



DISTRICT RUNNERS-UP-Silverton's Owlettes lost their bid for the district championship in their playoff game with Valley Tuesday night at Hutcherson Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University. They advance to the bi-district playoff tonight and will play Nazareth at

6:30 p.m. in the Hutcherson Gym. Valley and Sudan play in the second game of the double header. Pictured are [kneeling] Jeannita Stephens, DeLynn Fitzgerald, Katrice Minyard, Shellie Cornett, Donna Tomlin, Melannie Daniels; [standing] Melissa Stone, Tonnette Miller, Lee Ann Durham, Angie Lowrey, Lisa

-Briscoe County News Photo

Owlettes Play Nazareth In Bi-District Playoff

Silverton's Owlettes will meet the Nazareth Swiftettes in a bi-district playoff game tonight (Thursday) in the first game of a double header which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Hutcherson Sports Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University. Sudan and Valley will play in the second game.

The Owlettes will be the home team and Owlette fans will sit on the south side of the gym.

Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

TEAMS SPLIT LAST DISTRICT GAMES

The Silverton teams split their ast district games with Lakeview on Tuesday night of last week, with the Owlettes taking a 59-32 victory and the Owls suffering a 65-58 defeat.

Friday night of last week, both teams lost their games at Motley County High, the Owlettes dropping a 66-50 decision with two players out with flu, and the Owls finishing on the short end of the 65-40 score.

At Lakeview, Lisa Lavy led the scoring for the Owlettes with 14 points. Tammi Edwards also caged in double figures with 10 points to her credit. Also scoring were Suzann Settle, nine; Melissa Stone, six; Kristy Fogerson, five; Shavonne Lowrey, Angie Lowrey and Alesha Patton, four points each, and Tonnette Miller, three points.

10 29 49 59 20 22 25 32 Owlettes Lakeview

Cal Brannon was the leading scorer for the Owls with 15 points, and his teammate, Ross Estes, dropped in 13 points. Adding to the score were Russell Bingham and Joe Ramirez, nine points each; Russell Simpson and David Lemons, six points each.

5 17 36 58 Owls 15 31 43 65

Friday night, the Owlettes dropped their game to Motley County with Shavonne Lowrey and Lee Ann Durham out of the lineup. Tammi Edwards and Alesha Patton tied for scoring honors with 14 points each. Lisa Lavy rang up nine points; Kristy Fogerson, five; Angie Lowrey, four; Tonnette Miller and Melissa Stone, two points each.

6 18 34 50 Owlettes Motley Co. 18 33 52 66 Simpson led the Owls with a

big 19 point effort as the team lost to Motley County. Estes caged nine points; Bingham, seven; Ramirez, three, and Brannon, two points.

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Lavy, Tammi Edwards, Shavonne Lowrey, Alesha Patton, Kristy Fogerson, Suzann Settle, Kathy Brown, who is out for the season having had knee surgery recently, and Coach Kelly

Insect, Herbicide **Workshop Planned**

An Insect and Herbicide Workshop will be held February 22, 1984 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the First State Bank in Silverton.

The program will consist of information presented by Dr. James Lesser and Dr. James

The workshop is sponsored by the Briscoe County Crops Com-

Butter, Cheese To Be Given Away

Butter and cheese will be given away February 24 at the Community Center from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. to all eligible residents in Silverton who have signed up for the commodities.

GIVEN AWAY

Sybil Martin has some trees to give away if you will go to her house and dig them. There is an eight-foot tall redbud tree, apricot, one golden rain tree and several small black walnut trees.

Contact her at 823-2286 if you are interested in having some of these trees.

Mrs. Berniece Wood has recently spent ten days at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She entered January 23 for tests and treatment.

City, School Elections To Be Held April 7

Elections will be held by the Silverton Independent School District and City of Silverton on Saturday, April 7.

The terms of school trustees Dewey Estes and J. E. Patton, jr. are expiring this year. Estes has indicated that he will be a candidate for re-election.

City councilmen whose terms are expiring are Donnie Martin, David Tipton and John Bowman. Martin and Bowman have indicated that they will be candidates for re-election.

March 7 is the last day to file for a place on one of the ballots. You may sign up for a place on the school ballot in the office of Superintendent O. C. Rampley, and you may request a place on the city officers' ballot by contacting Jerry Patton at the City

The elections will be held at the City Hall.

New Law Requires

Odometer Statement

Fairy L. McWilliams, Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector, has announced that a new state law requiring anyone selling a motor vehicle to furnish the buyer with an odometer state-

Church Having Mother's Day Out

First Baptist Church is hosting Mother's Day Out Friday, February 17, from 8:15 a.m. until 3:30

This is something just for kids. If you would like a day off, bring your kids by the church along with a pillow, blanket and a sack

Kids can be dropped off and picked up any time throughout the day. All kids are welcome.

Parents, if it is possible, please let us know if you will be bringing a child by calling the church office, 823-2181, or Dean Burson, 847-2524.

Mrs. Leo (Willene) Comer has been a patient for several days at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She had been undergoing a series of tests, during which she had a severe reaction to the dye used in one of them.

