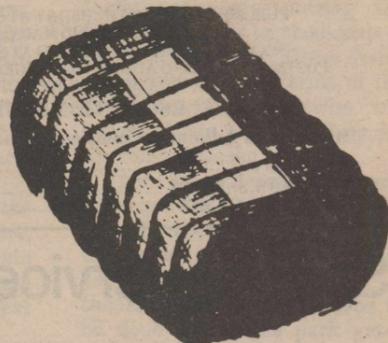




Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



# Briscoe County News

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## Absentee Voting Opens March 14

Absentee voting in the city and school trustee elections opens Monday, March 14, and continues through March 29.

The elections will be held at the City Hall on Saturday, April 2.

Absentee ballots in the city election will be cast at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Absentee voting in the school trustee election will be conducted at the Verlin Towe Building during the same hours. Both absentee voting places will be open each Monday through Friday that is not an official state holiday.

The terms of Mayor Charles Sarchet and Councilmen A. R. Martin and Riley Harris are expiring this year. Sarchet is not seeking re-election, and candidates for Mayor who will be listed on the ballot are A. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes spent from Friday until Tuesday of last week in the home of their son and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy and Matthew in Roscoe. They enjoyed having an extra day with their grandchildren since they were out of school on Monday.

## Baird is Outstanding Farmer Award Winner

Carl Dean (Hand) Baird received the coveted Outstanding Young Farmer award at the Silverton Young Farmers' 19th Annual Awards Banquet held Saturday, February 26, at the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Capturing the Outstanding Agribusiness Award was Dale McWaters, while Jerry Baird was recipient of the Outstanding Associate Member designation.

A plaque for Outstanding Support of the local club went to Billy Cogdell, while his son, Rank Cogdell, was named Outstanding Silverton FFA Member.

Master of ceremonies was Brad Ziegler. Area I Young Farmer Officers and wives attending were Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Smithson, Dimmitt, state vice president; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Groves, Hale Center, president; Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Martin and Carol Davis. Harris is seeking re-election to his seat on the council, and others who will be listed on the ballot are David Johnston and Lynn Frizzell.

The terms of school trustees Jimmy Burson, Raymond McJimsey and Robert McPherson are expiring this year. Burson has filed for re-election, and others who have filed for places on the ballot are Mrs. Carolyn Lowrey, Mrs. Cathey Weaks, Danny Francis and John Wyatt.

## Public Invited To FU Meeting

The public has been invited to a Briscoe-Silverton Farmers Union meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

There will be an open discussion of agricultural policies and issues, and a presentation of the group health insurance program for 1983 (Blue Cross/Blue Shield).

A free stew supper and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Calvin Shelton or Glen Lindsey.

Schlabs, Hereford, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hester, Silverton, treasurer.

About 75 members, wives and guests attended the banquet. Following the awards, a casino fun night was enjoyed and at the conclusion prizes were auctioned off for the play money used in the games.

## Blood Drive Is March 15

Silverton's next blood drive will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall. The bloodmobile from Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will be taking the blood donations.



L. O. A. Junior Study Club members raised \$1800.00 toward the purchase of a new ambulance for Silverton with the Christmas

Greeting Page during December. Pictured with the new emergency unit are members, [from left] Jane Self, Deb Burson,

Cathey Weaks, Dorcas Garrison, Liz Griffin, Tina Nance, Denise Burson and Jaleta Baird.  
—Briscoe County News Photo

## Block Advises

### PIK Participation

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block today urged West Texas cotton farmers to sign up for the payment-in-kind (PIK) program before the March 11 deadline for sign-up passes. Block spoke directly to the area farmers over a telephone hookup with a Lubbock agricultural radio program.

Block noted that this year's cotton carryover, at eight to eight and one-half million bales, stood at more than twice the level desirable for raising prices to farmers. Even with a good nationwide participation in PIK and rising domestic demand and export, the carryover on August 1, 1984 could total over six million bales.

Without the PIK program, carryover stocks should well amount to 9½ million bales, a level of stocks that could depress prices for several marketing years.

Although cotton prices have risen since President Reagan announced PIK in Dallas on January 11, economists do not expect the rise to hold, and they predict that prices will stay at earlier lower level, unless stocks diminish appreciatively.

Block noted PIK objectives: "Reduce production, reduce sur-

plus stocks, and bring supply more in line with demand. Farm prices should firm, if cotton buyers realize that the PIK program will reduce stocks, and as carryovers reach an acceptable level, prices should rise with demand." John Ford, USDA's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Inspection Services, and Charles Cunningham, Deputy Director of ASCS's Analysis Division, both West Texas natives, appeared later in the day at the Lamesa Cotton Growers Annual Meeting in Lamesa.

Ford said: "Secretary Block has wisely stated the pressing need for West Texas and Rolling Plains cotton farmers to join their fellow farmers and neighbors in the PIK program. This cotton carryover problem is critical. PIK is the essential and vital first step to price recovery for cotton farmers."

Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick suffered a broken shoulder and was transported to West Texas Hospital in Lubbock Wednesday of last week by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

## SILVERTON SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### Fourth Six Weeks

First Grade—Matt Francis, Kami Martin, Kayla Ramsey, Michelle Whitfill, Ashleigh Wyatt

Second Grade—Melissa Woods, Justin McFall, Dusty Martin, Aimee Francis

Third Grade—Gwen Clardy, Jennifer Grimland, Brian Martin, Amy Ramsey

Fourth Grade—Carrie Grabbe  
Fifth Grade—Clay Mercer, Tracy Tomlin

Sixth Grade—Tara Nance  
Seventh Grade—Juannah Woods

Eighth Grade—John McCune  
Freshmen—Kristy Fogerson, Donna Tomlin, Norma Trevino  
Sophomores—Soledad Garcia, Estella Trevino

Juniors—Tammi Edwards, Angie Lowrey, Jena McFall

Seniors—Jeni Denton, Judy Northcutt

## SCHOOL TO DISMISS EARLY MONDAY

School will dismiss early Monday and the buses will run at 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be served at school as usual that day.

The early dismissal is due to the District UIL One Act Play Contest being held here.



