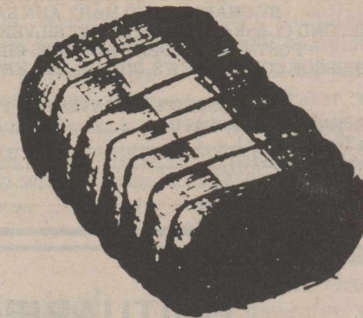


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All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



PRIDE IN OUR TOWN

For the past four weeks, we have been writing about pride in our town and showing it with a general clean-up and fix-up campaign.

So far, it doesn't seem like the theme has caught on with anyone. We passed by Gary Grady's 66 one day last week and noticed that Geraldine Grady was out hoeing weeds and mowing grass, which certainly makes any home or business look better. There are quite a lot of places where this is needed, including the tennis courts in the City Park.

Also there are places where there is a lot of junk and/or junked cars that need attention. The City does have an ordinance concerning these items.

I had thought I might be able to stir a little civic pride with a series of articles on the subject, but for the most part I'm about to come to the realization that a lot of our people do believe that Silverton is about dead.

J. R. Steele was in the News office one day last week, and he mentioned a point that I hadn't noticed. He does a lot of furniture repair and refinishing for people from out of town, and he says that the absence of street signs makes it more difficult for him to direct people to his shop. I hadn't noticed, but the Braidfoot street signs are gone from Highway 86 and are also gone from Thirteenth Street (or the cemetery road, as we more commonly refer to that street). Driving down Braidfoot, I notice that there aren't but a few of the signs remaining.

I recall that the purchase of the street signs was a project of the Silverton Lions Club back in the sixties. At that time, there was one at just about every intersection. But now they are gone—I don't know where—and those remaining are sadly in need of attention.

Many of the stop signs are gone, defaced or leaning, and as J. R. said, it makes it look like "we are just about dead."

Are there any still here who have enough pride in Silverton to try to do some things to make us look inviting enough to be attractive to people, business and/or industry interested in moving here? If we are going to roll over and play dead, we may as well kiss Silverton's future goodbye and turn out the lights right now. There is little point in

County Wildlife Resource Promoted

Recently the Briscoe County Extension Livestock Committee developed an idea to promote our county's wildlife resource, said Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent.

This group of 15 key livestock producers from across the county meets several times each year to discuss the current problems the county is presently facing. The group's major concern at this point is the depressed farming economy. In analyzing the county's assets, the men felt that the wildlife resource is not presently being utilized to its full potential.

Aaron explained, "This is a way for landowners and producers to supplement their income, by leasing out the land to hunters. There has been a shotgun approach in the past for those who have been leasing, but with a concentrated effort our county can promote this natural resource, as well as the lake and state park, and ultimately help every business and individual in the county."

The Livestock Committee developed as a short-term goal an idea to publish a reference guide on Briscoe County. This guide will give pertinent information about the type of wildlife in the county, land available for leasing (landowner, location, and phone number), historical date about the county, and a list of supporting businesses and individuals. On Friday, May 23, landowners and producers in the county began receiving a survey devel-

whipping a dead horse.

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So nxxt timx you think, "I am only onx pxrson," and that your xfforts arxn't nxxdxd, rxmxbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx community and I am nxxdxd vxry much."

—Author unknown

oped by the committee. This survey gives each individual an opportunity to participate in the promotion program. Aaron added that the survey is just step #1 in constructing the guide. He said that "Step #2 will be a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the First State Bank in Silverton."

The committee's goal is to have the reference guide written

and published by the middle of July and in the hands of the media, Chambers of Commerce, and local places.

Committee members will explain, in depth, many other ideas being looked at for development in the near future. Interested citizens are urged to attend and express their thoughts on the idea. For more information, you may contact the Briscoe County Extension Office, 823-2343.

FmHA Announces Operation Assist for Farm Financing

The Farmers Home Administration office in Floyd County will begin immediately to participate in "Operation Assist," Becky D. Via, County Supervisor, announced today.

Operation Assist is a new effort by FmHA to help farmers obtain guaranteed operating loans. County Supervisors for FmHA will take completed farm credit application to local banks or other lenders, along with the farmer wishing to apply for a guaranteed loan.

"We will handcarry the applications, and personally introduce the applicants to our local lenders," said Ms. Via. "We will present a complete loan package, including cash flows, financial statements, and appraisals. If necessary, we will make a commitment to work with the lender to do an interest buy-down. We will do everything we can to help the lender, and the borrower, by committing to guarantee the loan at our maximum 90 percent."

While direct operating loan funds are used up in some areas, there is still nearly \$800 million

High School Boys Can Sign Up For Summer Baseball

Any boys who will be in high school next school year and who are interested in playing baseball for a few weeks this summer, are asked to sign a list at Allsup's.

If there are enough for two teams, an effort will be made to organize a summer baseball program for this age group. It will take the full participation of all the boys who will be in high school.

The planet Uranus never gets any warmer than minus 310 degrees Fahrenheit.