You are invited to a layette shower honoring Little Miss Nikki Nichole Miller infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Miller Sunday, February 19, 1984 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall First Baptist Church Silverton, Texas

ment went into effect January 1,

The odometer statement, disclosing the cumulative number of miles traveled by the motor vehicle at the time of transfer, must be surrendered to the County Tax Assessor-Collector with the purchaser's application for title.

All certificates of title issued by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT) covering vehicles transferred on and after January 1, 1984, will record the latest odometer reading as reflected by the application for title.

The prescribed forms for odometer statements can be obtained from the DHT Motor Vehicle Division or any County Tax Assessor-Collector's office.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Ladies of the Rock Creek Church of Christ will be hostesses for the luncheon.

There will be a nurse present to take blood pressure and for diabetic screening. Everyone is welcome to go by the Senior Citizens Center for the blood pressure and diabetes screening.

Blood Drive Is March 1

The next Silverton blood drive will be conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center March 1. The bloodmobile will be at the City Hall in Silverton from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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Appraisal District Board Has Regular Meeting

Present for the regular meeting of the Briscoe County Appraisal District February 9 at 9:00 a.m. were L. B. Garvin, jr., Ray Teeple, Robert McPherson and Joe Mercer, along with Chief Appraiser Carlye Hill. Absent was board member Paul Ramsey.

Chairman Garvin called the meeting to order and Secretary Teeple read the minutes of the January 12 meeting. The financial report was given by Mrs. Hill, who also reported that total collections are up 3.0% as compared to one year ago. Tax collections through were as follows:

Briscoe County 88.5% Silverton ISD 89.0% City of Silverton 84.4% Mackenzie Water Auth. 86.7%

Appointment of one member to the board of review was discussed. Names were submitted in nomination. Mrs. Hill was directed to contact these men and report back at the March meeting.

The Fifth Annual Conference on Appraisal District Operations to be held in Austin February 16-17 was discussed. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Pat McWaters will be attending the conference. Board

members were urged to attend

Motion carried to renew the maintenance agreement for the copying machine with Business Copy Machines, Inc.

After reviewing the current bills, motion carried to pay all bills presented.

The meeting was adjourned at

Square Dance Lessons To Be Friday Night

Due to the bi-district basketball game Thursday night in Plainview, square dance lessons will be moved to Friday night this week only.



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Il Penseroso Study Club of Lockney will sponsor an arts and crafts show on Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Lockney Elementary School Cafeteria.

The fee will be \$25.00 per 8x10 booth with \$5.00 extra for each additional exhibitor.

To reserve a booth call 296-5006 or 652-2534.



The dandelion blossom is actually a bouquet of about 150 to 200 tiny flowers set in a solid head on a stem.

POLITICAL **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject To Action of the **Democratic Primary**

For United States Representative, 13th Congressional District of Texas:

JACK HIGHTOWER [Re-election] Vernon, Texas

For State Senator, 30th District of Texas:

BILL SARPALIUS [Re-election] Canyon, Texas

For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

SHAFE WEAVER [Re-election] Silverton, Texas

T. V. McCLURE Silverton, Texas

JIMMY MYERS Silverton, Texas

For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 3:

F. E. HUTSELL Silverton, Texas BERYL LONG

[Re-election] Silverton, Texas

For Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas: **BRUCE TIFFIN**

> Silverton, Texas RICHARD [Dick] ROEHR [Re-election] Silverton, Texas

> > **JACK CHANDLER** Quitaque, Texas

For Tax Assessor-Collector, Briscoe County, Texas:

FAIRY McWILLIAMS [Re-election] Silverton, Texas

POLLY JARRETT Silverton, Texas

For Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

JAMES EDWARDS

[Re-election] Silverton, Texas

POLITICAL **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to Action of the Republican Primary

For United States Representative, 13th Congressional District

> **BEAU BOULTER** Amarillo, Texas

SALT IS PROBLEM ONLY FOR SOME

For a majority of people, extra salt or sodium is not a serious problem, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service foods and nutrition

Only about 15-20 percent of the population are sodium sensitive and cannot get rid of large amounts of excess sodium. It stays in their body tissues and holds extra water which leads to the development of high blood pressure. Many of these people will respond to a low-sodium diet with a drop in blood pressure.

The four groups most at risk of hypertension, or high blood pressure, need to restrict sodium, says the nutritionist. These include persons with chronic renal (kidney) disease, people with hypertensive parents, individuals over 50 and certain racial groups such as black males, 50 percent of whom develop high blood pressure.



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first woman doctor America was Elizabeth Blackwell who was granted her degree on January 23,

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the

Briscoe County News

FEBRUARY 15, 1979-Geochelone turtle from the pliocene epoch, thought to have lived in this area two to five million years ago, unearthed at Lake Mackenzie . . . Mrs. Carlye Hill employed as school tax assessor-collector . . . Methodist Church establishes love fund for the Donald Perkins family, whose home was destroyed by fire last week . . . Briscoe 4-Hers bound for Sipapu . . . Warren Jarrett and Jim Forbes to show steers at Houston Livestock Show . . . Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Greeson are parents of a son . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McNamara are parents of

a daughter... Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance have been vacationing in the Lower Rio Grande Valley... Flute Hutsell, who is receiving treatment for his back at Highland Hospital in Lubbock, spent the weekend at home ... Floyd Williams was returned home from Methodist Hospital by ambulance Saturday... Mrs. Marvin Self has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital... Datis Martin has been a patient at Lubbock General Hospital... Nancy Reynolds, Ken Wood to marry...

