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All Around
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

Beginning this week, the "Looking Back" columns for the next few weeks will be taken from issues of The Silverton Star published in 1918, mostly from May through the end of the year.

That was a time when money was tight and businessmen were begging for payment of accounts, when women were registering to vote, men were registering for the draft, and many of the local men were leaving for service in World War I. Patriotic rallies and savings bond drives were being held. Many in the county were ill with influenza and typhoid.

There will be several items reprinted in entirety, due either to content or expression of ideas.

Remember, too, that these newspapers were printed with hand-stuck type—that is, each letter was individually inserted. The papers ran about eight big pages in size, and this means there was a LOT of hand-set type used in each issue. The original spellings have been used, including "Snider" and "rootabega."

These papers have gone to pieces as we gleaned these things from them. Newsprint becomes very fragile after a few years, and these papers are 66 years old. Hope you will enjoy the columns as much as I enjoyed going through the old papers. These are among the oldest ones we have ever had access to.

In talking to Sheriff Dick Roehr about the drowning that took place at Lake Mackenzie July 7, I learned that the divers found a very large cottonwood tree in the area that people have been jumping off into Cactus Cove. The sheriff said that at present the tree is about 30 feet below the water level, but that if anyone happened to go deep enough, there was a good chance they would be impaled on the tree. He says the branches cover an approximate diameter of 50 feet.

The sheriff also said that if there was ANY way to keep people from jumping off there, he would do it, because he considers it (like I do) very dangerous. But he knows, as I do, that there is no way that this could be done. Do keep in mind that, with the cities pumping water out of the lake, the water level is declining.

Russell Simpson didn't make much of the fact, but Bruce Tiffin says if Russell hadn't reacted

Football Players Need To Get Physicals

Boys who plan to play football need to be getting their physicals from their family doctors. Some equipment will be issued on August 8, according to Coach Marvin Self, and the boys need to

bring their physical sheets with them that day.

Workouts begin August 13.

Junior High boys need to bring physical sheets with them the first day of school.

Basketball Camp To Be Held Here In August

Coach Kelly Braisher will be conducting a basketball camp for girls and boys in the fourth to the eighth grades August 13-17, 1984.

The classes will be held from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sandwiches, soft drinks and candy will be sold at the concession stand, or

campers may bring a sack lunch or go home for lunch.

Cost is \$50.00 each.

Those interested in attending the camp need to pre-register by sending a \$25.00 deposit, their name, age, grade, sex and adult T-shirt size to Kelly Braisher, Box 121, Silverton, Texas 79257. Deadline for pre-registration is July 27.

Shorter Is New FFA State President

Coby Shorter III, a 17-year-old Eagle Lake resident, was elected president of the Texas Future Farmers of America at the 56th annual convention held at the Lubbock Civic Center July 11-13.

Serving as the 1984-85 FFA Sweetheart is Karen Broussard of Beaumont. Miss Broussard is a senior at West Brook High School, while Shorter recently graduated Rice Consolidated

High School. Awards received by the Silverton FFA Chapter were Building Our American Communities silver award, and Lone Star Farmer Degrees for Stephen Stephens and Ross Estes. Stephens was runnerup in state competition in Crop Production and Soil and Water Management. The Silverton Young Farmer members attended some of the sessions. Kori Baird represented Area I FFA as their Sweetheart candidate. Attending from Silverton were Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird, Donna Tomlin, Kori Baird, Jeannita Stephens, Robbie McWaters and Stephen Stephens. Troy and Jeff Jones were in Wichita Falls Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of their uncle. Troy was at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Friday morning when former Silverton resident, Leon Grosdidier, underwent major surgery. He also visited with his mother, Mrs. Georgia Jones, and with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Buchanan and children. One of Cathy's sons was sick with a throat infection.

quickly July 10 that there would have been another drowning at Lake Mackenzie. Tiffin and Simpson were working on the beach when a two-year-old child, wearing a life jacket, was blown into the water, face down and was drifting out into the deeper water. Russell ran into the water in his clothes and brought her out. The child's parents were watching the kids from above the beach in the parking and camping area.

On the subject of rattlesnakes again—not one of my favorite subjects even though I have been writing about them quite a lot lately—a lady told me the other day that they found one coiled up near one of the markers in the cemetery. This was not, of course, as sensational as the story about the San Angelo family who had a 2½ foot long disomdback rattler come up through their toilet!

Wood To Be Hauled Saturday

Wood for the barbecue to be held during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration and School Homecoming will be hauled Saturday.

All volunteer workers are asked to meet at 6:00 a.m. that day at Jerry's Malt Shop for breakfast.