Ty Rampley Moved To Rehabilitation Center at Hospital

Ty Rampley, who was critically injured on April 30, has been transferred to the rehabilitation center of the hospital. He receives daily speech, occupational and physical therapy.

Although he is still in serious condition, he is responding nicely and is showing a steady rate of recovery. He is now able to read his cards and letters.

Ty is the 16-year-old son of Dwight and Rickie Rampley of 12 Lacey Place; Blacktown, N.S.W. 2148; Sydney, Australia.

His family appreciates your concern, and asks for your continued prayers for his complete recovery.

Commodities to be Given Friday

Cheese and other commodities will be given away to those eligible beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 6, at the community center building in Silverton.

Please bring a sack or box in which to carry your commodities home.

Summer Baseball Program Set To Begin Monday

The summer baseball program begins here Monday, June 9, with the first game at 6:00 p.m. There will be a 45-minute time limit on each game. The program is scheduled to conclude Thursday, July 3.

There are two teams in each division.

In the Kindergarten and First Grade Division, Tina Nance will be coaching the team on which Marshall McCammon, Carrie Baird, Melissa Banaza, Shawna Kingery, Kenzie Burson, Terry Davis, Billy Edwards, Will Hester, Trey Wyatt, Darren Payne, David Gamble and Andy Bullock will be playing.

Larry Comer is the other coach, and members of his team are Miles Comer, Jared Francis, Heidi Tiffin, Lacy Brunson, Trista Davis, Kimmie Blazier, Anthony Gamble, Patrick Whitfill, Leland Wood, Michael Reagan, Trey Ziegler and Adam Loy.

Tisa and Gene Whitfill will be coaching the Second and Third Grade Team composed of Brandi Brunson, LaToya Baker, Holly Nance, Vanessa Martin, Molly Bomar, Brandi Breedlove, Jonathan Whitfill, Brandon Nease, Cy Comer and Michael Hill.

Members of the team coached by Lynn Smith are Jim Myers,

Dewayne Juarez, Ky Martin, Jeremiah Brooks, Patrick O'Neal, Jonathan Ivory, Jessica, Dedra Johnston, Kristi Smith and Lori Brannon.

Dana and Stan Martin are coaches for one of the Fourth and Fifth Grade Teams. Members of their team are Jess Brannon, Casey Frizzell, Wayne Martin, Kami Martin, Amy Minyard, Elvira Leal, Christy Nease, Will Malone, Lance Bradford, Christy McWaters and Trent Smith.

Amy Perot and Paula Bomar will coach the team composed of Kayla Ramsey, Michelle Whitfill, Lance Holt, Will Bomar, Greg Perkins, Stan Gamble, Clinton Payne, Braden Towe, Ashleigh Wyatt, Stoney Hubbard and Greg Garcia.

Russell and Lyn Bingham will coach the Sixth and Seventh Grade Team composed of Langdon Reagan, Lyndell Ivory, Abel Maciel, Brian West, Bradley Brunson, Robby Weaks, Brian Breedlove, Jeff Smith, Genie Lavy and Carrie Ann Grabbe.

James Edwards will coach the team composed of Crystal Miller, Amy Minyard, Gwen Clardy, Fidencio Reyes, Terry Miller, Josh Brooks, Brian Martin, Jeffery Grimland and Kirk Couch.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIE H. BACON

Graveside rites for Willie H. Bacon, 69, were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, with Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial arrangements were

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Bacon died at his home on the Lynn Welch farm about 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 27.

He was born February 9, 1916 in Hugo, Oklahoma and was a member of the Choctaw Indian Nation. He moved to Silverton in 1949 from Hugo, and had worked as a farm and ranch laborer for Lynn Welch for the past thirty years.

He was a veteran of World War II.

He was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Laura Belt of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and one grandchild.

Pallbearers were Ralph Hill, Virgal Minyard, Stan Couch, Ted Kingery, James Edwards and Joe Gallington.

MILDRED M. BURSON

Graveside services for Mildred

Margaret Burson, 75, were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Lanny Wheeler, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton, officiating.

Burial arrangements were by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Burson died at her home early Monday after a lengthy illness. Justice of the Peace James Edwards ruled the death due to natural causes.

She had returned to her home from an Amarillo hospital on May 25.

She was born December 6, 1910 in Silverton and was a daughter of the late George Surber Cloyd, who came to Briscoe County in 1891, and Alma Julia (Gardner) Cloyd.

She married Troy Burson in Lawton, Oklahoma October 14, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Mrs. Burson was a homemaker, a charter member of the March of Time Study Club and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

She was preceded by a sister, Gwendolyn (Rosie) Dickerson in January 1986.

Among survivors is a niece, Mrs. Marshall (Julia) Rauch of Lubbock.

The family requested memorials to the Silverton Cemetery Association, the St. Anthony's Hospice of Amarillo or the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Pallbearers were great-nephews, Tom Burson, John Burson, Bryan Burson, Vance Burson, Joe Burson and Dale Burson.

Named to President's List at West Texas

Eight hundred ten West Texas State University students were included on the Dean's List for the Spring 1986 semester.