**Looking Back . . .**

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**25 YEARS AGO . . .** Jack Mayfield, Joe Holmes and Robert Ledbetter were assisting W. E. Schott, jr. with plans for the Junior Livestock Show. Show directors were Bill Edwards, Bill Helms, Oliver Ware, Seymour Brannon, True Burson, Joe Mercer, Robert Hill, Homer Stephens . . . Charles Daniels, undertaker and ambulance driver, was injured as he was unloading his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jess Russell, at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. A car drove into him, cutting his legs, tearing

knee muscles . . . H. G. Wells announces candidacy for State Representative . . . M. R. Boyles, 63, buried at Quitaque . . . Eleven buffalo, including one bull, seven cows and three heifer calves, had been sighted on the Howard Ranch, 35 miles southwest of Silverton . . . Presbyterian Church property was being offered for sale . . . Mrs. Jean Grundy was hostess for the Century of Progress Study Club . . . Mrs. G. T. Durham, Bob, Bill and Jackie visited Mrs. J. G. Ridge in Canyon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lester Paige return from trip to California . . .

**30 YEARS AGO . . .** FFA Father-Son Banquet planned

with a main dish of barbecued beef cooked by Jim Baird, local barbecue esquire . . . C. H. Bunch, vocational agriculture teacher, had filed entry forms for six calves to be shown at the South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show by Robert H. Hill, Kenneth Stephens, Bill Stephens, Charles Mayfield and Guinn Fitzgerald . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutsell had all their children except Jodell, a student at San Marcos, home Sunday. Those present included L.Cdr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell and children of California, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tidwell and children of Hobbs, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hutsell and children of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Flunoy

Hutsell of Canyon . . . Mayor Alvin Redin said there had been numerous false alarm calls to the fire department recently . . . Messrs. and Mmes. Clifton Shaw and Pat McGinty of Turkey visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stafford Sunday . . . Among those in Amarillo to attend the Fat Stock Show were Messrs. and Mmes. W. E. Schott, Austin Bailey, Oner Cornett, John Lee Francis, D. T. Northcutt, Joe H. Smith, Vinson Smith, Ben Whitfill, M. A. Graham, Kemp Thompson, Gene Morris, Johnnie Burson and Donnell Alexander . . . Sandra Kitchens fell at school and broke her collarbone . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson spent the weekend in Raton, New Mexico. They were met there by her mother, Mrs. Dan Montague, who had been visiting relatives in Colorado . . . M. G. Moreland had been guest speaker for the Quitaque P-TA . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens and children hit a cow near the Homer Stephens home as they were returning in the rain from a business trip to Lubbock. Mrs. Stephens had several ribs broken and other members of the family were badly bruised . . . Mrs. Gatewood Lusk was honored at a farewell coffee and presented a gift of pottery by members of the March of Time Study Club . . .

**45 YEARS AGO . . .** Wheat aided by near inch rain . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley attended the funeral in Texas City of Thad Dudley, 32, who was electrocuted when he came in contact with a truck that was touching a live wire during a heavy rain . . . Mrs. M. C. Garrison surprised on 80th birthday . . . From "Silly Symphony," "Colonel Brown nor Worth Alec can find a girl in Texas. Had to drive to Oklahoma. Colonel accompanied Worth in Colonel's car" . . . From the "Yours true?ly" column by Roy Hahn: "Roy Bomar is a pretty good sort but I believe that he fools his wife a little. For instance—I went in there Monday and asked Mrs. Bomar where Roy was. She said he was out killing a cow. The thing of it is that instead of being out killing a cow, he was probably on the street somewhere shooting the bull . . . Mister Ware Fogerson, who neither knows not, sees not, nor cares very much, about anything in particular, comes in with a complaint upon this section of the paper, namely, that 'there better be a little more stuff in the Idiot column, or you can stop my paper.' Which is fight talk again. Ware is just one of those birds that are so windy that if you'd stick a pin in them the hot air would whistle for an hour. And Ware just can't figure out why the editor isn't windy too. And everyone knows that the statements in this column are always very conservative" . . . Dallas Culwell, J. R. Frakes and Mart Hyatt took cows to Amarillo Monday . . . A. D. Arnold purchased the small used tractor which Tull had advertised in the want ads last week . . . Specials advertised at Roy's Cash Market: Sliced Bacon, 25c lb.; Baloney, 15c lb.; Cured Ham, 27c lb. . . City Tailors advertised a custom tailored all-wool suit or top coat for \$22.75 . . . City Coffee Shop was under the new management of Mrs. Pearl Russell and Mrs. Doug Northcutt . . . Rev. Smithee, George Owens, Mrs. Jim Stroup, Mrs. Wes Jenkins, Mrs. Roy Burgess, Mrs. Ray

Persons were those from Quitaque who attended the Baptist Workers Meeting at South Plains . . . Whiteside & Co. advertised men's or women's shoes, \$2.95 to \$4.95, and children's shoes, \$1.98 to \$2.95 . . .

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .**

- March 10—Tish Whitfill, Randall Eddleman
- March 11—Linda Jarnagin, Ruby Brannon, John Kevin Law
- March 12—Dennis Farley, Marcy Auston, LaVerne Long, Brett Gill, Stephanie Ramirez
- March 13—Billy Turner, Russell Couch, Katrice Minyard
- March 14—Stacie Chappell, Bette Cogdell, George Seaney, Brandon Sarchet
- March 15—Pauline Beasley, John Burson, Don Burson, Marge Hefley
- March 16—Abby Chappell, Traci Mayfield

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY . . .**

- March 14—Mr. and Mrs. Elwayne Turner
- March 15—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McJimsey
- March 16—Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry



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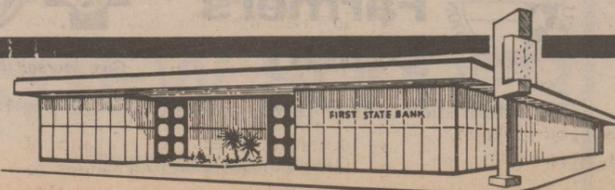
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# Hightower Co-Sponsors Interest Withholding Repeal

Continuing his previous opposition to the concept of requiring financial institutions to withhold the federal ten percent tax on interest and dividend income, Rep. Jack Hightower is co-sponsoring H.R. 500 to repeal this provision of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

As early as 1980, Hightower co-sponsored a House resolution opposing this type of withholding procedure. When the Reagan Administration made the new withholding procedure part of their tax reform bill last year, Congress took up the bill as one entire package at the insistence of the White House. The Act was part of a bipartisan effort to reduce the federal budget deficit, and members of the House and Senate did not have an opportunity to vote on the withholding provision itself.

"There has been a great deal of misinformation about this withholding procedure and I've never thought this type of proposal would really add much to federal revenues," Hightower said. "I don't think it's worth the trouble to the public or to the financial institutions themselves."