Everyone who can furnish a truck is asked to do so.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO HAVE LUNCHEON FRIDAY

Silverton Senior Citizens will meet Friday, July 20, for their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting.

Ladies of the First United Methodist Church will be hostesses for the luncheon.

A nurse will be there to check blood pressure.

METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL SET JULY 23-27

"Jesus is the Answer" is the theme of the United Methodist Church Bible School, which begins Monday, July 23.

The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 11:30 a.m. each day. A hay wagon will leave the church at 8:30 each morning and will return the children home after the program.

Classes will be held for children three years old through those entering the fifth grade.

Bible study, crafts, games and lots of fun and fellowship are planned for the week, so please make plans to attend.

If additional information is needed, please contact Gail Wyatt at 847-2570.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES PLANNED AT METHODIST CHURCH

A week of fun activities is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton beginning Monday, July 23, and continuing through July 27, from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. each day.

Activities are planned for those who have completed the fifth through the eighth grades.

Jackie Wheeler will be leading the group in a week of fun and fellowship.

Please plan to be a part of this fun-filled week.

Mrs. Perry (Estelle) Thomas underwent major surgery at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview on Thursday of last week.

Donations Needed For Celebration

Donations are needed for the barbecue to be held during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration, and also for the tent which will be erected to shade those attending the celebration and homecoming activities.

The barbecue will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 9.

The homecoming will be held under the tent on Saturday.

If you would like to donate to these projects, leave your money at First State Bank.

Deadline Set For Submitting 4-H Record Books

4-H members who need help to complete a 4-H record book may come to the Extension Office and bring your list of project activities for the past year.

Record books are due by noon July 25.

Senior 4-H members who want to apply for the Gold Star Award need to complete a 4-H application Nomination Form and return it to the Extension Office by July 25. These forms are being mailed to 4-H'ers at least 14 years of age.

CHILDREN'S RAINBOW PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS

The Children's Rainbow Preschool, directed by Gail Wyatt, is now enrolling for the fall semester. Enrollment deadline is July 27.

Classes for 2½ through 3½ year-olds will be held once a week from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.

Classes for 3½ through five year-olds will be two days a week from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m.

The Children's Rainbow provides early childhood activities with songs, games, fingerplays, stories, group participation and many other learning activities. A snack is also provided.

Since enrollment is limited in each class and curriculum needs to be ordered, contact Gail Wyatt at 847-2570 if you are interested in enrolling your child or desire additional information.

Mrs. David (Reba) Tipton entered Central Plains Hospital in Plainview on Wednesday of last week, expecting to undergo major surgery on Thursday. Due to her having a potassium deficiency, her surgery was postponed until Friday.

The decimal system was invented in ninth century India.

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4-H Trap Shoot Winners Announced

July 10, Silvertown and Quitaque had their district trap shoot. The winner of the sub-junior division (ages 9-12) were Mike Miller with a 91% shooting score, Bradley Brunson and Chad Powell, who tied for second with an 87% shooting score. The winners of the junior division (ages 13-14) were Neal Edwards with a 92% shooting score, Clay Schott and Denny Hill, who tied for second with an 88% shooting score.

July 13, Silvertown and Quitaque traveled to the Lubbock Gun Club range near Reese Air Force Base for the District II Regional Trap and Skeet Shoot. The participants were Bradley Brunson, Mike Miller, Denny Hill, Neal Edwards, Clay Schott and Bryan Ramsey of Silvertown, Bradley Price, Kirk Martin, John Harmon, Josh Brooks, Jay Gray and Chad Powell of Quitaque.

The sub-junior five-man team (Bradley Brunson, Bryan Ramsey, Bradley Price, Josh Brooks and Jay Gray) took second place. The sub-junior two-man team (Mike Miller and Chad Powell) took fourth. The junior two-man team (Neal Edwards and Clay Schott) took seventh.

The overall individual shooting for the sub-junior division show-

ed Mike Miller seventh out of 37 and for the junior division Neal Edwards placed thirteenth out of 33.

August 9-11, Neal Edwards, Clay Schott, Mike Miller and Kirk Martin will travel to San Antonio for the 4-H State Trap Shoot as representatives of Briscoe County.

A special thanks to those who have helped in the 1984 4-H Trap season, Don Gray, Quitaque coach, Dale McWaters, coach, Jerry L. Miller, coach, Fred Edwards, assistant coach, and Rhett Montague, Silvertown trainer.

