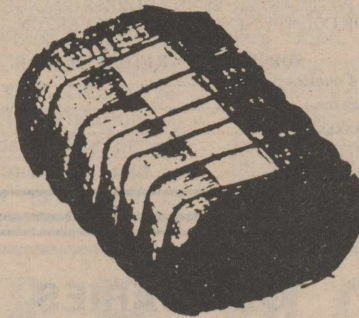




Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



# Briscoe County News

THINK SILVERTON!

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1985

VOLUME 77 NUMBER 15

## Voter Turnout Good In City, School Elections

Voter turnout for Saturday's School Trustee and City Officer elections was much better than the previous year when slightly more than fifty votes were cast in the school election and about thirty-five voters went to the

polls in the city election.

This year there were 147 who voted in the school election and 102 who went to the polls in the city election.

Elected to the school board were incumbent Perry Brunson, with 120 votes, and newcomer Terry Grimland, who polled 78 votes. Also on the ballot were Larry Comer, who polled 50 votes; Danny Francis, 47, and Becky Thomas-Woods, 28.

The incumbents were re-elected without opposition to the City Council, with Mayor A. R. Martin polling 97 votes, and Councilmen Lynn Frizzell capturing 100 and Riley Harris getting 86 votes.

Write-in votes were cast for Clifton Stodghill (1) and Fred Strange (1) for councilmen, and for Emmett Tomlin (2) for mayor.

### Caprock Camera Club Meets Tonight In Quitaque

Caprock Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday, April 11) in the community room at the First National Bank in Quitaque.

Members are to take part in a contest, "Rural Life."

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes spent the Easter weekend in the home of their children and grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy Lynne and Matthew, in Roscoe.

### Contest, Awards Night Planned For Little Dribblers

Little Dribblers will have their Contest and Awards Night Friday, April 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.

There will be free throw, hot shot and lay-up contests. Trophies also will be given for the league play.

Everyone is asked to be there at 6:00 p.m. with the players wearing their team shirts.

Refreshments will be served. All mothers are asked to bring cookies, brownies, sandwiches, chips, etc.

The public is invited.

### HOMEOWNERS AND PECAN GROWERS SHORT COURSE PLANNED

Dr. George R. McEachern, Extension Horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be providing a shortcourse for homeowners and commercial pecan growers in Briscoe County April 24 at 1:30 p.m., says Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent.

The shortcourse will be held at the Pioneer Room of First State Bank in Silverton.

Aaron stated that the program will be outstanding and will provide information on Raising Home Fruit Trees, Grapes and Pecans. In-depth information on spray schedules, fertilization, weed control and pruning will also be addressed.

Included on the meeting agenda will be introduction, 1:30 p.m.; Pecan Trees; Grape Orchards; Home Fruit Trees; questions and answers; adjournment, 3:30 p.m.

## Residents Asked Not To Damage New Shrubs-Trees

Sunday evening someone pulled up about 50 shrubs at the Briscoe County Show Barn and other plants at the City Park.

The trees and shrubs were planted last Thursday for the purpose of beautifying Silverton.

The City Council, Silverton Fire Department and Silverton Young Farmers are offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who vandalized the shrubs.

It is asked that anyone who sees vandalism of this nature in progress is asked to report it to the City Hall.

## Rabies Clinic Slated Here April 15

A rabies clinic for vaccinating the pets of Silverton area residents will be held from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 15, at the City Hall.

Pups over six weeks old need distemper shots. Rabies shots are given those six months old or older. It doesn't matter if the dog is expecting puppies or has puppies.

The city tax costs \$1.00. The rabies shots are \$5.00 each, parvo-virus vaccine is \$7.50 per dose, and distemper shots are \$10.00 each.

Monroe Hill received treatment as a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morriss of Tyler were in Silverton recently to bring home his cousin, Ruby Gilkeyson, who had been in Tyler visiting them. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gilkeyson at DeSota and Mrs. Evelyn Gilkeyson in Dallas.

Jeff and Fern Morriss also visited his aunt, Mrs. Charlsie Arnold, and his cousin, Mrs. Roy Brown, before returning home.

Some acts of vandalism were performed at the Silverton School after 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Some flowers were damaged and tomatoes were thrown on exterior doors and school buses.

## THINK SILVERTON!

### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

April 15 - 19

- April 16--Boys and Girls District Track Meet at Groom
- April 17--Luncheon for Seniors at First Baptist Church
- April 19--High School Cheerleading Tryouts
- April 20--Junior High Track Meet at Groom

Shown is a wide-angle view of young people who took part in the tree planting contest in Silverton last Thursday.

—Briscoe County News Photo

### USDA To Announce New Special Producer Storage Loan Program

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced that producers with mature or maturing Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) farmer-owned grain reserve loans will be given the opportunity to repledge the collateral under a new Special Producer Storage Loan Program.

The new program will permit producers to maintain control of their grain and earn storage payments on it instead of being required to repay the loan or forfeit the grain to CCC. It will become effective upon publication of the regulations providing for its terms and conditions.

Today's announcement applies to all reserve grains stored on farms and in commercial warehouses.

