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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1987


Rick Wright, territory manager of John Deere's branch office in Dallas, presented a commemorative plaque to Briscoe Implement Tuesday, in recognition of its service to customers. Gerald Smith (left) and George Reed (center) were pictured with Wright.

## John Deere Dealership Recognized For Service To Customers

Gerald Smith and George Reed of Briscoe Implement in Silverof Briscoe Implement in Siver-
ton have been recognized by ton have been recognized by
Deere \& Company for the John Deere \& Company for the John
Deere farm equipment dealer's service to customers and its contribution to John Deere's position as the free world's leading supplier of farm equipment.
The dealer recognition was in conjunction with the 150th anni-
versary celebration of Deere \& Company, which was founded in 1837 by pioneer blacksmith John Deere.
Smith received a commemorative plaque engraved with a quote from John Deere, "I will never put my name on a product that does not have in it the best that is in me." The plaque also bears the company's sesquicentennial medallion in sculptured

## Ashleigh Wyatt Wins Two Trips For Her Grandmother

Ashleigh Wyatt, 11-year-old daughter of John and Gail Wyatt, has been announced this week as one of five winners in the "Golden Valentine" contest sponsored by KGNC Radio and Southwest Airlines.
To enter the contest, Ashleigh had to write a description of her special over-65 Golden Valentine, and for this she chose her grandmother, Mrs. Zelma Lee Mayfield.
The prize won was two senior citizen trips on Southwest Airlines for Mrs. Mayfield.

In her entry, Ashleigh wrote:
My Grandma is my "Golden
Valentine" each and every day

You want to know the reasons why, "I'll tell you right away."
She always has the time for us, to listen or to play,
We know she loves us very much -me and my brother, Trey.
She can knit a sweater, catch a fish, take us to the mall-and that's not all
She can bake a cherry pie, read a Bible story, make a doll and play baseball
She is so very special to me and my brother and my Mom and my Dad
And because God gave her to -we thank him and are very glad!!

Rick Wright, territory manaRick Wright, territory manain Dallas, said during a presentation ceremony at the dealership on February 17: "This plaque attests to the importance of your contribution as an independent businessman who represents the John Deere name and all it stands for."
Wright said the plaque was the company's way of thanking Briscompany's way of thanking Briscoe implement and other John Deere dealers in more than 100
countries for their efforts, countries for their efforts, standing as the largest supplier of farm equipment in the free world since 1963.'
Briscoe Implement has been in business since 1983 and employs nine people.

## Rev. Blair Improves

Rev. Earl Blair is "much improved" and in good spirits at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, where he has been moved to a private room, 583 East. Rev. Blair, who has undergone six surgeries-five regarded as "ma-jor"-in recent weeks, was continuing physical therapy last week. He was not yet allowed visitors, except for family members. ers.
Persons who wish to remem-

## SHS Student Personalities Were Elected Recently

Silverton High School student personalities were elected recently, and in that balloting Corey Robertson and Suzann Settle were chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS.
Clay Schott and Julie Towe were selected as Best Dressed, while Neal Edwards and Kim while Neal Edwards and Kim
Burson were tabbed as Most Burson were tabbed as
Handsome and Most Beautiful.
Rocky Ramirez and DeLyn Patton were chosen as Most Popular, and Jon Pigg and DeLynn Fitz̃gerald were elected Wittiest. A runoff was required in the Wittiest Girl voting, with Venita Asebedo and Serena Layland also receiving votes.
Layland also receiving votes.
A runoff was also required for Friendliest Girl. Chosen as Friendliest were Santos Segura and Keeley Burson. Unsuccessful candidates were Tonia Perkins, Sylvia Ramirez and Jeannita Stephens.
Jamie Frizzell and Tonnette Miller are Most Athletic
Members of the faculty made

## School Trustees Call Board Election

In a recent meeting, trustees of the Silverton Independent School District called an election to be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4. The terms of trustees Dewey Estes and J. E. Patton, jr. are expiring this year and their places on the board will be filled at the election to be held at the City Hall.
March 4 is the deadline for placing a name on the ballot, and application forms for this purpose are available in the office of Superintendent O. C. Rampley.
Absentee balloting will be conducted in the office of Towe Insurance Agency by Mrs. Colleen Reed between March 16 and March 31.

## Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting at noon Friday, February 20, at the center.
ber the former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton, who is now pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada, may address correspondence to Rev. Earl Blair, Room 583 East, Methodist Hospital, 3615 19th, Lubbock, Texas 79408.
the following choices. Suzann Settle was chosen as the Most Outstanding Student. Corey Robertson and Kim Burson were selected as those Most Likely to Succeed.

Santos Segura and DeLynn Fitzgerald were chosen as Most Dependable.

Elected to Who's Who were Jeannita Stephens and Rocky Ramirez, seniors; Gina Myers and Ryan Smith, juniors; Keeley Burson and Santos Segura, soph omores; Julie Towe and Bryan Ramsey, freshmen.

Jeannita Stephens is the Daughters of the American Revolution SHS Good Citizen, and Citizenship awards also went to Jim Cogdell and Rena Castillo.

## Two Re-Elected As Directors

Two directors, Anthony Kingery and James Edwards, were re-elected to their positions on the board of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service at the February meeting. The other directors, whose terms of office did not expire this year, are Janice Hill Dick Roehr, are Janice Hill, Dick Roehr, Emmet Tomlin, Tom Burson and Lynn
Frizzell. Frizzell

Ambulance runs made during January were reviewed, after which two films were shown which dealt with hazardous materials as part of the continuing education program. Members were reminded about the TriState Trauma Symposium to be held in Amarillo in March.
Attending the meeting were Larry Comer, Tom Burson, Ted Kingery, Emmett Tomlin, Della Boling, Glenda McGavock, Dia mond Williams, Mary Ann Sarchet, Dick Roehr, Anthony King ery, James Edwards and Janice Hill.

At the directors' meeting which followed, officers were re-elected for the coming year. They are Anthony Kingery, presThey are Anthony Kingery, pres-
ident; Tom Burson, vice presiident; Tom Burson, vice presi-
dent; Janice Hill, secretarytreasurer.

## 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.
"There is nothing harder than the softness of indiference." Juan Montalvo

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difference?
The last item is for the state to borrow Teacher Retirement funds to finance Texas Prisons. This probably doesn't affect a great number of people in Silverton, but if the money isn't replaced or if money is lost, these retired teachers are going to have to have help, which will add to the already strained and drained resources in our com munity.
These three things affect teachers first and foremost but they will affect each citizen of Silver ton in the long run. I ask that if you don't feel that you want to add to the poor economic situation that already exists to do something about it.
Please write our representatives and urge them to defeat tives and urge them to defeat
these plans. I have a letter that these plans. I have a letter that
will be kept at the school for a will be kept at the school for a
few days. I welcome you to read few days. I welcome you to read it and if you agree, sign it and I will mail it to these representatives. If these elected represen tatives don't hear from us, they will feel that we agree with these proposals, so silence is agree propos
ment.

Thank you,
Jack Shely
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Austin, Texas 78711
Telephone 512-463-0131
Rep. Foster Whaley
Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78711
Telephone 1-800-692-1389 (tol free) or 512-463-0736.

Ted and Lavern Kingery and their daughter and granddaugh ter, Annette and Shalana Roehr, spent Friday the thirteenth in Roaring Springs with Ted's mother, Mrs. Eliza Kingery. She is recovering from a fall she took on the ice in January. While on the ice in January. While
there they pruned her shrubs and cleaned her flower beds.

Miss Nelle Bryant broke her left leg in a fall at her home Thursday evening of last week She was taken to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Michael and Christopher La houd of Fort Worth spent las week visiting their great-grand parents, J. D. and Lois Nance.


