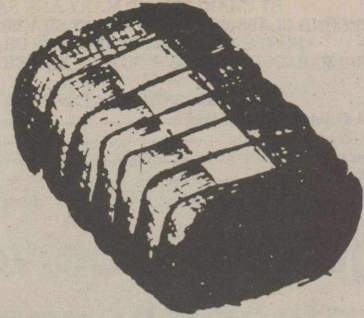


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All Around
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

PRIDE IN OUR TOWN

Are you proud of your home town? Do you want to try to make it a better place?

The Silverton and Quitaque residents who attended an Extension Service Program Building meeting recently discussed the pluses and minuses of their towns, putting special emphasis on publicizing the pluses and trying to eliminate some of the minuses.

Some of the things mentioned as pluses included:

1. Silverton has its water problems pretty well in hand, and Quitaque is presently drilling wells south of their town to solve theirs. No, water isn't cheap but at least we do have a dependable supply.

2. We live in a county that has Lake Mackenzie for water skiing, fishing, picnicking and camping; Caprock Canyons State Park and Lake Theo for fishing, picnicking, camping, hiking, swimming, playground equipment, and numerous other fishing lakes.

3. This county has exciting hunting seasons for aoudad sheep, pheasants, quail, dove, deer, turkeys and squirrels.

4. We are blessed with the best people in the whole wide world, and this is one reason why we enjoy living here. Those attending the meeting expressed a desire for friendship and unity among the people of the two towns.

5. Silverton has camper hook-ups available and Quitaque people expressed an interest in having some. It was mentioned that travelers might stop at the Mackenzie Trailer Park in Silverton more often if there were some signs on the highways giving its location.

6. Both Silverton and Quitaque have city parks with playground equipment, but residents of both towns expressed an interest in seeing their parks cared for better, especially during the summer months.

7. The ranching heritage of this part of the country was discussed, and the cowboy breakfasts that are served on the Tom Christian ranch were mentioned. It was noted that a chuck wagon supper on one of the county's ranches might be popular with out-of-town people.

8. Vacant buildings are available in both Silverton and Quitaque for any business wanting to get out of the "high-rent"



Reyna Castillo, Jeannita Stephens, Tonnette Miller and DeLynn Fitzgerald were pictured Wednesday of last week before the girls left for Amarillo to deliver puzzles that were being donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Corey Robertson, Rhett Perkins, Sloan Grabbe, Rocky Ramirez and Stephanie Ramirez are also members of the Child Development class taught by Mrs. Patsy Towe, during which the role of play in learning has been discussed. The types of toys that facilitate learning were examined, and the class project in this area included making wooden puzzles. This project helped the students apply basic skills of learning and safety. The class has received a card thanking them for caring and helping the Ronald McDonald House as it continues to provide a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children throughout the Texas Panhandle and Tri-State area. The card stated that "people like you truly make the Ronald McDonald House 'the House that love built'." While in Amarillo, the girls were taken on a tour of the Ronald McDonald House and were told about its founding. The students also toured the neonatal unit at Northwest Texas Hospital, which helped identify neonatal care that is essential to the well-being of both mother and child.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Briscoe County Herbicide Regulations in Effect Now

The Texas Department of Agriculture would like to remind those persons wishing to apply hormone-type herbicides in Briscoe County, that the Herbicide Regulations adopted by the Briscoe County Commissioners, became effective April 25.

The special provisions of the herbicide regulations for Briscoe district.

9. Workers (especially women wanting to add a second family income) are available for some kind of assembly or other job that doesn't require specialized training and/or experience.

10. There are good schools with good teachers, a variety of churches with activities for every member of the family, good ambulance and fire services, and other pluses in both communities.

County state as follows:

1. The aerial application of any regulated herbicide is prohibited in Briscoe County from April 25 through October 1, except in Precinct 2 where aerial application of regulated herbicides is prohibited for the period beginning May 10 and ending October 15 each year.

2. The aerial application for brush control may be permitted under the direct personal supervision of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

3. The ground application of regulated herbicides is banned except for dicamba (BANVEL) products, with permits obtained prior to the application.

4. In Briscoe County Precinct 2, the application of 2,4-DB is permitted for ground application only, with permits obtained prior to the application.

Hormone-type herbicides that are regulated by the Texas Herbicide Law include 2,4-D, MCPA, dicamba (BANVEL) and derivatives or formulations containing these substances.

A permit must be obtained from the Texas Department of Agriculture prior to any aerial application for brush control, any ground application of dicamba or any ground application of 2,4-DB. A permit fee of ten cents per acre will be charged for each permit. Permits expire when the acreage for which the permit was granted has been sprayed, or after 180 days. If a person does not spray a total of more than 10 acres during any one year, permits or permit fees are not required, but that person must give notice to the Texas Department of Agriculture of the application.

Commercial applicators should remember that equipment used to apply hormone-type herbicides must be inspected by the Texas Department of Agriculture before the equipment is to

News Office To Be Closed

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed May 21-25.

Please arrange your business at the News office so you will not be inconvenienced by this closing.

Deadline for news and advertising to be placed in the Briscoe County News next week will be Monday at noon.

Conservation Reserve Program Bid Opening To Be Monday, May 19

The bids that have been accepted through the second offer for land to enter the CRP program will be opened beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 19.

This bid opening is open to the public. Any interested person is eligible to attend.

This operation will take place at the Briscoe County ASCS office.

May 15 is Final Date to Certify Small Grains

All acreages of wheat, barley, oats, rye or triticale must be reported to your ASCS office by May 15.