FEBRUARY 20, 1969—Mrs. Bessie Offield, 73, buried Saturday . . . Mrs. Florene Farnsworth, 54, buried in Amarillo . . . Runt Vardell has been critically ill at Northwest Texas Hospital in

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Amarillo... Mrs. Lois Posey has been a patient in the Plainview hospital... Mrs. Jennie Fisher has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital... Mrs. Violet Myers, 58, dies... Rhenda Gafford weds Jimmy Burson...

FEBRUARY 17, 1949-Bruce

Womack is building new home in Silverton... Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Pitts are parents of a son... Little Dee Ann Lyde of Lubbock is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar... Mrs. W. W. Yancy of Lubbock spent the weekend with relatives here... Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Neese returned Wednesday from a vacation trip to California... Re-burial held for PFC Floyd A. Bynum at Arlington... Frank W.

Wise rites held at Quitaque . . . Mrs. S. B. Gilkeyson critically ill . . Joyce Norrid, David C. Cook vows read at Austin . . . Mary Margret Rodenborn and Sgt. William B. Guice married in El Paso . . . Dorothy Roy McMurtry, Carl Dean Bomar married here . . . Silverton Rainbow Assembly installs Wanda Garvin as Worthy Advisor . . . Claude Crossing Club meets with Mrs. Orville Turner . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper and Billy entertain with Valentine

FEBRUARY 16, 1939—Mrs. Scott Smithee was surprised with a shower at the Francis School Tuesday night . . . Mrs. W. T. McDaniel dies . . . Tommy Crawford of Bovina spent the

weekend here with his cousins, Othell and Colene Bomar, and other relatives . . . Mrs. Lena Martin visited her sister, Mrs. W. W. Merrell, who lives south of Quitaque, Sunday . . . J. L. Webb and Jimmie Cline left Tuesday for Corpus Christi. They expect to be gone for a week . . . Mrs. Barney Wilson and son have been ill with the flu this week . . . Eskar Curtis of Quitaque has gone to California to spend several months because of his health . . . W. E. Schott left the first of the week for Knox County where he will start work on the Federal Dam . . . Included in the cast for the Junior Play are Vivian Burleson, Phyllis Allred, Netta Faye Byrd, Bruce Burleson, Roberta McMurtry, Doris June Brown, W. L. Perry, Ruby Lee Steele. Lawyer Robert Brooks and College Man Rampley complete the cast

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Feb. 16—Genie Lavy, Diji Couch, Greg Garcia, James Alan Patton, Brent Brannon, Charlotte Burnett, Clifford Clardy

Feb. 17—Patti Whittington Feb. 18—Bill Boling, Amy

Feb. 18—Bill Boling, Amy Minyard, Billie Ann Sprague, Molly Riddle, Craig Patton Feb. 19—Carlye Hill, Cathey

Weaks, David Kellum, Amy Jasper

Feb. 20—DeLisa Jarnagin, Iwana Monroe

Feb. 21—Melissa Garcia

Feb. 22—David Schott, Donald Perkins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

Feb. 17—Mr. and Mrs. John

Feb. 18—Mr. and Mrs. Frank

AS A MAN THINKETH

Gerald Beasley

HE HAD A

PLEASANT VOICE

Ezekiel was among the Jewish exiles in Babylonian captivity. Not all his writing is easily understood, but he apparently was well-received as a speaker among his people (Ezek. 33:30-33).

Indeed, Jehovah informed Ezekiel that his people (the Jews) talked favorably of him and urged one another to hear him. Ezekiel was unto his fellow Israelites "as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument..."

The prophet might have been inflated by this information had not God also said, "For they hear thy words, but they do them not." A problem with the non-doers was, "... their heart goeth after their gain."

We may compliment and "enjoy" the dedicated and apt teacher who communicates vital information to us, but what folly to hear such impelling words and "do them not."

Jesus makes clear that the truly wise man, "who built his house upon the rock" is the one who "heareth these words of mine, and doeth them . . ." (Mt. 7)

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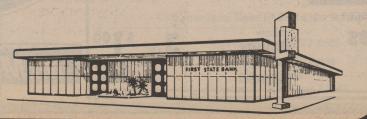
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Mrs. Faye Rampley's faith in the people of Silverton proved to have merit last week when a friend called to tell her that she had found the necklaces she lost in front of the Post Office.

"I knew that someone who lives in Silverton had found them," Mrs. Rampley said, "and I know how good and honest these people are.

She was very glad to have them returned because of their sentimental value.



Galen, a Physician in ancient Rome, prepared a cosmetic almost identical to modern cold cream.

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Mrs. Charles Sarchet was in Lubbock Friday to assist her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon and Jordan, in celebrating the birthday of her son, Ken Sarchet. She stayed with the children Friday night while Ken and Jonann went out to eat and to a

"The silliest of all people are those who do foolish things to show off." Vauvenargues



Theodore Roosevelt was America's first president to fly in an airplane. The event took place in 1910, more than a year after he had left the Presidency.