Hightower indicated his office had received thousands of letters and form postcards from constituents protesting the withhold-

ing procedure. "This has just reaffirmed my view that it's an unpopular idea, and I've always thought it unnecessary," Hightower said. "Although it's not a new tax, this new procedure does deprive a person of the use of that taxable 10% prior to income tax day."

"I understand that the idea behind this provision was to catch the minority of taxpayers who fail to report their taxable interest income. However, I don't think you can fully justify depriving the majority of the use of that 10% before April 15th each year," Hightower said.

Despite growing opposition to the withholding procedure, the Reagan Administration and Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, are vigorously opposing repeal. The procedure is to go into effect July 1, 1983. Under the provision, elderly individuals will be exempt if their total tax liability for the past year was less than \$1,500, or \$2,500 for an elderly couple filing jointly. Anyone who paid taxes last year of less than \$600, or \$1,000 if filing jointly, will also be exempt. Social Security income, which is exempt from taxation, will have no bearing on such withholdings.

## BENTSEN URGES ACTION; NOTES FIVE-MONTH DELAY

Senator Lloyd Bentsen expressed concern recently over a delay in naming an Inspector General to curb fraud, waste and abuse in defense spending.

Bentsen, whose legislation establishing a Defense Department Inspector General was approved by Congress last year, made his views known in a letter to President Reagan.

"While I applaud your support of legislation to establish offices of Inspectors General for all federal departments and agencies, I am perplexed that five months into this fiscal year Congress has yet to receive a nomination for DOD Inspector General," the Senator said in his letter to the President.

"Prompt action on your part in nominating a tough, independent Inspector General for DOD will send a strong signal of your commitment to eliminate waste, fraud and mismanagement in all areas of federal spending, including defense."

"I am also convinced that this is one of the most responsible steps we can take to eliminate wasteful and unnecessary defense spending without jeopardizing programs critical to our national security," Bentsen said.

"The debate that rages on between the Administration and Congress over an appropriate level of defense spending is eroding the public's confidence in our ability to manage our economy."

"I sincerely hope you will move expeditiously to address this matter and help restore the public's confidence in and sup-

port of our efforts to strengthen our economy and national defense."

The Bentsen proposal establishes an IG independent of the Secretary of Defense except in matters affecting national security. It was initially rejected by the Senate on a close vote but was later adopted by a House-Senate Conference Committee.

The IG provision was included in the Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal 1983, which began October 1, 1982. The Defense Appropriations Bill for fiscal 1983 provides \$4 million for the IG's office.

"Congressional budget deliberations for fiscal year 1984 underscore one fact that transcends economic philosophy and partisanship—we must reduce federal spending in order to reverse the dangerous trend of deficits in excess of \$100 billion per year and revive our economy," Bent-

sen said.

"Any response to the economic challenges facing America must include a mandate for economy and efficiency in government. We simply cannot tolerate waste, fraud or mismanagement in any area of government," Senator Bentsen said.

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## Bentsen Testifies Against PIK Tax Penalty, Urges Action On Legislation

Senator Lloyd Bentsen testified Monday of last week in favor of legislation to eliminate a tax penalty which is discouraging farmers from participating in the new Payment-In-Kind program.

Bentsen, a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee, testified at a hearing before that committee Monday afternoon.

"To survive, farmers must be able to sell their products at a profit in the marketplace. They are not doing that now," Bentsen said.

"Dr. Carl G. Anderson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has estimated that farmers with no debt at all had a return on equity last year of minus four to minus seven percent. Even those farmers who had to pay no interest expenses lost money."

Bentsen said one reason farm income is down is that stocks of surplus farm commodities are at record levels. He said grain sorghum stocks, for example, are up 15 percent over last year, wheat stocks are up 16 percent, and corn stocks are up 21 percent.

"To try to deal with this

problem, the Department of Agriculture has proposed a Payment-In-Kind program under which farmers would be paid in commodities rather than in cash for reducing production. Farmers would then take that commodity and sell or use it just as if they had grown it themselves," Bentsen said.

"However, our current tax laws would require farmers to recognize this PIK compensation as income when it was received, not when it was sold. This would have a very damaging effect on farmers and is discouraging many of them from participating in PIK."

Bentsen said many farmers don't sell their products until the year after they are produced. Existing tax laws, he said, would thus require many farmers who take part in PIK to pay taxes during 1983 on both their 1982 crops and any commodities they might receive under this program in 1983.

"This is a serious disincentive to participation in the PIK program. It is one we can ill-afford, since good participation is essential to the success of

PIK," Bentsen said.

"This legislation would correct the problem by providing that PIK commodities would be treated for tax purposes exactly as if they had been grown by the farmer. This would allow cash-basis farmers to pay taxes on the income when they sell the commodities, not when they receive them. In addition, it would avoid potential tax problems for agricultural cooperatives and it addresses another concern by providing that participation in PIK will not affect the use of the special use valuation option for agricultural land under estate tax laws," Senator Bentsen said.



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## CAPITOL UPDATE

John Tower  
U.S. SENATOR for TEXAS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510



It is not often that a single issue is brought to the attention of Congress with opinion stacked almost unanimously on one side, but such an instance has occurred with the public outcry against the interest withholding requirement of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982. Since mid-December almost 30,000 letters, now at an average of 2,500 letters per day, have poured into my office from Texans opposed to the provision.

Families tell of the forms which must be completed and filed on their own and their children's savings accounts. Banks, credit unions, savings and loans and other financial institutions, such as investment houses and brokerage firms, also tell of the added paperwork and elaborate on the fine points -- the new government regulations which must now be met, the added burden to their legal and tax departments. Practically unanimously, and with an insignificant few opposing, the Texans who have written to me feel that interest withholding is more of a government intrusion than efficient tax collection. I concur.

This provision is counter to the economic policies which are pulling us through and out of the lagging recession. It is, indeed, not a new tax, but it does have a dampening effect on the savings and investments we tried to encourage with the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. I believe we must continue to encourage the improving trend of U.S. savings and investments, not discourage them.

The regulations recently released on withholding by the Internal Revenue Service are lengthy and complex. While low-income and elderly taxpayers are exempted, certain paperwork requirements are necessary to receive that exemption. In my view, the burdens of withholding as found in the regulations far exceed the revenue benefits to be gained from improved compliance with the tax laws.

The law requiring withholding will go into effect this July, and with this law comes an administrative burden for savers, investors, families, banks, credit unions, savings and loan, brokerage firms, investment houses and other financial institutions across this country. If quick action is taken something can be done about withholding before it is too late.