Students must achieve a semester grade-point average of at least 3.25 (of a possible 4.0) with a class load of at least 12 semester hours. Students whose GPAs are 3.85 or better are listed on the President's List.

Tisa Whitfill was named to the President's List with a GPA of 4.000.

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USDA to Conduct Wheat Poll June 18

On June 18, the U. S. Department of Agriculture will begin to poll wheat producers to determine whether they favor the imposition of mandatory limits on wheat production, a USDA official announced this week. The poll is required by the Food Security Act of 1985.

Richard W. Goldberg, acting under-secretary for international affairs and commodity programs, said the poll is non-binding upon the Secretary of Agriculture and response by wheat producers is voluntary. Producers will be asked if they favor imposition of mandatory limits on production of wheat which will result in wheat prices that are not lower than 125 percent of the cost of production.

Each producer will be mailed a wheat poll ballot on June 18. Responses must be postmarked by July 7.

Evening Best Time For Striper Fishing

Hybrid stripers in the two to five-pound range are being caught in the late evening hours trolling in the main part of Lake Mackenzie.

Catfishing is still improving, with fish coming out of Deadman Creek and Tule Creek in 15-feet of water. Most are being caught on large minnows and perch.

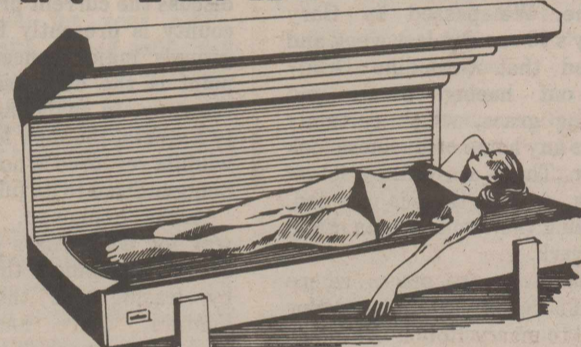
Bass have moved into shallow water. Several nice 2 1/2 and three-pound bass are being caught using buzz baits in three-foot of water up Tule Creek and Cope Creek.

Most crappie are being caught in fifteen-feet of water. Late evening is best using minnows.

Walleye fishing is still slow. The water depth at the dam early this week was 112 feet, and temperature at a four-foot depth is 68°.

Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter, is larger than the planet Mercury.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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May 20, 1976—Marvin Self selected West Texas State track most valuable player . . . Mayor Fred Mercer placed the first direct distance dialing call after the cutover to the new equipment last Friday . . . Mrs. D. H. Davis is winner of second place in quilt design contest . . . Sheila Wilkinson placed third in the district tennis tournament . . . Ty McMurtry named to dean's honor roll at West Texas State . . . Gary Martin has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital being treated for an accidental gunshot wound in the lower leg . . . Mrs. F. E. Hutsell, outgoing president, honored by Century of Progress Study Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schott are parents of a daughter . . .

May 26, 1966—Honor graduates are Orlin Grabbe, valedictorian, and Linda Fisch, salutatorian . . . Residents asked not to waste water . . . Ted Hester wins color television set in a Gulf Oil Co. sweepstakes . . . March of Time Study Club has salad luncheon . . . Robert Rhode to receive degree at Hardin-Simmons University . . . E. G. Reed, who farms south of Quitaque, has been named as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Caprock Soil Conservation District . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams and Linda were in Amarillo Saturday . . . Ricki Rowell to marry Robbie Herman . . . WSCS honors seniors at breakfast . . . Joe Self, being of sound mind and body, leaves to Buddy Comer everything left in this high school that he, as President of the Student Council has the power to take . . . Ruth Ann Minyard, being of scatter-brained mind and long body, wills her unique sneeze to Sharon Martin and her calm unassuming manner to Connie Dudley . . .

May 24, 1956—Hoppers marching in Briscoe County . . . Charlie B. Parker returned home this week from Dallas where he went to take a course in refrigeration . . . Mr. and Mrs. John E. Arnold attended the 56th Pioneer Roundup in Plainview Saturday. An original poem written by Mrs. Arnold, the former Gertrude Braidfoot, "The Western Way," was dedicated on the program and Mrs. Arnold did her solo dance at the street dance in the evening . . . Lynn Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards, who live northeast of town, was accidentally shot through the abdomen Sunday by his uncle, who was cleaning the gun and did not know it was loaded. He underwent surgery Sunday and was reported in critical condition . . . Birthday celebration honors Mrs. W. A. Stephens . . . Mmes. Dean Allard and James Stevenson were in Tulia Monday afternoon on business . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt attended a bankers convention in Dallas Sunday . . .

June 13, 1946—Ann Grimland to open beauty shop Saturday . . . Henry Wallace Slayton, Seaman 1-c, recently received his honorable discharge from the naval personnel center at San Pedro, California . . . Lieutenant Com-

mander John Augustus Hamilton of Matador, former district attorney, was released to inactive duty in the naval reserve at the Jacksonville, Florida naval personnel separation center . . . John T. Haynes, veteran Scout leader, takes job at Philmont Scout Ranch . . . Around 150,000 bushels of wheat have been harvested . . . Georgia Fae Witcher is bride of Doyel Durham . . . Those enjoying an ice cream supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace and family Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Loys Rowell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowell and son, Dorothy Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. George Neese and son, all of

Strathmore, California; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rowell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace and family, Mrs. Bill Merrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson and family, James Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holt and Peggy, Faye and Jo Ann Ziegler . . .