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J. Lynn Futch Meets With Secretary Block

After a recent meeting with Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block in Chicago, J. Lynn Futch, Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) State Director for Texas, said the most immediate challenge stressed by Block for 1984 "is to achieve heavy participation in the 1984 farm programs."

State Directors for USDA's Farmers Home Administration and State Executive Directors for USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service from over the nation attended the meeting with the Secretary. Emphasis was placed on the benefits producers will receive by signing up for the commodity

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Block said that both government and private sector analysts are saying basically the same thing: It will prove advantageous for the average American farmer to participate in these 1984 farm programs. He said the programs will not only provide a needed conservation effort, but they will also offer producers a protection against serious downward price fluctuations.

"It's essential that agriculture show its willingness to do its part in maintaining the thrust of its own recovery," Block said. "These programs and our federal crop insurance could be two of the best tools producers can work with in 1984."

Block said the farm programs, in combination with the federal crop insurance, will provide protection against the risks of drought, freeze, flood or other unanticipated acts of nature.



Some people say the opal retains in its depths the rainbow tints of long-dead forest fires.

Kelthane Manufacturer Agrees to Scientific Review

(AUSTIN)--No traces of the banned pesticide DDT were found in any of J7 laboratory tests on the miticide dicofol conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, according to TDA Assistant Commissioner Ron White.

White, who is in charge of the department's regulatory division, said the tests on dicofol, marketed under the trade name Kelthane, were conducted at TDA's Brenham lab on 17 different dicofol products marketed in Texas by six registrants. A generaluse pesticide, it is available either as a wettable powder or as an emulsifiable concentrate. It is used on many fruit, field and ornamental crops to control various species of mites and spiders, and can be purchased over-the-counter under popular brand names. It is toxic to fish.

Dicofol manufacturer Rohm and Haas, a chemical company based in Philadelphia, notified TDA that they are cooperating with the Environmental Protection Agency in a special review of the product requiring Rohm and Haas to submit basic scientific tests now required for registration of new products. Dicofol was originally registered for use in the late 1950s under less stringent standards than those now in effect.

Rohm and Haas has advised TDA that "Kelthane is produced using DDT as the major raw material. DDT-related materials are carried through production and are also created as by-products. The technical grade of Kelthane contains approximately 5% of these impurities. No DDT itself is found, only DDT-related materials."

Although the TDA tests found no DDT residues, some near-DDT chemicals were discovered, White said. "Because of this closeness to DDT, it is certainly prudent

of EPA to ask serious questions about dicofol.

"This re-registration by EPA will take several years to complete, but we understand it will examine very carefully the questions of contamination of dicofol with DDT and the environmental effects of the product," White said. "We are aware of work being done on environmental problems, including analysis of levels of DDT, and we will continue to monitor that work as it proceeds."

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SPELLING BEE WINNERS-Fidencio Reyes was the runnerup and Teddy Hubbard was the champion in the junior division of the Briscoe County Spelling Bee held here last week, and Avonna Miller was the senior champion

with Tonia Perkins as her runner-up. Avonna and Teddy will be guests at a luncheon on the campus of WTSU in April, and Avonna will participate in the Regional Spelling Bee.

-Briscoe County News Photo

Avonna Miller Wins Senior Spelling Bee

Avonna Miller, an eighth grader in the Silverton Schools and

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller, won the Briscoe County

Spelling Bee championship. The contest was held in the Silverton Junior High School on February

Avonna will represent the county at the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held at West Texas State University in Canyon in April. The person who wins that meet will earn an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D. C. to compete in the National Spelling Bee. Expenses are paid by the Amarillo Globe

News, co-sponsor of the regional event with WTSU.

Tonia Perkins, a Silverton seventh grader and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins, was the first runner-up in the senior division of the Bee.

Teddy Hubbard, Silverton sixth grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hubbard, is the junior champion.

Fidencio Reyes, Silverton fifth grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reyes, was the first runner-up in the junior division.

Others participating in the

spelling bee were Kirk Couch, Penni Fogerson, Denny Hill, Ron McCune, Anthony Minyard, Kendal Minyard, Jon Pigg, Tracy Tomlin, Julie Towe, Carrie Ann Grabbe and Steven Lain.

All participants will receive a certificate. Avonna and Teddy will be presented Bee trophies at a luncheon in Canyon in April.

Mrs. Florence Morgan was the Spelling Bee director.

Mrs. Mike Settle was the pronouncer. The judges were Mrs. Mary Ann Rauch and Mrs. Denise Burson.



HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY!

[February 18] We Love You Mom and Dad

Angie Lowrey Is Silverton High School Good Citizen Winner

Angie Lowrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey of Silverton, has been selected as Silverton High School's D.A.R.



ANGIE LOWREY

Good Citizen for the year.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has approved the DAR Good Citizen program and has asked that it be announced that the National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 1983-84.

The contest is open to both girls and boys in the Senior Class of an accredited high school. Student must be a citizen of the United States and be 18 years of

The Senior Class members choose three seniors who best

exemplify outstanding qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism in school, home and community. From these three, the faculty chooses the School Good Citizen.

