Shaffer and children, Guymon, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. David Carthel and children, Amarillo.

Relatives attending from Silverton were Willie Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Garvin, Dara and Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird, Kori and Kerry, and Mr. and Mrs. David Holt and Lance.

It was voted to have the next reunion the first Sunday in August, 1978.

**BOBBITT PROMOTED**

Emmett Bobbitt has been promoted to installation and maintenance foreman for General Telephone Company of the Southwest at Memphis, according to J. H. Davis, Division Manager.

Bobbitt, a native of Clarendon, attended school there. He began his telephone career in 1959 as an unlocated lineworker on a construction crew. Since that time, he has held the positions of installer repair person in Clarendon and Wellington, combination person in Wheeler and central office repair person in Wellington. Prior to his promotion, he served as central office repair person in Memphis.

In his new capacity, he will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of customer telephone service in Memphis, Matador, Turkey, Silverton, Happy, Paducah, Roaring Springs and Dickens.

He is married to the former Shirley Mann and they have two children, Scott, age ten, and Lisa, age seven. They are members of the Memphis Church of Christ.

Davis said that the placement of this additional management employee in Memphis is a continuing planned effort to better serve customers in this area.

**Five Accidents Reported In Briscoe County In July**

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated five accidents on rural highways in Briscoe County during the month of July, 1977, according to Sergeant J. R. Smith, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in three persons injured but no fatalities.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first seven months of 1977 shows a total of 29 accidents resulting in one fatality and ten persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for July, 1977 shows a total of 620 accidents resulting in 15 persons killed and 391 persons injured as compared to July, 1976, with 592 accidents which resulted in 21 persons killed and 380 persons injured. This was 28 more accidents, six less killed, and eleven more injured in 1977 at the same period of time.

The 15 traffic deaths for the month of July, 1977 occurred in the following counties: two each in Hale, Lubbock and Potter; one each in Archer, Clay, Floyd, Hook-

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY RECOGNIZED FOR FORESIGHT, IMAGINATION**

Southwestern Public Service Company with headquarters in Amarillo, Texas, is recognized throughout the electric utility industry for its foresight and imaginative approach to providing dependable and economic electric energy.

Since 1942, when Southwestern became solely an operating utility company, and the first company to obtain exemption under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, it has gained the reputation of being a "pioneer".

Since 1950, SPS engineers have designed and engineered all but one of power plants added to Southwestern's system. Next came the first economic loading system to be used in the country. This system, operated from a central dispatching center, automatically adds the most efficient generating unit available to the system when additional load requires it. SPS was the first to use the digital and the electronic analog turbine governors.

SPS pioneered the use of sewage effluent as cooling tower make-up water and then with further treatment as boiler make-up water at its Jones Station in Lubbock, saving thousands of gallons of fresh water per day.

Southwestern Public Service Company's recently completed Harrington Station Unit No. 1, northeast of Amarillo, resulted in yet another pioneering effort. The first low-sulphur, western coal to be used in Texas is now being brought in from Gillette, Wyoming and this also marks the first use of the unit-train with bottom dumping in Texas.

Harrington Station is Southwestern's first coal-fired plant. It has a generating capability of 356,700 kilowatts and uses about 1-million tons of coal per year. The second 356,700 kilowatt unit is under construction and will be ready in 1978, while still a third unit is scheduled for completion in 1980.

While Southwestern Public Service Company is considered a medium-size utility company, its services area belies that description. Covering 45,000 square miles, the service area stretches from the southwestern corner of Kansas, through the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles to the South Plains of Texas and the Clovis-Portales-Roswell-Carlisbad area of New Mexico.

SPS is a New Mexico corporation and its history goes back as far as 1904 when the Roswell

ley, Jack, King, Terry, Wise and Moore.

Electric Light Company began serving Roswell. Today, the Company owns and operates 14 power plants with a total generating capability of 2,746,800 kilowatts. The Company has approximately 2,000 employees and serves about 260,000 customers.

The company also provides electric service for 16 rural electric cooperatives and is, in fact, the fourth largest private wholesale supplier for electric cooperatives in the country.

Southwestern is an investor-owned electric utility and has approximately 36,000 stockholders. It is listed on the New York, Midwest, and Pacific Stock Exchanges, with unlisted privileges on the Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington Stock Exchanges.

