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School Attendance Vital During Next Four Weeks

The next four weeks comprise one of the most important months of the year for the Silverton Schools because school officials will be keeping an even closer than usual eye on attendance figures.

It is those figures that will determine how much in state funding the Silverton Schools will receive.

Beginning Monday, February 16, and for the next four weeks, Principal Leonard Morgan and teachers in the school system will do everything they can to make sure every student is in class during those crucial weeks when the average daily attendance (ADA) figures are taken to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

As part of the educational reforms passed a couple of years ago, the state funding formula

"Every school will be using some kind of incentive to encourage the kids to be in school, but we'll need the help of all parents, too," Mr. Morgan added. "Records will be kept as of second period each day through March 13. We would appreciate your making every effort possible to have your children in school during this time."

for public schools was changed and is now based on the ADA of each school district for one month each semester.

"We want to make sure that parents understand how important it is that the kids be in school during this February-March period," Mr. Morgan said. "Please do not take students out of school for doctor or dental appointments before 10:00 a.m. during this time."

Job Preparation Training Slated Here February 19

Farmers, ranchers, homemakers, high school seniors, and other interested persons are invited to the Job Preparation Training at the First State Bank Pioneer Room in Silverton February 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. sponsored by the Extension Program Council and First State Bank.

The day-long event will be conducted by Panhandle Community Services job training representatives as well as TSTI and South Plains College. Cost is \$10 per individual or couple. There is no charge to seniors in Silverton and Valley High Schools.

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:15: Jimmy Burson, Chairman, Extension Program Council, and Johnny Raymond, PCS Executive Director; welcome and introduction
- 9:15-9:30: South Plains College representatives: Bobby James and Stephen Beck
- 9:30-9:45: Texas State Technical Institute representative: Jim Lutes
- 9:45-10:00: David Duncan, director of PCS Division of Counseling and Human Resource Development
- 10:00-10:15: BREAK
- 10:15-10:30: Cherie Akst, PCS Counseling Division, Vocational

- 10:30-11:00: Phyllis Cook, PCS Director of Training and Employment and Helen Pryor, JTPA coordinator
- 11:00-11:30: Lynda Fogerson and King Hill, PCS Training Coordinator, Job Prep Introduction
- 11:30-1:00: LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00-4:00: Job Preparation Training with two breaks scheduled when needed.

The Job Preparation Training portion from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. will include applications, resumes, data sheets, interviews, job search and job leads, employer expectations, and other job-related skills.

Participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 823-2343 to register.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Bi-District Game To Be Played Here

A bi-district game between Lakeview and Nazareth will be played in the Silverton School gym beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17.

Filing Deadline Is Wednesday, February 18

Filing deadline for the Silverton City Council is Wednesday, February 18, at 5:00 p.m.

The terms of Mayor A. R. Martin and Councilmen Lynn Frizzell and John Bowman are expiring this year.

Mayor Martin has filed for re-election. David Johnston has filed for a place on the ballot as councilman.

Little Dribbler Parents To Meet

An organizational meeting of Little Dribbler parents and others interested in the program will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (tonight) in the school homemaking room.

Everyone interested in the program and especially those interested in coaching a team are urged to attend this important meeting.

Junior Class to Sponsor Volleyball Tournament Soon

The Junior Class of Silverton High School will sponsor an Outsiders' Volleyball Tournament February 27-28.

Brackets will be available for men's, women's and mixed teams. Entry fee is \$35.00 per team, and is due February 20.

Entries paid on or by February 20 will be drawn into the bracket and a copy of the bracket and rules will be mailed to the teams at that time.

Trophies will be given for first, second, third and consolation.

Contact Jack or Annette Shely at the high school, phone 823-2476 or 823-2477; after school hours, call 823-2563.

Blood Drive Is March 10

Silverton's next blood drive is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the City Hall.

Please circle this date on your calendar, and plan to "give the gift of life" when the bloodmobile is here from Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo.

"Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises." Samuel Butler

Briscoe County Activities Association Is Organized

The new Briscoe County Activities Association was recently organized for the purpose of promoting the county and its various activities.

Chosen to serve as president was Joe Brannon, and those elected to serve with him are Calvin Shelton, vice president; Mrs. Jackie Mercer, secretary; Alton Riddell, treasurer; Lynn Frizzell, reporter; Jerry Patton, Wayne Nance, Stan Fogerson, Dirk Aaron and Bill Strange, members of the executive committee.

A fee of \$5.00 per family is being assessed as a membership fee. This organization is open to men and women of all ages. Approximately 55 have already joined the group.

"It is important to note," Brannon said, "that all money raised by this organization will be used in the county to enrich life in the rural community."

More members are needed to promote Briscoe County activities,

and everyone interested in the county is eligible for membership.

"This will be a service organization, dedicated to the preservation of the county birthday celebration, rodeo and barbecue," Brannon said. "We hope to be able to earn enough money in the near future to remodel the restrooms and build a kitchen at the show barn to make this facility nicer for the various events held there."

The organization will be meeting the fourth Thursday night of each month. Plan now to attend the next meeting.

Soil Conservation District Awards Banquet Is Thursday

The Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Awards Banquet will be held Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. The banquet will be held in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Awards will be given to the winners of the Conservation Poster Contests held recently in the Silverton and Valley Schools.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with the meal. Meat and drinks will be furnished.

Contest winners, their families, teachers, and everyone interested are invited to attend.

Commodity Give-Away Scheduled Friday

Commodities will be given to those eligible to receive them beginning at 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 13, at the community center building. This will include rice, honey, flour and milk.

It is time to sign up again, and you must report ALL types of income.

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

The government has ordered that the commodity give-aways be stopped, and if you want to voice your opinion against this you can sign a petition at the community center building when you come to pick up your commodities Friday. The petitions will also be placed in other locations around town.

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Woodrow Wilson

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Owls Playing Warm-Up Games

Silverton's Owls are playing a series of warm-up games in preparation for their bi-district game with the Nazareth Swifts sometime during the week of February 23-26, at a place and time to be decided after the Swifts finish their regular schedule this week.

The Owls played New Home at Petersburg Tuesday night, and Friday night will be playing Harrold at Hedley. Tip-off time is

8:00 p.m.

Friday night, February 20, the Owls will play Farwell at West Texas State University with game time set at 6:30 o'clock.

The Owls finished their regular season on a high note with a victory over Lakeview. The Owls earned a 49-35 decision behind the scoring power of R. Clardy, with 16, and M. Clardy, with 13 points.

The Owls closed out the regular district schedule with a record of four wins and two losses, both to district champion Valley, and an overall record of ten wins and nine losses. For the second year in a row, the Owls advance to the bi-district play-offs.

JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior High Owls visited Lakeview on February 2 and ended their season on a winning note with a 34-28 score. Leading scorer for the game was Bradley Brunson, who burned the baskets with a big 26 points.

This year's team completed its

Owlettes Finish Season At Lakeview Gym

Silverton's Owlettes finished their regular season with an over-time 44-43 loss to Lakeview.

"We lost our composure late in the game and made some mental mistakes. We had a chance at a last-second shot but couldn't get it off," said Coach Gary Childs. "We shot only 13 of 28 from the line for 46% while they hit 70%. That was the difference.

"We finished at 7-14 with first in the Silverton Tourney and second at Claude; hopefully, we gained some valuable experience that will benefit us next year.

"Thanks to all the parents and everyone who stood behind us. A special thanks to the moms who put up the signs and all in the gym. It was very nice.

"We will have all the girls working hard this off-season and this summer, and expect to be very competitive next year," Coach Childs added.

Gina Myers scored 13 points and DeLyn Patton added 12 at Lakeview.

Owlettes	9 20 32 39 43
Lakeview	10 20 26 39 44

The Owlettes lost a 46-24 match to Valley on January 30. "We played pretty well defensively, but just couldn't score when we got the shots we wanted," Coach Childs said. "We hit only 12 of 23 from the free-throw line, 52%." The Valley Lady Patriots are the district champions.

Owlettes	5 9 15 24
Valley	10 21 37 46

The Owlettes dropped their

match at Hedley, 53-40, on January 27. "Turnovers killed us again," said Coach Childs. "We had several chances to take the lead in the fourth quarter, but we lost our poise and threw several bad passes near the end. You could say we choked. We hit only eight of 19 from the free-throw line, 42%."