Immunization Clinic To Be Held Friday

An immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases will be held from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Silverton Elementary School.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps.

There will be no charge.

be used. Ground equipment used commercially for brush control only in Briscoe County, must be inspected every 30 days while the equipment is being used in the application of regulated herbicides. An inspection fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each piece of equipment inspected.

Requests for permits or additional information must be directed to the Texas Department of Agriculture district office in Amarillo. The number to call is 806-358-7285.

All farmers engaged in producing crops that are sensitive to hormone-type herbicides, are encouraged to inform the Texas Department of Agriculture of the location of the crop, to aid in the issuance of permits and help prevent applications from being made too close to susceptible crops.

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Fitzgerald Receives Volunteer Recognition

Wayland Fitzgerald has received a certificate of recognition from the Seven Who Care volunteer recognition program sponsored by KVII-TV and the Volunteer Action Center of the United Way of Amarillo.

The certificate was presented in appreciation for his unselfish volunteer service, contributing

to the betterment of his community and the Tri-State area.

Club Luncheon Honors President

The March of Time Study Club closed its year with a luncheon at the Pizza Box on May 8, 1986. The luncheon was in honor of Pauline Turner, president of the club, who was presented a corsage from the club members by Jackie Mercer.

Those enjoying the luncheon were Pauline Turner, Jewell Lyon, Iris Burson, Jessie Mae Watson, Luree Burson and Jackie Mercer.

The club will convene again in September.

The bagpipe is an old instrument. It is spoken of in the Old Testament and it was used by the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

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4-H Horse Club to Host Trail Ride

The Briscoe County 4-H Horse Club will host its first trail ride of the season May 17 at Caprock Canyons State Park north of Quitaque. All 4-H'ers and interested people are invited to participate in the ride.

The group will meet at the State Park at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17. The cost will be only \$2.00 per vehicle that enters the Park. Each participant is urged to bring his or her own meat and potato for the barbecue which will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Horse Center on the Park grounds.

4-H leaders and parents will be assisting with the cooking of the meal and 4-H families have been assigned certain items to provide for the meal.

The ride will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be highlighted by the cookout at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office or Club Leader Janinne Brooks.

Wheat Field Day Slated Today

The annual Wheat Field Day at the USDA Research Laboratory at Bushland will be held today (Thursday, May 22), according to Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent. Tours and exhibits will be available starting at 1:00 p.m.

Visitors taking tours will see irrigated and dryland small grain varieties and hybrids, cropping systems, no- and reduced-tillage systems, water conservation practices and terraces systems. The Russian Wheat Aphid and other pests will be discussed. Activities will be coordinated by Dr. Kenneth Porter, TAES Small Breeder at Bushland.

The event will be sponsored by the USDA Agricultural Research Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and the Texas Wheat Producers Association. For more information contact the County Extension Office, 823-2343.

"What is true by lamplight is not always true by sunshine."
 Joseph Joubert

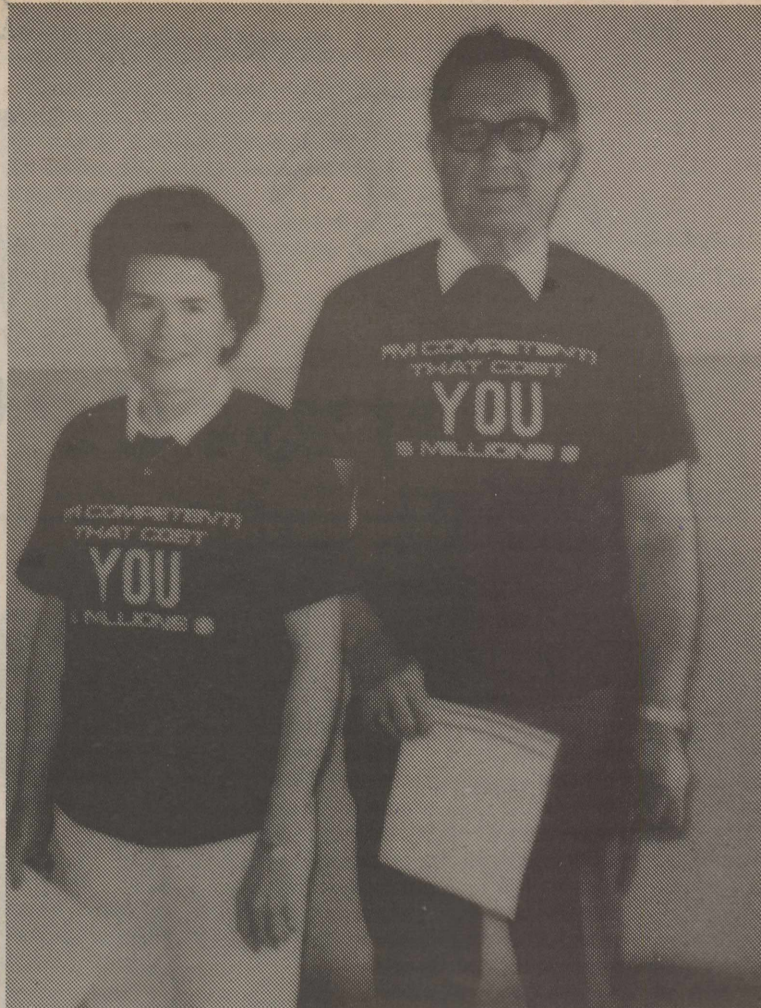


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Faye and O. C. Rampley, members of the Silverton School faculty, were pictured the day they received the certification of their competency as teachers wearing the "I'm Competent! That Cost YOU 5 Million!" T-shirts they bought. 100% of the teachers in the Silverton School system passed the TECAT test.