August 18 the 4-H Trap Shooters will be hosting a Trap Shoot for a money-making project to help in next year's trap season. There will be several divisions, from individuals to partners and more. Trophies will be awarded for first and second places. The shoot will begin at 10:00 a.m. west of Silvertown on the trap range.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

- July 19—Gerald Beasley, Terry Bomar, Trey Wyatt
- July 20—Sherry Mattheus
- July 21—Colby Self, Alisha Breedlove, Pat Whitfill
- July 22—Brenda Patton, Jane Maciel
- July 23—Tina Nance, Arlene Curry, Fannie Francis, Carey Blackerby
- July 24—Suzette Fitzgerald, Marsha Brunson, Melody Farley
- July 25—Carver Monroe

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Ambulance Service To Have Party

Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service will have a swimming and ice cream party from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, at the pool. This will be for the members and their families.

Plans for the party were made at the regular meeting Tuesday night of last week. Everyone who has a freezer is being asked to make ice cream.

James Edwards presided over the business meeting. Others attending were Bruce and Susie Tiffin, Shelly Gould, Mary Ann Sarchet, Sandy Harris, Dale McWaters, Anthony Kingery, Dick Roehr and Emmett Tomlin.

AS A MAN THINKETH

Gerald Beasley

WHO ARE YOU?

I've read a story about four people with the names of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was a job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Nobody could have done.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Of course, this needs to be honorable doing. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good" (Eph. 4). Prayed Nehemiah, "O God, strengthen thou my hands," as he led in Jerusalem wall-rebuilding. He says, "So we built the wall... for the people had a mind to work." No buck-passing sluggards there.

"As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed." Alluding to an Oriental manner of eating, we learn that "the sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth" (Prov. 26). Honorable tasks abound. "Be not slothful."

There are 38,000 pages in the official manual of the IRS.

4-H Congress Being Held In Brownsville

"4-H Fiesta International" is the theme of the eleventh annual Texas 4-H Congress held in Brownsville this week.

Kristy Fogerson is representing Briscoe County 4-H members as one of the approximately 500 4-H delegates, agent advisors and Texas 4-H Council members in attendance.

Keynote speaker for the event is Michael Broome, futurist and humorist from North Carolina, who will speak on "Tomorrow's America."

Among special features of the

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

- July 20—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grady
- July 21—Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels
- July 22—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Smith
- July 23—Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fogerson, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thomas
- July 24—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith
- July 25—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins

H. M. Cowell returned home Saturday after having been a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo for several days. He was taken to the hospital by the Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service and admitted to intensive care, and his daughter, Mrs. Dwain Henderson, returned him home Saturday.

4-H Congress program is a bus tour into Mexico to view agricultural facilities near Matamoros, educational tours to study the shrimp industry, and a trip to the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, a source zoo for restocking other zoos.

Seminars dealing with international trade between the U. S. and Mexico are also a part of the program.

A simulated air-sea rescue program on Padre Island is also planned.

Approximately 30 4-H members from the South Plains District are taking part in the three-day event.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mary Sarchet, Editor
(and things like that)

I was looking back in the B.C.N. to 1939 and read that Whiteside & Co. was selling Curlee Suits with extra pants free. I would like you to know that the extra pants were never worth much. I bought one of those suits in July of 1936 and got married in it. I saved the extra pants for sentimental reasons and I got them out and tried them on. Would you believe that in only 48 years they have shrunk almost 5 inches? Should I write the company?

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LOOKING BACK

through the April 12, 1918 issue of the Silverton Star

Cross the street and save money, advertised Cash Grocery. Some of their specials, which appeared on the front page, included brooms, 65c, 75c and 90c, 12 dozen egg cases, 50c each, irish potatoes, per hundred, \$2.50, and Mexican beans, 10 pounds, \$1.00 . . . Last Tuesday while Emmett Puckett was driving a Ford with Frank Morris and Oran Bomar in it with him, it turned turtle hurting Emmett pretty badly about the head and bruising the other boys slightly. The windshield was broken off

the car, but otherwise it was only slightly damaged. Emmett did not fully regain consciousness until late in the day, but is up and about now . . . Last Monday morning about 9 o'clock the Death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Strange, seven miles south of town and took the wife and mother, leaving a heart-broken husband and ten children to mourn her departure, the youngest child being an infant only a few days old. Death was the result of blood-poison. They have lived in this county only a few months. Elder F. A. Johnson was called from Turkey to conduct the funeral services which were held at the cemetery at four o'clock