Owlettes	13 21 32 40
Hedley	6 26 40 53

JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior High Owlettes finished their season Monday, February 2, with a 21-19 overtime victory against Lakeview.

"We really played super defense. Our pressure really bothered them," Coach Childs said. "The girls played with a lot of poise down the stretch.

"I want to thank all the parents who supported us this season. Seeing a lot of people in the stands for the Junior High games really makes me and the kids feel good. We appreciate all the support.

"I'm really extremely proud of these Junior High girls. They really came a long, long way. We finished the season with a good 5-6 record, a tournament championship and one second-place finish," the Coach added.

Scoring in the last game was by Gwen Clardy, five points; Aimee Francis, twelve points;

Julie Graham, two points, and Tonya Baird, two points.

Mrs. Pigg Receives Doctor of Law Degree

More than 1,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees at the conclusion of the 1986 fall semester.

Mrs. Mike (Sharon) Pigg of Silverton received the doctor of law degree.

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season with a record of ten wins and three losses.

"This was the first year that we had the opportunity of playing the sixth graders on the Junior High squad, and they came away with some impressive credentials," Coach Bob Loy said. "I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the hard work and intensity that this team showed throughout the season.

"Four of our eighth graders played their final Junior High game. They are Wayne Henderson, Bradley Brunson, Robby Weak and Kirk Couch," the coach added.



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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

February 10, 1977—Owls finish season with unblemished 5-B record . . . Last rites held for Wood Hardcastle . . . John McClendon buried at Tulia . . . Mackenzie directors to oppose weather modification permits . . . Mrs. Hamblen died in Abilene . . . Services held for Shawna Satterfield . . . June Mooseberg to wed Tommy Sherman . . . Helping Hand Club meets with Mrs. Mae Rowell . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele have returned from a visit in California where they were with a daughter who underwent major surgery . . .

February 9, 1967—Margaret Minyard is D.A.R. Good Citizen . . . Joni Self is named local "Homemaker of Tomorrow" by General Mills . . . Mrs. Jennie Penn buried here Monday . . . Mrs. J. E. Patton presented a check for \$525.00 to Elementary School Principal Bill Verden to complete the purchase of a new controlled reader for the school. The money was raised by members of the L. O. A. Junior Study Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baird and Linda were honored with a housewarming after they sold their home in east Silverton and moved to their new home at 704 Stalbird . . . Baptist W.M.S. holds Anniversary Tea in the home of Mrs. C. O. Allard . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Brannon are parents of a daughter, Amy DeAnn . . . Tillie May, who has been in Westerville, Ohio with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Womack and family, returned Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May and sons and Mrs. Nuke May and children . . . Sarah Jane Cline has recently received her master's degree in library science from East Texas State University . . .

February 14, 1957—Tommy Autry was among Howard Payne College agriculture students who made up a livestock team that participated in the Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth recently . . . Mrs. Flora Dickerson observes 85th birthday . . . Army Specialist Third James M. Thornton is playing basketball in Korea on the Headquarters Battery team of the 7th Infantry Division's 57th Field Artillery Battalion . . . Ben S. Martin dies following an illness of several months . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brooks celebrate 50th wedding anniversary . . . Richard Tunnell, a recent graduate of the School of Pharmacy at The University of Texas in Austin, left Monday morning for Plainview where he will be employed as pharmacist at West Pharmacy . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Welch and children have moved to Alford McMurtry's ranch near Goodnight where Mr. Welch will be employed . . .

February 6, 1947—Quitaque wins two games against locals . . . Palace Theater to show "Spook Busters" with the Bowery Boys Friday night . . . Amarillo Times to be delivered here by truck . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Andrews are parents of a daughter, Peggy Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adams are parents of a son, Gerry Dee . . . Mr. and Mrs.

Wayne Gerdes are parents of a daughter . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks are parents of a daughter, Mary Fern . . . Mr. and Mrs. Olivy Phillips are parents of a daughter, Nancy Leah . . . Mrs. R. A. Day honored with birthday dinner here . . . Miss Alta Mae Kindrick is bride of J. E. Meadows . . . Mrs. Frances Davis is bride of Bennett Haley . . .

February 9, 1939—Gaynelle Douglas is elected Personality Queen at West Texas State College . . . Old timer J. B. Porter succumbs . . . Humble Oil leases fourteen sections of land southeast of Silverton . . . The friends and neighbors of Mrs. S. B. Watters gathered in her home Sunday to help her celebrate her

81st birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson are parents of a son, Bradford Wayne . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, Keith Pearce, Aaron Frieze and Snooks Baird attended the Golden Gloves Tournament in Lubbock Tuesday night . . . Mrs. Jim Bomar and Mrs. E. Stephens spent Tuesday in Plainview . . . J. A. Bain, who underwent an operation last week in Temple, is reported much better at this time . . . Rev. Goree Applewhite of Lone Star delivered the sermon at the evening service of the First Baptist Church Sunday night . . .

May 9, 1929—An important real estate transfer was made Wednesday when Mrs. Kate Fowler became the owner of the

south half of five business lots facing the News building on the north side of the street . . . J. W. West elected new Scoutmaster . . . J. E. Simpson dies in Amarillo Sunday . . . Cecil Vaughan is in receipt of a letter from Barse Commission Company, Fort Worth, complimenting him on the primeness of the two baby beeves which he fed out and which were shipped to market at Fort Worth . . . John Bain enjoyed a surprise birthday party last week . . . Floral Club enters plea for park site; willing to beautify it if obtained . . . Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown are the owners of a new Ford coupe . . .

SILVERTON SCHOOL LUNCHROOM MENU

February 16-20

Monday—Ham Slice, Macaroni and Cheese, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday—Pot Pie, Salad and Crackers, Cup Cake, Milk

Wednesday — Soft Burrito, Spanish Rice, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

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

Friday — Chili Dogs, French Fries, Jello, Milk

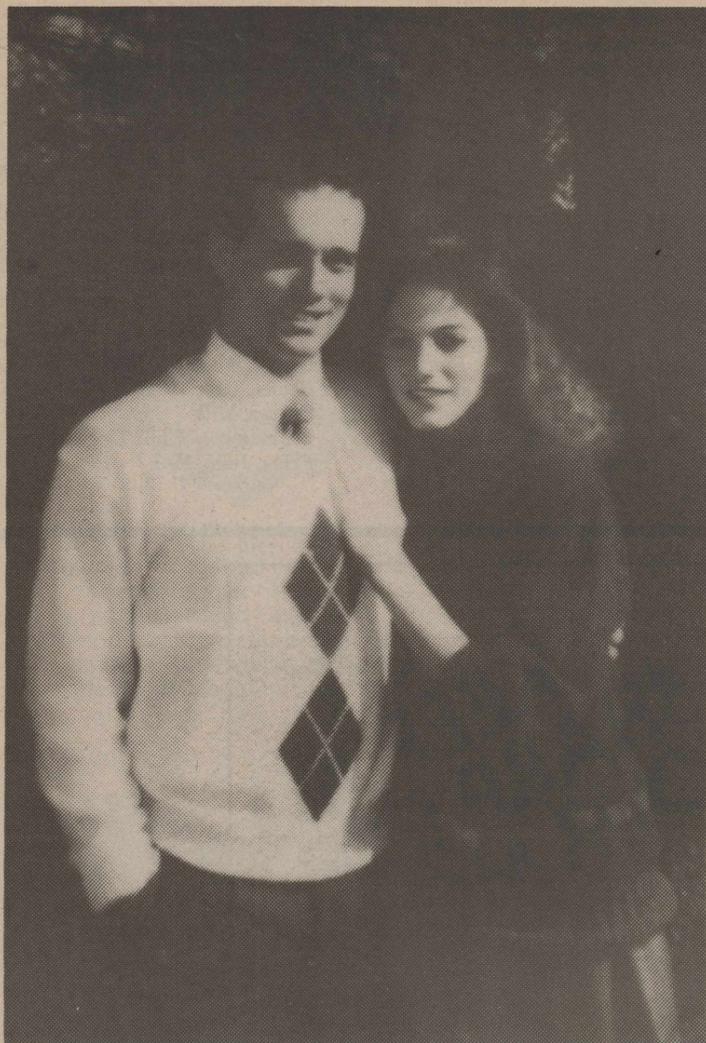
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Les Cochran of Houston and Luella Cochran of Abilene are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah, to Christopher Lynn Sperry, son of Bill Sperry of Odessa and Mrs. Dianne Bailey of Tulia. The bride-elect is a graduate of Cooper High School and received a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University. She is presently employed by the San Angelo Independent School District. The prospective bridegroom, a former Silverton resident and grandson of Mrs. Marguerite Reynolds of Tulia, was graduated from Tulia High School and will receive his bachelor's degree from Angelo State University in May. He is presently employed by ASU. A March 14 wedding is being planned at Pioneer Baptist Church in Abilene.