May 21, 1936—Thirty-five seniors to graduate. Wilma Dickerson is valedictorian and Mildred Deavenport is salutatorian of the class . . . F. A. Pietzsch, pioneer, dies . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Wise cracks are like firecrackers in that both are made for fun—and both can inflict a nasty wound when shot off too close at hand . . . The fire

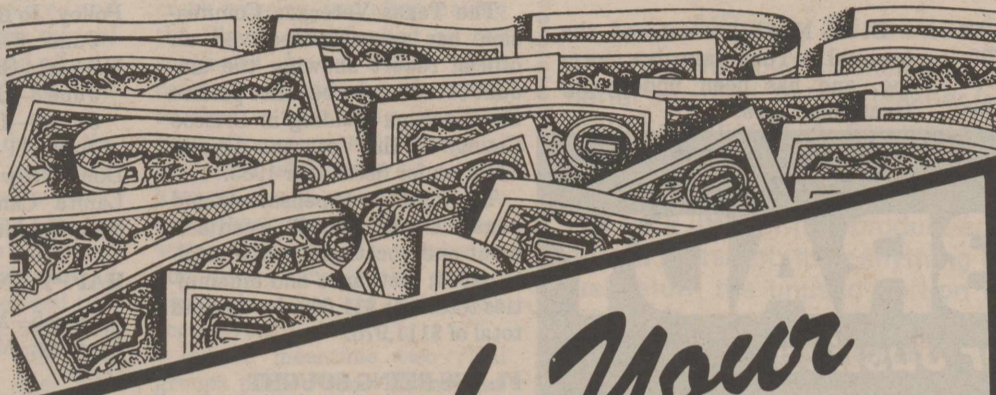
boys headed by Chief Theron Crass attended a fire meeting. They heard a rumor that sandwiches and beer were going to be served and lo, and behold! the attendance from Silverton was almost 100 percent—with the exception of the fire marshal . . . Ned Baird tells of his getting married. Everyone complimented him upon his choice, and all ended by telling him just how lucky he was. After so much of this, it got a little under Ned's skin; for, says he, "She didn't do so badly herself" . . . Ernest Davis purchased a new F-20 Farm-All from Tull Implement Company for use on his farm southeast of Silverton . . .



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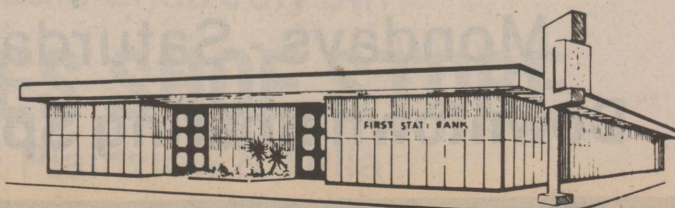


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Kori Baird Receives Wood Memorial Scholarship

Kori Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird, has been chosen to receive the Wood Memorial Scholarship for 1986. This scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding vocational student or students. It is made up of donations in memory of Leland Hugh, Rita and Ky Wood.

It serves to remind all students and the community of the outstanding work in the vocational field that both Leland and Rita were credited with. The scholarship is co-sponsored by the L. O. A. Junior Study Club of Silverton and the Silverton Young Farmers.

Kori has been an active member of the Future Homemakers of America for four years, serving as secretary this

year. She has also been an active member of the Future Farmers of America for two years, and has served as vice-president both years. She won the FFA Electrical Award last year and placed second in the District FFA Public Speaking Contest. Her sophomore year, she was the District and Area FFA Sweetheart.

Jim Brooks underwent surgery on his back Friday morning at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

D. T. Northcutt entered the hospital at Tulia Saturday morning, and has been undergoing treatment there.

Flomot Club To Publish New Cookbook

The Flomot Do-Gooders Club is working on a cookbook to be sold at the Tri-Annual Homecoming in July 1987. Anyone who is an ex-student, ex-resident or has a connection with Flomot in any way is requested to send in one or several of their favorite recipes.

Please put your name on the recipe.

Send recipes to Mrs. Howard Rogers, Route 1, Flomot, Texas 79234 by July 10, 1986.

Report Shows Amount of Monetary Benefits

The Texas Veterans Commission has recently received an official report showing the amount of monetary benefits paid to the veterans residing in Briscoe County by the Veterans Administration for fiscal year 1985.

The total of compensations and pensions was \$99,963; readjustment and vocational rehab totaled \$344; insurance and indemnities total was \$11,668, for a grand total of \$111,975.

FLAGS BEING SOUGHT

If you have a flag belonging to the Scouts, please return it to Lois Hill. This will be appreciated very much.

Class of 1976 To Plan Reunion

Members of the Class of 1976 are invited to a meeting in the Fred Arnold home at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 8, to help plan the class' ten-year reunion to be held in August.