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## McWilliams Earns Spot In Honor Band

Dee McWilliams, son of Lanis and Paul Ray McWilliams of Lumberton, was one of the Lumberton Middle School students who traveled to Orangefield Junior High School to audition for the Texas Music Educator's Association X Honor Bands.
McWilliams made Band II as the second chair tenor saxophone player. He and the other honor bandsmen were presented in concert with the Junior High Honor Bands on Saturday, January 24, in the Lutcher Theatre in Orange.
McWilliams was among the approximately 1200 students auditioning for a place in one of two junior high honor bands.
He is the grandson of Mrs. Bess McWilliams and Mrs. Mil dred Davis, both of Silverton.


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## Junior Girl Scouts Elect New Officers

The Junior Girl Scout Troop elected new officers for the second semester. They are Leslee Weaks, chairman; Kristi Smith and Kara Kingery, outdoor members; Staci Hill, transportation and telephone member; Brandi Brunson, budget member; LaToya Baker, newsletter member, and Christina Stephens and Christi McWaters, troop sales members.

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## Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News
February 17, 1977-Mackenzie lots to be leased soon . . . Mrs. Clyde Mercer buried Tuesday Mrs. Erin Burnett Roehr, 65 buried at Clarendon.... Central Plains employs Mrs. Della Boling Plains employs Mrs. Della Boling
as office manager ... Junior High as office manager... Junior High
Owls win district Owls win district of orm-up
schedule series or games while awaiting bi-district action . . . A dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ragland honored Mrs. Dora Johnston on her 97th birthday.
February 16, 1967-U. D Brown services conducted Saturday . . . Army Private Guy W. Breedlove has completed advanced combat training at For Carson, Colorado . . . Gerald Max Smith, a senior animal science major at Texas A\&M University has received a $\$ 500$ award from the Ralston Purina Company The award, which is made each year to a senior in the A\&M College of Agriculture, recogniz ed Smith's outstanding academic achievement, leadership and student activities . . . Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bingham are parents of a son, Russell Scott . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kenny White are parents of a daughter, Shawn Marie Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald and Mrs. Joe Lee Bomar were in Corpus Christi to attend the State Christi to attend the State
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Hughes nominated for exam for the Air Force Academy . . . City Officials meet with County Com missioners to discuss the securing of a fire truck to protect rural residents . . . Snowfall and showers dropped about .25 of an inch of moisture here ... Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass honored on their 34th anniversary ...
February 21, 1957 - Patsy Jean Crass, Texas Tech senior, ha been awarded a $\$ 50$ Ethel Foster Scholarship for the spring semes ter . . . Eldon O'Neal wins third place in District $4-\mathrm{H}$ cotton production contest in which 300 boys were entered... Adron Lee Gamble is completing his Air Gamble is completing his Air
Force Basic Military training at Force Basic Military training a Lackland Air Force Base Haylake Club meets with Mary Lee Watters . . . Funeral services held Friday for Gatewood Lusk, 47 . . . Silverton registers 87 of an inch rainfall . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coleman are parents of a son, Doug, jr. . . . Larry May has his leg in a cast. He injured his knee a month ago while playing basketball at school . . . Freddie Hill was dismissed from the local hospital Saturday after a week's illness..

February 13, 1947-Mrs. Johnnie Lanham entertained her daughter, Celene, with a party on her fourth birthday . . . Mrs Carver Monroe entertained with a 42 party Wednesday evening honoring her father-in-law, J. W. Monroe, on his 70th birthday. . Mmes. Arnold Brown, Roy Mc Murtry, Conrad Alexander and L. D. Griffin entertained Saturday morning with a coffee and kitchen shower honoring Miss Jo Webb of Tulia, bride-elect of Robert Trout . . . The home of Mrs. C. O. Allard was the scene on Thursday of a surprise birthday breakfast honoring