Mrs. McMinn To Be Honored With Birthday Reception

Mrs. Bud (Ollie) McMinn will be honored with a reception from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22, in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, on the occasion of her eightieth birthday anniversary.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The family stresses, "your presence will be our joy, and we request that no gifts be sent."

Hosting the event will be Mrs. McMinn's daughter and grandchildren: Mrs. Melvin (Fayree) Watkins and her daughters, Mrs. Ben (Gail) Shoemake and sons, Todd and Matt, Mrs. Mike (Anita) Todd and Melanie Watkins, all of Amarillo. They will be assisted by Mrs. McMinn's son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley McMinn and Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. Richie (Debbie) Hubbard and sons, Brian and Brent, all of Lubbock.

Mrs. McMinn was born in



OLLIE McMINN

Erick, Oklahoma February 23, 1907 to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vaughan. They moved to Silverton in the spring of 1909, and

except for five months, she has lived in Briscoe County all her life. Mrs. Vaughan died July 13, 1923 and Mr. Vaughan died August 9, 1960.

She has two brothers, Eural and Ewing Vaughan, also of Silverton, and a sister, Mrs. Lottie Owens, of Quitaque.

She married Bud McMinn March 15, 1925. They lived at Lockney for five months where he was farming, and in September they moved to a farm in Briscoe County where they made their home until 1948 when they moved to Silverton.

Mr. McMinn died December 25, 1971 after a long illness. Mrs. McMinn remains in Silverton where she has been a faithful member of the First Baptist Church since 1930. She taught a Sunday School class until 1963 when she fell and broke her left leg. She also is a charter member of the Silverton Senior Citizens.

The McMinn family requests the presence of their friends and relatives at this time of joy for their mother and grandmother. No invitations are being sent locally.

canned or frozen counterparts, there is no appreciable difference in their nutritional value. Fresh fruits and vegetables in-season will typically be the best value. But frozen or canned produce may be less expensive when compared to the fresh produce imported out-of-season from warmer climates.

If you are concerned about the added sugar in canned fruit, rinse the fruit syrup off before serving or buy those packed in fruit juices. Canned vegetables can also be rinsed to reduce sodium content for those on low-salt diets.

BREADS, CEREALS AND PASTAS—Check the ingredients label to see if you are paying premium prices for sugar, fruit, nuts, added fiber or vitamin fortification in your cereal. It could be less expensive to add your own fruit to a plain cereal. Highly fortified cereals or those with added fiber may not be necessary if you are eating a balanced diet.

Many rice, noodle and other pasta convenience dishes can be made quickly at home by adding your own spices and sauces to the pasta. While regular whole grain breads are generally a good buy, specialty breads and store bakery breads may be higher.

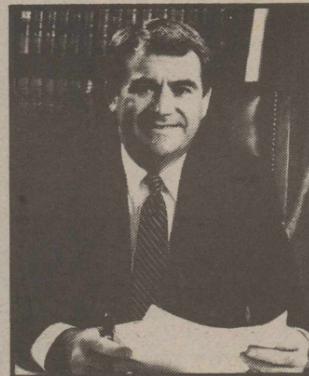
FROZEN ENTREES AND DINNERS—Frozen entrees and dinners can be a money-saver, if they are used as an alternative to going out for a restaurant meal; however, they are typically two to three times more costly than food prepared at home.



The naranjilla, a relative of the tomato and potato with a taste like a combination of apricots and pineapples, is grown on high, rainy slopes in Andean valleys.



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CONSUMER ALERT

by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

How To Lose Weight Not Money

Many people make New Year's resolutions to lose weight and get into shape. If you are one of those trying to firm your figure, you may be considering joining a health spa.

Of course, no one would admit that upon selling the membership, but that's how it sometimes works out.

You should pick a club that's convenient to your home and/or office. My Consumer Protection personnel tell me that people are much less likely to use a spa if they have to drive a long distance.

Talk to people who are already members of a number of convenient spas. See if they are satisfied before joining. Specifically, ask your friends and other members what they think of the club's maintenance and personnel.

Find out exactly what your membership includes *before* signing a contract. If the salesperson promises something to you that is not written into the contract, get that promise in writing. Verbal promises are worth very little when a written contract is involved.

Finally, if you have any health problems, check with your doctor about what kinds of exercise are best for you before joining a spa.

ASK QUESTIONS

Texas has many fine health spas and fitness centers. But numerous consumers have found that they joined the wrong one when the spa they joined closed after only a few months. So, it is important to check the reputation of the spa's parent company. ● How long have they been in business? ● Do they have unresolved consumer complaints at the local Better Business Bureau or at my Consumer Protection Division? If the answers to these questions are unsatisfactory, you should look for another place to exercise.

CHECK IT OUT

If you decide to join a health spa or club, be sure to visit the facilities several times before buying your membership. Go by at the time of day you are most likely to use the spa. Note whether your preferred hours coincide with peak times. If so, you will want to see whether the club is crowded. If it is, you might find it difficult to use the equipment or pool.

It is generally not a good idea to buy a "lifetime" membership. Many consumers have found that the lifetime referred to was that of the spa—not the lifetime of the member.

Consumer Food Costs For 1987

If you spend substantially more on groceries in 1987 than in 1986, it will probably be to buy more convenience rather than food, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutrition specialist.

"The U. S. Department of Agriculture projects that food prices will rise only 2-4% in 1987, marking the sixth consecutive year of low food price inflation," says Marilyn Haggard.

Last year's increase in the cost of food at home has been attributed almost entirely to high value prepared foods, especially convenience foods from the delicatessen, bakery and frozen food departments, she adds.

The Extension specialist gives the following suggestions for keeping family food costs down in 1987:

MEAT AND POULTRY—Watch for specials on meat and poultry and freeze what you can't use right away. Prepared meat patties, chicken or turkey nuggets and other breaded meat products cost more than similar foods prepared at home.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—Although you may prefer fresh fruits and vegetables to their



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Silverton, Texas

Homemakers' Council Has Business Meeting

The Briscoe County Extension Homemakers' Council met February 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Extension office.

Chairman Theta Holt presided, and members voted to re-adopt the by-laws. They discussed plans for county-wide Extension Club activities.

The TEHA committee approved each club's delegates to the District meeting, which will be held in Post on April 14.

"Age is not all decay; it is the ripening, the swelling, of the fresh life within, that withers and bursts the husks."

George Macdonald

4-H Camera Club Meets Here Tonight

The 4-H Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

February 12—Marcum Wade Greeson, Doug Coleman

February 13—Melissa Davis, Mistie Dyan Matthews

February 14 — Linda Fisch, Vanessa Reyna, Scotti Straley, Max D. Garrison, Brenda Boling, Jerry Patton, Lee Burnett

February 15—Gary Weaks, Charlie Francis

February 16—Zeb Holt, Genie Lavy, Darrell Couch, Greg Garcia, James Alan Patton, Brent Brannon, Clifford Clardy

February 17—Patti Whitting-

ton
February 18—Judy Hughes, Bill Boling, Amy Minyard, Billie Ann Sprague, Molly Riddle, Craig Patton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

February 12—Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Haynie

February 14—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Estes

February 17—Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt

February 18—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramirez

"The advantage of doing one's praising for oneself is that one can lay it on so thick and exactly in the right places."

Samuel Butler

Casey Bean Receives Degree At Texas Tech

Casey Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean, has recently received his bachelor's degree in telecommunications (cum laude) from Texas Tech University.