If you were ever in school with this SHS class and are interested in the reunion, you are invited to the meeting.

If you can't attend the meeting, you are asked to call Tammi (Stephens) Brannon, 633-4339, or Kerri (Arnold) Cannon, 995-4310.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

June 5—Dwain Henderson, Lena Patino, Lana Patino, James Polley, Jo Bidwell

June 6—Patricia McJimsey, Norberto Garcia

June 8—Justin May

June 9—L. B. Garvin, jr.

June 11—Mary Ann Rauch, Don Brown, W. D. Rowell, Lanita Cantwell, Shirley Durham, Robbie McWaters

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

June 5—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davis

June 6—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill

June 7—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. John McCune

FAMILIES MAKING TRIPS ON TEXAS HIGHWAYS

School's out and families all over the state will be making trips on the Texas highway system. Major V. J. Cawthon, Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety Region 5's sixty counties, said, "Long trips can make children restless. Be sure to bring along something to keep them occupied."

The Major said, "All motorists should remember that state law requires all persons in the front seat of passenger cars to be buckled up at all times the vehicle is being operated upon a public highway."

"Also, don't forget that children under two years of age must be in an infant seat and children from two to four years of age must be buckled up no matter where the child is seated," Major Cawthon stated.

Remember, the leading cause of death of children under six years of age is automobile accidents!

"The only lost cause is the one you give up."
Ernst von Feuchtersleben

Electrical Safety Is Focus During May

Anyone working outside around the home this time of year should be careful to stay clean of power lines, says Hermilo Martinez, manager of safety for Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS).

It's appropriate that May is National Electrical Safety Awareness Month, Martinez says, because people are spending more time outside, near power lines and electrical facilities.

"The slightest touch of a power line can be enough to seriously injure or kill," Martinez says. "Sometimes people forget to think about those lines when they're trimming trees, moving a ladder or putting up a rooftop antenna."

Those who live in neighborhoods with underground electrical distribution lines should be careful when digging, too, Martinez says. "High winds can damage poles and lines," he says. "Anyone who sees a power line sagging or hanging broken should stay away from it, keep others away, and call us immediately. And be sure not to touch anything the line is touching, like a chain-link fence, which also could have become energized and dangerous."

Martinez says parents should teach their children the dangers of carelessness around electricity, especially since school soon will be out for the summer.

"Kids will be spending more time on their own, away from the house," he said. "They need to know to stay out of substations and not to climb utility poles or trees near overhead lines."

In this part of the country there can be a lot of irrigation pipe and it should be handled with care, Martinez said.

"Irrigation pipe can be an excellent conductor of electricity, and if someone lifts a tall section of pipe to move it or to chase out a rabbit, he could hit an overhead line and get electrocuted," Martinez warned. "All you have to remember is to look up and stay clear."

SPS offers many programs and materials about electrical safety to the general public, schools, employers, civic clubs and other groups. SPS offices have more information.

Southwestern Public Service Company provides electric service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area of eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the south plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

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PIONEERING IN BRISCOE COUNTY

by R. I. Hanna
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May 21, 1936

D. L. Keenan and I had been in the grocery business in Seymour, the big building boom had burst and there was more business than profitable customers. We heard settlers were beginning to come into Briscoe County and that a county seat was to be established in a few years. We decided to move our stock up there and start a town. We decided we did not know the plans of the settlers and had in mind cooperating with Goodnight, as most of the territory was controlled by Goodnight and Moore.

I went to Briscoe County early in February 1891. After passing through the Matadors I went through the F winter pasture. It was heavily stocked with the biggest cows I have ever seen on the range. Lots of red and roan cows (they were just beginning to change from the Durham to the Hereford) that would have been a credit to the up-to-date farms of Northwest Missouri. While in this pasture I met Tom Nichols. I told Tom the purpose of my trip to Briscoe County and he told me that there was a move on foot among the settlers to run a town of their own for county seat, and if they did, he said all H- couldn't beat them. As I went on I considered Tom's conclusion and decided that he was about right.

When I reached the Plains I found most of the school land had been filed on, but not many had yet moved onto their claims. Tom Anderson and Walter Boehms had claims west and southwest of where Silverton is, and both were living on Walter's place while Tom was getting his improvements ready on his own. I talked with them and with Mr. H. W. Savage and with Mr. Rogers about their plans for running a town for a county seat, and I endorsed the plans. The section that had been filed on by T. J. Braidfoot was the section that was being considered for the county seat.

I thought as I was going to be a citizen I had as well file on a piece of land and hold it while the country was developing, and went to Tulia and filed on the section which was later Mr. A. P. Donnell's home.

When I reached the Plains most of the settlers had just returned from Plainview where they had gone for protection, on account of an Indian scare down in Hall County. The scare had proved to be a false alarm. I returned to Seymour and procured lumber for a "dug-out" and got lumber on the ground for a store building as soon as the site was definitely arranged. At this time, the only improvements in sight, or near this section were two or three piles of dirt near where Mr. Braidfoot afterwards erected his dwelling.