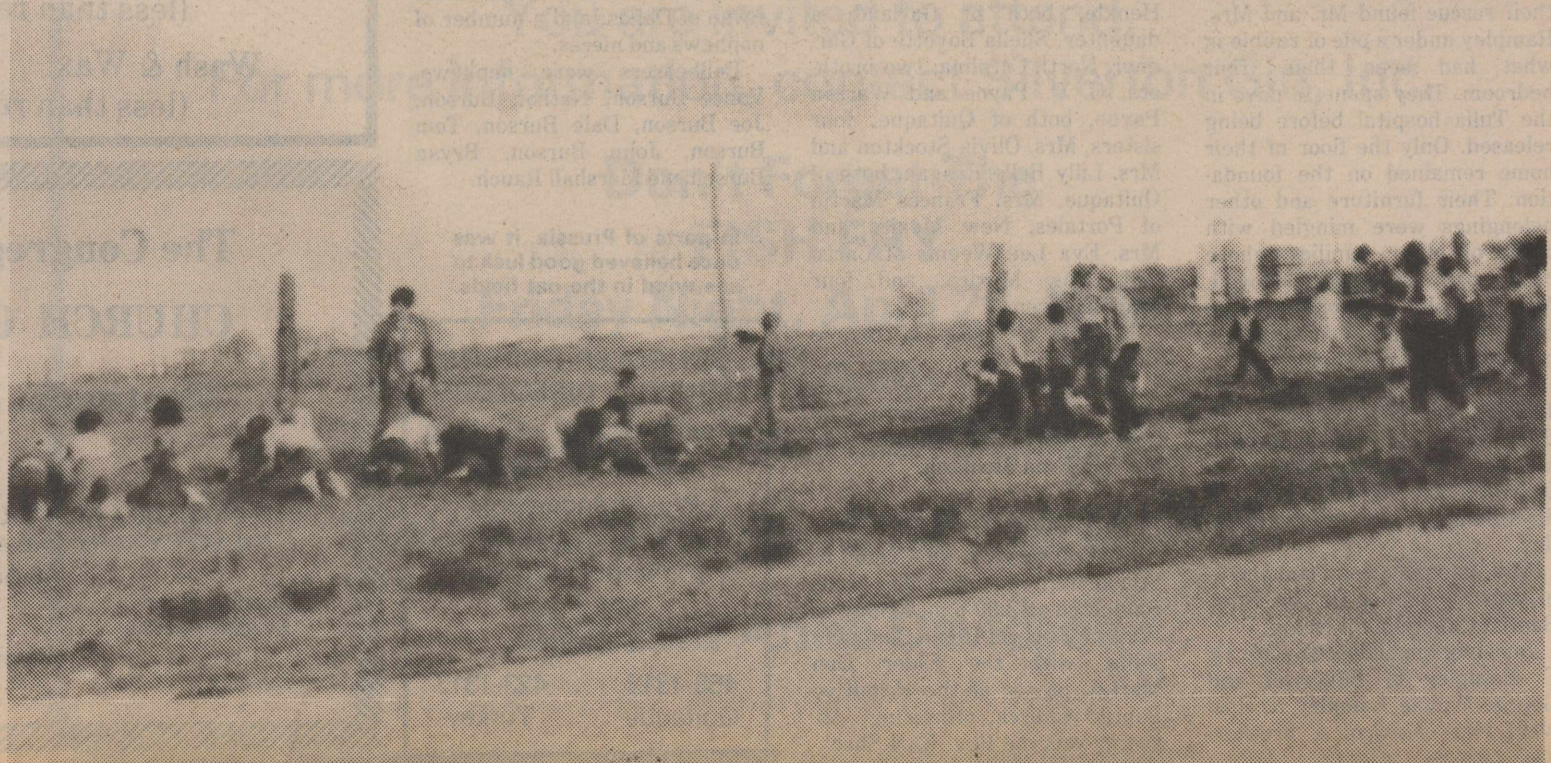
"Advance storage payments for grain pledged as security for the new loans will be made to producers by CCC at the same storage rate which is applicable to the farmer-owned reserve program," Block said. "Interest will be charged on the new loans at the rate in effect when the new loan is obtained."

Block said producers may repay the new loans any time during the loan period without penalty. However, the loans will mature in 12 months or upon demand by CCC during the loan period.

Producers interested in obtaining a loan under the new Special Producer Storage Loan Program should contact their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office for details.

Farmers will continue to have the option of repaying the loans or forfeiting their grain when their reserve loans mature, Block said.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reynolds visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Crabb in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, and Mr. Reynolds reports that both Mr. and Mrs. Crabb are doing well and asked to be remembered to their Silverton friends.



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**OBITUARIES**

**MARY ABBIE RAMPLEY**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Rampley, 91, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, with the Rev. Jerry Miller, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rampley died about 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia following a lengthy illness.

The former Mary Abbie Cornett was born December 24, 1893 in Ellis County. She married Howell Parker Rampley August 16, 1921 in Seldon, near Stephenville. They left Seldon September 12, 1921 in a covered wagon, moving to Briscoe County to farm. The wagon was pulled by two horses, with another two tied on the back of the wagon. It took them 12 days to make the trip and during that time they alternated the teams.

They had all of their belongings in the wagon, with feed for the horses packed under their bed. They camped in the wagon and cooked over a campfire on the way, and settled in the Francis community southwest of Silverton.

In January of 1926, the Rampleys moved to their home place southeast of Silverton, where their son and daughter-in-law now reside. They built a new home on the farm in 1947 and dug their first irrigation well.

Mr. Rampley retired from farming in 1954, and the couple moved to Silverton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rampley were at home on May 15, 1957 when a killer tornado cut a wide path of destruction through town. Their home was completely demolished, and the men who came to their rescue found Mr. and Mrs. Rampley under a pile of rubble in what had been their front bedroom. They spent 16 days in the Tulia hospital before being released. Only the floor of their home remained on the foundation. Their furniture and other belongings were mingled with those of other families whose homes had also been destroyed. Mr. Rampley's brother came from Stephenville and rebuilt the home on the same foundation.

Mr. Rampley died May 29, 1958. He was buried beside a son, Billie Rampley, who had been killed during military service in Italy January 15, 1945, just ten days before his twentieth birthday.

Mrs. Rampley was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Survivors include two sons, O. C. Rampley of Silverton and George Wayne Rampley of Roswell, New Mexico; a brother,

Coyt Cornett of Fort Worth; two sisters, Anna V. Hatchet and Ina Bordner, both of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, Shana Rampley of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Tom and Pam (Rampley) Hutchins of El Paso, Doug Rampley of Hereford, Dwight and Rickie Rampley of Sydney, Australia, Wayne and Pam Rampley of Muskogee, Oklahoma; and nine great-grandchildren, Donald Wayne and Heather Marie Hutchins of El Paso, Ty and Jeff Rampley of Sydney, Australia, Jennifer Michele and Julie Ann Rampley of Hereford, Michael Wayne, Kimberly Rene and Mandy Dawn Rampley of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

She was the aunt of Onar Cornett of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Roy Mack Walker, R. D. Reynolds, Gary Weeks, Bruce Price, James Davis and J. L. Self.

**RAY O'DELL PAYNE**

Funeral services for Rayford O'Dell (Ray) Payne, 60, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Payne died Tuesday, April 2.

Born in Edgin December 24, 1924, he had lived in the Briscoe County area all his life. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II, and was wounded in action. He married Wanda Matthews in 1947 in Portales, New Mexico. He worked as a cattle buyer and rancher. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Danny Payne and Gary Henkle, both of Garland; a daughter, Sheila Boyette of Gardner, North Carolina; two brothers, O. C. Payne and Warren Payne, both of Quitaque; four sisters, Mrs. Olivia Stockton and Mrs. Lilly Belle Reagan, both of Quitaque, Mrs. Frances Martin of Portales, New Mexico and Mrs. Eva Lee Weems of Carlsbad, New Mexico; and four grandchildren.

He was an uncle of Bennie Reagan of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Corky Matthews, Edward Matthews, Joe Payne, Lyn Payne, Bennie Reagan and Fred Stockton.