Tuesday afternoon. The deceased was a member of the Church of Christ, and was a consecrated Christian, a loving wife and a tender mother, and will be sadly missed by her loved ones . . . The Interscholastic League Meet was held here last Saturday and was well attended. Winners included Lewis Earnest Tunnell, Quitaque, debate; Elbert Wallace, Silverton, and Dixie Moore, Quitaque, senior declamation; Erral Van Meter, Quitaque, and Edith Moore, Quitaque, junior declamation; Glen Lewis, Quitaque, senior spelling; J. T. Persons, Quitaque, junior spelling; Iree Hancock, Lucile Hardcastle, Zelda Hill, Silverton, potato race; Gladys Clary, Silverton, 30 yard

dash; Lilla Graham, Quitaque, baseball throw for accuracy; Bland Burson, Silverton, senior shot put; James Stroup, Quitaque, junior shot put; James Stroup, 120 yard dash; James Stroup, 50 yard dash; Doyle Simpson, Silverton, senior pole vault; Isaac Jones, Silverton, junior pole vault; Isaac Jones, junior running high jump; Elbert Wallace, Barton Witherspoon, Bland Burson, Oran Bomar, Silverton, one mile relay race; Manley Wood, Silverton, 220 yard dash; Barton Witherspoon, Elbert Wallace, John Lee Francis, Silverton, one mile run; Manley Wood, James Meeker, Silverton, 100 yard dash; Evalina Skeen, Bertha Mae Stevenson,

Ima Jewell Demic, Gladys Clary, Silverton, 120 yard relay. The last event of the day was a baseball game between Silverton and Quitaque, which Silverton won 14-13 . . . W. J. Richardson and Miss Savannah V. Mills, both of the Gasoline community, were married at the court house here last Saturday after procuring a license from County Clerk T. L. Anderson, County Judge L. B. Richards officiating . . . This portion of the Plains was visited by a slow rain last Monday which lasted the greater part of the day . . . Porter and Haynes announced that Highway Garage, across the street from the lumber yard, would be ready to commence work Monday morning. Tube Vulcanizing and Auto Repair work a specialty . . . "Serve bacon till Berlin is taken!" advertised G. S. Morris & Co. . . . J. L. Bice, who is living over across the Tule this year was in attendance at District court here this week . . . Eld. F. A. Johnson and Fred Lacy were up from Turkey Tuesday. Eld. Johnson's mother, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Brooks, for some time returned with them . . . W. H. Porter returned a day or two ago from Amarillo where he purchased a line of tools and supplies for the new garage . . . J. F. Findley, who runs the Community Mill at Gasoline, was in town Monday . . . Wylie Bomar of Estancia, New Mexico, was in town the first of the week and reports crop conditions looking good out his way and cattle changing hands at fair prices . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jewett were in the city Tuesday in their Overland. Mr. Jewett is one of our oldest settlers and says he has not yet seen a crop failure in this county. He has about 1,000 acres of fine land and a bunch of well graded cattle and hogs and lives at home . . . Rev. J. Wood Parker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, preached here last Sunday . . . W. T. May and J. C. Anderson were over from the north part yesterday and each invested in a \$100 Liberty Bond . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louis Francis are parents of a daughter . . . J. L. Bolton, who lives in the east part of the county, was in town Wednesday and had his name put on our subscription list. He gets his mail at Turkey. He is one of the oldest settlers in Briscoe County and says the first newspaper he subscribed for in the county was published in a tent. While here Mr. Bolton purchased \$500 worth of the 3rd issue of Liberty Bonds . . . Private Chester Smith was up from Fort Sam Houston last week visiting friends and relatives during a short furlough. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith, who live in the Rock Creek community, and is a volunteer in the service. Since being there he has graduated in the cooking school and now has taken up another line of work . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Gilmore of Turkey are parents of a daughter . . . One of the sons of C. O. Wise was surely hurt two or three days ago by a horse running over him. His lower jaw bone was broken and he was bruised up elsewhere but is getting along alright . . . H. C. Mercer, who lives nine miles southwest of town, was in town yesterday, and had us place his name on our subscription list . . . Jim Page was advertising half soleing at his Shoe Shop . . .

WHOA!!

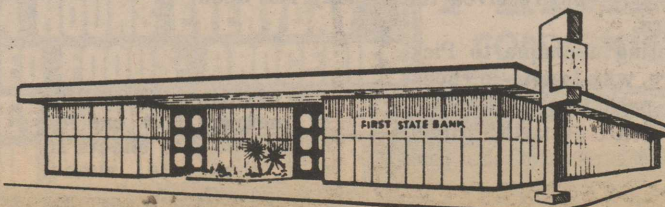


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Film To Be Shown To Public Sunday Night

"Boys and Girls Together," a CBS News television documentary narrated by Harry Reasoner, will be shown to the public Sunday night, July 22, at 8:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of First State Bank.