As spring advanced more settlers began to come into the

county. The rains became more frequent and finally heavy down pours that filled all the basins. Water flowed across, half a mile west from where the court house now is, for a month or more. Grass was fine, there were many antelope on the Plains and many quail, both Mexican or Blue and Bob Whites. Occasionally a boar was killed around the edge of the breaks. The crystal lakes and the luxuriant grass, dotted with sleek cattle, were beautiful but spring did not pass without a tragedy. Mr. Harley had a claim a few miles southwest, and in going after a tent in which to live while erecting a residence, he skirted, to the east, the big lake on the Walter Boehms place, but on the way home he undertook to follow the trail which the water had covered and when opposite the deep part of the lake, his team turned off into the deep water and he was drowned.

Among the arrivals during the spring and summer were Mr. Northcutt, who started a blacksmith shop, Dr. Watkins, and the Bomar Brothers, who started a Drug Store. L. C. Fisher had come with me on my second trip from Seymour and we had gone in together and built our store building, when the site was arranged for, which was the first building on the town site.

The Crawford, the Askeys, Mr. Morris and Mr. Sweeney all came that spring. I had met Mr. Sweeney a number of times in Seymour when he would be there on business, and we had become quite good friends. I was surprised, rather early that spring, when he came out there prospecting. I at once dropped everything and determined to locate him if possible. The only Plains section we could find that had not been filed on, was the one on which he settled.

The town continued to grow and the country to settle. The Goodnight people started an opposing town (to the southeast) but most every body was interested in our town and we had much the lead.

That fall Mr. Keenan and I sold our stock of groceries to the Fisher Brothers. Our town company had the town surveyed and platted and our store building was found to be a few feet off the lot which had been awarded to us for erecting the first building. Fisher and I, with a lot of help, undertook to move it with skids and levers but did not make much headway, until Pat Duffey, an old Irishman, with Mr. Sweeney, who had done a little of most everything, took charge. I can hear him yet, when we were all ready to pray and push; he would yell, in his broken Irish, "Ya! He!" By lifting it all together, we were not long in getting in on the lot which later was occupied by the Cowart store.

While the town was being started, a name for it was being discussed. I was appointed as one member of a committee to select a name. Mrs. T. J. Braidfoot submitted a list of names for our consideration. We chose from it "Silverton" on account of the many crystal lakes of water surrounding it, with their silvery light reflecting in the sun.

On a trip to Amarillo I first met Mr. Grant Montague. He told me that in going after supplies he had hauled a load of

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horse bones from the "Old Mackenzie Battle Ground." The report was current that many hundreds of Indian horses were killed there by Mackenzie's men, but some time later, when I visited that location on the Tule, the bones were all gone. Bones were a fair price and in going to Amarillo for merchandise, it was convenient to take a load of buffalo bones. On one trip I hauled a load of buffalo bones I gathered northeast of Silverton. I found a number of skeletons in a small area not far from the Caprock on the old Clarendon road.

Eph Stevenson was the champion antelope hunter. They said he filled the air so completely full of lead that they could not get away. The road to the old rock creek crossing, just after leaving the Plains, was flanked on the southwest by a rather deep canyon, a branch of which reached to something like fifty yards from the road. It was at this point, while going to town in a wagon, I met some 25 antelope going back to the Plains from water, no doubt. They came on and rushed through this narrow gap rather than go back down the canyon.

In the meantime two rival groups pushed their towns, the Silverton Stock Company had their occasional meetings, and Lingos had its picnic early in the fall of 1891. Mr. H. W. Savage was at the head of our stock company and the loyalty and good will among our people was largely due to his good judgment and fairness.

Early in 1892, we moved to organize the county. The election was in March. We won by a large majority. The county officers on our ticket were elected with about the same majority as our county seat.

The first officers were Stalbird, county judge; Crawford, sheriff; Tom Anderson, clerk;

Fisher, attorney; Walter, surveyor; Reeves, assessor, and myself, treasurer.

I do not remember the date of the building of the first school house. It was several hundred yards southwest of the public square. As I remember it, Rev. Beck and his wife taught the first school and possibly the second. Mrs. Beck was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landreth who lived for a number of years on the section cornering with Silverton. They were parents of Rev. Ira Landreth, a distinguished preacher and lecturer, well known

from coast to coast, who was once nominated by the prohibition party as a candidate for vice president—a man of rare ability. I heard a lecture by him at Anthony, Kansas, a number of years ago.

The courthouse was built as soon after the organization of the county as arrangements could be made. The court room of the court house was used as a place for preaching and other public meetings for a considerable time. The first church built was the Presbyterian.

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Birthday Celebration Discussed at Meeting

Briscoe County's Birthday Celebration was discussed at the Silverton Young Farmers meeting held Thursday, May 22, at the vocational agriculture department.

The county roping was planned for Thursday, August 14, at Wood Memorial Arena. The annual rodeo will be held August 15-16 with C Bar T Rodeo Company furnishing the stock.

Jeannita Stephens was elected to serve as the Silverton Young Farmers Rodeo Queen candidate.