—Briscoe County News Photo

FISHING CONTINUING GOOD AT LAKE MACKENZIE

The lake depth at the dam is 112 feet and the water temperature at a four-foot depth is 68° at Lake Mackenzie where crappie fishing is still good. Most are being caught on minnows and jigs in 10 feet of water.

Herb Jennings of Tulia brought in a nice stringer of black bass Sunday morning. The biggest weighed in at 3 1/2 pounds.

Several nice hybrid stripers picked up this weekend from the main part of the lake. Fishing for hybrids seems to be best trolling in the late evening.

The walleye are still slow, but catfishing is improving.

Mrs. Wayne Whittington of Quitaque, the former Lina Waters, was taken by ambulance Thursday morning of last week to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. She was suffering with the symptoms of a heart attack, and doctors found she had a blood clot in her heart. She has improved some, and was moved from intensive care into room 411 Saturday afternoon. She is still considered to be in serious condition and is not being allowed any visitors except for family members. Mrs. A. R. (Sybil) Martin and Mrs. Virgil (Eudean) Crow have been at the hospital with their sister much of the time along with her husband and other members of the family.

Mrs. A. R. (Sybil) Martin went to Snyder Monday of last week and remained until Thursday to stay with Bettye Ruth Williams who had undergone a bilateral bunionectomy in Lubbock.

The largest known butterfly is the Queen Alexandra Birdwing of New Guinea, which may have a wing span of nearly a foot.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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April 29, 1976—Silverton scheduled for direct distance dialing May 15... Dr. Hoang to move to Silverton in August... Ken Sarchet, a senior in SHS, placed seventh in the Region 1-A science contest on the campus of Texas Tech Saturday. He beat the boy who won the district contest by seven places at Regional... Storm centers in Silverton area... Dayne Mayfield, a junior in SHS, was the only Owl to qualify for regional competition at the District track meet. He won first in the discus with a throw of 141'10" and second in the shot with a put of 47'7 1/2"... Donna Lea Dudley to marry Clayton Dean Pigg... Leila McPherson marries Mike Holdaway... Danny W. Vaughan of Shamrock has received notification of his inclusion in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America... Mike Bean is winner of youth tour award... Plainview firm starts east bus run...

May 5, 1966—Ricky McWilliams recently competed in the regional spelling bee in Amarillo, won third place and received a \$350.00 set of Encyclopedia Britannica for his home. Joan Cross was the junior spelling champion in Briscoe County and received a trophy and pin at the regional luncheon... Gordon Alexander honored on 80th birthday at party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow... FFA Livestock Judging Team placed seventh out of eighty teams and earned a trip to the State Contest at Texas A&M University. They also placed second in the Plainview District... Albert Ramsey buys Mobil Station... Peggy Mercer to marry George Edward Chase, jr... Glen Grosdidier chosen as favorite teacher in SHS...

May 3, 1956—Silverton FFA members who have completed requirements for the Lone Star Farmer degree are Bill Stephens, Joe Brannon, Gerald Garvin, Deleath Peugh, Sam Turner and Jim Whitfill... Smokey and Tootie Alexander open Good Gulf Service Station... Mrs. Gordon Montague, fourth grade teacher, and Mrs. Robert Hill took four fourth grade pupils Saturday to Lakeview to enter sub-junior declamation in the Junior League Meet. There were seven girls from four towns entered, and seven boys from four towns. The local fourth graders won three places. Those making the trip were Sue Hill, first place; Raye Garrison, third; Jerry Martin, first, and Dicky Gatlin, who did well but did not place...

May 16, 1946—Thelma Gean Mercer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer, is valedictorian of the graduating class of 1946 with an average of 96.42. Betty Nan Burson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. True Burson, with an average of 95.95, is salutatorian... Briscoe County 4-H Club members who showed calves at the recent Fat Stock Show in Plainview are Robert Isbell, Mickey Cornett and Johnnie Ted Bingham... W. W. Douglas elected to city council in write-in

campaign... Ground breaking ceremonies for the new First Baptist Church will be held May 21... Joan Clemmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer, is valedictorian of the eighth grade class with an average of 93. Donald Paige, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Paige, is the salutatorian with an average of 91... LaNelle Copeland was elected president of the Rainbow troop of Girl Scouts. Other officers are Frances Norris, vice president; Maxine Merriman, secretary; Neva Joy Reithmayer, treasurer, and Helen Beth Joiner, reporter... Installation of new fixtures at First State Bank is complete. They are of the