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Tull Implement here this week . May 16, 1929-Entire music class individually awarded honors in festival . . . Excellently arranged Junior-Senior banquet night staged at Hotel Burson under supervision of Miss Waunita Robinson . . . Graduates have Wednesday night commencement . . . Briscoe County receives slow, soaking 1.25 inch rain . Mrs, J. G. Fort honors daughter Mrs. J. G. Fort honors daughter
at bridge party . . . Mrs. Joe Blocker's lovely home was the setting for one of the biggest social events on Wednesday when a bride of the month, Mrs. Rannel Upton, was honored with a shower . . . Efficient work on the part of the Quitaque fire department saved the home of

Joe Woodruff, four miles east of Quitaque, when threatened by flames. The fire, which started near the corrals, destroyed a feed stack containing 3,000 bun dles before the department arriv ed . . . "The Coach" was being offered for $\$ 595$ at Patton Motor Co. in Silverton . . . Frank Bain home damaged by blaze

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . .
February 19-Carlye Fleming, Cathey Weaks, David Kellum Amy Jasper
February 20-DeLisa Jarnagin, Iwana Monroe

February 21-Melissa Garcia

PAGE THREE
Donald Perkins
February 23-Molly Sarchet, Karen Hill, Ollie McMinn
February 24-Amy Shie, H. A
Cagle, James Dunn, Lance Holt
February 25-Joe Castillo, jr.,
Rickie Rampley, Langdon Reagan, Pascal Garrison, Waynelle Couch, Kyle Couch, Leah Whitfill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . .
February $25-\mathrm{Mr}$. and Mrs. Joe Davis
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First State Bank



FBLA MEMBERS-Mrs. Faye Rampley, sponsor, was pictured with nineteen of the twenty members of the Future Business Leaders of America who participated in the District FBLA Conference at West Texas State University February 5. They are (first row, left to right) Mrs. Rampley, Santos Segura, Rhett Montague, Alison Grimland, Kim Burson, Avonna Miller, Gina Myers; (second row) Brad West, Keeley Burson, Tara Nance, Jeannita Stephens, Juannah Woods, DeLyn Patton; (back row) Robbie McWaters, Shannon Bingham, Sloan Grabbe, Corey Robertson, Suzann Settle, Jamie Frizzell and Neal Edwards. Not pictured was Clay Schott. -Briscoe County News Photo

## New Arrivals

John and Debbie Welch of Amarillo are parents of a daughter, Meredith Leigh, born Saturday, February 14, at High Plains Baptist Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces. She has a three-year-old sister, Meagan, waiting to welcome her into the family.
Grandmothers are Mrs. Carrie Dickerson of Silverton and Mrs. Jo Ann Anderson of Harlingen.
"America is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea.

John Gunther


Scientists have discovered Scientists have discovered
that the mating call for the Mediterranean fruit fly has exactly the same fre quency as lower F3 on the harmonica.


To accelerate the baking o a potato, first boil it for about ten minutes.

## FBLA Members Win Honors at Conference

Twenty members of the Silverton chapter of Future Business Leaders of America and their advisor, Mrs. Faye Rampley, attended the District XVI and XVII FBLA Conference at West Texas State University on February $5,1987$.

Keeley Burson placed first in the Public Speaking contest, Gina Myers placed first in the Miss FBLA contest and was elected secretary of FBLA Districts XVI and XVII for the 1987-88 school year.

Sloan Grabbe was awarded second in the Business Math contest. Tara Nance placed second in the Public Speaking contest, Clay Schott won second place in the Mr. FBLA contest, and Jeannita Stephens took second place in the Job Interview contest
Third place winners were Kim Burson in the Miss FBLA contest, DeLyn Patton in the Clerk Typist I contest, Santos


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Segura in the Public Speaking contest, Suzann Settle in the Accounting I contest, and Juannah Woods in the Job Interview contest. Neal Edwards placed fourth in the Clerk Typist I contest and Robbie McWaters placed fifth in the Job Interview contest.
Other students who competed in contests were Shannon Bingham, Alison Grimland, Jamie Frizzell and Rhett Montague in the Poster contest; Avonna Miller and Brad West in Clerk Typist I contest, and Corey Robertson in the Accounting I contest.
All contests were held in the morning. During the lunch break, the group enjoyed pizza together before returning to the convention room for awards and the installation of the new District officers.
The group was accompanied by Mrs. Betty Stephens and Mrs. Alice Grabbe who furnished additional transportation.