He is now working on his master's degree in business with an emphasis in marketing and finance.

YOUNG MISS

PLACES IN CONTEST

Little Miss Kelcy Simpson, daughter of Mitchell and Connie Simpson of Lubbock, and granddaughter of Doc and Sharon Simpson and W. D. and Peggy Rowell, recently won third place in a beauty contest for those 12-14 months old in Lubbock.

Dave Francis Named to Honor Roll at LCC

Dave Francis was among those named to the fall dean's honor roll at Lubbock Christian College.

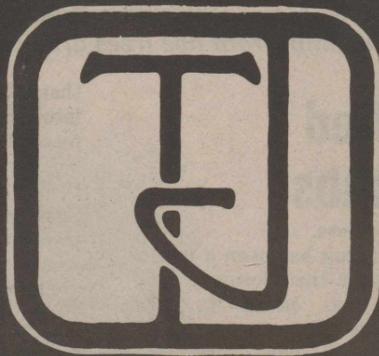
To be eligible for the honor roll a student must post at least a 3.50 grade point average while carrying a load of at least 12 semester hours.

Francis posted an average of 3.56. He will be a candidate for graduation in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress of Cameron visited in the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Childress, Friday night.

"Beauty is harmony, grace is melody."

Juan Montalvo



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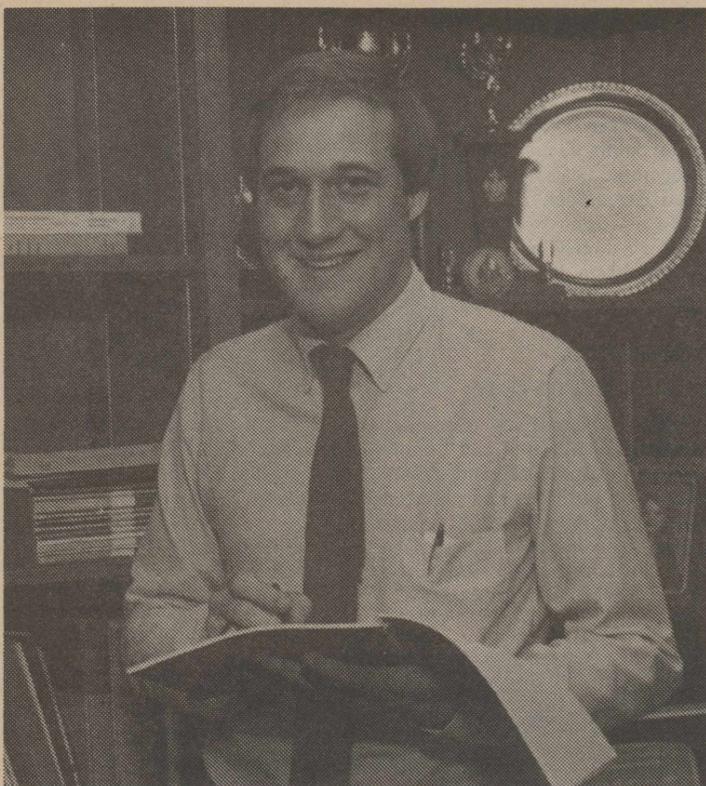
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DR. JAMES JOHNSON

Johnson Receives Doctorate At Texas Tech University

James Johnson, at 29 years of age, is the youngest person ever to receive a doctorate from Texas Tech University in higher education, specifically college administration and speech.

While working on his doctorate at Tech, he participated in an honors program in higher education. He received a research grant from the Furgeson Foundation to study communication apprehension.

Johnson and his wife, the former Lesa Francis, have two children, Jonathan, age six, and Angela, age four. He is the son-in-law of John and Maebelle Francis of Silverton.

The Johnsons have lived in Brownfield for a year and a half where he preaches at the Brownfield Church of Christ.

After receiving the bachelor's

degree in speech from Lubbock Christian College in 1979, he attained a master's degree in 1982 from Tech in speech and psychology.

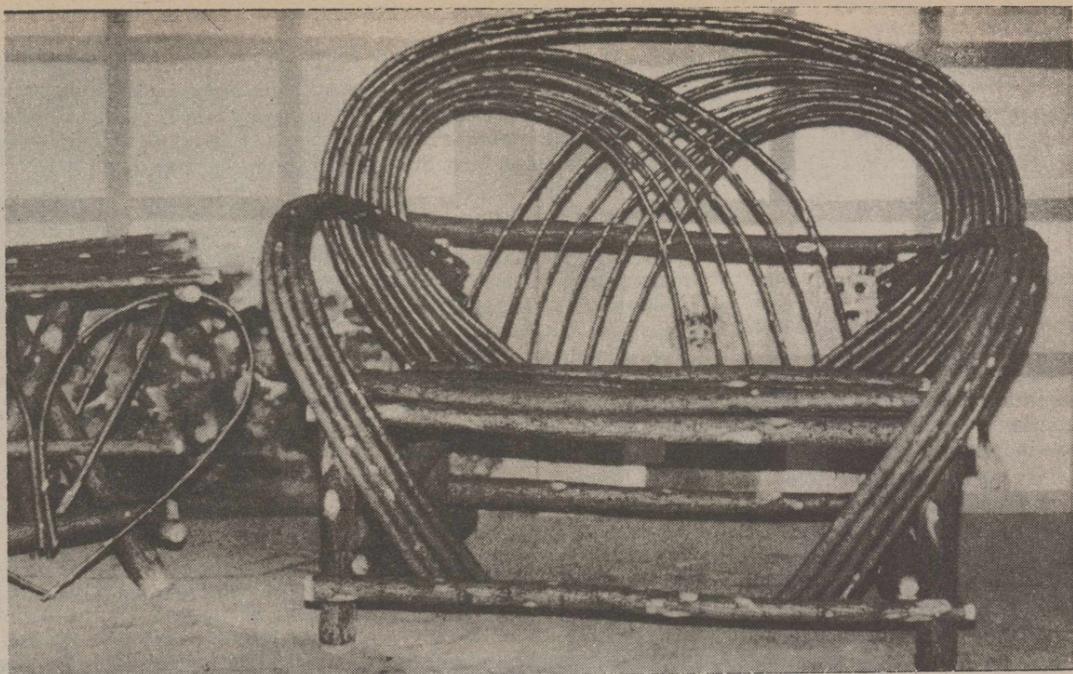
He began teaching part-time at Lubbock Christian College in 1981 and became full-time in 1983. Since that time he has also been chairman of the Department of Speech which has increased its number of majoring students from six to 43.

Johnson became associate dean of students in 1985.

Although he enjoys the many aspects of his position at Lubbock Christian, he said his "favorite thing in the world is teaching."

"Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest."

Mark Twain



TWIG LOVESEAT—This loveseat is an example of the twig furniture made by John McGavock. On the left is a small table. McGavock said a chair like this would take about six hours to complete. Willow limbs from live trees are chosen because they can easily be bent.

Designer Pieces Crafted From Willow Tree Limbs

A former Silverton resident has turned an old craft born out of hard times into a growing enterprise that has found customers across the country.

From the limbs of willow trees, John McGavock, son of J. D. and Daphne McGavock, makes furniture—chairs, chaise lounges, love seats, rocking chairs, tables and

Pioneer Days Mean Savings for Customers

When farmers look for ways to control input costs, they usually look at seed costs first. Purchasing seed during Pioneer Days lets farmers cut seed costs and still get high-performing hybrids and varieties.

Farmers who buy Pioneer® brand seed during Pioneer Days, February 23-28, receive a six percent early-pay savings in addition to quantity savings of up to ten percent. The more farmers buy, the more they save, says Clarence Kerns, field sales manager for the Southwestern Sales Area of Pioneer.

"Farmers who are good managers recognize the benefits of buying during Pioneer Days," Kerns adds. "Buying early gives them the best chance of getting the hybrids and varieties of their choice. And taking advantage of early pay and quantity savings makes good business sense."

Local Pioneer sales representatives have set aside this week for meeting with customers one-on-one about their seed needs. Pioneer representatives, area agronomists and district sales managers, will be on hand at many meetings to discuss the best hybrids and varieties for the area.