Southwestern Public Service Company's interest in the Gas Cooled Fast Breeder Reactor project and the thermonuclear fusion research at The University of Texas, is dramatic proof that the Company's pioneering spirit is still the driving force that makes this electric utility company a fore-runner in the electric industry,



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# Solar Open House to Benefit Ambulance Service

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service will host open house in the beautiful new solar energy home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarus Flowers on Sunday afternoons, August 14 and August 21, from 1:00 until 3:30 p.m. A \$1.00 fee will be charged adults attending the open house, and all of this money will be a donation to the ambulance service for the purchase of communication equipment for use in emergencies in Briscoe County.

To reach the home, drive about a mile north of the entrance to Lake Mackenzie on Highway 207 to the microwave tower, then turn east for a mile on a county road. It is the first house on your right.

"Many people have expressed an interest in seeing our new home and having its solar energy features explained," said Flowers. "We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity and to assist our ambulance service." Flowers will be present both afternoons to answer any questions you may have, and in addition, a representative from Fields & Company in Lubbock will be present from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. on August 14, to discuss the workings of the solar energy system.

The brick ranch-style home is not of far-out futuristic design, but is constructed with no offset in the roof and on one level. It is an all-electric Gold Medallion Home, which faces north from its location near the rim of Tule Canyon. From the front yard you don't get a clue of its energy-saving features. The profile of the house looks different, but the home must be viewed from the back, or south, to see the solar panels which are mounted horizontally on the roof.

The design incorporates 24 collector panels, that collect solar energy for the home. Although the panels are interconnected, four panels are needed to heat water in the 82-gallon water heater while the other 20 are designed to heat the house.

Each collector panel consists of two 3x6-foot sheets of heat-treated glass approximately three-eighths inch apart. Two tin ribs under the glass of each panel acts as heat absorbers to heat air circulating between the panels. Underneath the tin absorbers is a 2x6-foot framework filled with 6-inch batt insulation. Hot and cold air circulates between every eighth collector.

The warm air from the collectors travels to a "brain" located inside the house, which sends warm air either to heat the house or to the 6-foot riverbed rock pit for heat storage. While the brain is doing this, it also sends heated air to a coil and motor that circulates the heated air in the water heater, with water temperature reaching as high as 140-160 degrees.

Starting from the top and working down, the rock pit is constructed of a 6-inch concrete top, water-proof sheet-rock, a 2x6-foot roof with two 6-inch insulation batts squeezed in, three-quarters plywood, more insulation, a 6-inch air space, and 6 feet of three-quarters inch riverbed rock for heat storage. The rock bed rests on a diamond-shaped steel wire grid supported by U-shaped concrete blocks. The concrete blocks are surrounded by three-sixteenths-inch stiff fiberglass insulation. Gauges installed at the surface tell the temperature of the rock bed at three different levels. The sending units are 12 inches, 32 inches, and 63 inches deep

in the rockbed. Even though this is West Texas, the sun doesn't shine all the time. In the event that the water is not heating enough, a backup electric water heater takes over. A third electric water heater is located elsewhere in the house for prolonged periods of no sunlight.

A conventional electric furnace supplies any supplemental heat needed for the house. For summer comfort, the house is centrally air-conditioned. Guesswork had to be reduced to a minimum, so sensors were installed in the rock pit, the return air system, and in the house to enable the system to perform to its maximum efficiency. An electric air filter prevents smoke, pollen, or dust from entering the ductwork.

The blueprints for the system were drawn up by Fields & Company. Installation of the system was made by A. T. and Kenny Lane of Kress, with Flowers doing much of the work himself. The Lanes also did all the carpentry work on the house.

Flowers wanted to reduce maintenance wherever he could, so the roof is made of concrete shingles that can take a great deal of punishment from hail and whatever else the weather can throw at it.

The Flowers' home is an energy saver in many ways in addition to the savings realized from the solar system. The walls are heavily insulated with a heat-resistance factor of R-19.38. This is achieved by placing 3 1/2-inch (R-13) insulation in the walls with 6-inch styrofoam aluminum-covered insulation on the outside between the wood frame and the outside sheathing. The aluminum reflects heat either in or out, depending on whether the air conditioner or the solar system is in operation. Each one-tenth-inch of the styrofoam is equivalent to one-inch of regular insulation.

The styrofoam insulation is continued below ground level, to insulate the basement area. In addition, a continuous vapor barrier prevents air leakage around window areas by wrapping the edges of the vapor barrier over the window frame and fastening it. Six inches of insulation in the ceiling further protects against heat loss to make the solar system as efficient as possible. Flowers intends to bring the level up to an even higher R-38 factor.