**CLAUDE B. STANALAND**

Funeral services for Claude B. Stanaland, 74, of Tulia were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia, with the Elder Don Martin, pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Assisting was the Rev. Karl Shack-

elford, youth pastor of the First Baptist Church in Spring Branch who is a grandson of the Stanalands.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulia, with arrangements by Wallace Funeral Home.

Stanaland, a native of Taylor county, died at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo following a brief illness.

He married Bertie Wesley December 24, 1932, in Tulia and moved to Swisher County in 1925 from Lubbock. He was a self-employed television service technician, having serviced television sets on Wednesdays in Silverton out of Brown Hardware for a number of years. He was a HAM radio operator, and had served three decades as a volunteer fireman in Tulia.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Joann Shackelford of Dallas and Roberta Taix of Slidell, Louisiana; a son, C. E. Stanaland of Hereford; a sister, Marie Goodman of Tulia; a brother, A. E. Stanaland of Albuquerque; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was the uncle of Mrs. Edwin (Claudine) May of Silverton.

**TROY BURSON**

Graveside services for Troy Burson, 79, were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. Officiating was the Rev. Lanny Wheeler, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

Arrangements were by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burson died Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Born May 13, 1906 in Briscoe County, he was a son of the late Jno. and Una Watson Burson, pioneer residents who were married in Briscoe County in 1894. He married Mildred Cloyd October 14, 1934 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mr. Burson was a retired farmer and rancher.

He was preceded by a brother and a sister, Roy and Ada, both of whom died in 1901, and two other brothers, Tony Burson and True Burson, both of whom were long-time Briscoe County residents.

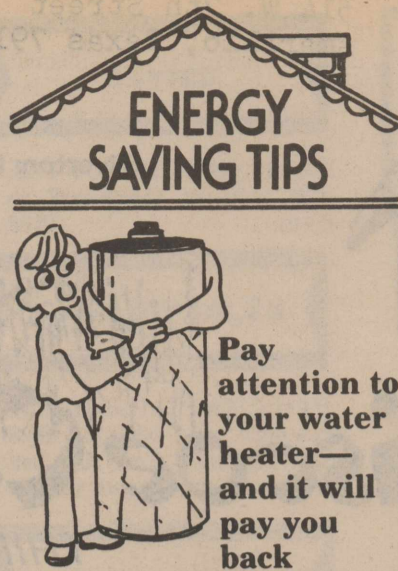
He is survived by his wife; a brother, Bland Burson of Channing; two sisters, Bethel Turner of Orlando, Florida and Anna Swan of Dallas; and a number of nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were nephews, Vance Burson, Nathan Burson, Joe Burson, Dale Burson, Tom Burson, John Burson, Bryan Burson and Marshall Rauch.

In parts of Prussia, it was once believed good luck to see wind in the oat fields.

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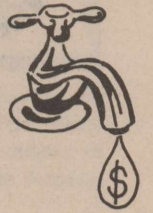
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rally occurring sediment should be flushed from it once a month. A regular draining of several buckets of water from the valve near the bottom of the tank will stop sediment from building up.

Your energy dollars are also wasted by making your water heater work overtime! Leaky faucets lose more hot water than you'd imagine. A leak of only one drop per second adds up to over 2000 gallons of water in one year!



Consideration must also be given to what energy source should fuel your water heater. Models fueled with gas have a faster recovery speed than do electric water heaters. That means a smaller, less expensive gas water heater works harder for you than a larger electric model. And since propane gas rates are lower than electric rates, there's even more reason to select gas over electricity.


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## Looking Back

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**March 26, 1970**—Lake Theo open to the public this year . . . John McGowan, 61, buried at Amarillo . . . Briscoe County Museum to be open on a regular basis . . . 4-H bean supper is well attended . . . Mitchell McDaniel to wed Miss Deborah Thomas . . . Montague reunion held Sunday . . . Clubwomen attend Caprock District TFWC Convention in Lubbock . . . Judo Club needs support . . . Helping Hand Club meets with Mrs. J. D. Nance . . .

**March 31, 1960**—Free polio vaccinations to be given in club room by Lockney doctor . . . In the steer division, Dewey Estes and Wayne Nance each sold a tenth place steer for 35c per pound at the South Plains Junior Fat/Stock Show auction sale. Warren Merrell sold a thirteenth place Hereford for 35c and Bob and Jim Saul sold their eleventh place Angus for 35c. Riley Harris placed nineteenth with a fine-wool lamb which was purchased by Nance's Food Store for 40c a pound . . . E.S.A. Zeta Lambda enjoyed a "42" party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mercer . . . Jean's Beauty Shop to hold open house . . . Power failure due to auto accident . . . John Minyard celebrates fifth birthday . . . Haylake Club meets with Mary Rampley . . . Mrs. Ewing Vaughan has been helping care for her mother, Mrs. Ed Brown, who is ill at the home of Mrs. Fred Buchanan in Plainview . . .

**March 30, 1950**—Earl Cantwell shows bench-leveilling to Briscoe folk . . . Last rites for Mrs. Florence Lee Allen . . . Owls thump Floydada 10-9 in baseball. Billie Ray Satterfield pitched an outstanding game for the Owls, and also got one of the Owls' six hits. Others getting hits were Dean McWilliams, home run, Darrell McWilliams, double, Carlyle Satterfield, double, Donald Rhea, double, Donald Bean, single . . . P. T. Clark buys A. J. Jones Jewelry business in Silverton . . . J. D. McCutchen's body being returned here for re-burial . . . W. L. May, 65, dies . . . Bonnie Lou Hays, James Clifford Gaither marry . . . Mrs. Pete Chitty and Mrs. R. A. Edwards welcomed as new members of Claude Crossing Club . . . Mrs. Gordon Montague is new member of Circle Two of Woman's Society of Christian Service . . .

**April 3, 1941**—Briscoe County to be included in Food Stamp area May 1 . . . Floral Club's dream of park is now a reality . . . Mrs. Mary Ella Fogerson dies at age 71 . . . Mrs. O. T. Bundy honors her houseguest, Mrs. Hugh McDaniel of Milford . . . Mrs. Clay Fowler and Mrs. R. L. McMurtry in car rollover between Tulia and Canyon . . . Lee Deavenport and Mrs. Barney Stephens collided west of the post office . . . More street paving being done on post office street . . . Dick Cowart is back in the grocery business here . . . Bruce Blankenship to leave Friday for the induction station at Lubbock . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Hatch Anderson is still playing April Fool jokes. His Missus was trying to sleep a little late April first and Hatch went over to the kid's bed and hollered that the kid had a tooth. I guess that there was plenty of action for a

little while . . . I can hardly wait until that kid of Dee McWilliams' is old enough to give him trouble. Of course he'll think he's having a lot of trouble from him now on—but the kind of trouble I want him to have is this question and penny trouble. Dee's the worst pest in town when it comes to making a nuisance out of a boy" . . .