On Thursday, August 14, the Rough Riders are tentatively scheduled to furnish music for a dance sponsored by the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and the Young Farmers. For Friday and Saturday night's dances, the Caprock Country band will provide the music.

Those attending the business meeting were Hand Baird, Randy Lyons, Dale McWaters, Mike Delano, Calvin Shelton, Manuel Aguilar, Clinton Dickerson, Harvey McJimsey and Wayne Stephens.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to renew my paper for another year. We always look forward to Thursdays and the Silverton paper. It's almost like a visit home; we have been gone 26 years, but Silverton will always be home to us.

Your paper is good as always.

If you all are ever in Quana or the Medicine Mound community where we live, stop by and see us.

Thank you much,
Gladys Brannon

Dear Editor:

I have never written to a newspaper before, but I felt that this was important to me. Please print this in your editor's column.

THE LOVE OF PARENTS

All parents love their children and would do almost anything to help them. In my case, I feel that my parents went the extra mile and then some. They gave me emotional support when I needed it most. I was given the opportunity to further my education. But most of all they gave my children the love and stability when they needed it desperately. Many sacrifices were made, but they never complained. When I worried about things, they always said, "Don't worry, we'll make it." When it was their time to be grandparents, they were suddenly parents again to my children. But again, they never complained. I owe a great debt, which I know I'll never be able to repay, although I intend to always try. I wish everyone could see my parents through my eyes.

Penny Arnold Griffin

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Vaughan Descendants Have Reunion Here

The descendants of the family of the late William Moten Vaughan gathered in the Silverton School Cafeteria on Sunday, May 25, 1986, for their annual reunion. Seventy-one cousins and a few visitors enjoyed a bountiful lunch and a day of visiting.

A business meeting was conducted by Doug Turner, president, and Karen Turner, secretary-treasurer, following lunch. The largest family group present was the Stephens family with 26. The next largest was the Flowers family with 18.

The John Vaughan family had two present, the Will Vaughan family had seven, the Sim Vaughan family had five, and the Ed Vaughan family had six present. There were none from the Moten Vaughan, Mrs. Nora Freeman, Mrs. Ellen Baker nor the Neal Vaughan family.

Those attending included Doug and Karen Turner, Chad, Neal and Dee, Lubbock; Wayne, Betty and Christina Stephens, Rex and Theta Holt, Kent Holt, Mable Welch, Grace Vaughan, Virgal and Latressa Minyard and family, all of Silverton; Cephus and Eula Flowers, Tulia; Lyndon

and Nelma Stephens, Portales, New Mexico; Dave McGavock, Tulia; Brill and Ivalee Vaughan, Boise City, Oklahoma; Ewing and Louise Vaughan of Silverton and their grandson, Douglas Vaughan of Arlington; Elbert and Juanita Stephens of Silverton; Gilford and Jennie Flowers, Happy; Kim and Peggy Carter and Tammie, French and Nora McGavock, Tulia; Doyle and Merlene Stephens, Silverton; Simmie and Zora Vaughan, Tulia; Loyd and Lavern Stephens, Loving, New Mexico; two guests from Silverton, Bob Hill and Raymond Grewe; Mrs. Carrie Bell Bradley, Tulia; Tammi Brannon, Fred, Lois, Stacie, Richie and Will Hill, Girtha Mae Vaughan, George and Agnes Seaney, Silverton; Wendell, Nedra, Aileen and Megan Hardin, Amarillo; Jarus, Latrella and Kinon Flowers, San Jacinto community; Mrs. Ollie McMinn, Silverton, and Mrs. Hattie Bradley, Tulia.

Doug and Karen Turner volunteered to be hosts for the reunion next year.

Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren had been added to the family during the past year.

Cross Reunion Held Here Sunday, June 1

The annual Cross Family Reunion was held Sunday, June 1, at the Silverton School Cafeteria. The reunions were begun on the first Sunday in June back in 1979, and this was the eighth year of the reunion. The first year there were sixty present. There has been a good attendance each year, but this year's crowd was down to thirty-four. The reunion is planned again next year, and it is hoped that more will be able to attend.

Highlights of the day were a nice lunch, picture taking and a lot of visiting.

Attending were Mason Neely and Johnne Donahey, Clovis, New Mexico; Harold, Wilma and Ruth Lindley, Clarendon; Lon and Mary Woodburn, Dimmitt; Bill and Lucy McDaniel, Dale McWaters, Christi and Robbie, Joe and Ruby McWaters, Donna Tomlin, Ashel and Mildred McDaniel, Gary, Ramona, Dusty, Vanessa and Matthew Martin, George Martin, all of Silverton; Marion and Mamie Cross, Den-

ton; Jack, Susan, Heather and Megan Robison, Amarillo; Bill, Kathy, William and Josh Cross, Clyde, Texas.

Three family members, Dorothy Martin, Dennis Lindley and Phyllis Richey, had died since the previous reunion.

Habitat Development For Bobwhite Quail

The Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District can now help Briscoe County landowners restock gamebirds which in the past few years have been on the decline mainly due to weather conditions. Gamebirds that are available include quail, pheasant, turkey and duck. Information on habitats is available through the Soil Conservation Service Office. There will be informative articles on various wildlife habitats through the month of May. If you are interested in these gamebirds, you can contact the SCS at 823-2320.