This year's contest consisted of three parts: Personal (20%), which could be completed at home and covered high school activities: awards, offices held, special interests and activities. Service given to home, church and to the community is included, as well as future plans for education and/or vocational training and the student's hobbies and interests.

A quiz on national, civic and patriotic subjects counts for 30% of the candidate's score. A patriotic essay counts for 50% of

The school winner's essay, questionnaire, transcript of grades and a letter of recommendation are sent to the sponsoring DAR Good Citizen Chairman and a committee of impartial judges chooses the chapter winner who will then compete at the state level. The state winner competes at national for the National Good Citizen award. The local chapter winner was announced at a tea given in honor of all school winners on February 8. The Mary McCoy Baines DAR Chapter awards the Chapter Good Citizen winner with a \$100.00 scholarship to the college of his/her choice. The state winner is given \$200.00. The national winner's monetary award is \$1,000.00, and is presented to the Continental Congress and receives a sterling silver bowl, engraved with "National Good Citizen 1984."

National second place winner receives \$750.00 and national third place winner receives \$500.00.

Miss Lowrey's high school activities have included being a member of the Student Council; vice-president of the Pep Squad; an officer in the Future Business Leaders of America and Future See ANGIE LOWREY-

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ANGIE LOWREY
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Homemakers of America for four years; she has been a class officer for three years; advertising manager of the Annual Staff; has been a member of the basketball and track teams for four years and a member of the National Honor Society for two years.

She has been a Miss Mackenzie contestant two years, and a Rodeo Queen candidate, while helping to sell tickets, for three years. She is serving as Lions Club Queen this year.

She was elected to Who's Who;

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won the Honor Student Award for two years and won the Most Improved Athlete Award her Junior year.

She is very involved in the First Baptist Church in Silverton, serving as Youth Council Representative, participating in youth activities and singing.

Her hobbies are sports and handicrafts of all kinds.

She plans to attend college, working afterward and becoming a successful homemaker.

She has been described as "deliberately honest, friendly, courteous, cooperative, well-lik-

ed and respected by teachers and fellow students."

TRADE HURDLES HURTING AGRICULTURE

Prospects are rather bleak for agricultural exports, and that's hurting Texas agriculture since many of the state's commodities go into overseas markets, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The export picture is dim due to the strong dollar abroad which makes U. S. commodities cost more to foreign buyers, protectionist trade policies of foreign countries, competition from foreign producers, and weak credit conditions in many countries.

With exports decreasing, farmers must cut back on production to keep commodity supplies at reasonable levels.

FISH FARMERS KEY ON MARKETING

The purpose of marketing is to get more profit, not more gross income, a fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, told a recent gathering of fish farmers.

The best method for the fish farmer is to sell his crop at the farm. Transportation is the "number one marketing problem" among fish farmers, and it is the single highest cost for live

fish producers.

Vertical integration continues to escalate prices through transportation, the cost of ice or refrigeration, the loss of time away from the farm or the cost of hiring a driver, shrinkage and waste during shipping.

AG CREDIT CONFERENCE PLANNED FEBRUARY 26-28

Agricultural loans will be a major focus of the 32nd Texas Farm and Ranch Credit Conference for Commercial Bankers at Texas A&M University, February 26-28.

Sessions on various types of farm and ranch loans will dominate the first day's program along with discussions of the banking business in various regions of Texas, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Featured speakers will discuss the U. S. economic outlook, the current state of U. S. agricultural policy, and the future of Texas banking involvement in financing agriculture.

Other discussions will deal with grain handling, the outlook for various agricultural commodities, and the administration of agricultural loans in depressed

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When it comes to taxes, a poll by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) shows that taxpayers prefer the sales tax to all other methods.

The margin by which people would rather pay a sales tax is 3 to 1. We in Texas are among 45 states which levy a sales tax. Only Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon do not have a state sales tax.

The tax rates range from a high of 7.5 percent in Connecticut to a low of two percent in Nevada and Oklahoma. Texas collects four percent, which is the national average. Most Texans are used to paying five percent because local units of government are authorized to collect a one percent tax.

Texas last raised the sales tax to four percent from 3.25 percent in 1971. We first collected the tax beginning in 1962 at a two percent rate.

While the sales tax rate has doubled in the 22 years the tax has been in existence, revenue has risen by over 2000 percent. Texas pocketed \$149 million in 1962. In 1983, that figure was \$3.3 billion.

In 1983, the sales tax provided 39 percent of all tax collections, making it the states's largest single tax source. And, while the tax brings in a lot of money, Texans pay an average of only \$211 a year in state sales tax.

Also, we all know from experience that it is easier to pay the tax in small bits, rather than in one lump sum.

The ACIR poll showed that this few pennies at a time approach is one of the main reasons people prefer it to other types of taxes.

Legislature avoided placing the tax on items of necessity, such as food and medicine. This reduced the taxing impact on our needy residents.

We all want to see taxes held to the necessary minimum. But, if taxation is a fact of life, as we know it to be, then the sales tax method at the current level is working for Texas.