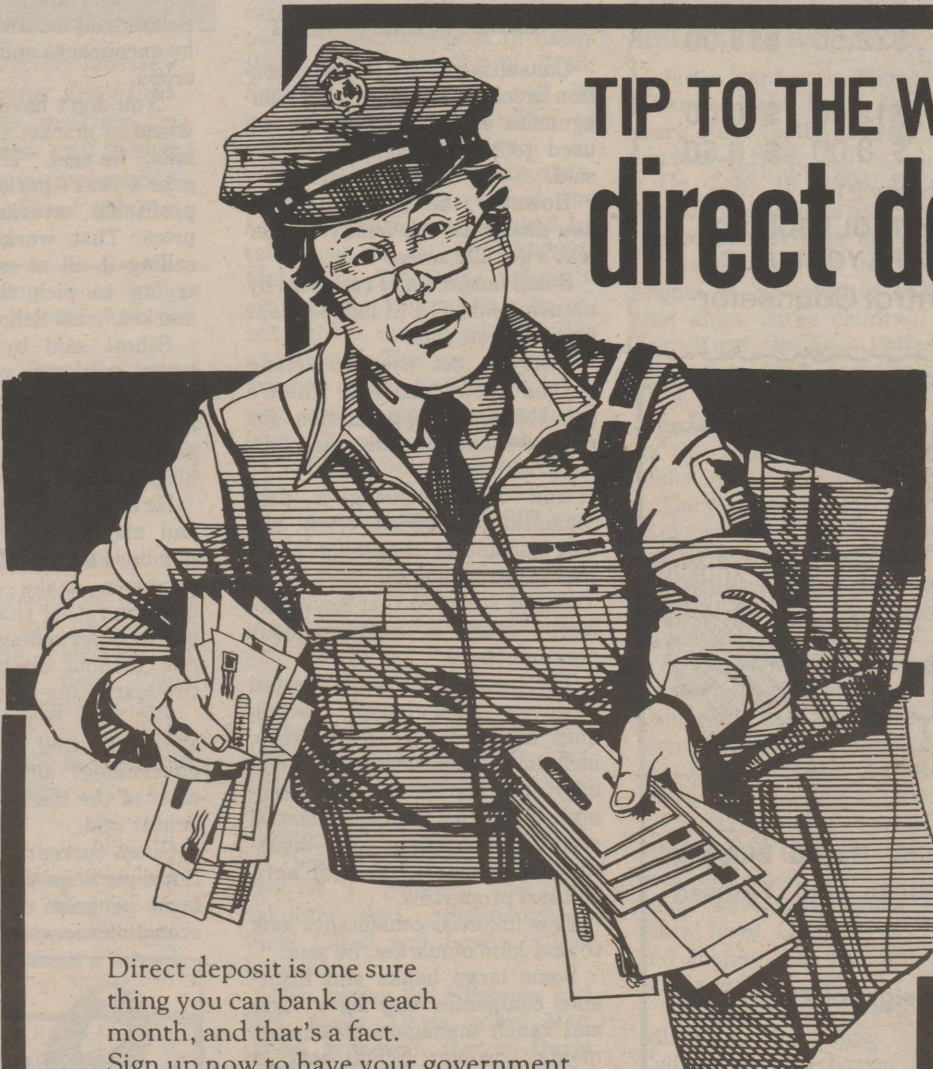
latest design and will give the bank a greatly improved appearance... Residents of the Wallace community defeated a proposal to consolidate with the Silverton ISD in the election held last Saturday. The vote was nine in favor of consolidation and 13 against... Festus Elrod weds May 11... Nuptial vows exchanged by Clynell Manemma Hutsell, James M. Tidwell...

April 30, 1936—The office of The News is in an even more deplorable condition than usual this week while the front end of the building is being remodeled... Fourth Grade Honor Roll: W. T. Diviney, Hubert Bechtol, Millie Hill, Latrice Ellis, Joyce

Dudley, Jan Castleberry, Jonnie Allard... Chas. McEwin has announced that he is selling his Grocery and Market and moving elsewhere... Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Now is the time of year when the sap rises in trees and turns their top green. This is a sure sign to the female huntress that the male has also reached his height of sappiness for another year and is easily captured... The difference between a popular girl and one without many dates is that the popular one knows how to make a man think he is chasing her while she holds a tight reign on him and directs every move he makes... A man with a new love

is like a child with his first Easter egg. He thinks he has something new and rare but after the paint and newness is peeled off he finds he only has an old fashioned hardboiled egg after all... When one plans a picnic one always forgets the ants will get in the salad. So in planning a marriage a man always plans perfection and forgets to wonder how his wife will look covered with cold cream and needing a wave set... Modern woman demands equality with men but wishes to keep her womanly privileges that were granted her in considera-

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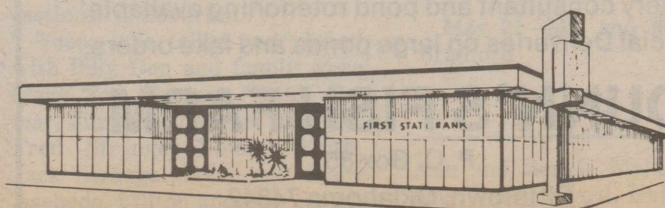
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Consulting Family Farmers As Tough as Management

taken from the Express-News San Antonio, Tx. April 6, 1986

Offering expert financial advice to family farmers can be tougher than managing an agri-business operation for a multi-million dollar corporation, according to San Antonio-based consultant William R. (Bill) Schott, a native of Silverton who is the son of Mrs. Rena Schott and the late W. E. Schott.

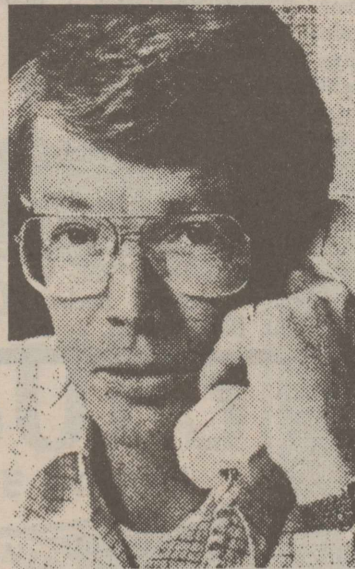
Schott, 42, owner of Schott Agri-Service, has done both in 17 years of agricultural economic consultation.