Bobwhite quail habitat consists of space to live, food, cover, and water, to some extent. All these must be present and closely related to one another and be available all 12 months of the year.

LIVING SPACE

A covey of quail will usually remain within a relatively small area. Their range is governed by the quality of habitat. A population of quail is generally considered satisfactory if a covey of quail of 10-15 birds occupies 20-30 acres of habitat.

FOOD

The quail diet consists of about 15% insects and 85% plant matter. Insects are particularly important to chicks and young birds which need high protein food for growth. Plant matter usually consists of large, smooth, hard seeds. Farbs commonly called "weeds" and legumes provide the bulk of these seeds. Seeds from plants such as safflower, snow on the mountain, western ragweed, partridge pea, small wildbean, fringleaf pespakum, switchgrass and johnsongrass are readily eaten by quail. If a habitat evaluation shows that additional food is needed for quail, overseeding with adapted plants that have smooth hard seed can be considered. Some of these are switchgrass, Kleingrass, Bristlegrass and Blue Panic. These species can be planted in pure stands. If wildlife food plots are established, they should be designed to create a as much "edge" as feasible. For example, a rectangular shape is better than a square. All seedings should be done on well prepared and firm seedbeds.

COVER

Quail require different cover types for different use.

1. Nesting Cover—Quail prefer clumps of perennial bunch-type grasses such as bluestem, switchgrass, lovegrass and Kleingrass.

2. Loafing and Escape Cover—This cover is usually low-growing brush that is open underneath.

3. Travel and Feeding Cover—Movement from place to place is primarily by walking. Vegetation should be thin enough to prevent movement yet provide concealment from ground predators, and tall enough to protect from Avian predators. This cover type is deficient on heavily grazed pastures, but with proper grazing a variety of plants provide travel

and feeding cover.

4. Roosting Cover—Roosts are usually located on south and southwest exposures where vegetation is low and sparse. Bare ground is sometimes used. This enables the birds which roost in a circle with heads to the outside, to flush straight up when disturbed. Roosting cover is rarely deficient.

Lockney Hospital Announces Assn. Of New Physician

Administrator Terry Keltz has announced that William W. Prater, jr., M.D. will be joining the medical staff at Lockney General Hospital in August of next year. Dr. Prater is a 1979 cum laude graduate of Texas A&M with a major in microbiology. He also completed one year of graduate research in virology at Texas A&M. Dr. Prater graduated with honors from medical school at the University of Texas at Galveston and was ranked in the top 10 percent of his class in scholastic achievement. While at UTMB, Galveston, he was a member of the Alpha Omega Medical Honor Society and was the recipient of the prestigious Hambrook-McGanigan Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Prater is cur-

rently completing his residency in Family Practice at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. He will complete his training in July of next year.

Dr. Prater attended elementary and high school in Paducah where his mother, Mrs. Atha Prater, is currently Cottle County Treasurer. He and his wife, Tracy, have two children, Megan, age five, and Will, age two. Tracy is also from Paducah and is the daughter of Arvis and Jo Anne Davis who are the owners of Arvis Davis Chevrolet Company in Paducah.


"We are most fortunate to have Dr. Prater and his family come to our community. He will be a tremendous asset to our fine medical staff."

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ware of Cedar Hill are parents of a son, Cody Wayne, born June 1, 1986 at 7:09 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed nine pounds and six ounces, and measured 22½ inches long.

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The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the City of Silverton's proposed application.

This meeting will provide citizens an opportunity to participate in the development of the application. The final application will be submitted to the Texas Department of Community Affairs by June 30, 1986. 23-1tc

Cards of Thanks

I want to thank the members of the PTA for sponsoring the sesquicentennial essay and poster contest. The bronze medalion and fifty dollar savings bond will always be special to me.

Thanks very much,
Ashleigh Wyatt

Thank you for your cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, and most of all, for the prayers, during my surgery and hospital stay. Also for the food and visits since I have been home.

Peggy Garvin

This is a great big thank-you to all the beautiful people who cheered me while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. The prayers, calls, cards and food have been so special. I hope God will richly reward each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness.

Eunice McFall

We would like to say thank you to the Progressive Homemakers for making the recent survey of the city.

City of Silverton

As your friend and funeral director, I wanted to take the time to express my appreciation to the residents of Briscoe and Hall counties for your acceptance, understanding and friendship during my tenure as your funeral director.

In your time of need you have always expressed your appreciation... and that is my reward. I consider my job as a Christian ministry and I hope that I have conducted myself as such.

I especially want to thank my assistants—Leroy and Collene Stone, Ashel and Mildred McDaniel, Ruby Hester and Mary Pittman for their loyalty to their jobs.

I also must thank Dick Roehr, Oliver Clark, James Edwards, Dale McWaters, Manuel Cruz, Charles Daniels, Lewis Eudy, the local fire and ambulance crews for always giving me a hand when I need it.

God bless each of you and I hope that we will continue to serve you for many more years.

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