**March 26, 1936**—Texas remembers tragic massacre at Goliad . . . March of Time Junior Study Club elects Mrs. Tony Burson as delegate to the District Federation meeting . . . Sheriff Jake Honea and Miss Faye Allard were at Antelope Flat issuing drivers licenses. They had lunch in the Roy Allard home . . .

Advertised at Whiteside & Co.: Ladies Dresses, \$1.49 in new spring patterns and sizes 14 to 46, regular \$1.00 for only 79c; Easter Dresses, \$5.95, \$7.95 and \$9.95; New Curlee Suits, with fancy back, \$16.00, \$20.00 and \$24.50 . . . "When you take the family out, try the family style meals at the Silverton Hotel" . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean are parents of a daughter . . .

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

April 12—Marvin Self, Onar Cornett  
April 13—Les Bice, Don Hall, Linda Gilmore, Dallas DeOrnelas, Kelly Ryan Bomar  
April 16—Richard Jarnagin,

Walter Perkins, Lacy Brunson, Jim Forbes

April 17—Diana Johnston, Jeni Denton, Nadyne Childress, Joan Roehr, Peggy Rowell, Avery Baker

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . . .

April 12—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strange  
April 14—Mr. and Mrs. Ott Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May

In parts of France, it was considered good luck to dress up a cat in ribbons and ears of corn during harvesting.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Ronnie and Karla Strange of Amarillo are the parents of a son, Dustin Lee, born April 3, 1985 at 6:20 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ounces, and was 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long.

He has a sister, Heather Ann, who is 18 months old.

Grandparents are Fred and Wanda Strange of Silverton and Tom and Shirley McDonald of Aurora, Colorado.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Opal Poole of Floydada, Elma Hafner of Denver, Colorado and Emma Waldo of Oberlin, Kansas.

### STATEMENT OF CONDITION

## FIRST STATE BANK

SILVERTON, TEXAS 79257

March 29, 1985

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Loans .....	Capital .....
Cash and Due From Banks .....	Surplus .....
Banking House and Fixtures .....	Undivided Profits and Reserve .....
Bonds and Securities .....	Deposits .....
Other Real Estate .....	TOTAL .....
Federal Funds .....	
TOTAL .....	

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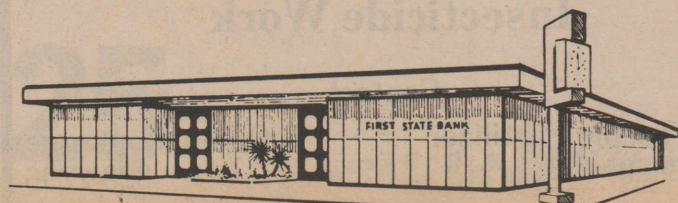
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First State Bank





1939-40 play cast members and their director [left to right] Rex Douglas, Bruce Burleson, Guinn

Williamson, Don Terry and W. L. Perry. Photo was furnished the Briscoe County News by Mr. Terry.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To Whom it May Concern:  
Remember back in 1939-40 when the Silverton H.S. band was organized with Don W. Terry from Abilene, Tx. as director? I remember writing a column in Hahn's newspaper, "Mr. Tweety's Tweets."

I also put on plays, "Message From Khufu" and "Mama's Baby Boy."

Anybody left in Silverton who remembers me? I stayed in Douglas home a while, then in local hotel.

Don W. Terry  
441 SW 68th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33144

**SILVERTON SCHOOL LUNCHROOM MENU**

April 15 - 19

Monday—Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Corn, Cheese Straws, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday—Mexican Casserole, Pinto Beans, Sliced Tomatoes, Cornbread, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Wednesday—Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Gingerbread, Milk

Thursday—Fried Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey and Butter, Milk

Friday—Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies and Milk

Bradley Brunson had the misfortune of breaking his arm in a fall on the school playground last Thursday.

**Bingham-Allard Vows Exchanged At Vernon**

Don Kleppe solemnized wedding vows for Lisa Gaye Bingham and Terry Don Allard Saturday evening at Wilbarger Church of Christ in Vernon.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Bingham of Vernon. The groom is the son of Mrs. Ruth A. Spencer of Memphis and the late Joe Allard. He is the grandson of Mrs. Bertha Mae Allard of Silverton.

Matron of honor was Beth Railsbeck, sister of the bride, of Vernon. Bridal attendants were Tammy Browning of Weatherford, Oklahoma, Deana Renfro of Vernon and Christy Williams.

Best man was Chris Allard, brother of the groom, of Memphis. Groomsmen were Wade Porter of Arlington, Scott Vacca of Memphis and Yayo Salinas of Lubbock.

Guests were seated by Larry Railsback, brother-in-law of the bride, of Vernon, Chris Molloy, brother-in-law of the groom, of Groom, Tom Silva of Houston and Trent Finck of Tulia.

Flower girl was Dana Railsback, niece of the bride, of Vernon. Ring bearer was Scott Railsback, nephew of the bride, of Vernon.

The bride received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. She is employed by Lomas and Nettleton in

Dallas.

The groom received a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. He is employed by Eckerd's Drug in Irving.

Bertha Mae Allard and Jettie Hardcastle attended the bridal luncheon at Pasqual's in Vernon for Lisa Bingham, bride-elect of Terry Allard, at 12:00 noon on Saturday. At 7:00 p.m. they attended the candlelight wedding ceremony at the Wilbarger Church of Christ in Vernon and the reception held in the community room of Olney Savings and Loan.

Mrs. Darrell (Pat) Sorter of Winfield, Missouri has been a recent visitor here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Patton, and other relatives.

**Farm Financial Stress**

The story of agriculture in Texas is the same as in other states—farmers are under severe financial stress.

Net farm income in Texas in 1984 totaled only about half of what it was five years ago. Thus the purchasing power of Texas agriculture is about 25 to 30 percent of what it was in 1979, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Farmers currently are in financial straits due to depressed crop and livestock prices, steady increases in costs, adverse weather conditions and high real interest rate that not only increase costs but also strengthen the dollar's value.

**Retirement**

**Let-Down Passes**

A recent study of retired men published in the "Journal of Gerontology," shows they have greater optimism and future orientation in the first six months than in the third six-month post-retirement period, reports Dr. Judith Warren, a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service gerontology specialist.

This "letdown" period following the first anniversary of retirement, however, soon passed and did not appear to be as serious a problem after the 19th month.