In January, I joined in sponsoring S. 222 -- a bill to repeal the 10 percent withholding on interest and dividend income, and replace it with a more equitable solution to the problem of the small percentage who do not pay their fair share of taxes. S. 222 would not penalize nearly 90 percent of the American taxpayers who have honestly paid their taxes all along.

A recent IRS study shows that improved information reporting alone will increase compliance to 97 percent. S. 222 would simply require that interest and dividend 1099 forms be attached to each filed tax return. 1099 forms are similar to W2 forms, and are supplied by financial institutions as W2 forms are supplied by employers. Attaching them to tax returns would help the IRS to cross check these forms with the amount of interest and dividend income declared on the return.

This simple procedure, along with the compliance measure in the rest of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, would go far in improving tax collections, without the nightmare of withholding.

It will not be easy getting S. 222 passed by the Congress, even though it is a more workable solution than withholding. But I hope the Congress will look closely at the facts and evidence against withholding, and will vote to repeal it.



Fresh eggs are rough and chalky in appearance. Older eggs are smooth and shiny.



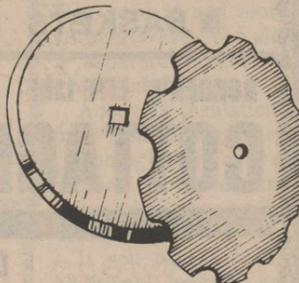
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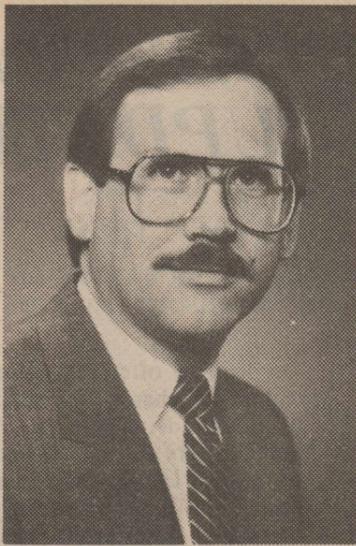
James D. Steinhilper has been promoted to manager of financial services for Southwestern Public Service Company, announced Bill Helton, financial vice president.

Steinhilper, of 3308 Gramercy, Amarillo, in his new position will work directly with representatives of the area, regional and national banking institutions from which SPS borrows. Additionally, he will help prepare the Company's financial publications, set policies for day-to-day financial operations of Southwestern Public Service, and guide the Company's long-range financing.

Steinhilper joined SPS in May 1977 as a rate analyst. He was promoted to senior rate analyst in 1979, then to manager of economic research in June 1982. He assumed his new duties on March 1.

Steinhilper is a chartered financial analyst.

Steinhilper is a native of Elmira, New York. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 1971 from Syracuse University, and a master of business administration in 1977 from West Texas State Univer-



**JAMES D. STEINHILPER**

sity.

He and his wife, Diantha, have two children, Marissa Alanna and James Egan.

Southwestern Public Service primarily provides electrical service to a population of more than one million in a 70,000-square-mile area in the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas, Eastern and Southeastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle, and Southwestern Kansas.

**Senator Bill Sarpalius  
Reports**



**WHITE SETS PRIORITIES**

AUSTIN -- Governor Mark White recently told the 68th Legislature that he has been hearing voices -- your voices.

As he explained in his State of the State address, the voices have come from overcrowded school rooms, unemployed farmworkers and laborers, victims of crime, taxpayers and many others.

You have not been shy about telling us what you want -- safe streets, quality schools, reasonable utility rates, fair and open government, decent job opportunities and a fair profit for your goods and services.

We believe your expectations are reasonable, and we are encouraged by White's positive approach to the problems at hand.

The new governor says education is his first priority. In fact, he has even declared teacher salaries an emergency issue so the Legislature will consider it first.

In the past, education has been at the end of the line, taking whatever "leftover funds" it could get. This session, it looks like education may get one of the first slices of the pie.

We think that's important when you consider that the population of Texas has increased more than 25 percent in the last decade. Experts say that the state should maintain an annual 5 percent increase in the number of new teachers to

keep up with the number of students enrolling in Texas schools. Unfortunately, the

state has seen a decrease of 7 percent instead, as those who might have become teachers accept higher-paying jobs in business and industry. That is disturbing news, and we are well aware that the steps we take today toward improving education may well determine the success or failure of our future.

Governor White was also positive in his attitude toward agriculture. We realize that not all agriculture problems can be solved by the state. However, we can do more, and White addressed that very issue.

The governor indicated his willingness to work with various commodity associations. He said he wants to promote on a state level more foreign markets for Texas agricultural products, as well as allocate more state money for agricultural research and development. He further supports increased emphasis on water recovery technology.

That certainly sounds like good news for our district. In addition, Governor White promised to work with both the Legislature and you by maintaining an open, responsive and courteous administration.

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4-H'ers also need to be planning method demonstrations for district contests.

The 4-H teen photography project will begin Thursday, March 10, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

Von Ann Mercer and Martha Millhollon are leaders for the project. Youth 13-19 years of age are invited to participate.

A junior photography project will begin at a later date with Wayne Nance as leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet were in Lubbock on business Saturday and visited briefly with Jerry Sarchet, Ken and Brandon Sarchet.

## Fashion Program To Be Held Tuesday, March 15

"Fashion Heritage" and "Fashion Springcast" are the topics of a program on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton, sponsored by the Briscoe County Extension Service.

Jo Anne Arasim, textile curator for the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon, will use historical garments in a humorous, audience-participation program on fashion heritage.

Becky Saunders, Extension clothing specialist from Amarillo,

will give spring fashion trends, wardrobe planning tips, and suggestions for updating wardrobes.

A \$1.00 registration fee will be charged for speakers' expenses and materials. Refreshments will be served.

The public is invited.

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## LINE S FROM LYNDIA



### THIS OLE HOUSE

by Lynda Fogerson

Briscoe County Extension Agent Remember the song, "This Ole House"? Well, if you are singing that song about your home and

all the repairs it needs, you may be planning on a home remodeling project this spring.

If increasing building and interest costs continue, many families may choose to remodel their existing home rather than buy or build a new one.

Home remodeling may be done to expand existing space, provide for new or more efficient use of space, or to update your existing structure to better meet your family's needs.

Before attempting a remodeling project, there are several "behind the scenes" jobs that are very important, but make a difference in the long-term success of your projects. You may want to spend your money doing things that will make a noticeable difference in your home. But don't forget to first judge the foundation and general structure of your house—check for termite damage.