In the 28-minute color film Reasoner interviews teenagers, their families, and professionals about the problem of teenage pregnancy in the nation. The Briscoe County Family Living Committee and Extension Service are showing this film as a part of their program emphasis on family life during 1984.

Following this presentation, a film, "Better Safe Than Sorry," will be shown. This family deals with a child's ability to take care of himself safely when left home alone.

Because so many children in Briscoe County stay home alone after school, during the summer, or at some time during the day, parents need to be aware of potential hazards and problems they may face.

There is no cost for viewing the films. Parents are invited to come see either one or both of the films.

Baker And Deloney Reunion Held Recently

Members of the Baker and Deloney families met Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1, at the home of Kelsie Baker in Silverton for a joint family reunion.

Everyone enjoyed lunch, visit-

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Whittington of Quitaque are the parents of a baby girl, Magan Dee, born Wednesday, July 11, at 7:48 p.m. at Lockney General Hospital. She weighed seven pounds eight and one-half ounces, and was 19½ inches long.

She has a brother, Cody.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whittington of Quitaque.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ott Perkins, all of Silverton, and Mrs. Juanita Whittington of Richmond, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coleman, jr. of Dozier are parents of a son, Zackary Wood, born Friday, July 13, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed seven pounds and twelve ounces.

Welcoming him into the family is a sister, Kayla, who is four years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Garvin, jr. of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coleman, sr. of Dozier.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ruby Gilkeyson and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver, all of Silverton, and Mrs. Mary Coleman of Dozier. Mrs. Charlsie Arnold of Silverton is the baby's great-great-grandmother.

Cally Ann Burk of Raton, New Mexico spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell. Her mother, Debbie, came for her and remained over the weekend for a visit. Jackie and Brenda Gaskins of Lubbock also were visitors in the Cantwell home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gilkeyson of DeSota, Texas have been visitors with Mrs. Ruby Gilkeyson, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Simpson and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Garvin, jr. and family.

ing and remembering old times.

Attending were Van, Della, Van, jr. and Jan Deloney of Fort Worth; Donna, Jonnie, Daryl and G. G. Black, Edna and Bertha Gallington, Mildred, Peggy and Connie Davis, Dallas; Erma, Leslie, Otis, Yolanda and Arla Polley, Leslie Bunton, Delois, Kelsie, jr., Doris, Lisa, Flip and Duston Baker, Mary Ivory, Ira and Eric Gallington and Melody Bonner, Amarillo; H. M., Georgia, H. M., jr. and David Vaughn, Levelland; Don, Zeola, Trudy, James and Leon Taylor, Quitaque; Elzora and Joe Gallington, Easter and Emma Ivory, Virginia, Ricky, Mitch, Tonya, Gwen, Chris, Matt and Clifford Clardy, Margaret, Leticia, Mateka and Danielle Crosslin, Kelsie, Dorothy, Bill, Charlie, Janice, Jerry and LaToya Baker and Rev. Floyd Knight, all of Silverton.

Other members of the class expected to attend, but uncommitted at this time, include Howard Autry, Englewood, Colorado; Doris (Campbell) Cook,

Class Of 1944 To Hold Reunion

August 11, 1984 will be the first time some members of the Silverton High School graduating class of 1944 will have seen one another in forty years. Anna (Bean) Rambo, D. L. Young, Doris and Norlan Dudley have been working to get the class together this year since their first reunion was held two years ago.

Norlan Dudley reports that word has been received from several members of the class of their intent to attend this year's reunion. They include Carlyn (Wimberley) Montgomery of Amarillo; D. L. Young, Lubbock; Cecil Seaney, Follett; Norlan and Doris (Holt) Dudley, Tulia; Anna (Bean) Rambo, Hale Center; Bill Wood, Richmond; Ava Nell (Wilson) Kuykendall, Pasadena; Bonnie Dell Chappell, Mill Valley, California; Lily B. (Brooks) Whitney, Yakima, Washington; Eula Mae (Merrell) Dewitz, Kennewick, Washington; Joyce (Norrid) Cook, Corpus Christi; Russell Lee, Temple. Also, Buck Hardin, J. C. Fowler, Esdell Hutsell, Rex Holt and Doyle Stephens, all of Silverton.

Other members of the class expected to attend, but uncommitted at this time, include Howard Autry, Englewood, Colorado; Doris (Campbell) Cook,

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes met Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy and Matthew and a group of 23 from the First Baptist Church in Roscoe in Canyon at the Railroad Crossing Restaurant for the evening meal on Friday, and then all went down to see the production, "Texas." Amy came home with her grandparents for a visit.