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Tax Savings Possible For Dependent Adult Care

Many families who care for a dependent elderly relative at home do not know there is a federal income tax credit designed to help them, says gerontologist Dr. Judith Warren.

The dependent care tax credit,

also called the child care or day care credit, is often assumed to be for working parents of young children, she says. But it can also be used by persons caring for an adult dependent who is incapable of self-care.

Dr. Warren, a specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economics program, says that to claim the credit, your home must have been the principal residence of both you and the person receiving the care.

In addition, the expenses must be work-related and you must have provided over half of the person's support for the year. The credit can also be used for out-of-home adult care in many cases, Dr. Warren notes.

The credit is claimed on Form 2441 if you use the "long form" (Form 1040), or Schedule 1, Part IV if you use the "short form" (Form 1040A).

The specialist says that persons needing assistance with this or other income tax questions may contact the Internal Revenue Service toll-free from anywhere in Texas at 1-800-424-1040.

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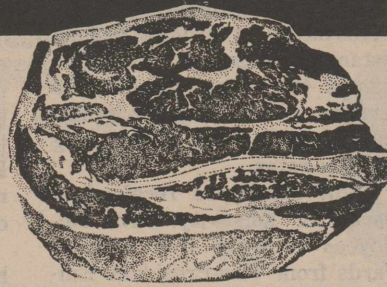


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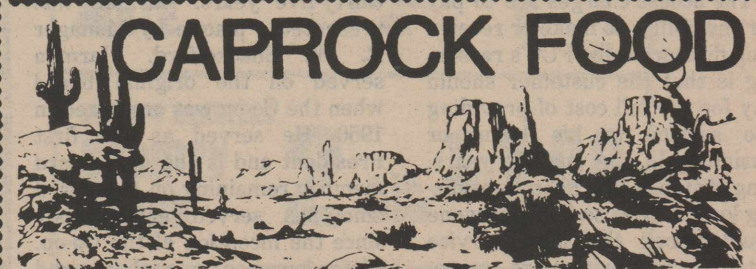
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## Mid-Plains Has Annual Meeting Of Membership

The Annual Meeting of the members of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., was held Friday evening, April 5, 1985, in the Tulia High School Auditorium. President Clint Robison called the meeting to order and Gene Latham gave the invocation. The board of directors were introduced by Vice-President Emery Goodin, and he also recognized the guests present.

General Manager R. W. Shackelford informed the assembly of the latest regulations from the Federal Communications Commission and the Texas Utilities Commission. Of utmost interest is the fact that the United States Supreme Court has declined to review the \$1.00 per month access charge for Interstate long distance service. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions and others had challenged the charges on the grounds that the FCC was pre-empting the role of the local regulators, the Public Utility Commission.

This \$1.00 per month charge will be called Interstate (out of state) access line charge and will become effective June 1, 1985. The \$1.00 per month charge will apply to every telephone customer of every telephone company in the United States. It is expected to increase \$1.00 per year until 1989, and is supposed to remain in effect at \$4.00 per month.

The access charges are to pay for the ability to make or receive long distance calls. FCC's reasoning is that the customer should pay for the full cost of providing the service to his home or business. In the last 50 years, long distance has been subsidizing local service so that everyone could afford the local service rate. But now, with more compe-

tion in the long distance business, FCC has decided that this subsidy is no longer fair. The new \$1.00 per month charge is mandatory by FCC, and Mid-Plains is obligated to collect it.

The access charge money will be collected by Mid-Plains and reported to the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA), and NECA will subtract that amount from our part of the revenue due from the long distance calls made by Mid-Plains members through the long distance carriers. In effect, the plan is that the long distance carriers will have more profit, and we will have lower long distance rates.

Eight employees received awards for longevity. Five employees received five year awards from Vice-President Emery Goodin. The employees are Van Bonds, Rick Hurt and Ed Moreno, all of the Construction Department; Marry Ann Luera, Billing Clerk; and Bettie Herndon, Bookkeeper.

The Office Manager, Pat Clark, received a ten year service award. Don Knutson, Construction, received a 15 year award; and Walter Anderson was recognized as having been with Mid-Plains for twenty-five years. Walter is Installer-Repairman for the Kress, Redmon and Bean exchanges.

### THIRTY-FIVE YEAR AWARD

Victor Harman was recognized as having served on the board for thirty-five years. Harman was presented a plaque by Manager R. W. Shackelford. Harman served on the original board when the Co-op was organized in 1950. He served as the first President and is the only board member remaining on the board who has served continuously since the inception of the Co-op. Victor has spent many hours and

many personal dollars in getting the Co-op started and continuing to help formulate policies that will ensure progress. He is a valuable member of the board, possessing expertise from both experience and sound judgment.

### SPECIAL AWARD

Bayard Sadler was presented a special award for having served long and faithfully on the board of directors for MPRT. Sadler served from 1950 to 1984 when he sold his farm and moved to Tulia. He was serving as President when he retired. Sadler, as well as Harman, was a member of the original Board of Incorporators. He also spent his own money and many tireless hours in the beginning days of the Co-op to build up the membership by signing up his neighbors.

Three board members were elected during the business meeting to fill the expiring terms. The three elected for three year terms were Victor Harman of Redmon, J. L. Whitmire of Elkins and R. D. Freimel of Umbarger, all incumbents.

Many door prizes were distributed during the meeting by two directors, Kenneth Littlefield and Earl Reynolds. The winner of the VCR recorder was Alfred Hamblen.

### FARM COMPUTER TRAINING

To enhance the profitability of microcomputers as farm and ranch management tools, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is offering a number of seminars and short courses in the coming weeks.

Three-day short courses on specific computer applications will be at the Stiles Farm at Thrall on April 16-18, April 24-26 and May 7-9.

Two-day seminars on the use of microcomputers in farm and ranch management will be April 22-23 at the Marriott Hotel, Austin, and May 22-23 at the Civic Center, Lubbock.

### CATTLE OUTLOOK 'BULLISH'

Fed cattle marketings likely will be declining in the months ahead, and that's good news to the cattle industry.

This tapering off of fed cattle marketings along with reduced feedlot placements should help strengthen overall cattle prices, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

While beef supplies should decrease, pork and lamb production is also expected to be down although some gains are expected in poultry.

## USDA Estimates \$1.7 Billion In Corn, Sorghum Deficiency Payments

Eligible corn and sorghum producers will receive an estimated \$1.7 billion in deficiency payments for their 1984 crops, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced.

Most of the 760,000 deficiency payment checks should be in farmers' hands between April 10 and 15, Secretary Block said. Corn producers will receive about \$1.55 billion and sorghum producers around \$150 million, he said.