Another consideration is adequate wiring. Many older homes were built and wired before we had all the electric equipment and appliances we use today. You may need to add more circuits. (A microwave oven should be on a separate circuit and on a grounded plug.)

Adequate insulation is a must in a remodeling project. New plumbing may be required to replace corroded lines or to accommodate a second bath or a utility area.

If you plan a room addition, additional heating and cooling systems may be needed. No remodeling project should be undertaken without adequate planning, preferably involving the whole family.

I have a number of books and publications to help you plan for a home remodeling project and I am available to assist you in determining your needs or planning your project. Call 823-2343 or come by my office.

## KVOP Consumers Fair To Be Held Monday

The KVOP Consumers Fair will be held Monday, March 14, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the Wayland Baptist University campus.

Business exhibits and demonstrations by area Extension Agents will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Building adjacent to Harral Auditorium.

Demonstrations during the afternoon will include "Making Children's Toys" by Michelle McKnight of Lubbock County; "Padded Picture Frames" by Wynon Mayes, Hale County; "Silk Flower Arranging," Carolyn Jackson, Swisher County

Extension Agent.

Paula Pitt of Swisher County will show homemade cleaning supplies; Lynda Fogerson, Briscoe County, will demonstrate machine embroidery and monogramming, and Teresa Nutt, Castro County Agent, will present candle wicking.

A 4-H Natural Fibers Fashion Revue will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Harral Auditorium, followed by a demonstration on Party Foods by Wynon Mayes at 7:30 p.m.

The final program will be "Microwave Magic" presented by Teresa Nutt.

The programs are open to the public at no cost.

## Club Hears Program

By George Martin

Members of the Progressive Homemakers and their husbands enjoyed a program by George Martin at their last meeting. Martin displayed several hand-crafted fiddles which he had

made from various kinds of woods. He explained some of the work that went into them and told stories behind each one.

Hostesses Michelle Francis, Bena Hester and Roma Martin served Mexican casseroles to Beverly and Rick Minyard, Marsha Brunson, Dorothy Martin, Anita Ramsey and Marilyn Patrick.

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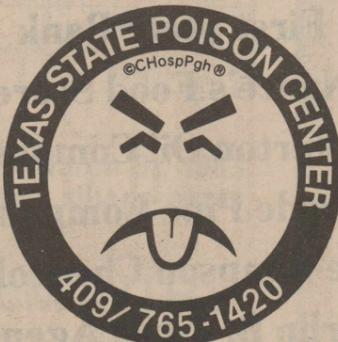
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WEDNESDAY:  
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Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:45 p.m.  
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WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

# Attitude... OF PRAYER

*"Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray."*

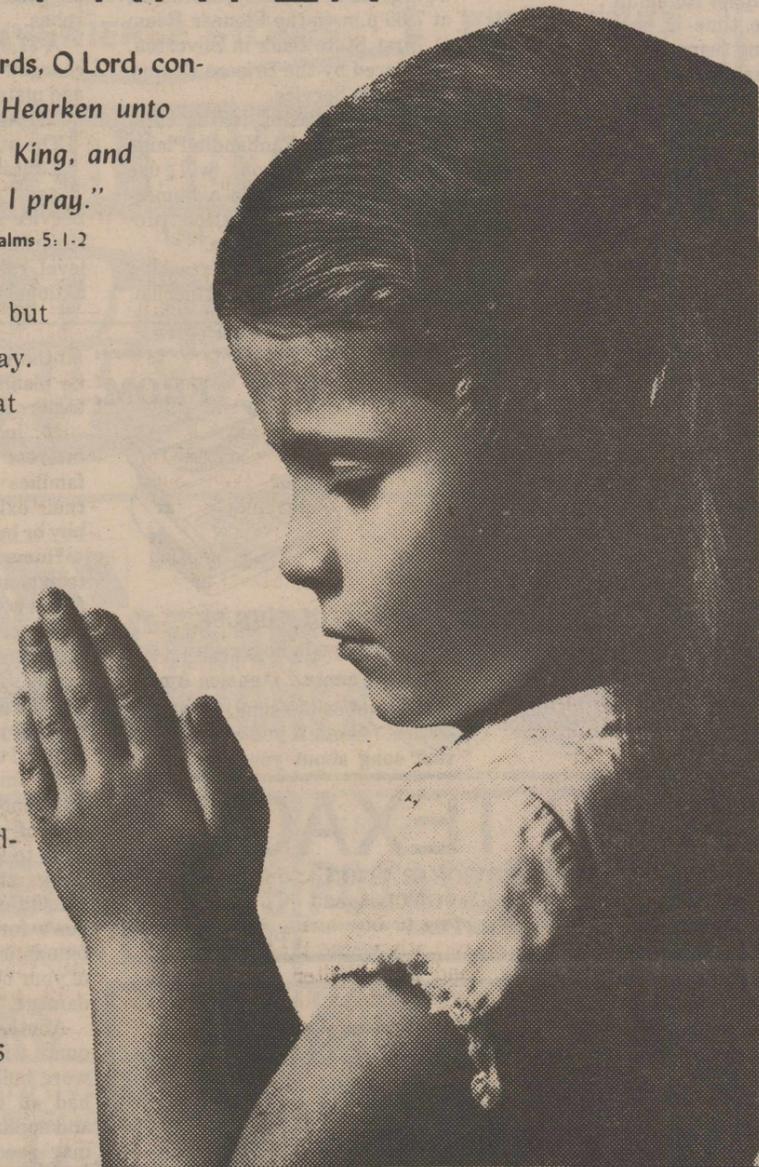
*Psalms 5:1-2*

God hears and answers prayers, but not everyone knows how to pray. Even the Lord's disciples asked that he teach them how to pray.

Attitude of the individual is important in prayer. Prayer is the opportunity that we have to tell God of our blessings and give thanks. It is an opportunity to petition for help, but above all, our hearts should be willing that God's will be done.

Prayer should be offered individually and in groups.

**ATTEND CHURCH  
AND  
PRAY WITH OTHERS**



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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## Silverton FFA Banquet Held February 22

The Silverton Chapter of Future Farmers of America held their annual banquet Tuesday night, February 22, in the school cafeteria.

### AS A MAN THINKETH Gerald Beasley REGARDING GOD

Some see God as a loveable, white haired old man who rides a soft white cloud and kind of grins and winks when you tell a "little white lie" or engage in other "minor" improper activity. Others see Him as an old-man-type who is astride boiling black clouds, with wide eyes and bristling hair, throwing thunderbolts at the frightened populace.