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## Junior Girl Scouts

 Have Box SupperThe Junior Girl Scout Troop had a Father-Daughter Box Supper at the Scout Hut on February 9. For the special event, the girls decorated boxes in which to put their supper.
Ribbons were given for the best-decorated boxes, and winners were Kara Kingery, first place; Holly Nance, second place; Staci Hill, third place; Christi McWaters, LaToya Baker, Brandi Brunson and Leslee Weaks, participation ribbons.
Wayne Nance led the blessing before the meal. Wayne and Holly Nance were crowned the Sweetheart and Princess.
"Aardvark" and "Hum a Tune" were played after the meal.
Those attending were Charlie and LaToya Baker, Perry and Brandi Brunson, Fred, Lois and Staci Hill, Anthony and Kara Kingery, Dale and Christi McWaters, Wayne and Holly Nance and Gary and Leslee Weaks.

## Cheese in a Low-Fat Diet

From a nutritional standpoint, cheese is a winner-high in calcium and a good source of protein. Unfortunately, it's also high in fat.
"A typical $11 / 2$ ounce serving, equal to two slices of American cheese, contains nearly the same amount of fat as $3^{1 / 2}$ pats of butter, and most of it is saturated," says Dr. Alice Hunt, a nutritionist with the Texas A\&M University Agricultural Extension Service.
Between 65 and 75 percent of the calories in cheese come from fat, she explains.
What about low-fat natural cheeses?
The nutritionist says they are low in fat only by comparison. For example, part-skim mozzarella contains only one-fourth less fat than its regular counterpart, so 55 percent of its calories still come from fat.
Low-fat natural cheese is hard to make, notes Dr. Hunt, since fat is what gives cheese its consistency. But processed cheeses, in which water is added to a cheese blend, are lower in fat.
Many of the "lite" processed cheeses contain only three to


Gene and Kaye Malone are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karol Jean, to Andrew Ponder, son of Larry and Pat Scott of Wayside. Wedding vows will be exchanged on March 28, 1987.
four grams of fat per $1^{1 / 2}$ ounce serving, she reports.
"The drawback with processed cheeses is their sodium content," says the nutritionist. "A serving of lite processed cheese wil contain 340-700 milligrams of sodium, a significant amount if you're concerned with keeping your sodium intake to the recommended 3300 milligrams pecomme"
Dr. Hunt says that dieters don't necessarily have to give up natural cheese.
"If you are watching your fat intake, eat small servings of cheese, eat it on days when you're eating an otherwise lowfat menu, or save it for specialccasion meals," she advises "When you use cheese in cookng, pack it loosely when measuring and don't add extra for good measure.'

> A government survey found more than half of young black men smoke, com pared with 42 percent of young white men

## Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

## February 23-27

Monday - Manager's Choice (Pizza and Enchilada), Salad and Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday-Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries, Cheesestraws, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
Wednesday-Ham and Cheese on a Bun, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk
Thursday-Fried Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey and Butter, Milk
Friday - Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers, French Fries, Cookie, Milk
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## Buying A Used Car Means Buying With Care

The pitfalls that can accompany back, or resetting the odometer of buying a used car are part of any motor vehicle so as to reduce the American folklore. "A Real Cream- number of miles indicated on the puff. Owned by a Little Old Lady odometer gauge" is unlawful.
who only drove it on Sunday afternoons," reads the proverbial ad. But what the ad doesn't say is that the little old lady was known as "Pedal-to-the-Metal" Granny, Queen of the Drag Strip.