Last year more than 60 percent of Pioneer customers in the Southwest took advantage of Pioneer Days benefits. Participation is expected to be high this year, Kerns says, as farmers continue to take advantage of a savings opportunity.

For further information on Pioneer Days, contact Dwain Henderson in Silverton.

plant holders.

The result has been a product so popular that designer Ralph Lauren has added it to his collection.

McGavock said "twig furniture" was actually made during the depression and is a craft that is still done by a number of people in East Texas. But as a business, only three or four other companies in the country are making twig furniture, he said.

His entry into the business of making twig furniture was almost an accident. McGavock said his wife had sold a few pieces of the twig furniture in her gift shop. But a Lubbock man who was making the furniture could not keep up with the demand.

McGavock said he decided to learn the craft from the old man and see if he could make and sell the furniture himself. But it was three years before he was able to fully learn the art of making twig furniture.

"It looks like it would be easy, but it's very complicated to make," said McGavock.

That is because the furniture is made with green wood, he said, and the knowledge of picking the correct sizes of limbs comes only with experience.

The willow is gathered from playa lakes and tailwater pits within a 50-mile radius of Plainview. Green wood is chosen so

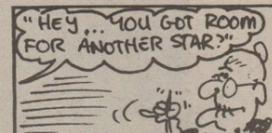
that it can be bent and shaped into the designs of whatever piece of furniture is being made.

McGavock and two employees turn out two to three pieces of furniture each day, with larger pieces taking about 6-8 hours of work to complete.

Sales of the furniture took off when several pieces were displayed in Dallas at the World Trade Show, McGavock said. The furniture has been very popular with interior designers and designer gift shop owners across the country and has sold especially well in the Midwest around Chicago, in Los Angeles, and in Florida.

Demand has been so great that they are about 130 orders behind, he said. That popularity caught him by surprise. "I never thought it would take off like it has. It's amazing what can happen with a simple idea."

McGavock said so far the furniture has been mainly sold for use on patios and other areas outside the home; however, he said he is working on a new finish that will make the furniture attractive enough for use inside the home.



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Appraisal District Has Regular Monthly Meeting

Chairman L. B. Garvin, jr. called the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District to order on Thursday, February 5. Also attending were directors Joe Mercer and Ray Teeple, along with Mrs. Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser. Absent were directors Robert McPherson and Paul A. Ramsey.

Secretary Teeple read minutes of the last two meetings. Mrs. Fleming stated that since Rita Moseley still has the district's books while working on the appraisal district audit, she was unable to complete a financial statement for the meeting.

The 1986 collections through the month of January were reported as Briscoe County,

89.0%; Silverton ISD, 90.1%; City of Silverton, 80.7%, and Mackenzie Water Authority, 85.3%.

Mrs. Fleming stated that she had talked to the State Property Tax Board lawyers concerning the nepotism law and they said it must apply. Although the board of directors feel that Gerald Smith would be an excellent member of the Appraisal Review Board, he is a nephew of one of the appraisal district board mem-

bers and therefore should not be asked to serve.

The motion was made by Teeple, seconded by Mercer and carried to withdraw the name of Gerald Smith from the Appraisal Review Board.

The motion was made by Mercer, seconded by Teeple and carried to appoint George Reed to the Appraisal Review Board for 1987-88.

Obtaining a computer for the appraisal district was discussed.

Mrs. Fleming stated that, in her opinion, this is not a practical time for such a major expense. Although receipts, reports, appraisal cards, etc. could be completed more quickly, she felt it would benefit the taxpayers more to continue keeping money at home by hiring extra clerks, when necessary. By hiring extra clerks, the cost is considerably less annually than by purchasing a computer. All board members were in agreement. It was

decided to table the discussion of a computer purchase until further notice.

Following examination of the current month's bills, the motion was made by Mercer, seconded by Teeple and carried to pay all bills presented at the meeting.

Teeple made the motion to renew the appraisal district's comprehensive general liability insurance with the Verlin B. Towe Agency, Inc. Motion carried.

Two Experimental Drugs Available at Harrington Center

Two exciting new drugs are now available at The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center for treatment of both solid and blood-related tumors. The drugs are still experimental, but to date studies indicate they are quite effective and certainly less toxic than drugs used on a national basis.

The Harrington Cancer Center is testing Idarubicin in selected patients with acute leukemia and patients with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow. Idarubicin appears to have about half the cardiac toxicity of a standard drug treatment, daunorubicin.

For solid tumors including gastric, ovarian, and small cell lung cancers, the Cancer Center is evaluating Epirubicin. This drug is a less cardiotoxic alternative to Adriamycin, which is used effectively in treating solid tumors.

Studies at the Cancer Center with the new drugs are very promising to this point. Through an arrangement with the Adria Laboratories, The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center is the only facility in the region where these drugs are available to cancer patients.

Bean Family Moves To Amarillo

Brent, Jan and Zachary Bean have recently moved to Amarillo from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he received his Ph.D. in agronomy with specialization in weed science from the University of Nebraska last December.

Mrs. Bean earned her masters degree in human development specializing in early childhood while they were in Lincoln.

Bean has been employed by Texas A&M University as Panhandle Area Agronomist. A graduate of Silverton High School, he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean.

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William Hazlitt

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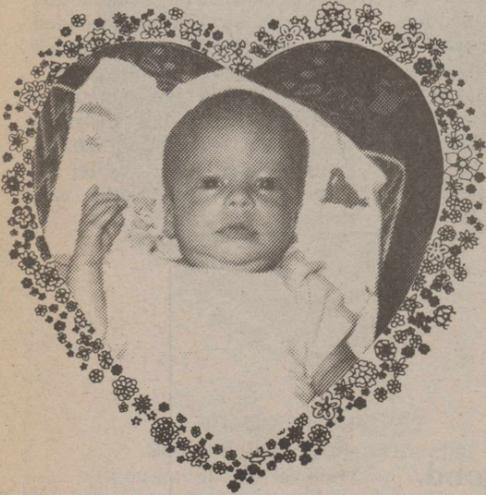
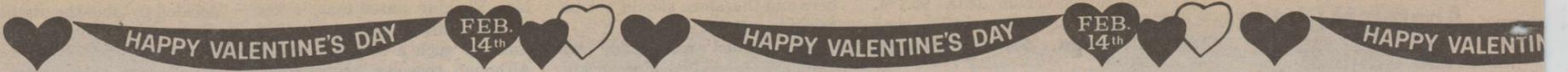
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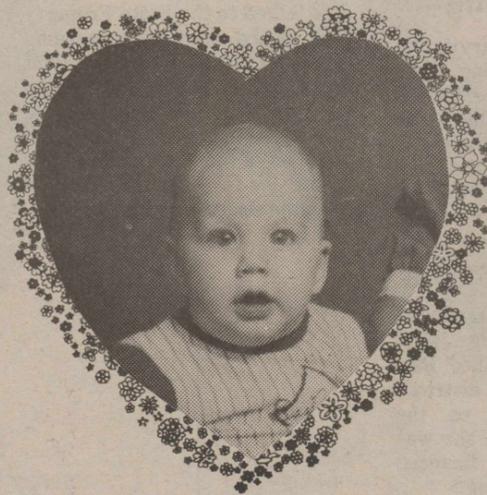