Mesa Petroleum Honored For Beautifying City

Mesa Petroleum Company was named the June recipient of the monthly Chamber of Commerce award for beautifying the City of Amarillo.

Suzette Fitzgerald of Amarillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald of Silverton, is horticulturist at the Mesa Petroleum building in downtown Amarillo, and a full color picture of Miss Fitzgerald tending the grounds at Third and Polk appeared in the Amarillo Globe-Times along with the announcement of the award.

Richard Ware, Chamber of Commerce president, presented the "Visual Improvement Award" to T. Boone Pickens, jr., president and chairman of the board of Mesa.

The award was the second made since the honors were started in May by the chamber's Community Development Program. Borden, Inc., Consumer Products Division, received the first award.

Presenting a plaque to Pickens, Ware, with tongue in cheek, said the park was a "step up" over the old Amarillo Hotel, previous occupant of the park site.

Noting that Pickens is often

credited with improving the fortunes of Mesa stockholders, Ware said, "This is something you've done for Amarillo."

Pickens, thanking the chamber for the award, credited Miss Fitzgerald with keeping the park in shape.

The award is made to recognize continuing efforts to maintain property. Recipients must be located within the Amarillo metropolitan area; the improvement must encompass the entire property area and not just a portion; and architectural design will not serve as a basis for the selection process.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Garner, Matthew and Nicholas of Bakersfield, California, Donna Majors and Carol Stodghill of Lubbock visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bern May, last week.

One of the most malleable of metals, gold can be hammered into sheets so thin they are almost transparent.

Plainview; Norland Havran, Longmont, Colorado; Curtis Wimberley, Abilene; Jo (Webb) Trout, Dallas, and Leota Alexander, class sponsor, who lives in Kerrville.

Bill Ellis of Dumas sends his regrets. (He will be in Australia with a church group.) Bernice McCarty of Logan, Utah and F. M. McCarty of Austin, class sponsor, also sends regrets. Bernice McCarty reports that he lived within ten miles of Eula Mae (Merrell) Dewitz and ninety miles from Lily B. (Brooks)

Whitney for a period of five years, but had no idea they were nearby.

Two members of the class are deceased. They are Joe Frank (Red) Hill and Avanel Brown.

The Dudleys are preparing a scrapbook containing letters from each class member detailing what they have been doing, where they have been, and what has happened to them the past forty years. The scrapbook will be on display at the meeting.

The Pioneer Room of the First State Bank in Silverton has been reserved for this occasion and plans are for the class to meet at 3:00 p.m. Visitors will be welcome at 5:00 p.m., and former teachers of this group are especially urged to come by for visiting.

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Tracy Wood of Abilene has been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance and other relatives.

She is the daughter of Clayton and Joy Wood of Dell City, and is in the Missionary Apprentice Resource Korps. She plans to leave in August for San Jose, Costa Rica where she will attend Language School until mid-December.

Tracy will then go to Buenos Aires, Argentina to work in the M.A.R.K. program for two years. This is a ministry for the advancement of World Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Fares Lahoud, Michael and Christopher of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Redies of Plainview and Armelle Billot of Nantes France have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Revenue Sharing Use

Handicapped Discrimination

A proposed use hearing for Revenue Sharing money for entitlement period #16 for Briscoe County will be held July 30, 1984 in the County Courtroom at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend and participate. At present there are no unobligated entitlement #15 funds left. It is estimated that Briscoe County will receive about \$40,000.00 for period #16.

All handicapped individuals have a special invitation to attend and take part in these meetings as structural changes to the courthouse to achieve compliance with federal regulations will be discussed. Any individual who has a problem attending should contact County Judge Fred Mercer for assistance as he has been appointed coordinator to implement policy against handicapped discrimination.

A hangnail is not so called because it hangs—it just hurts. *Ang*, in Old English, meant "pain".

NOTICE

Energas Company hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new rates for domestic and commercial type customer classes in the 63 cities and towns on its West Texas City Plant System, effective August 10, 1984. It is anticipated that the new rates will result in an average increase of 7.7% to a domestic and commercial type customer in the West Texas City Plant System.

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Public Meeting On Farm Policy Is July 19

The fifth in a series of U. S. Department of Agriculture "listening sessions" to discuss future food and agriculture policy will be July 19 (today) in Dallas. The announcement was made by President Reagan during an address to the Agricultural Communicators' Congress.

The session begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Ramada Hotel (Formerly the LeBaron Hotel), 1055 Regal Row in Dallas.