A fireplace adds a romantic touch to almost any home. But Flowers knew the average fireplace provides little real warmth, with up to 80 per cent of the heat going out the chimney. Not only that, a fireplace draws heat out of the room to satisfy its air supply requirements. A fireplace will also "steal" heat from a house if it is part of an outside wall.

Flowers sought to solve these problems while retaining the rustic charm and romance of an old-fashioned fireplace. He built his fireplace in a living room corner, at an angle so it faces the room, inside a conditioned space. Glass doors cover the front of the fireplace. The air supply comes from the outside through ducts, with dampers that can be closed tightly when the fireplace is not in use. The heat escapes through another duct system that comes out near ceiling level in an adjacent wall, while smoke goes up the chimney. No heat is lost from the room because of the outside air supply. When the fire is out, ashes can be swept to the back of the fireplace where a chute dumps them into a pit.

Convenience features of the Flowers' home include a central vacuum cleaner, a complete weather station including wind gauge, and an intercom and stereo system throughout the house.

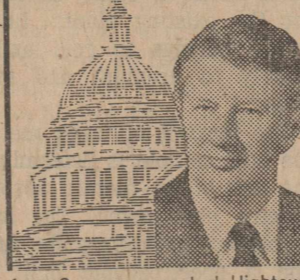
The kitchen features a Jenn-Air electric range with grill, rotisserie and deep fryer, and an unusual exhaust system. Off the kitchen in the pantry is a butane-fueled grill, "in case of power failure," says Flowers. It can also be used for singeing poultry and game birds.

The basement-playroom includes a model railroad platform which folds into the wall when not in use and a bed which folds away into the wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers, natives of Tulia, are parents of two sons, Michael and Kinon, who live at home, and a married daughter, Mrs. Wendell (Nedra) Hardin, of the nearby Rock Creek community.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of these open houses. The Flowers have delayed moving into their new home for the sake of the ambulance service. Mr. Flowers is an Emergency Medical Technician, and while in this training became aware of some of the needs of the local ambulance service. If the road to the home is muddy due to rains on the days of the open house, the event will not be held. A visit to the open house will provide you a drive across the canyons, and an opportunity to visit beautiful new Lake Mackenzie.

## HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON HIGHLIGHTS



From Congressman Jack Hightower

Congressman Jack Hightower announced the increase in the target price for wheat passed by the Congress last week will mean additional payments to wheat farmers of approximately \$442,591.26 in Briscoe County. This figure is an estimate based on the county allotment and the historical yield.

The House passed the 1977 Agricultural Act Thursday with the 1977 target price for wheat set at \$2.90 per bushel. The corn target and loan were raised to \$2.00 per bushel for the 1977 crop. The current wheat target is \$2.47 per bushel and the House committee had approved a \$2.65 per bushel level.

"When you consider that 'new money' in our local economy will

turn over an estimated seven times, it is clear what this 43 cents per bushel increase means in dollars and cents to this county and the entire Northwest Texas area," stated Hightower. He went on to point out that although during consideration of the farm bill in the Livestock and Grain Subcommittee he had worked for a \$3.20 per bushel figure, the compromise figure will mean a good number of both farmers and local businesses will be able to continue to operate. "With every penny added to that target price," said Hightower, "fewer and fewer of our people will be forced to leave the farm."

Hightower has been one of several farm state Congressmen fighting for higher target and loan rates. Depressed prices in commodities like wheat and corn have created severe financial crisis in the farm sector. Hightower emphasized this to the members of Congress in a floor speech during the first day of debate on the farm bill. He referred to a report released in April of this year predicting over 3,000 Texas farmers would declare bankruptcy before the year was over.

As debate opened Monday on the "National Energy Act" Congressman Jack Hightower called for a return to the "free market system" as the best means of resolving the nation's energy problems. Hightower also stressed that one of the most vital industries in the United States is dependent upon fuel being available in a timely manner was agriculture.

In explaining the needs to the other Members of Congress, Hightower stated, "The day of the horse and mule is gone, but depending on what we do here, may soon return."

Hightower pointed out the delay of a few days because of fuel being unavailable could mean the loss of an entire year's crop. Hightower also emphasized the cred-

it and cost squeeze the farm sector faces today is in no small part due to the rising fuel prices.