Deficiency payment rates are calculated as the difference between an established target price and the higher of the price support loan rate, or the national average price received by farmers during the first five months of the marketing year. For corn and sorghum, the first five months of the marketing year are October through February.

National weighted average market prices for the first five months of the marketing year are \$2.60 per bushel for corn and \$2.30 per bushel for sorghum. Eligible corn producers will be

paid a deficiency payment rate of 43 cents per bushel for their 1984 crop, based on the difference between the \$3.03 target price and the \$2.60 farm price. The eligible sorghum producers' deficiency payment rate will be 46 cents per bushel, based on the difference between the \$2.88 target price and the \$2.42 loan rate.

Producers can estimate their individual deficiency payments by multiplying their planted acreage times their farm program yield times the deficiency payment rate. For example, a corn producer who planted 100 acres in the program and had a farm program yield of 100 bushels per acre would receive a deficiency payment of \$4,300 (100 acres x 100 bushels x 43 cents per bushel).

Block said payments will be issued through local ASCS offices.



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**As A Man Thinketh**

Gerald Beasley  
TODAY

Sometimes when you're "down" and blue you may need Arthur Gordon's reminder: "Suppose this were the only time. Suppose this sunset, this moonrise, this symphony, this buttered toast, this sleeping child, this flag against the sky . . . suppose you would never experience these things again!"

Yes, savor today.

A thick book can frighten readers away, but not the reader who is concerned with only one page at a time.

" . . . as thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Dt. 33). God can give strength for the day. He made our physical bodies so that adrenalin can activate in a "now" emergency. He can provide spiritual strength in each day's crises.

Actually, God shields us from the future, otherwise we could be paralyzed with dread. He gives life a bite at a time.

One day at a time! (Mt. 6:34)

Says the poet: "Tomorrow—O 'twill never be, if we should live a thousand years! Our time is all today, today . . . With still small voice the moments say, 'Today, today, be wise, be wise!'"

**AS A MAN THINKETH**

Gerald Beasley  
THE MAP

Please note that Nadolo and Nadola are spelled differently.

In 1961 Dag Hammarskjold's United Nations plane crashed in the Congo, and he was killed. In the wreckage an open map of Nadolo was found. Actually, the plane's destination was Nadola.

The open Nadolo map showed 1,000 more feet of landing strip than was actually the situation in Nadola. The pilot crashed, thinking he had 1,000 feet more than he had. He had the wrong map. The difference of an "o" and an "a" was the difference between life and death.

Jesus says, "I am the way . . ." Many other philosophies, ideas, traditions, allures, seductions, attractions, personalities, claimants, etc., would guide us to "landings."

Open your Bible. Assimilate 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

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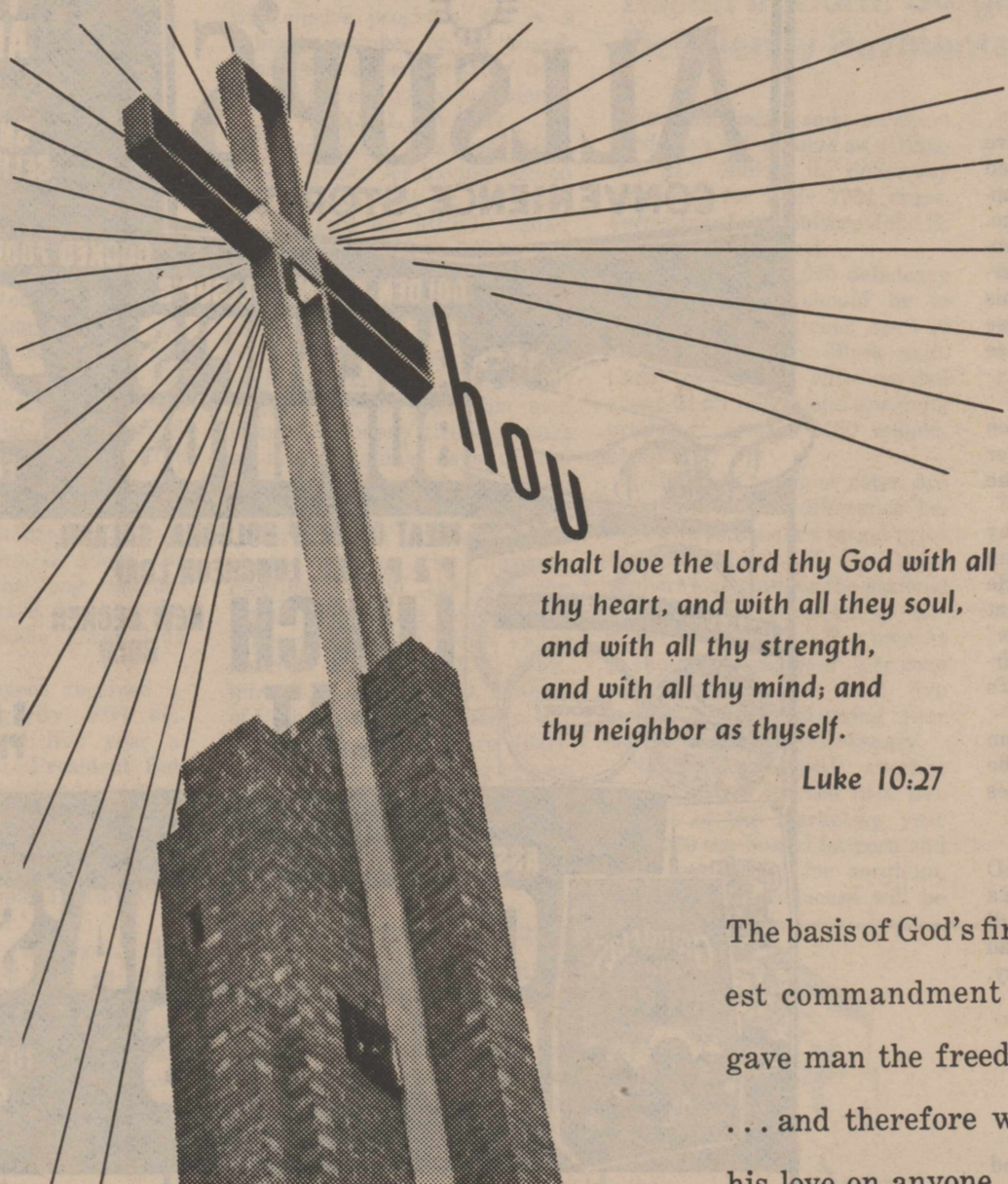
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Luke 10:27

The basis of God's first and greatest commandment is love. God gave man the freedom to choose . . . and therefore will not force his love on anyone. God took the first step and is always ready to receive any who would come to Him.