A problem is that most have never studied the "Everything You Have Always Wanted To Know" book. There is such a Book about God!

My guess is that most critics of the Bible have never read and "rightly divided" (2 Tim. 2:15) Scriptures. The inspired writings are highly instructive about God! It is seen that the heavenly Father (Mt. 6:9) is deeply concerned about people. And one Carpenter of Nazareth, born of a virgin, declares, "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well" (John 14:7, N.I.V.). "No man has ever seen God . . . the Son has shown us what God is like" (John 1:18).

Get into the Book! It will clear your misconceptions about God. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Rank Cogdell, Silverton FFA president, welcomed guests, and Joe Ted Edwards gave the invocation. Introduction of guests was made by Todd Reagan.

Jim Forbes presented the Building Our American Community Award to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club. Mrs. Roy Wood accepted the plaque on behalf of the club.

The 1982-83 FFA Sweetheart, Missy Brown, was recognized and presented a bouquet. Joe Brannon was conferred the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. The award is presented to individuals who have rendered outstanding assistance and guidance to the local chapter.

Awards were presented to FFA members for their outstanding accomplishments during the year.

Those receiving recognition were Max Davis, Star Chapter Agribusiness; Joe Ted Edwards, Star Chapter Greenhand; Stephen Stephens, Star Chapter Farmer; David Schott, DeKalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award; Dick Cogdell, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Award; David Schott, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Award.

Mrs. Neva Garvin, Mrs. Maxine Morris and Mack Dunham were in Big Spring and Midland recently where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunham and family and Fay Gibson.

## Young Farmers Have Regular Business Meeting

Clinton Dickerson presided over the Silverton Young Farmer business meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, in the school vocational agriculture department.

Members discussed the upcoming Awards Banquet. Members were to meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 26, in the school cafeteria to set it up for the banquet.

On March 10, the regular meeting will have a guest speaker and a meal.

First meeting in April will have a supper meeting and a guest speaker. G. W. Chappell is in charge of this meeting.

The club voted to sponsor the rodeo on August 11-12-13 with Charlie Thompson of C Bar T Rodeo Company of Lubbock as stock producer.

Those attending the meeting were Clinton Dickerson, Tobe Riddell, George Martin, Dale McWaters, Rick Hester, Donnie Perkins, Jerry Baird, Calvin Shelton and Wayne Stephens.



Steel rails used by railroads in the early 20th century often weighed less than 60 pounds per yard. Today they weigh more than 150 pounds per yard.

## Texas Oil & Gas . . .

### Credit Card Fee Ban Would Hurt Consumer

By Avery Rush, Jr., Chairman,  
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

For a time, some oil companies have elected to collect a processing fee from retailers and wholesalers selling goods and services paid for on a company's credit card. Some other companies have chosen not to collect a fee but to recover credit costs through wholesale gasoline prices, while others have chosen not to offer credit at all.

The processing fee, generally three-percent, is deducted from each credit ticket submitted to the company for reimbursement. The retailer already has received a lower wholesale price from the supplier since the cost of credit has been added to the cost of the product.

The retailer has an option. He may pass along credit costs to all customers equally or eliminate them to cash customers through lower prices. Most motorists prefer this option, with 70-percent of gasoline purchased for cash.

In recent years, inflation and higher interest rates have caused all costs associated with credit cards to escalate. Nevertheless, two bills (HB 206 and SB 342) have been introduced in the 68th Texas Legislature to outlaw levying the processing fee.

This forces certain companies to give up a marketing option. In order to cover the rising expenses of credit cards, companies deprived of the right to charge a processing fee would be compelled to increase the wholesale price of gasoline. Eliminating the processing fee eliminates the discount for cash option.

The net effect would be to require cash customers to continue to subsidize purchases made by credit card customers. If this ban becomes law, consumers who cannot or choose not to use credit could be forced to pay higher prices, which include indirect credit card costs.

This proposal is decidedly anti-consumer. It would be unfair to the consumers who buy gasoline with cash and save money.

This legislation is unnecessary. Companies should be free to compete in the marketplace as they think best, with the consumer benefiting from the competition in a highly competitive marketplace.

Since the end of federal controls on petroleum product prices, the industry has introduced many new retail marketing techniques designed to meet the needs of the motoring public. As a result of heightened competition and innovative programs, prices to consumers have fallen to their lowest level in years. This demonstrates that the market system is working and suggests that it will elicit additional programs to benefit the consumer.



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### RAY McVAY

Funeral services for Ray McVay, 25, were conducted on Thursday of last week at 10:30 a.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home in Vernon.

McVay, who resided at 2408 Bacon, was pronounced dead at the scene of an oilfield accident at 9:15 p.m. Monday, February 28, by Justice of the Peace Marshall Brock of Chillicothe. The accident occurred near Medicine Mound on FM 392. McVay apparently was killed when a drill collar rolled off a rack onto him.

Born December 22, 1957 at McCamey, he married Judith Ann Ahern March 3, 1977 in Odessa. He was employed by Reliance Drilling Company.

Surviving are his wife and a daughter, Andi Jo McVay of the home in Vernon; his father, Carl Ray McVay of Odessa; his mother, Mrs. Jackie McVay of Silverton; a sister, Mrs. Carla Marshall of Odessa; a brother, Charles Buckley McVay, who is with the U. S. Navy and stationed in South Carolina; his grandparents, Mrs. Thelma Reagan of Silverton, H. O. Jackson of Snyder and Mrs. Annie McVay of Welch, Oklahoma.

Pallbearers were Odell Edwards of Amarillo, James, Ronnie, Larry and Bobby Edwards and Thomas Lee Perkins, all of Silverton.

### GEORGE R. EDDLEMAN

Funeral services for George R. Eddleman, 75, of Claude were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week at the First Baptist Church of Claude with the Rev. Damon White, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Claude Cemetery by Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel of Amarillo.

Mr. Eddleman died Monday, February 28.

Born in Lingleville, he had lived in Armstrong County for more than 60 years. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters; four sons; a brother; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a cousin of Bryant Eddleman of Silverton. Among those attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Murry Morrison and Mrs. Ruby Cushman of Quitaque, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman to Claude.

### CHESTER W. SKEEN

Funeral services for Chester William Skeen, 82, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 24, at Waters Funeral Home Chapel in Florence, South Carolina. Masonic services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. the following day at graveside in Dawn Memorial Cemetery in Decatur, Georgia, with arrangements directed by Horis A. Ward, Inc. of Decatur.