In directing the attention of Members of Congress to the limits of a national energy program structured only to conservation, Cong-

ressman Hightower stated: "The poor, the disabled, the aged who are often victims of economic policies that they have no means to influence or control, would not be helped by an energy policy that is centered on conservation alone; they are already conserving all they can, they will only be truly helped by a policy that will continue to provide the energy necessary for their sustenance. The Senate will be working on the legislation in the fall."

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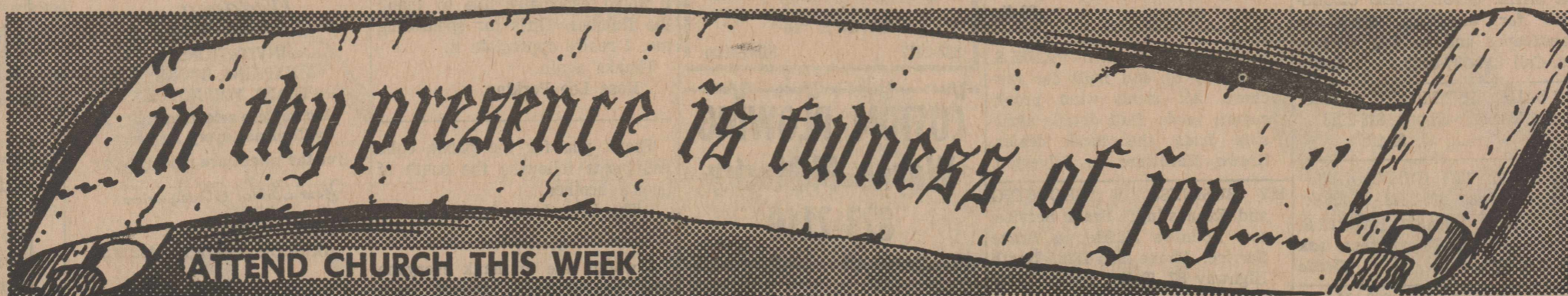
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**Wednesday**

Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

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**Sunday**

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:45 a.m.  
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**Wednesday**

Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday**

Library Opens..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Library Opens..... 4:30 p.m.  
Youth Choir..... 4:30 p.m.  
Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.  
Mission Friends, G.A. and R.A..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

**Second Monday**

Night W. M. S..... 7:00 p.m.

**Second and Fourth Tuesday**

W. M. S..... 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Junior High Acteens..... 3:35 p.m.  
High School Acteens, first and third Wednesday..... 3:35 p.m.  
Mid-Week Service..... 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal..... 7:45 p.m.

**Second Saturday**

Baptist Men..... 7:00 a.m.

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Jesse Dea, Pastor

**Sunday**

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
M. Y. F..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Choir Practice..... 6:00 p.m.

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**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION**

**Sunday**

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Choir Rehearsal..... 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service..... 8:00 p.m.