In that time he has managed an 18,000-acre irrigated farm in

eastern New Mexico and large livestock cattle feeding operations throughout the Great Plains as well as farm management consultant assignments throughout the western United States.

It was not until 1981 that he began his specialized business management analyses and feasibility studies for operators ranging from feedlots, grain elevators and livestock auctions to row-crop farmers and commercial cattle raisers.

The change necessitated a mental shifting of gears, Schott said.



WILLIAM R. (BILL) SCHOTT

Consulting with a large institution involves working with management used to hiring experts, used to paying consultants, he said.

However, he said, "How do you deal with the family farmer who's got 700 acres?"

Small farmers and ranchers by nature tend to be of independent spirit, Schott said.

"They're not used to telling anyone their business. There's not the same appreciation for numbers and business accounting practices."

And as for hiring a paid consultant, he added, often "the only consultant they ever hired was an entomologist."

Schott stressed that nevertheless, "There is a tremendous need out there."

The need is for sophisticated business management techniques as applied to agriculture, including computerized management information systems, economic feasibility studies, financial structure analyses and—sometimes—fee management of agricultural properties.

Few financial consultants look to that kind of market, he said.

Some large banks and insurance companies may have farm and ranch management departments; however, Schott said, "I don't know of anyone who is involved in it from the approach I am."

Acceptance in the agricultural marketplace is "not as much as I would like," Schott said.

He added: "If I have a frustration, it is that people don't come to me while there are still solutions. They say, 'I have a problem,' and they do—but there's no solution."

The years since 1981 have not been kind to agriculture or agri-business, Schott said.

"It was not until the last year or two we realized it was not a blip we were going through, but a major realignment—that this was not something that would feel bad but go away soon."

Such times make it important that producers become "cost conscious, business oriented and opportunity oriented," he said.

"To grow a crop and take it to the elevator at the end of the season is not going to work. There's got to be some kind of marketing plan."

Measuring one's success by whether the checkbook shows a

positive balance at year's end is not the answer, he said.

That, said Schott, is where his expertise comes in.

Part of his strategy involves moving from accounting procedures oriented toward income tax preparation to procedures meant for business management.

Using a computer and specialized software and taking numbers supplied by the client, Schott said he can go from an enterprise budget, through a cash-flow budget to arrive at a total farm budget in a matter of hours.

"Within a half day we can get some numbers together and start doing some what-ifs," he said.

Working with cash flow, producers can determine cash requirements. Using that number, the next step is to determine cash availability—including whether one should borrow money, spend existing reserves or sell off some assets.

As for marketing strategy, Schott said in more normal times he encourages split marketing of crops.

"You don't have to sell all the wheat at market time to pay the bills," he said. "The objective is, over a year's period, to achieve a profitable average marketing price. That works better than selling it all at market time or trying to pick the top of the market," said Schott.

Schott said by following futures markets, reading extensively and talking to others in agri-business, he can aid the producer in deciding when to sell his product.

He also can analyze production and market data to "assign a number to risk," helping the producer make an objective decision rather than a subjective one in determining how much to risk without disrupting the entire marketing position.

For this year and probably 1987 as well, however, the government already has made most of the marketing decisions, Schott said.

Given current economic conditions, participation in the federal farm program is "an absolute economic necessity."

The break-even price for cotton, for example, may be 60 to 65 cents with good yields for a farmer working outside the government program.

The loan rate, meanwhile, is 55 cents, some of the 26-cent deficiency can be recovered by a participating farmer through a payment based on historically established yields and base acres.

"That's really how he can afford to raise 55-cent cotton," Schott said.

As for working through the details of the federal farm program with producers, Schott said, "That's the county officer's job," adding he is not in business to replace the county extension agent or the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

What happens when all his analysis and number-crunching convinces Schott a producer's only rational decision is to sell out?

"I tell them to sell," he said, adding that giving that kind of advice "definitely is my job."

Some clients are upset by such advice; others are appreciative, he said.

"Sell decisions bother me a lot. We see a lot of that in the media," said Schott.

Just as bothersome are decisions to sell off part of an operation to save the rest: "Selling part of a farm does not solve the problems of a farm or a business unless something is done about its problems at the same time," Schott said.

Other tough decisions involve aspects of agriculture that are deemed almost sacred, such as a farmer or rancher sharing the operation with his or her children.

For some father-son farming teams, Schott said, "I think the

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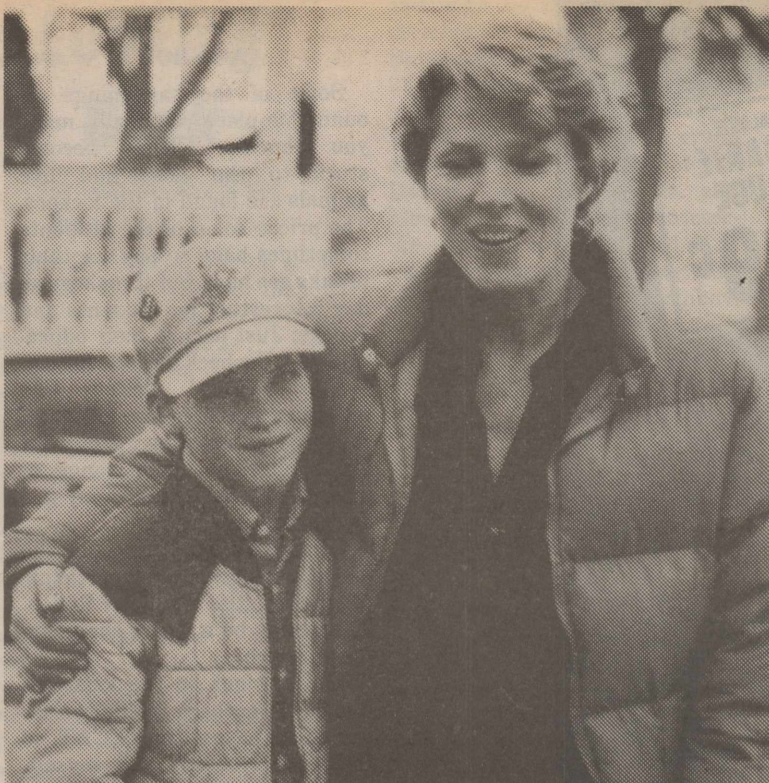
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Langdon Reagan was pictured with Mariette Hartley while he was in San Antonio for the junior livestock show a few weeks ago. Ms. Hartley was making an ABC-TV movie in a pavillion near the Alamo, and took a fancy to Langdon. When she found out he was showing pigs, she told him that she and her husband have a collection of pig figures all over their home.