Mr. Skeen died Wednesday morning, February 23, in a Florence hospital following an illness. He resided at 954 Sciven Drive in Florence.

Born in Silverton, he was a son of the late Ples and Catherine Wilhoit Skeen. He was a graduate of Silverton High School and the University of Texas, and was affiliated with Barge-Thompson Company of Atlanta prior to his retirement. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church, the Julian Pendergrass Class of the church, Florence Harmony Chorus, was a Mason, member of Doric Lodge in Atlanta and a Shriner and a member of Yaarab Shrine Club. He was first married to the late Mrs. Ina Brown Skeen. He had been a resident of Florence for the past 18 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Hayes Skeen of Florence; a son, Chester W. Skeen, jr. of Darlington; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Jack (Eunice) Harper of Lancaster, Mrs. Cecil (Margaret) Allen of Latta, Mrs. Lester (Dot) Branham of Lake City; three sisters, Mrs. Alton (Elelina) May of Houston, Texas, Mrs. Bera Byers of Kerrville, Texas and Mrs. Juanita Fondy of Denver, Colorado; two grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund or a charity of one's choice.

### SOCIAL SECURITY IN BRISCOE COUNTY BY

TERRY J. CLEMENTS

A recent change in legislation temporarily affects the due process provisions for disability beneficiaries who have been found no longer disabled.

Starting February 1983, people who are appealing the decision to stop their Social Security disability benefits can elect to have their benefits and Medicare protection continued until the appeal has been decided by an administrative law judge.

This law was enacted on January 12. No benefits under this provision can be paid for months before February and no benefits can be paid for months beyond June 1984, even if the appeal has not been decided by that time.

Under the old law, disability benefits generally were continued only for two months after the month a decision was made that the person was no longer disabled, and benefits could not be resumed unless the person won an appeal.

The new law applies to cases in which a decision is made after January 12, 1983 and before October 1983 to end disability benefits. It also applies to cases in which a reconsideration decision or a hearing before an administrative law judge is still pending.

The provision permits beneficiaries to choose if they wish to have payments only continued, Medicare coverage only, or both. Those receiving auxiliary benefits also have the right to decide whether they want checks to continue.

People should be aware that if they elect to have benefit payments continued and they lose their appeal, they may have to repay the disability benefits they received while their appeal was pending.

Of course, if the final decision is that the person is still disabled, benefits will continue unchanged.

The new provision does not apply to people whose initial claim for disability benefits is denied. These people cannot receive any benefits unless they receive a favorable decision on their claim.

If you have any question concerning Social Security in general, please call us at 293-4371. We will be glad to help you. Our office is located at 1401-B West 5th Street in Plainview if you need to visit our office.



Saving Social Security! The National Commission on Social Security Reform has made its recommendations and Congress must now decide.

Portions of some of these recommendations have been highly publicized while others, it seems, are still widely unknown.

The purpose of this article and the next two articles is to describe the recommendations in perhaps more detail than you have heard previously. Let me emphasize that these are only proposals and to what extent they become law will be determined by Congress.

Let's first talk about two of the proposals that will be most noticeable in the worker's "pocket book." The existing tax rate

for scheduled increases is to be "moved up." In 1985, the tax rate is scheduled to increase from 6.7% to 7.05%. The National Commission proposal would have this rate become effective in 1984 instead. A refundable income tax credit would be provided for the employee's amount of this increase. Another "moving up" would occur in 1988 when the tax rate would increase from 7.15% to 7.51%. No other changes to the scheduled tax rate increases have been proposed.

The second "pocket book" proposal affects individuals who are self-employed. Currently, a self-employed person pays a "compromise" between the employee's tax rate and the combined employee-employer contribution. This amount is 9.35% for 1983. The National Commission proposal would increase the rate to the amount payable by both the employer and employee beginning 1984. This would increase the contribution to 13.40%. However, one-half of this contribution would be considered as a business expense for income tax purposes. Currently, self-employed individuals cannot deduct any of the Social Security taxes being paid as a business expense.

Cost of living increases under present law are automatic in July of each year. The amount of adjustment is measured by the increase in the cost of living from the first quarter of the previous year to the first quarter of the current year. The Commission's proposal is for the cost of living increase in 1983 be delayed until

January, 1984. Future increases would be payable early each January instead of July. Also, under this proposal, the adjustment in cost of living would be measured between the third quarter of the previous and the third quarter of the current year.

Taxation of Social Security benefits is another recommendation. Beginning 1984, 50% of a person's benefits would be taxable if a beneficiary's adjusted income exceeds \$20,000 or \$25,000 for a couple. Social Security benefits would not be used in computing this income. The money from taxation would be transferred through the general revenue to the Social Security Trust funds. It is projected that 10% of the Social Security beneficiaries would be affected by this provision.

Are you interested in the proposals on Federal, State and local, or non-profit employees? These and other recommendations will be discussed in a future column.

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# Proficiency Award Winners Named Here

Fourteen members of the Silverton FFA Chapter were presented Proficiency Award medals and certificates at the chapter banquet held in the school cafeteria on February 22. Proficiency Award medals and certificates are provided by the National FFA Foundation, Inc. to recognize achievement of chapter members in classroom study and work experiences related to a career in the industry of agriculture. A total of 22 awards are now available to FFA members in a wide range of career related activities. On hand for the banquet and award ceremonies were 65 FFA members, parents, school administrators and community businessmen who support the FFA locally.

The awards were presented to the following FFA members:

The Agricultural Mechanics Award, presented to Barry Edleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Edleman, is sponsored by International Harvester, Chicago, Illinois.

The Agricultural Processing Award, presented to Monroe Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Hill, is sponsored by Cargill, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Agricultural Sales and/or Service Award, sponsored by the Allis-Chalmers Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was presented to Max Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Davis.

The Beef Production Award, presented to Rank Cogdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cogdell, is sponsored by Sperry New Holland, New Holland, Pennsylvania, and NASCO, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

The Diversified Livestock Production Award, presented to Todd Reagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan, is co-spon-

sored by A. O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois and Wayne Feeds, Division of Allied Mills, Chicago, Illinois.

The Fish and Wildlife Management Award, presented to Bob Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arnold, is sponsored by Philip Morris, Incorporated, New York, New York.

## TRUCKS REPLACE TOURISTS AT SIX FLAGS IN WINTER

Have you ever seen a picture of San Francisco right after the earthquake of 1906?

If so, you have a rough idea of what Six Flags Over Texas looks like during the winter months.