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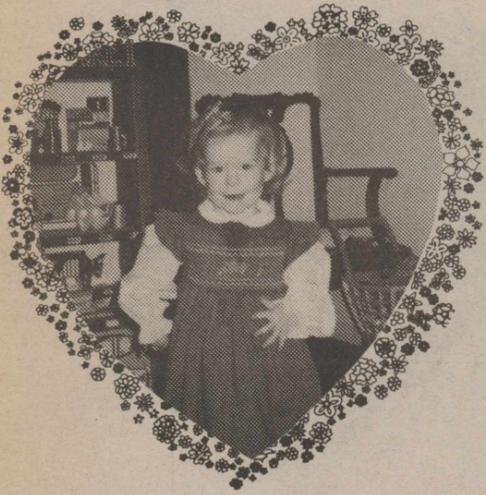
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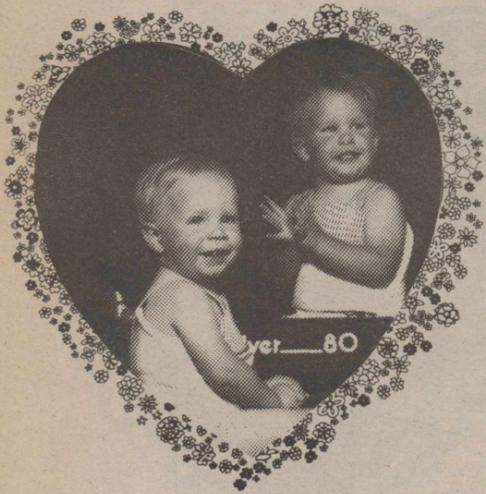
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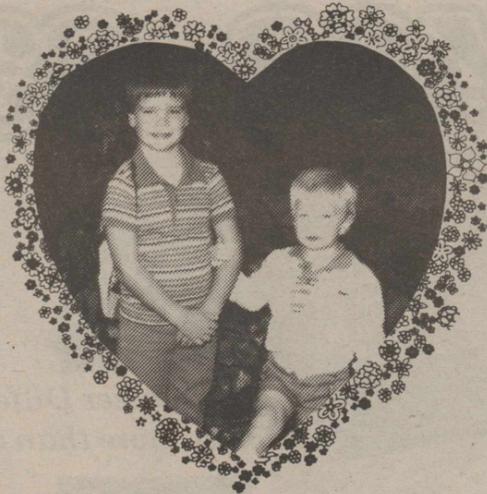
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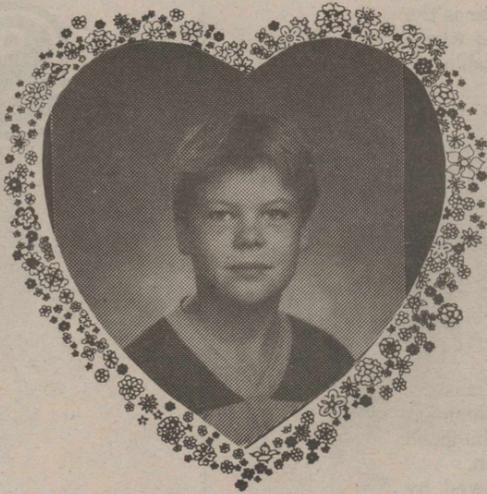
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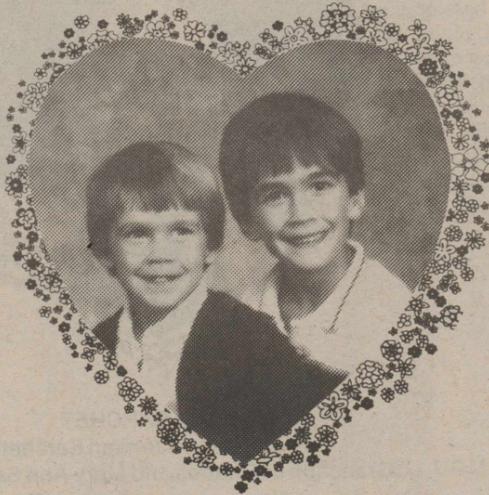
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Robert Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lahoud
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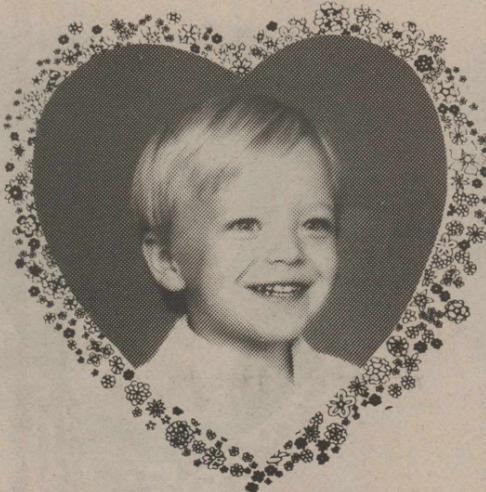
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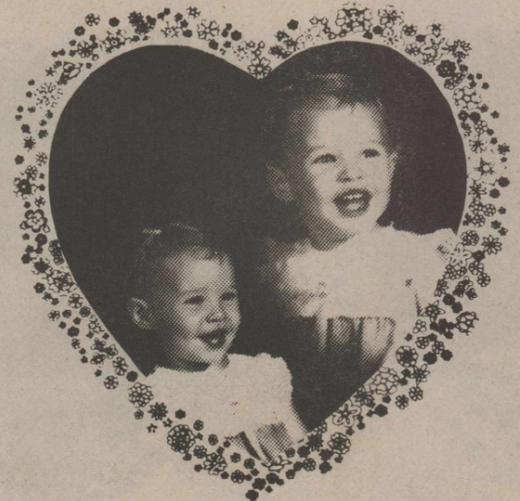
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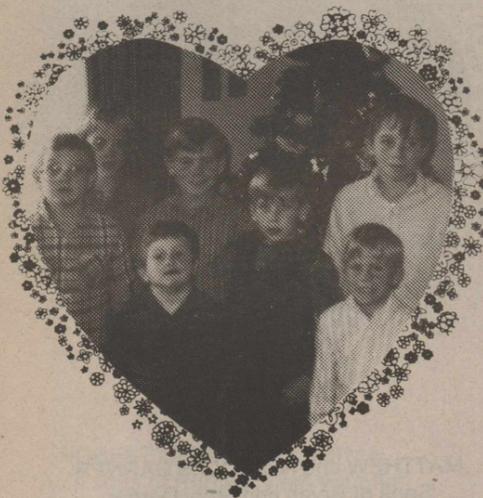
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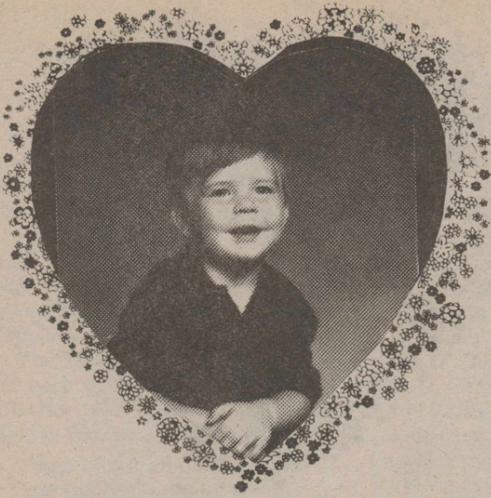
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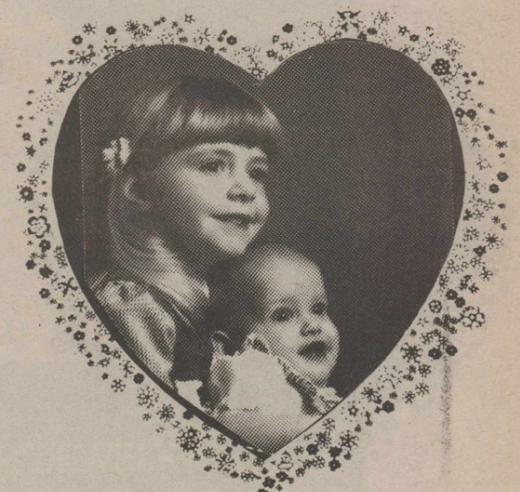
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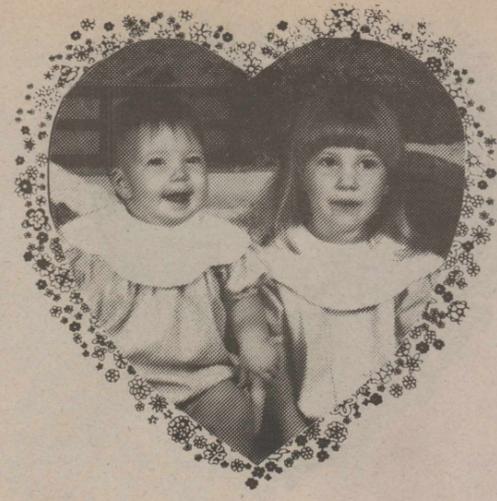
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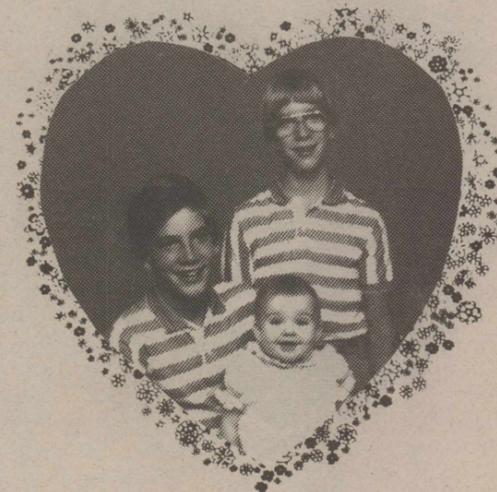
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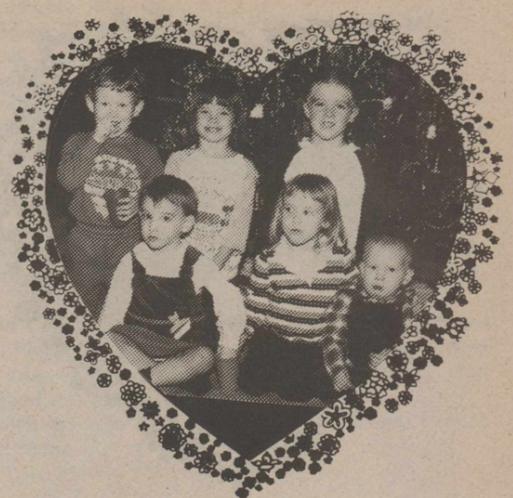
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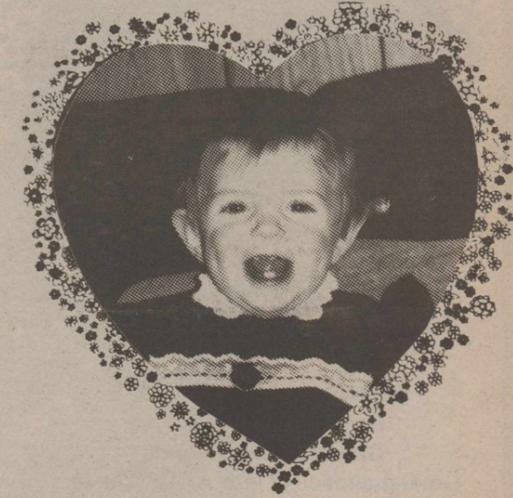
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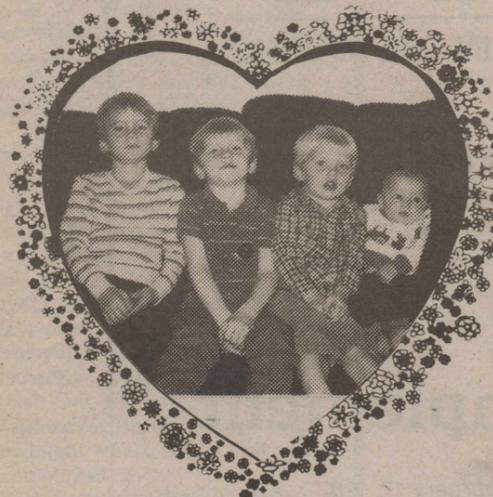
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Son of Paul and Susie Brannon
Grandson of Joe and Vaughnell Brannon
and Joe and Myrtle Billingsley
Great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell,
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon and Pearl Mercer