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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SHONDA STAFFORD

### Shonda Stafford Wins Most Photogenic Award At Pageant

Shonda Stafford, 17, of Brownfield, a former student in the Silvertown Schools, was chosen as one of the 15 finalists and received the "Most Photogenic" award at the Miss West-Texas Teenage Pageant held Saturday, March 30, in Midland.

Contestants for the pageant were selected from 1500 applica-

tions sent in from the West Texas area. Out of the 1500 applications, 100 girls were chosen to compete in the pageant.

Contestants were judged on poise, personality and appearance, scholastic achievements and community involvement. They had a choice of presenting a 150-word essay or a talent

### Long-Awaited Wedding To Take Place On Soap Opera

Two of "As The World Turns" most beloved characters, Kim Andropoulos and Dr. Bob Hughes (portrayed by Kathryn Hays and Don Hastings), will finally marry on Friday, March 12. After more than a decade of unrequited love (not to mention kidnappings, car crashes, and other daytime maladies), the couple will tie the knot in a beautiful sunrise ceremony, held in a bloom-filled botanical garden in Oakdale.

For this special "As The World Turns" event, a number of original castmembers will return to the show for a "reunion" at the wedding. Among the returning stars will be Rosemary Prinz (one of the original heroines of the series when it premiered in 1956, as Penny Hughes, Bob's sister); actor Conrad Fowkes (who portrayed their brother, lawyer Donald Hughes, for several years in the late 1970's); and Helen Wagner (also a member of the original cast of "As The World Turns," who will return to

her role as Bob's mother, Nancy Hughes, for several appearances during the two weeks surrounding the wedding).

This Hughes family reunion will be a special treat for loyal daytime viewers. The characters of Nancy and Don have not regularly appeared on the program for the last four years, and Penny Hughes went off to England in the mid-1960's, but is still very much alive in the memories of "As The World Turns" fans.

Don Hastings as Dr. Robert Hughes has been with the show since 1960. Kathryn Hays joined the serial in the early 1970's. "As The World Turns" is seen weekdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in this area on the CBS-TV Network.

"Stonewall" Jackson's real name was Thomas Jonathan Jackson.

### Farmland Value Slipping In Texas

After bucking the trend of declining farm real estate values over the rest of the country, farmland prices in Texas finally slipped a little the past year. Texas farmland is now worth about \$725 per acre in nonirrigated areas, a decline of almost seven percent from the past year.

Irrigated cropland, at the same time, declined slightly to about \$980 per acre, and ranchland dropped in value by about two percent to nearly \$600 per acre.

Prospects for 1985 indicate that Texas farm real estate will continue to slip despite urban sprawl and potential income streams from natural resources, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

The scooter was invented by a 15-year-old London schoolboy, Walter Lines, in 1897. But he didn't take out a patent. His father didn't think it would catch on.

presentation before the judges. Shonda presented an essay entitled, "What's Right About America."

The 15 finalists were chosen during evening gown competition on Friday. The selection was made by a panel of judges based on their cooperation throughout the pageant, personal interview with the judges and personal appearance.

A junior in Brownfield High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McMullen. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver of Silvertown and is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Roy Allard of Tulsa.

Attending the pageant with Shonda and her parents were her sisters, LaMona and Trevah; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver; and a friend, Mrs. Jewell Akers of Brownfield.

Shonda works and models for Shelton's in Brownfield. She is a member of the varsity basketball team, and is active in the DECA Club. She is an assistant coach for the girls Little Dribblers. She lists her hobbies as sports, art and reading.

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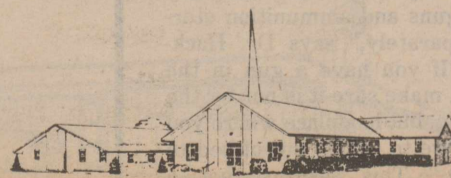
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## Assessing The Home For Potential Accidents

Every year many children are brought to the emergency room with head injuries which could have been prevented, according to Dr. Kenneth U. Hackney, Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Scott and White in Temple.

One of the ways parents can help prevent head injuries in children is by assessing their home for potential accidents.

Dr. Hackney suggests parents "get down on the floor and crawl around at the eye level of a small child." Some things to look for are plant hangers, unprotected electrical outlets, and protruding nails or screws from underneath cabinets.

"The parent should test the stability of tables and chairs by pulling themselves up on them, checking for wobbly legs or sharp cornered surfaces," explains Dr. Hackney.

### DANGLING CORDS

Dangling cords and tablecloths are also tempting for small children to pull up on, says Dr. Hackney. "Check the home for dangling cords such as those from an iron, hair dryer, telephone or other appliances. Make sure they are placed out of reach of small children."

Many injuries, including scalds, burns and falls, are caused by children pulling on electrical cords. "Even tablecloths are a problem," says Dr. Hackney, "and perhaps it is best not to use tablecloths with young children around."

### SLIPS AND FALLS

A child's crib should be checked to see that the side rails are high enough to prevent the child from falling out and should be able to withstand at least 10 pounds of pressure to pull up or push down.

Dr. Hackney suggests that the distance between the top of the side rail and the top of the mattress should be at least three-quarters of the child's height to provide the most protection from falling.

"Of course, a child should never be left unattended in the bath tub," Dr. Hackney emphasizes. "It takes only seconds for a child to slip and fall in or out of the tub."

Many falls occur from windows, especially in apartments, according to Dr. Hackney. "Make sure the windows have secure screens. If not, make sure there are window guards or that the window stays closed and latched."

Scatter or throw rugs frequently cause slips or trips as infants begin to stand and walk. Also, stairwells should be properly guarded, preferably with a locked door or a federally-approved gate. Rugs or torn carpeting along stairs should be removed or repaired as a further safety precaution.

### GUNS

"Make sure firearms, if kept in the house, are kept out of reach, preferably under lock and key with guns and ammunition stored separately," says Dr. Hackney. "If you have a gun in the house, make sure it is not by the bedside, but in a place where you will have to get up out of bed to get it." This assures that a person has time to become more

fully awake before using a weapon.

### TOY SAFETY

Instructions on toys should be checked carefully for the appropriate age group. "A child who rides a bicycle which is too small

or too large for his size may lose control of the vehicle easily, and is in danger of having an accident," said Dr. Hackney. "Bicycle safety also includes the use of reflectors and helmets in some cases."

### PLAYING OUTSIDE

In discussing precautions to safeguard children during outside play, Dr. Hackney noted that "three and four-year-olds should be watched very carefully

while playing outside. This age group easily forgets to look for cars before running into the street."