son needs to go get a job in town part-time and quit trying to support two families on an operation that has a hard time supporting just one.

"If you've got a circumstance where a farm is barely viable and the son wants to help his dad, is the son doing a lot of good if all he's adding is \$3.35-an-hour tractor driving?" Schott asked.

He added: "Or is he going to contribute more by going to town and getting a job that pays a decent wage?"

That is one of those points at which objective, outside analysis collides head-on with the mystique of the family farm.

"It's more than a mystique. It's emotion: love for what they're doing and fear of the unknown," he said.

But there are alternatives. Schott went on, strategies to help producers survive times that are tough not because of

their own doing, but due to market forces beyond their control.

Schott said: "Part of where I think I can contribute is to help the people involved understand that lack of success doesn't mean you're a failure."

WINS TEEN TALENT CONTEST WITH SOLO

Daniel Elliott won first place in vocal solo in the teen talent contest held in Floydada. He represented the East Plains section of the Assembly of God.

Last Saturday in Lubbock, Elliott placed third in the whole district in vocal solo.

The silkworm spins a thread 12,000 times as long as its body. That is comparable to a six-foot man spinning a thread 15 miles long.

Ty Rampley Remains In Serious Condition

Ty Rampley, 16-year-old son of Dwight and Rickie Rampley, remains in the intensive care unit of an Australian hospital. He was critically injured when struck by a small truck on April 30. He was attempting to cross the street at an intersection where two oncoming lanes were stopped and he did not realize the third one was still moving. The large side mirror of the delivery truck hit the side of his head and dashed him to the pavement.

Ty was still unconscious at press time, but was beginning to show some positive signs of improvement. His doctors have reported that his skull is fractured and he is suffering from a right temporal contusion and a left subdural injury to the brain. The extent of the damage has not yet been determined.

Anyone who would like to send cards or letters may send them to the home address at 12 Lacey Place; Blacktown, N.S.W. 2148; Sydney, Australia. It will be necessary for the post office to determine proper postage.

Dwight and Rickie have maintained a constant vigil at the hospital and may be reached by telephone at 011-612-633-7031. Mid-Plains Telephone subscribers may dial this number direct, but others may need operator assistance. This is a private number at the hospital so let it ring several times or try again later. They are 15 hours ahead of us and the best time to reach them is between 5:30 and 7:30 a.m. (our time) or after 6:00 p.m. (our evening).

The Rampley family is sincerely grateful for all of the many prayers that are being offered in Ty's behalf.

The Ted Kingerys had as their guests Saturday his family, Mrs. Eliza Kingery, Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kingery, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dickson, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kingery, and their daughter and granddaughter, Vicki Carroll and Leann, all of Lubbock.

Also joining the Kingerys and Mrs. Mady Davis were Mrs. Davis' grandson, Garret Davis and his wife, Margaret, and new daughter, Jessica, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Roehr and daughter, Shalana, Mrs. Kathy Kingery and daughters, Kara and Shawna, all of Silverton.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rhoderick of Silverton are parents of a son, Jimmy Chance, born at 12:23 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. He weighed seven pounds and ten ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Welcoming their brother into the family are two sisters, Kimmie, seven, and Kendra, 2½, and a brother, Kody, who is 14 months old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Holcomb of Lockney. Great-grandmothers are Bertha Rhoderick and Irene Harrison, both of Plainview, and Vera Cox of Lockney.

Little Wrangler Rodeo Winners Are Announced

Winners in the Little Wrangler Rodeo, sponsored by the Silverton PTA last Saturday night, included Kendal Minyard, winner of the \$5.00 first prize in the calf scramble; Ken Wood, winner of a pizza from The Pizza Box for first place in the cowchip throwing contest; Brandi Brunson and Warren Merrell, senior All-Around winners who received sesquicentennial belt buckles; Vanessa Martin and Leland Wood, junior All-Around winners who also received sesquicentennial belt buckles.

Stock for the rodeo was provided by Perry Brunson, Tom Burson, Jack Graham, Bill

Strange and Terry Bomar.