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**Sunday**

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**Sunday**

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**Wednesday**

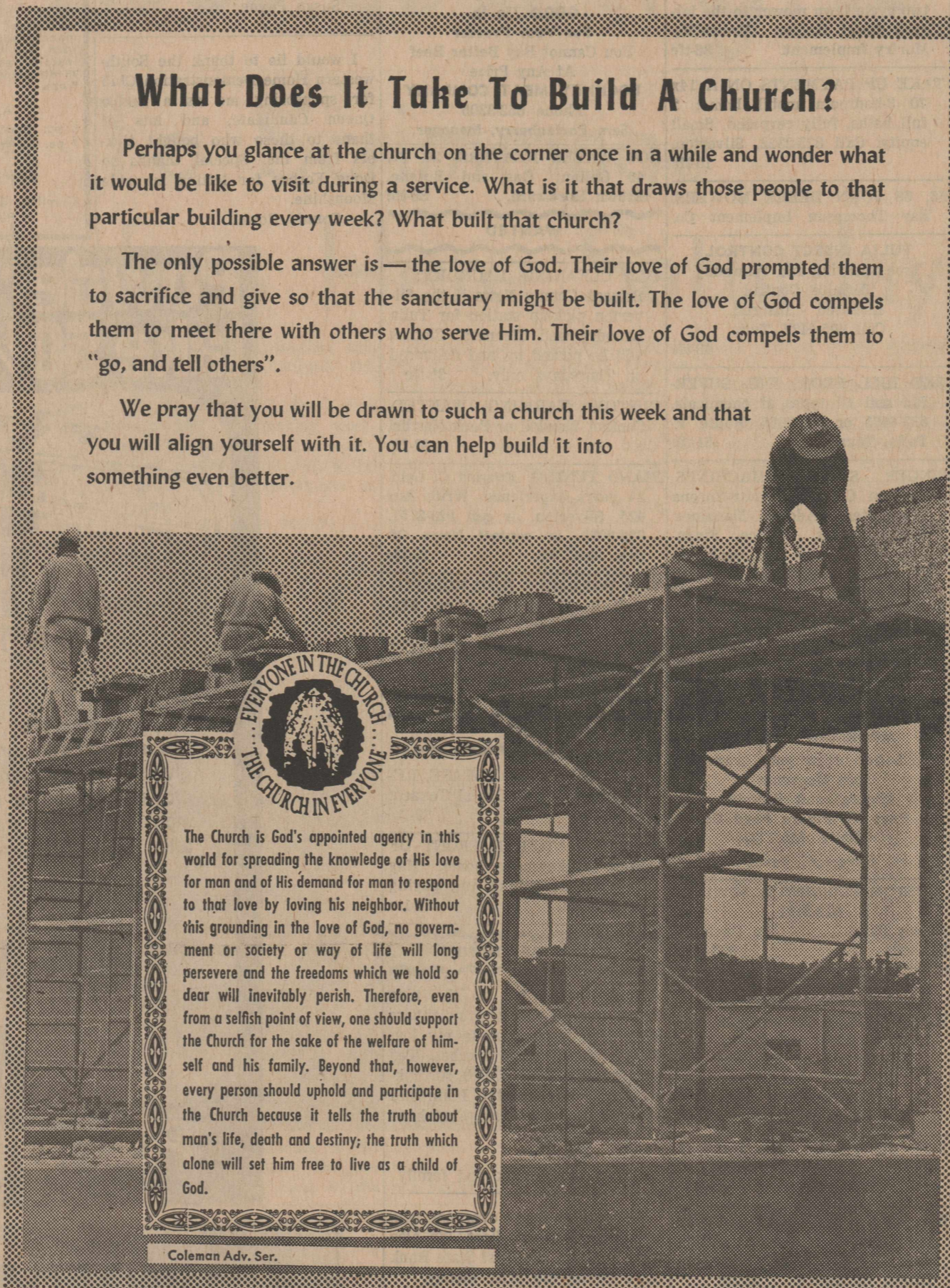
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 Nena Loudermilk and family

We want to thank everyone who helped us with our float. We also want to thank the First State Bank for donating the prize money.  
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I would like to thank all the people who bought rodeo tickets from me and thanks to the Young Farmers for sponsoring me. A special thanks to Ty Wayne and Lee Ann McMurtry for the use of their horse.  
 Lisa Younger

A very grateful thanks to the Silvertown Ambulance Service for their wonderful care while taking me to the hospital and in getting immediate care. A special thanks to Charles Sarchet, Ted and Anthony Kingery; also, for all the visits, food and phone calls.  
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 Thanks again.  
 Rose Lee Perkins

Thank you for the phone calls and cards following the death of Leon's brother.  
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I would like to thank everyone who bought rodeo tickets from me and supported me in any way. I appreciate it very much.  
 Susan Payne

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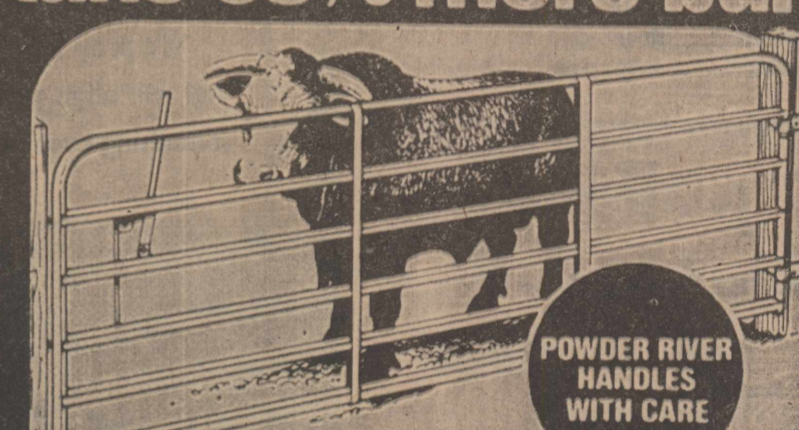
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