Dr. Hackney emphasizes that "We're here to help you in an

emergency, but you can help your child avoid head injuries by assessing your home environment for potential accidents that may be prevented."

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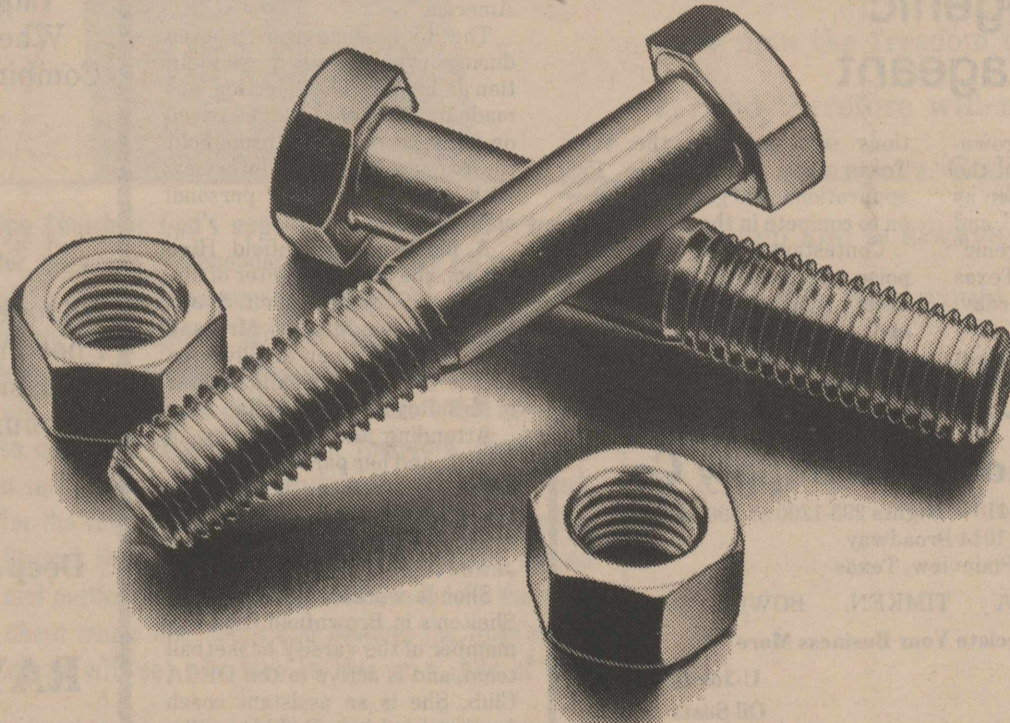
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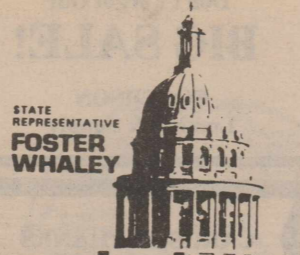
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**capitol comments**

Our Appropriations Committee has been working around the clock for the last three weeks. Things get tense when we start debating how much money will be spent on any given item. Everyone is trying to protect his special interest. This applies to members of the Appropriations Committee as well as hundreds of groups across the state. The atmosphere is much like a Panhandle wheat harvest with a lot of thunderstorms coming up each day. Everyone is in a hurry and is very nervous. Pretty often promises are broken. As one person said, "Everyone is a man of his most recent word." The Appropriations Committee worked late last Friday night, March 22, and until 11:00 p.m. on the following Sunday. We work late every night and meet before the House convenes on most days. We zero-budgeted about three or four state agencies. One of these was the Health Facilities Commission. This agency was created several years ago to help establish some orderly creation of new health facilities where government grants were made to local government entities. Since private hospitals and nursing homes have come into the picture, there is no need for the Texas Health Facilities Commission. I voted to zero-out their funds. If legislation is not passed to re-create this agency, they will no longer exist after September 1, 1985.

There will be no need to come to Austin and spend thousands of dollars through a law firm to plead your case if you want to put in a new health facility. This process will return to the American free enterprise system where it rightfully belongs. Every legislator on the Appropriations Committee had a chip on his shoulder against this worthless agency.

Every day someone puts propaganda on our desks on the House floor about a pet cause. A lot of this is precipitated by the lobby groups. A State Representative must okay the literature before it can be distributed. We are getting a flood of literature on why we should do away with or damage the Homestead Law.

Proponents of eliminating the Homestead Law cite the great benefits of being able to borrow money on one's home to help send his children to college. They don't recognize the fact there are all sorts of loans, grants and scholarships today to take care of this problem. What they don't tell you is the fact that a few of the loan companies have their eyes on the huge equity Texans have in their homes. They don't tell you it will be a requirement to mortgage your home on every shaky business or agricultural loan that comes up for renewal. They don't tell you that many dads and grand-dads will be asked to mortgage their homes for \$20,000 or \$40,000 to keep Johnny from going to the pen for his dope dealings. They don't tell

you that one out of every 2-5 people will have some type of financial problem and will, under duress, be asked to mortgage his home.

This is at the top of my list as bad legislation before the 69th Legislature.

The Appropriations Bill is just about finished. There is still some fine-tuning which needs to be done. A lot of cuts have been made. We have been advised the last \$110 million drop in revenue predicted by Comptroller Bullock can be corrected by passing two pieces of legislation.

There was a rally by University of Texas students who became pretty boisterous with Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby regarding the proposed tuition increase. Would you believe some of the natives were raising cane about the proposed tuition increase for out-of-state and foreign students?

Legislation is picking up on the floor of the House. Last week we worked against a bill that would have brought a stiff penalty against someone who placed a stop order on a bank check, even if there were good reasons for you placing such an order at your local bank. This part was amended out of the bill.

Last week we heard testimony on a bill which would change the procedure and the fees connected with the "hot check" law. We heard testimony the collected fee money was being used for purposes not intended. Most District and County Attorneys reported the program was working well. Merchants were well pleased because the collections were good. Also, most of the individuals gave a good accountability on how the money is spent. Most everyone agreed that the legislature should more specifically indicate how the fee money for "hot check" collections

should be used.

On Thursday of last week, I passed House Bill 1148 in the House. This bill would create an Underground Water District in Collingsworth County. Earlier, landowners in that county requested I draft legislation to create the district. Some people believe that in time there will be a strong effort in Austin to control all underground water

that is not organized in a legally constituted water district.

A legislator needs to start in the early part of a session to pass any kind of local bill (one affecting either a part of or whole legislative district). After the bill is drafted, a notice must be published in a local paper at least 30 days before it can be introduced in the legislature.

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