The spotlessly clean, beautifully landscaped wonderland familiar to millions undergoes an annual facelift that makes the workload of a Hollywood plastic surgeon seem like child's play.

After the park closes in November, and before it reopens in March, thousands of man-hours go into making certain the "Six Flags Look" is more dazzling than the year before.

This winter 5.5 million dollars are being poured into the sprawling entertainment center in a little over three months.

The results will include the biggest ride in the park's history, an entirely new children's section and hundreds of subtle changes.

This month painters on their way to refinish the interiors of shops and restaurants find themselves dodging a steady stream of dump trucks, bulldozers and concrete transports.

They must pick their way around small "mountains" of dirt, gravel, boulders, lumber and structural steel.

In the Southern Palace Theater, where rehearsals are already underway for the park's 1983 musical, choreographer's shouted instructions are occasionally drowned out by the whining roar of a concrete pump forcing tons of lumpy gray concrete into forms molding the walls of a manmade river.

Builders of the river, to be known as Roaring Rapids, are working against an early spring deadline for opening of the new \$4.2 million ride.

The finished product will be a series of churning, whitecapped rapids which will propel huge rafts loaded with funseekers through rock-walled canyons on a ride which rivals some of the world's most exciting river rafting excursions.

The massive ride runs through the heart of Six Flags occupying land formerly devoted to LaSalle's Riverboat Adventure and Skull Island.

Not far away an entire railroad train is being built. It will be a key feature of Pac-Man Land, a half-million-dollar children's play area which is taking shape in the park's USA section.

When the train is completed it will house a children's birthday party room, a diapering and nursing center and the park's familiar Lost Parents Caboose, where youngsters are entertained while their "lost" parents are located.

Just outside the train is an area in which children's rides will be clustered.

Construction crews are also busy installing creative play features which will delight young eyes. There will be everything from a "forest" of tall punching bags to a cargo net climb to stretch young muscles and imaginations.

At the entrance to Six Flags bulldozers have leveled the parking lot toll plaza and a new, more efficient structure is rising to serve guests who will begin arriving March 5, when Six Flags begins its 23rd season.

Before that date, streets now strewn with the rubble of change will be "squeak clean" and ready for visitors.

Already the tens of thousands of pansies, tulips and hyacinths which will burst with color come spring are nestled in the freshly reworked soil of scores of flowerbeds.

In spacious greenhouses just outside the park, tropical plants are getting a winter pampering and hundreds of hanging baskets grow more lush by the day. They will be gingerly moved into place in the final days before the '83 season begins.

Next door to the greenhouses

are the buildings where ride technicians are painstakingly poring over nuts, bolts, gears, axles, wheels and other items which, when fitted back together, will become the cars of the Shock Wave double loop roller coaster, the gondolas of the whirling Spinnaker or key parts of other familiar rides.

During the winter months rides are literally taken apart. The disassembled components are subjected to non-destructive testing to detect even the tiniest of hidden flaws.

The costly, time-consuming work is part of an annual ritual to assure the safety of every ride in the Six Flags lineup.

In the park's sign shop artists are hard at the task of making more than 6,500 signs look "just like new." Many of them will be new, reflecting the major changes created by new rides and other attractions.

In that same area antique, hand-carved carousel horses have been stripped of their paint. The "jewels" adorning their harness have been replaced with hundreds of new glass baubles which reflect a rainbow of color. Soon artists brushes will transform each prancing steed into a white, or black or dappled charger.

In still another work area upholsterers are putting the finishing touches on a huge inventory of seat backs and cushions which will soon be reinstalled on rides ranging from roller coasters to miniature antique cars.

The fiberglass shop is the winter home of a most unusual logjam. In this case the logs are the boats which ply the waters of Six Flags' two flume rides.

The wheels which guide the logs are missing. Brand new ones will be installed. The scratches and scrapes of the previous season are carefully removed before a new fiberglass surface is applied.

The logs will make a stop in the paint shop, where a glistening new finish will be applied, before they are taken back into the park to be placed back in the freshly painted trough of a Log Flume.

In still other areas, electronics technicians are giving sophisticated ride computers their yearly overhaul. Animation experts are reworking the complex mechanisms which will make colorful characters nod and bend and

wink and entertain.

In the wardrobe complex seamstresses are putting the finishing touches on thousands of pieces of clothing. These items will become the uniforms of the 2,400 young people who will become hosts and hostesses for the coming season.

There are still tons of concrete to be poured; thousands of nails to be driven; truckloads of dirt to be moved; gallon upon gallon of paint to be spread and a thousand and one other jobs to be done before the park gates swing open in March.

If all goes according to tradition, the last painter will slip quietly out the back gate just a few minutes before the first smiling guests pass through the turnstiles.

People often ask Six Flags staffers, "What do you all do during the winter?"

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I would like to thank each of you for the cards, calls and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. Every expression of your friendship and concern is appreciated very much.

Joe McWaters

Thanks to each of you for your expressions of sympathy at the loss of our niece and cousin in Houston. We appreciate very much everything that has been done for us.

Leavie Cherry  
Glen and Lillian Lindsey

## Accent On Health

Texas Department of Health  
Robert Bernstein, M.D., Commissioner

Immersed in myths and nurtured by half-truths and misconceptions, an age-old disease—leprosy, or Hansen's Disease—still remains a public health problem today in Texas.

Last year 29 cases were reported in Texas, and 14 of them originated outside the borders of the United States. Mexico led the imported cases with seven, while other cases originated in Cambodia, China, Laos, the Philippines, Samoa, and Vietnam. Most Texas cases

are found along the Rio Grande River, Gulf Coast, and Houston areas. The Texas Department of Health (TDH), which maintains a register containing some 430 names, provides followup of patients and arranges for treatment services and drugs.

Despite the lurid pictures painted of Hansen's in old movies, the disease is treatable and some 95 percent of the population is naturally resistant to it.

Dr. C. E. Alexander, Chief of the TDH Bureau of Communicable Diseases Services, said Hansen's is the least contagious of all communicable diseases.

Modern antibiotics and sulfone drugs can kill the disease-causing bacillus and prevent the disfigurement and paralysis associated with the illness. The drugs also make it almost impossible for the patient to transmit the disease.

Despite the success of treatment and its lack of communicability, there remains a strong stigma attached to the disease which causes its victims to withdraw.

Education is the key to reducing the number of Hansen's victims and preventing severe physical problems. Education extends to private and public health providers in recognizing symptoms, to the victims who must seek help early and maintain a regular treatment schedule, and to the general public, who must shed old attitudes about the disease.

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