Winners included:

Stickhorse Race—1. P. J. Merrell, 2. Kenzie Burson, 3. Trey Wyatt, kindergarten division; 1. Laura McCammon, 2. Charley Bomar, 3. Lisa Comer, pre-school division; 1. Marshall McCammon, 2. Adam Loy, 3. Carrie Baird, first grade division

Lamb Dressing — 1. Brandi Brunson, Lisa Comer, Dedra Johnston, Becky McFall, Erica Montague, Christy Nease, Vanessa Martin; 2. Molly Bomar, Kenzie Burson, Lindsey Jennings, Kara Kingery, Amy Ramsey, Dara Ramsey, Shannon Weaver; 3. Molly Brooks, Aimee Francis, Staci Hill, Holly Nance, Christa Tucker, Michelle Whitfill

Greased Pig Race—1. Warren Merrell; 2. Clay Merrell

Junior Goat Milking—1. Cy Comer, Patrick O'Neal, Jonathan Whitfill; 2. Dedra Johnston, Briane Sperry, Vanessa Martin; 3. Molly Bomar, Jeremiah Brooks, Leland Wood

Senior Goat Milking—1. Bengie Hughes, Warren Merrell, Leslee Weaks; 2. Rickey Hughes, Clay Merrell, Jason Smith; 3. Josh Brooks, Langdon Reagan, Jeff Smith, Brian West

Barrel Racing—1. Leland Wood, 26.186; 2. Jeremiah Brooks, 27.237; 3. Russ Baird, 36.679

Pole Bending—1. Bradley Brunson, 28.768; 2. Jarret Pigg, 54.930

Junior Bale Rolling—1. Jeremiah Brooks, Jarret Pigg, Leland Wood; 2. Cy Comer, Patrick O'Neal, Jonathan Whitfill; 3. Adam Loy, Staci Hill

Senior Bale Rolling—1. Matt Francis, David Gamble, Trent Smith; 2. Matt Francis, David Gamble, Trent Smith; 3. Lance Bradford, Stanley W. Gamble, jr., Staci Hill

Calf Riding—1. Beau Bell, 7.41; 2. Frank Ramirez, jr., 5.33; 3. Bengie Hughes, 2.869

The proceeds from the rodeo will go toward buying VCRs and television sets for the Silverton school. The Silverton PTA decided this will be a better use of the money because it will benefit more students than the playground equipment it had originally intended to purchase.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

May 15—Pat Horne, Sharrel Bridges, Dani Whitfill

May 16—Devona Smith, Bertone Hughes

May 17—Mike Juarez, Reba Tipton

May 18—Junis Hutsell, Ted Kingery

May 19—Vicki Perry, Doris Baker

May 20—Heather Horne, Sony Thomas, Jackie Tate

May 21—Sonya Ramirez, Matye Mayfield, Russ Baird

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

May 21—Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bradford

Ann and Bengie Malloy, Memphis; Terry Allard, Irving; Ruth Ann Allard, Memphis.

Thanks To The Voters of Briscoe County

My sincere thanks to those of you who supported me in the May 3rd Democratic Primary. I am honored by your faith in me.

Your re-electing me as your County Judge is sincerely appreciated; it is also an obligation to serve you with respect and equity.

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Some of the happenings around this place can really make you chuckle. Chairs become stuck to the floor and live animals are found in the lockers. The prices some of the students sometimes have to pay for their pranks are high, but it makes the day interesting for students and faculty. Just part of their education, and the heck with H. Ross.

Last week I visited with incoming freshmen for next year. A very interesting group of students with a wide range of interests. I understand they are a real challenge.

Congratulations to all the Little Wranglers who participated in the Little Wrangler Rodeo. There may be a world champion in the bunch.

We may not be the smartest bunch of teachers in the world, but we all passed the TECAT, so to my co-workers and myself, congratulations!

If you did not read the article, "Who Will Farm the Land?" try, try again; maybe it will be in this week's issue.

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—Stan Fogerson

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Who Will Farm the Land?

by Jim Hightower

"Who will farm the land?"
A line from a forgotten folk song? The title of another television documentary on the farm crisis?

No, it's a real question that we Texans must ask ourselves today, because there is an effort underway in Austin right now to dismantle the one high school educational program that has produced generation after generation of highly-qualified farmers and ranchers—the Vocational Agriculture program and its student component, Future Farmers of America.

Since it was established in Texas in 1928, the combination of Vo Ag and FFA has helped to educate more than 1½ million students in the increasingly complex business of agricultural production, processing and marketing. This year, some 59,000 Texas kids are studying under Vo Ag programs being offered in more than two-thirds of the state's 1,170 school districts.

"Who needs them?"

All of us, assuming we will continue wanting a wide variety of top-quality food at reasonable prices.

This morning's bacon didn't originate at the super-market—it was once a well-tended pig, produced by a farmer who most likely was an FFA participant and Vo Ag student. If we are to keep raising pigs economically and to the high standard of quality that consumers expect, we must have people who know what they are doing to raise them. A great deal more knowledge and skill are required to do this than just putting slop in a feed trough. While most farmers have a natural aptitude for growing things, their aptitude must be trained and expanded, and farmers also need to be educated about the business side of modern agriculture.

That's why we in Texas historically have seen the wisdom of investing a pittance of public education funds in a high school curriculum and training program that teaches some of our kids to do skillfully what the rest of us don't want to do: raise pigs. Vo Ag and FFA literally are primary entrepreneurial training

grounds in Texas for bringing home the bacon, as well as the beef, the vegetables, the grain products, the cotton and wool clothing, and all the other food and fiber items we count on daily.

Yet, there are some well-meaning reformers of Texas public educational programs who seem to think that raising a proper pig is not worthy an educational goal as learning to program a computer. Under the guise of education reform, administrators of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) have recently made budgetary cuts that simply gut our Vo Ag and FFA programs.