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Great-grandsons of Mrs. Floye McCracken



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Great-grandson of Mrs. Floye McCracken



*Pictured are (back row, left to right) Jeff Weaks,
Grandmother Elvira Weaks, Leslee and Robby Weaks; (front
row) Dusti, Misti and Lindsey Weaks.*

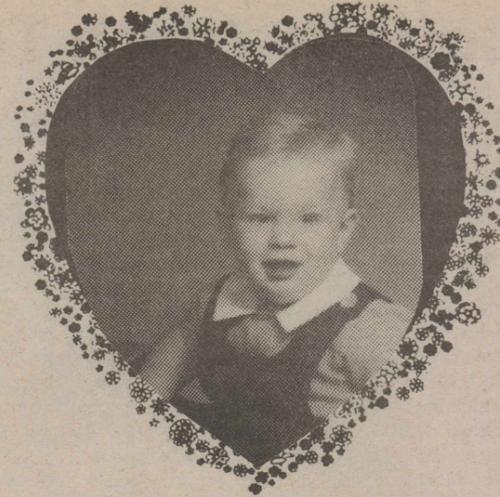
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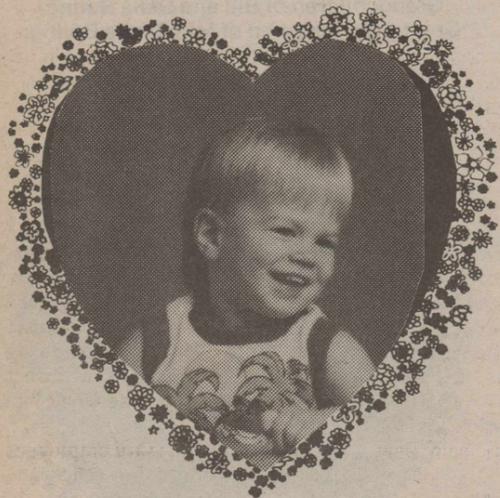
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Control Energy Costs To Boost Net Returns

Because the cost of energy is a major item on today's mechanized farms, steps to reduce energy use can improve net returns.

"In some cases, energy use can be reduced by adopting simple, low-cost but effective energy-saving practices," says Wayne Keese, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "Other energy-saving practices may require a capital investment which will be repaid through lower energy bills.

"Select and use energy-saving hints applicable to your operation," suggests Keese. "Good management in all farm operations, coupled with routine maintenance, can produce worthwhile dividends in reduced energy bills."

The agricultural engineer offers these energy-saving tips:

- Reduce the number of trips across fields by combining operations.
- Use minimum or no-till management practices and techniques.
- Use tractor weights and duals properly for optimum wheel slippage.
- Avoid excessive engine id-

ling and warm-up time.

- Combine errands and reduce the number of trips as much as possible.
- Practice a routine maintenance schedule, including tune-up, to ensure that all engines operate at maximum efficiency.
- Operate harvesters and silage blowers at their rated speed.
- Avoid applying unnecessary irrigations or excessive amounts of water.
- Test the irrigation pumping system regularly to determine efficiency.
- Apply fertilizer at the proper time for most efficient crop use.
- Use a soil test to know how much and what kind of fertilizer to use.
- Keep all bearings well lubricated.
- Keep lamp bulbs, tubes and reflectors clean.
- Turn off lights when not needed.
- Operate electric motors at rated capacity when driven loads can be regulated to do so.
- Field-dry grains to the most practical extent for local conditions.
- Check and maintain burners on crop dryers for maximum fuel efficiency.
- Consider fuel efficiency when purchasing a stationary engine, tractor, truck or automobile.
- Choose equipment size to

make the best use of available tractor power.

- Consider converting high pressure sprinkler irrigation systems to low pressure.
- Build a tail-water recovery system to capture and recycle runoff.
- Use three-phase electric service if available and economical to do so.

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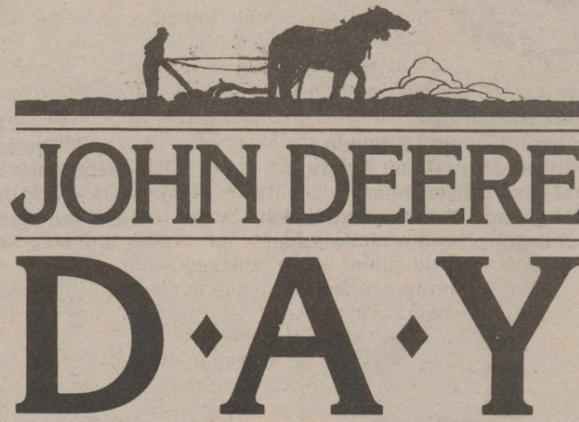
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Three members of the Silverton chapter of Future Farmers of America and twenty-three members of Briscoe County 4-H clubs will be joining 4-H and FFA members from throughout the state for show-ring competition at the Houston Livestock Show, to be held February 21 through March 8.