It will be designed to give the public an opportunity to express views to the Secretary of Agriculture and other U. S. Department of Agriculture policy leaders. Previous sessions were in Chicago, Illinois, Riverside, California, Atlanta, Georgia and Syracuse, New York.

"Our recent session in Syracuse, like those before it, was a great success," Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said. "The grassroots input we are receiving will be very helpful to us as we begin the task of formulating farm policy. The participants at these sessions are aware of what we are trying to accomplish and they are offering constructive and serious thought."

Block said as many people as possible will be given a chance to make oral presentations. A time limit will be established and announced at the beginning of the session. Also, anyone may submit full written comments whether or not they participate at the listening session.

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SALES TAX REBATES CONTINUE TO BE UP IN TEXAS

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has sent checks totaling \$55.3 million in local sales tax payments to the 988 cities that levy the one percent city sales tax.

"We've sent Texas cities nearly half a billion dollars this year," Bullock said. "That's more than 17 percent over what these cities had received by this time last year. Every one of the 20 biggest sales tax cities is ahead of last year's totals."

Houston's check totaled \$9.4 million, pushing the total Houston payment for 1984 to more than \$82.1 million. Dallas received \$6.8 million, putting 1984 payments to date at nearly 20 percent above 1983.

San Antonio's \$3.1 million check brought its yearly total to \$26.9 million, up \$4 million over the total one year ago. Austin received \$2.6 million, pushing its 1984 total 31 percent ahead of last year.

Midland's check totaled \$616,000, bringing 1984 payments to date 15 percent over 1983.

July payments reflect taxes on sales made in May and reported to the Comptroller by June 20.

Silverton's check for the current period was \$619.84, as compared to \$1,078.36 for the same period in 1983. This brought the 1984 payments to date to \$10,703.35, 2.01% more than the \$10,492.24 received in 1983. Quitaque received no payment for this period, and no payment for the comparable period in 1983. The 1984 total to date is \$6,282.26, up 72.68% from the \$3,638.00 received for the same period in 1983.

This gives Briscoe County a total of \$16,985.61 for 1984, up 20.21% from the \$14,130.24 received in 1983.

Percentages of increase or

decrease in sales tax rebates in area cities includes Dimmitt, up 5.09%; Hart, up 12.15%; Nazareth, up 17.33%; Childress, up 2.29%; Wellington, up 12.67%; Paducah, up 1.72%; Crosbyton, up 13.05%; Lorenzo, up 8.92%; Ralls, up 1.03%; Dickens, down 2.19%; Spur, down 15.99%; Clarendon, up 1.82%; Hedley, up 21.02%; Howardwick, up 55.00%; Floydada, up 6.33%; Lockney, up 7.28%; Lefors, up 21.45%; McLean, down 4.37%; Pampa, up 10.63%; Plainview, up 16.11%; Petersburg, up 26.59%; Hale Center, up 9.73%; Estelline, up 425.37%; Lakeview, down 29.14%; Memphis, up 17.88%; Turkey, up 7.73%; Idalou, up 7.99%; Lubbock, up 13.26%; New Deal, up 30.40%; Matador, up 0.59%; Roaring Springs, up 3.93%; Amarillo, up 17.16%; Canyon, up 2.97%; Happy, down 5.57%; Kress, up 0.85%; Tulia, up 11.51%; Shamrock, up 2.45%; Wheeler, down 8.85%.

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Cotton Program Benefits Both Farmers and Consumers

As cotton farmers labor from dawn to dusk, so do scientists at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) at Lubbock, who are dedicated to their research of breeding and improving cotton for the benefit of farmers and consumers. After 75 years of existence, still newer and better germplasm is being provided to private seed companies for use in their varietal development programs as the experiment station cotton research continues.

Aimed at developing cottons

suitable to the climate and topography of the South Plains area, the Lubbock cotton breeding program was initiated in 1916. With each wave of progress, the result was a more stable and economical means of cotton production.

One of the first real advancements by the Lubbock station was the perfecting of the stormproof boll. This eventually resulted in a cotton adapted to stripper type harvesting. "This development is an example of the farmers and the experiment

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station working together," said Dr. Levon Ray, professor emeritus of cotton breeding.

Thanksgiving Day of 1926 brought one of the worst wind and sand storms ever recorded, Ray said. At that time, wind storms resulted in severe economical losses because the boll conformation of the current varieties were non-stormproof. High winds would blow the cotton out of the mature bolls and onto the ground.

"H. A. Macha, a Tahoka farmer, was going through his field after the 1926 storm and found a plant in which the cotton hadn't blown out." Macha planted seed from this plant in his garden and worked to improve the seed-cotton retention qualities of the plant for six years, Ray said. However, Macha was not satisfied with his progress and in 1934, he brought seed of this plant to the superintendent of the Lubbock experiment station, D. L. Jones.