Prior to TEA's cuts, a total of 16 full-time TEA staff positions were allocated to administering this agricultural curriculum across the state. Fifteen of those staff people were field supervisors and their assistants, serving as the direct link to all the local school programs. This key staff made up the statewide network essential to the successful administration of the program. The total budget for the Vo Ag effort in Texas was \$834,000—only two-tenths of one percent of TEA's \$4.6 billion annual budget.

Vo Ag's budget has now been slashed by two-thirds, and the field staff has been zeroed-out entirely. Only one person—the state Vocational Agriculture director—remains to handle the entire program. Not only does this cut out the guts of the program, but it destroys the heart as well, because the thousands of Texas families who participate and the larger agricultural industry that relies on Vo Ag and FFA feel that their education needs are being abandoned by the state's educational brass.

For their part, TEA administrators claim to be acting under the mandate of House Bill 72, which overall is a very positive and long-overdue step toward educational excellence in Texas. But there is no such mandate in this reform bill. It is clear that neither the Legislature, the Governor—nor the people of Texas—intended that H.B. 72 would ever be used as a hatchet to destroy a program that is integral to our state's second

Wildlife Restocking Program Considered

The farmers and ranchers of Texas and Briscoe County for the most part do not realize they can purchase birds for a restocking and conservation program. Having personally dealt with the Soil Conservation Service, many landowners have learned about wildlife habitat that can be created for game birds through good sound conservation planning.

It has been apparent over the last several years that native birds have been on the decline. Quail populations are down in some areas, while other wild birds are declining in other areas.

In a time when overall economic conditions in agriculture are to say the least "tough," some of

largest industry. Even an increasingly urban, urbane and high-tech society needs the best farmers we can develop, and our system of secondary education must continue to meet its historic commitment to this goal.

Fortunately, it is not too late to reverse this misguided budgetary action by TEA administrators. The State Board of Education, appointed by the Governor, is the official policy-making body that oversees TEA, and they have the authority to over-rule the devastating cuts that have been made in Vo Ag. As Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, I have formally requested that they do just that.

Working with state legislators, local public officials, educators, FFA alumnae and other interested parties, we have devised a responsible, barebones, compromise proposal that would salvage the Vo Ag and FFA programs without restricting the desire of TEA administrators to tighten up on the management of these programs. Specifically, we are asking the State Board of Education to reinstate six of the ten field supervisor positions in TEA's current budget. This would require TEA to restore less than \$200,000 to the budget of Vo Ag. Also, we can add some in kind, cooperative support to the program by stationing these six field supervisors at some of our state's top regional universities. Several universities already have indicated an eagerness to provide offices and secretarial assistance and to lend some of their staff expertise to the Vo Ag effort.

Under this compromise, the program still would suffer a substantial cut, but it would survive, and it could continue to respond to the vocational aspirations of thousands of future Texas farmers.

But even this modest step will not be taken by the State Board of Education unless there is a powerful expression of public support from people like you. It is not enough for a Commissioner of Agriculture to request action; if the bureaucracy is to move in the direction we want, then it must receive a clear nudge from all Texans who want to restore the integrity of this valuable education program.

I'm calling on you to make your voice heard in Austin. Support restoration of funding for Vo Ag and FFA by writing Chairman Jon Brumley, State Board of Education, Austin, Texas 78701.



Good quail habitat and cover consist of shrubs such as skunkbush which furnishes excellent nesting sites for quail.

the possibilities at hand can be overlooked. One of these opportunities can be the stocking of game birds. This offers the potential to derive additional revenue for years to come through controlled harvest—not to mention the enjoyment of lending "Mother Nature" a hand.

Briscoe County landowners now have opportunity to purchase gamebirds through the Caprock Soil and Water Conser-

vation District. Come by the SCS office for further information and available birds or call 823-2320.

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Dear family and friends,

Is it enough just to say thanks? Well I am doing that to so many friends and relatives, especially since my birthday came on the last day of our church meeting. Wednesday morning's ladies class had Brother Don Dawes as guest speaker who made it special for me when he announced that it was my birthday and led the singing of "Happy Birthday" for me. I have received so many cards, flowers, calls and personal wishes.

Love to all.
Stella Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes drove to Roscoe on Saturday to spend Mother's Day in the home of their children and grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy and Matt. Sunday afternoon, they attended a piano recital in which their granddaughter, Amy, was a participant with a solo number and also a duet number. The Berton Hughes returned home Monday afternoon.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO HAVE LUNCHEON FRIDAY

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday, May 16.

Hostesses will be the ladies

LINES FROM
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Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Keep those letters coming! I'm referring to the home economics survey recently sent out. We are having excellent response, and I am enjoying your comments on the survey.

This survey is a project of the Home Economics Task Force we put together recently in order to determine programming needs of families for the next four years. They will be tallying your responses and making recommendations for county programs.

If you have not already completed and returned the survey, go ahead and do so. The information will always be useful to me as we try to determine what kinds of programs to have and when to have them.

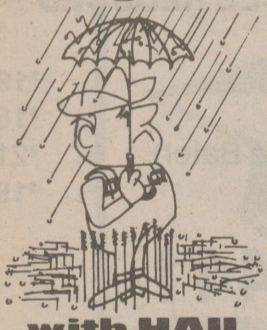
We know we can't meet every need of families in the county, so we want to know what the top priorities are and how we can best get the most useful information to you.

I also appreciate those of you who have indicated a willingness to volunteer in certain areas. Our Extension educational program depends on volunteers in home economics, 4-H, agriculture, and community development. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

Thanks for your replies!

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