These young exhibitors compete in the junior show, where 1987 entries are expected to exceed 15,000. These junior show entries combine with open show and horse show entries to make the Houston Show the world's largest livestock show.

Junior exhibitors will be representing more than 800 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters while open show exhibitors arrive from all over the world.

The three FFA entries are from DeLynn Fitzgerald, Penni Fogerson and Jamie Frizzell. Each plans to show a market barrow, and Frizzell will be showing his beef heifer and participating in the beef scramble.

Representing the 4-H clubs will be Russ Baird, Molly Bomar, Wil T Bomar, Lance Bradford,

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Jeremiah Brooks and Josh Brooks, each of whom plans to show a market barrow; Bradley Brunson and Brandi Brunson, each of whom will show a market lamb and a market barrow; Kim Burson, who will show a market lamb; Casey Frizzell, who will have a market barrow; Julie Graham, Robbie McWaters and Clay Merrell, each showing a market lamb and a market barrow; Warren W. Merrell, who will show a market lamb, a dairy heifer and will take part in the dairy scramble; Langdon Reagan, who will show a beef heifer and a market barrow; Clay Schott, who will show a beef heifer, a market lamb, a market barrow, and will take part in the beef scramble event; Lance Smith, Christina Stephens and Jeannita Stephens, each of whom will show a market barrow; Christa Tucker, who will show a market lamb; Leslee Weaks and Robby Weaks, each of whom will show a market barrow.

"The basic purpose of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is the development of youth and education. There is no better training program for teaching future leaders in agriculture than the hands-on work and responsibility a young person accepts when feeding, fitting and developing livestock for the shows," said Don Jobes, assistant general manager.

"Our junior show sets the stage for wholesome competition and provides instructors and adult leaders with the kind of teaching tools that traditionally influence young people to better themselves," he added.

Junior show and open show exhibitors will compete for millions of dollars in prize monies and premium auction prices.

Long before the show starts, committee volunteers contact auction buyers to guarantee that each animal sold at one of the four junior show auctions will bring a price above the current market value.

Junior exhibitors show a variety of animals, including beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers, breeding rabbits and market lambs, steers, poultry and barrows.

In a special show promotion this year, sponsored by Maxwell House Coffee, livestock show visitors may redeem Maxwell House coffee cans and lids for \$2.00 off admission to the livestock show on Thursday, March 5. This special offer allows more people to attend the livestock show during one of the show's most competitive days by providing this discount.

The following Maxwell House coffee cans or bags can be redeemed for the \$2.00 discount: Maxwell House Caffeinated (blue can/bag with white lettering); Maxwell House Decaffeinated (blue and orange can with white lettering); a lid from 4 oz., 8 oz. or 12 oz. Instant Maxwell House (red lid with white stars) and 4 oz. or 8 oz. Instant Maxwell House Decaffeinated (green lid with white stars).

Once again the livestock exhibition building (Astrohall) will be

the site of special audience-pleasing events—pig racing and a Wild West Show.

Pig racing involves a group of four sows racing along a 150-foot track in up to six seconds. This event begins Saturday, February 21, and continues through Monday, March 2, in the swine arena at 4:00 p.m. daily.

The Wild West Show features trick roping and riding maneuvers, canine acts and a special matador presentation.

This show begins Monday, February 23, and continues through Monday, March 2, in the main cattle arena beginning at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Junior market barrows will again be sifted at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham February 28 and March 1.

Sifted barrows will be loaded directly for sale through normal livestock auction consignment, while approximately the top 1,000 barrows will go on to the Houston Show competition.

In addition to providing a learning experience and exciting show-ring competition for 4-H and FFA members, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is the nation's largest donor of agricultural scholarships. The show's annual scholarship commitment exceeds \$1 million.

A total charity benefiting youth and education, the show currently has more than 900 students on scholarships at Texas colleges and universities.

This organization also funds extensive research and endowment programs at colleges and universities throughout the state.

Ticket prices are \$4.00 and \$8.50 and include admission to both the livestock show and rodeo. They are available at all Ticketron and Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets and the Astro-dome box office. Tickets also may be charged to MasterCard or VISA by calling 1-800-992-8000 or 713-526-1709.

Homeowners Need Reason For Pruning Woody Ornamentals

Don't whack away at woody ornamentals in your yard unless they really need pruning.

Some of the right reasons for pruning include removing dead or winter-killed growth or balancing the top with the root system when setting out new plants, points out Dirk Aaron, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System

Exposing the structural form of plants such as crape myrtles can be done by removing overly dense growth or small, twiggy limbs that cross one another. Also remove diseased or insect-injured wood as well as storm or accident-damaged limbs.

Shrubs can be rejuvenated by removing older branches at the base, says Aaron. Pruning also can help develop a desired shape or size as well as aid in producing better flowers and fruit.

If possible, avoid severe pruning, advises Aaron. It is better to prune lightly and more often to prevent sunscald to sensitive

Community Leaders To Learn Findings Of Development Study

Area communities will learn the results of an extensive economic development study at a second gathering of government and business leaders in an "economic summit" sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS).

Leaders active in economic development from throughout the four-state area served by SPS will meet February 24 in Lubbock. SPS provides electric service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area covering much of eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Lubbock was chosen as a meeting site because it is in the center of the SPS service territory.

The meeting is a follow-up to a similar gathering October 14 at SPS's Tolk Station power plant near Muleshoe. About 200 mayors, chamber of commerce presidents and others attended the October meeting.

Since the October meeting, a task force of 13 prominent area civic and business leaders and a professional demographics firm have established a target list of industries suited to the characteristics of this region.

"Our meeting on February 24 will give communities the results of the target-industry study, which has been underway the past several months," said Bert Ballengee, SPS chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "In addition, they will be helped by preliminary results of a survey of existing industry designed to encourage the growth of firms already here.

"Economic development is never an easy or quick job," Ballengee noted. "But after our meeting on February 24, many of us will be able to better focus our efforts. Obtaining this information is an important step on the road to economic diversification."

inner branches. Never leave stubs that invite insects and disease to enter.

Plants which bloom in early spring with the appearance of new leaves should be pruned after they flower. Those that bloom later in the spring or



On Wednesday, February 4, Governor Clements made his State of the State address.

His talk was labeled excellent even though he had few specifics in the talk. The major items he mentioned that had to go were: (1) testing of teachers; (2) an appraisal system of teachers that had been a disaster, and the related career ladder.

Many other specifics were documented in a general outline that he distributed at the time he addressed the joint session.

He inferred that he would not veto the so-called "temporary" tax if it was extended for two more years, starting September 1, 1987 and going off the books September 1, 1989. Any other additional taxes would be vetoed. I believe he means it. I think I have a responsibility to tell you that I back a total no-taxes budget. We must get spending in line with income. There is a great difference between what some agencies want and what they really need. It is our job to make these tough decisions, knowing full well a lot of the direct recipients of a tax hike won't like this decision.

In my opinion, state employees should be far greater concerned with retaining their jobs than in receiving a salary increase. Many, many state employees have told me this.

Governor Clements said that we don't have a \$4.8 billion deficit . . . this is a wish list. I agree.

You have felt a gasoline tax that has tripled since 1984. To cover the wants of these groups, we would have to double the gas tax again, raise the sales tax substantially, and raise the sales tax on a new automobile by several hundred dollars.

We must get a handle on spending.

summer should be pruned during the dormant season.

For any pruning operations, always use sharp tools, adds Aaron.

For additional pruning information, get a copy of B-1347, "Pruning and Training Landscape Plants," at the County Extension Office.



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Our love and thanks to Ted Kingery, Earl Cantwell and Gerald Beasley, ministers of the Church of Christ, for their part in the memorial services. We appreciated the beautiful singing so much.

We're deeply grateful to Ted for taking us to the hospital and being with us through Edwin's surgery and through the night, and for the prayer offered before his surgery.

Thank you each one for your prayers, cards, phone calls, beautiful flowers and plants, each word of comfort, the many memorials and the food, and each one who helped to serve the dinner for the family at the church annex and at our home.

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