AUSTIN - It was good news to learn that the Food and Drug Administration had agreed to allow the application of food grade mineral oil on grain in grain Reports



We all know of the destruction that has been caused by dust explosions in elevators. There have been hundreds of deaths and injuries and many millions of dollars in losses. This process has been proven safe, effective and less expensive.

A Lubbock man, Harry

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Barham, is responsible for the idea, which he patented. The most expensive part of the operation is a storage tank to hold the oil. It costs less than one cent per bushel to apply. That cost is almost recovered in reduced loss of weight, and more than recovered when the additional benefits are included.

Among the other savings is the reduction in energy costs for expensive ventilation systems which include fans, motors and dust collection bags. The atmosphere for workers is greatly improved, which should cut down on respiratory pro-

blems. Insects and insect generated problems consume five percent of the grain crop value and the

white oil process acts as an effective and long-lasting insect control.

I also look for a significant reduction in insurance premiums for grain elevators. There are a great number of elevators in the Panhandle and South Plains and our area will receive a direct impact from this decision. More far-reaching, however, is that the lower costs can be passed along on these products, helping every consumer.

The Texas Senate subcommittee on agriculture held hearings on this subject and helped to produce the findings which ultimately led to approval by the FDA and the USDA. A great many state and national organizations were involved in helping to fully explore

the problem and make recommendations. I was proud to serve as chairman of the subcommittee because I think that its actions were instrumental in pointing out the potential of oil on grain to the federal

government.



The Pentagon is the world's largest office building. With an area of 6,500,000 square feet, the Pentagon has a Main Street lined with shops, restaurants, a bus depot and a post office.



1984 Crop Fertility Will Be Different

Texas fertilizer needs will be influenced by government programs, good wheat and corn harvest, heavy fall rains and an early frost. How have these factors influenced the land we farm? The best method to grasp an understanding is to examine each category separately and look at the present soil fertility trends from soil analysis.

SOIL UNDER PIK

Soils under the government PIK programs have been treated different on the farm. Soil building crops have been planted, wheat crops have been grazed off or the land has essentially lain fallow in Briscoe County

Soil building crops such as blackeyed peas or Chinese red peas will begin to break down sooner due to the wet mild fall. If you are depending on all your nitrogen to be furnished by the pea crop, you may run short next August if the rains and snows continue. This information is especially true for the Southern High Plains where sandy soils lose their nitrogen. "Test soil nitrogen levels prior to planting," the county agent says.

Soils where wheat was grazed out have gained some nitrogen this summer but the nitrogen removed from the graze out will normally negate any nitrogen increase for next year. One should soil sample these fields this fall. (Removal of all the stubble generally removes from 20 to 30 pounds per acre of nitrogen.)

Summer fallowed lands where the soils are a clay loam or the finer texture clays all are show-

ing an increase in soil nitrogen. The nitrogen levels seen in soil samples are running from 25 up to 35 pounds per acre higher in nitrogen. This situation is good for our dryland wheat producers. After the heavy October rain, insufficient soil samples from the sandy soils have been analyzed to establish any trend this month. But it is expected that sizeable amounts of mineralized nitrogen have been leached downward by these heavy fall rains. These fields should be sampled prior to planting in 1984.

GOOD WHEAT AND CORN YIELDS

Examining yield reports from the agricultural producers working this area indicate some bin burster yields. Many of the dryland wheat fields yielded from 25 up to 50 bushels per acre of wheat. Irrigated wheat showed reports of 100 to 125 bushels per acre. Records on the 125 bushels per acre wheat field indicated nitrogen required was 1.8 pounds per acre of nitrogen per bushel. This nitrogen rate is very close to the two pounds of nitrogen per acre suggested by the Extension Soil Testing Laboratory at Lubbock.

Corn yields indicate several fields exceeded the 180 bushels per acre and some went over 210 bushels per acre. Not a bad yield for about a \$50.00 to \$80.00 per acre fertilizer input. These top yields have drained soil fertility levels somewhat. If one is planning on going back again, such as wheat on wheat or corn on corn, one should sample these fields this fall to check for nitrogen levels. One may need to

apply additional nitrogen for stubble break down. "It requires about 20 pounds per acre of nitrogen per ton of residue to prevent the stubble from tying up the nitrogen," the county agent says.

A fairly heavy nutrient removal occurs. Before attempting to replace the nutrients, soil test to determine next year's needs.

HEAVY RAINS

October brought record rains to many locations on the High Plains and Rolling Plains. To what effect this amount of rainfall has leached the clay loam soils one cannot say. (In most cases, on clay loam soils nitrogen loss is seldom seen.) Sandy soils south of Lubbock have been leached considerably.

EARLY FROST

Early frost this fall stopped sorghum and soybean growth. Yield estimates for soybeans range from 15 to 40 percent loss.

Traditionally, soybeans are known as a soil builder which adds nitrogen to the soil. However, soil analysis on the High Plains show that soil samples following soybean are more frequently lower in nitrogen (90 times out of 100) than the nitrogen level following any other crop. This year a little more nitrogen should be observed in soybean soils due to the immature beans killed by the frosts and left by the combine. Don't count on the soybean furnishing the nitrogen for next year's crop.

The early frost has also taken its toll on the late milo crops. Some milo was cut for silage. Here approximately 200 pounds of nitrogen was removed with immature grain and stover. Nitrogen levels on these sites should be tested and checked again next June.