Jones was looking for a plant having better seed-cotton retention characteristics. From this "Macha plant material" Jones developed the Macha stormproof variety which was released in the late 1930s. "This variety was the basis for all future stormproof cotton," Ray said.

During the late 1940s, the station became involved in research efforts to improve cotton fiber quality. Lubbock scientists concentrated their effort on improving cotton length and strength during the 1950s and 1960s, Ray said. "Until this time the average staple length was seven-eighths of an inch, but it has been improved to over an inch."

Research on narrow row, short season cotton began in 1953 with the real effort continuing throughout the 1960s. "This cotton was bred to develop and mature in a short period of time," Ray said. The research center initiated a trend throughout the

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cotton belt toward short season varieties, he said.

Releases of three commercial varieties may be contributed to the work of the Lubbock station. The stormmaster variety was released in the late '40s and was one of the earliest varieties of stormproof cotton.

Ray led the research of disease resistant varieties beginning in the mid-1940s. Blightmaster, a variety tolerant to bacterial blight, was released in the mid-1950s. "It was one of the first blight tolerant varieties released and is still used extensively in the southern part of the High Plains on dryland cotton farms," he said.

The 1950s disease resistant research also resulted in a breeding line with tolerance to Verticillium wilt. Verticillium wilt could cause disastrous losses for farmers and until this time there were no tolerant varieties, Ray said.

Another commercial variety released by the station and also developed by Ray, is Tamcot 788. This stripper type variety resulted from fiber quality improvement of stormproof cotton in 1968, Ray said. Since its release in 1970, Tamcot 788 has been used as a major parental line in hybrid cotton breeding.

Hybrid cotton breeding is currently an important area of research and development at the Lubbock center. Scientifically hybrids are here, economically they are not," said Dr. J. R. Gannaway, cotton breeder at the Lubbock TAES. Researchers are able to produce hybrid cotton seed, but the production cost is still too great, he said. Generally, the resulting yields have not reached the point of being economically feasible for the producers.

Glandless cotton is also being studied, Gannaway said. "It is the only row crop that will produce both fiber and food." Glandless cotton not only produces fiber as usual, but also cottonseed that contains practically no gossypol. This particular seed can be made into cotton seed meal and flour suitable as a food-protein source for poultry, swine and humans. "It has been around for a while," he said, "but there has been no monetary incentive for production until recently."

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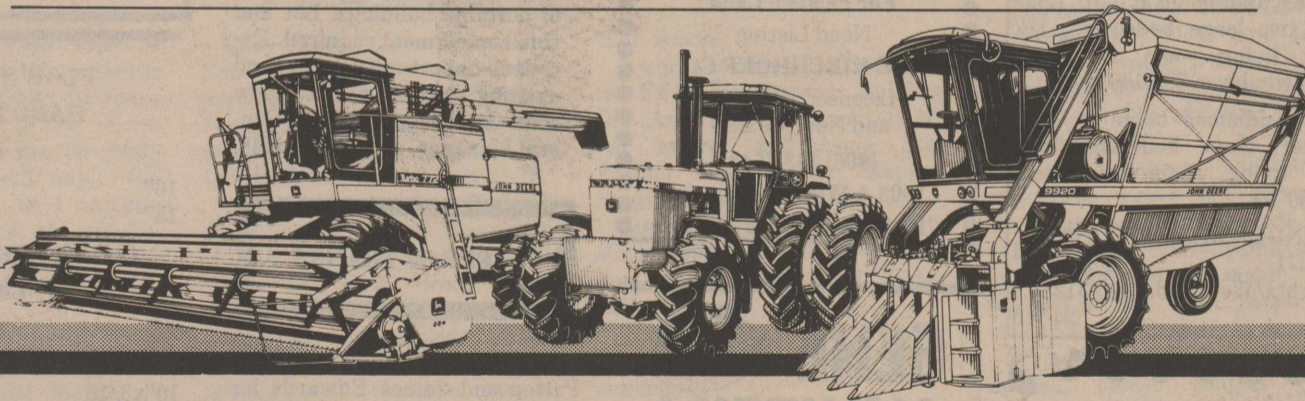
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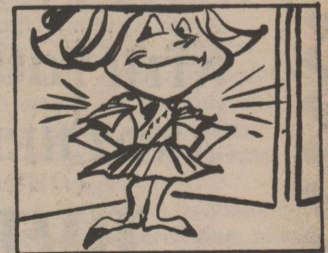
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