If one needs assistance and information on soil testing, consult your local Extension Agent.

A former Silverton resident, Joe Frazier, has been a patient at Citizens Hospital in Greenville. E. H. and Glenda McGavock spent a long weekend with her father.



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DEAR EDITOR:

Good public relations for agriculture are practically non-existant, but every now and then someone comes up with facts and figures that reflect a more accurate picture of the farmer than is generally presented in the big city news media. Such a person is Marilyn Brown, who writes in the agriculture section of the Bryan College Station Eagle.

Her statistics show a factual breakdown of what percent a farmer receives of the food dollar. Most of the money does not go to the farmer. The differences between retail food prices and what the farmer gets for producing that food can be pretty drastic. Figures from the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service reveal that:

Grain farmers get 4 cents for the wheat used in a one pound loaf of bread that retails for 50 cents and 18 cents for the corn in a 12 ounce box of corn flakes that costs \$1.75. They get 90 cents for the corn used in a 48 ounce bottle of salad oil that costs consumers \$2.99. Fiber products fair the worst. They get 64 cents for the cotton in a 100 percent cotton dress shirt that sells for \$15.95, \$1.71 for the cotton in a pair of \$20 blue jeans and \$7.00 for the wool that makes a \$200 dress suit.

Other figures show that soybean farmers get 81 cents for a 3 pound can of shortening that sells for \$2.69 and 11 cents for the soybeans used in a 1 pound box of margarine that sells for 50 cents. The farmer gets 57 cents for a 10 pound sack of potatoes that sells for \$2.30.

Peanut farmers get 39 cents for the peanuts used in an 18 ounce jar of peanut butter that costs \$1.75.

Seems to me that something is out of kelter.

Yours truly, Beryl Long Box 175 Silverton, Texas 79257



The first baseball World Series took place in October, 1903, between the Boston Americans and the Pittsburgh Nationals.



Hightower Tells Corn Growers that 1984 is Crucial Year for Farmers

(DIMMITT)--The Reagan Administration is stepping up its efforts to liquidate family farmers and ranchers in 1984. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower charged last week in a speech to the 11th annual meeting of the Texas Corn Growers Association and the Texas Corn Producers Board.

"One moment we've got target prices, and the next moment they're trying to freeze those. One moment we've got loan rates, and the next moment they're trying to cut back on that. One moment we've got Payment in Kind, and then we don't. There is no farm policy," Hightower said. "In 1984, we're going back to the same old policy of overproduction, low prices, and declining export markets.

"In the proposed 1985 federal budget submitted to Congress last week, the Reagan Administration proposes to reduce farm commodity export credit guarantees by \$1 billion.

"When the Reagan-Block Administration preaches to farmers, they preach that U.S. producers must accept a low price on their commodities in order to compete in the export market. Yet, now, when it comes time to put their money where their mouth is, they won't practice what they preach. Instead, they sock farmers with a whopping 25 percent cutback in our nation's export credit.

"This Administration's export program turns out to be like a baby mockingbird-all mouth and very little bird.

"This is the worst possible time to cut these credit guarantees. The lack of a farm program for 1984 is going to produce more huge surpluses, which will further lower farmers' commodity prices."

Hightower also criticized proposed cuts of \$2.35 billion

in Rural Electrification Administration loans for rural electric power systems, a \$126 million cut in soil conservation funds, and drastic slashing of programs to combat both brucellosis and fire ants.

"The loss of our topsoil is a problem of monumental proportions, and we ought to provide more--not less--help to our farmers in instituting conservation practices to fight this problem." Hightower said. "God's not making a lot more topsoil in a hurry these days, so we need to take dramatic steps to protect what we have. And most farmers are too broke to do it on their own. Cutting soil conservation funds is incredibly shortsighted, and, in fact, it's plain stupid.

"So, the fundamental

question we must ask in 1984 is quite simple: Are we going to have a family farm system or not?

"What's needed in 1985 is a new legislation which controls excess production, holds the farmers' commodity prices above their cost of production, emphasizes soil conservation and aggressively seeks new export markets.

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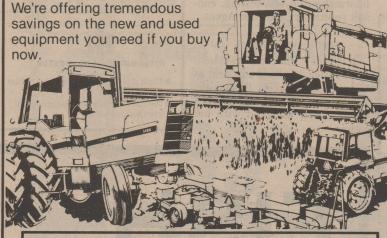
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Statewide, 1984 payments are

running 2.57% ahead of last year; however, because of changes in reporting requirements that converted 15,000 small- and medium-sized taxpayers from quarterly to monthly payment schedules, it is difficult to compare raw payment figures for 1984 with the same period last year, since what were quarterly payments last year are now

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spread over three months. February's checks reflect sales made during the final, Christmas quarter of 1983 and reported to the Comptroller's office by Janu-

ary 20.
"Even with the bookkeeping changes, these payments reflect the recovery that is underway in our state economy," Bullock said. "When it's all said and done, Texans apparently had the best Christmas in our history in terms

Houston received the largest check—for \$19.2 million—for a 1984 total of \$27.4 million, down 3% from last year. Dallas' check for \$12.6 million brought year-todate payments to \$18 million, up

San Antonio's payment was \$6.6 million for a \$9.1 million 1984 total, up 14%. Austin's February check for \$4.1 million brought its yearly total to \$6.1 million, up

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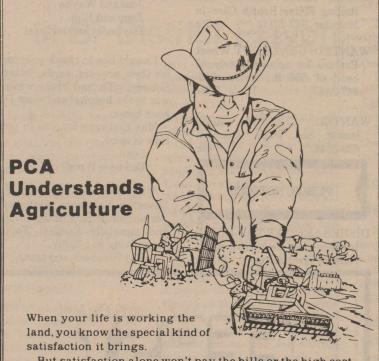
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of retail sales."

DROUGHT, FREEZE IMPACT **ON FOOD PRICES**

For most consumers far from the farm and ranch, the impact of the 1983 summer drought and winter freeze will be measured at the grocery store.

'Wise shoppers will switch their buying habits to minimize the effect on their family food costs," says Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a food and nutrition specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Ser-

For example, higher feed costs due to the drought will probably mean higher meat prices in the last half of the year. In the meantime, beef prices remain steady and attractive, so now is an excellent time for consumers to purchase and freeze beef.

Since the winter freeze has taken its toll on citrus and fresh vegetable prices, consumers might find better buys in canned or frozen produce and can make more use of apples and winter pears which continue to be in good supply, she suggests.

SODIUM LABELING

Consumers are more concerned, but not necessarily more informed about salt in their diets, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service foods and nutrition specialist.

A 1983 A. C. Nielsen survey conducted for the grocery industry shows that of the 75 percent of consumers who read ingredient lists on food products, 40 percent of them do so to avoid salt or sodium, says Dr. Alice

A large majority-87 percent -of the shoppers surveyed favored sodium labeling. But 52 percent indicated the labeling ould be more useful if they understood it better.

'The biggest problem for most consumers," she says, "is that they may not understand milligrams per serving or how it relates to their own daily needs." To really watch your salt intake, you need to know that the intake of sodium for adults ranges from 1,100 to 3,300 milligrams per day.

One level teaspoon of salt contains about 2300 milligrams of sodium. Since there are sodium containing compounds in many of today's processed foods, reading labels for sodium content is probably a good idea for everyone, says the specialist.

million for total payments this year of \$5.3 million, down 1% from 1983. El Paso's check for \$2.2 million brought its year-todate total to \$3.3 million, up 7%.

Silverton's sales tax rebate payment for this period was \$3,317.83, off from the \$4,458.74 payment received for the same period in 1983. The 1984 payments to date total \$4,206.92, down 5.65% from the \$4,458.74 received for the same period in

Quitaque received \$1,830.77 for this period, an increase over the \$1,032.90 received for the same period in 1983. This brought Quitaque's payments for 1984 to \$2,566.81, up 148.51% from the \$1,032.90 received to date in 1983.

For Briscoe County, this made a total of rebates of \$6,773.73 in 1984, up 23.35% from the \$5,491.64 received at this time in

In area cities, Claude's rebate was down 23.56%; Nazareth, up 4.17%; Hart, down 64.82%; Childress, down 9.01%; Paducah, down 8.21%; Crosbyton, up 6.92%; Lorenzo, down 33.69%; Ralls, down 19.60%; Clarendon, down 24.28%; Hedley, up 23.17%; Floydada, down 10.13%; Lockney, down 16.11%; McLean, down 1.63%; Plainview, down 5.10%; Estelline, up 54.92%; Lakeview, down 49.98%; Memphis, down 2.26%; Turkey, up

4.60%; Matador, down 18.07%; Roaring Springs, up 3.48%; Amarillo, down 0.12%; Lubbock, down 3.21%; Happy, down 34.91%; Kress, down 11.21%; Tulia, up 3.67%.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the voters of

Briscoe County Precinct Three:

I have recently sent you people a letter regarding an issue I'm sure you have all heard about. I have received some letters back but not as many as I would like. I would like to know everyone's opinion on the issue, whether against or in favor. I would like to ask you to take a few minutes to reply. Thanks goes to those who have already answered.

> Sincerely, A. J. Rogers Route 5, Box 34 G Roanoke, Texas 76262

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Silverton will be accepting bids for Liability Coverage and Physical Damage Insurance Coverage for the year of 1985. Bid limits and information may be obtained at City Hall, Silverton, Texas. Bids must be received by March 9, 1984, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Silverton, Texas.

CARDS OF THANKS

Thanks to those (Diamond Williams and Dorthy Hale) who "broke into" our house and cleaned it up so nicely while we were at the hospital with Daddy.

There's no place but Silverton where this could happen to anyone.

Glenda and E. H.

Words can never express our appreciation for your love and concern for the family of our mother and grandmother. She took so much pride and interest in her community and friends. She would have been so pleased to have known the many ways that her love for all of you was returned to us at this time.

Joni and Wayne Zane and Kim Dayne, Traci and Staci

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, letters, flowers, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital and since I've been home.

May God care for you in your time of need.

> Love, Berniece Wood

We would like to thank the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service for helping us with Kayla and especially Emmett Tomlin for arriving so quickly.

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