My Consumer Protection offices tells me that one of their largest complaint categories deals with used cars that don't work as promised.

## Warranties

Texas car dealers are not required to provide warranties for used cars. Federal law, however, requires dealers to display window stickers on used cars that tell whether a warranty is in effect. If it is under warranty, the sticker must list exactly what is covered and for how long. If the sale is conducted in Spanish, the window sticker must also be in Spanish. The window sticker becomes part of the contract at the time of the sale and contract at the time of the sale and
any guarantees on it override any restrictions in the contract. Oral promises made by the salesperson will not be part of the contract unless they are written in. If it s important, GET IT IN WRITING.

## Odometer Rollback

Rolling back the odometer to show lower mileage is a common tactic of unethical used car dealers. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act specifically states that "disconnecting, turning

Although they get numerou complaints about used cars, my Con sumer Protection staff get relatively few about odometer rollbacks. They believe that many people may be buying cars with false odometer readings but are unaware of the problem or on't know how to check for it.
Things to do to guard against odometer rollback include:

- Check the vehicle inspection sticker to see how the mileage recorded on it compares with the miles shown on the odometer;
- Walk around the lot and see if a disproportionate number of cars show low mileage;
- Have an independent mechanic do a complete inspection on any car you want to purchase.
And remember that a used car is the last thing you should buy on impulse.


## For More Help

If you have had difficulty with a used car, or have had any other consumer problem, please call the Consumer Protection office nearest you. sumer Protection office nearest you
There are offices in Austin, Dallas, There are offices in Austin, Dallas,
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Lasers are used in medicine to repair a tear or lesion in
the eye. Flashes of laser light into the eye produce scar tissue to prevent the tear from growing.


## Maintenance Is Key To Safe <br> Farm Machinery

Because these are "stretch and make do" times for farmers and ranchers who lack the ready capital to invest in new machin ery, proper maintenance procedures take on added importance. Since many farmers cannot afford new equipment, keeping afford new equipment, keeping their present machinery well-
maintained is more important maintained is more important is concerned, points out Dr. Gary Nelson, safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A\&M Uni versity System.
Maintenance and repairs mean continued productivity as well as a safe work environment, notes a safe work environment, notes
Nelson. The hidden cost of an Nelson. The hidden cost of an
accident or machine breakdown can far exceed the immediate medical and repair expenses Lost work time can delay har vest, and lengthly hospitaliza tions and recuperation periods can take other family members and employees away from their work.
"Timing is important in avoiding costly production delays," says Nelson. "The best time to recondition machinery is before the season begins, not when you're ready to head for the field."
Machinery is not the only threat to the safety and health of those who work in agriculture. Nelson advises farm operators Nelson advises farm operators
and employees to make safety and employees to make safety
checks of the house, yards, lots checks of the house, yards, lots
and outbuildings to discover any existing hazards such as broken steps, wobbly ladders or exposed flammable materials. Remove any hazardous materials or devise ways to protect against dangers that cannot be removed.

When hunting for hazards, it's a good idea to obtain a fire safety checklist from the local fire department and inspect heating and electrical systems, adds Nelson.

## INTS FOR OMEOWNERS

## For Good Measure

If you want your measur ing to take on a new dimen from, here are some rules from experts. They can help make sure you measure up $t$ the job


- There's an old sayin that "every good carpenter measures every cut to be measures every cut to - b made three times. That's you're measuring.
- To figure how much paint is needed to one-coat a room total the width measure ments of all sides and multi ply by the ceiling height to get square feet. Paint can la get square feet. Paint can la
bels state square foot cover age per gallon.
- When cutting a board for new storage shelving, mea sure and mark a cut line with a pencil. For accuracy, saw


## Ag Groups Plan Soil Fertility Conference

The interaction of soils, water and nutrients which will help farmers and ranchers maximize production of crops and grasses production of crops and grasses
will be detailed during a soil will be detailed during a soil
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at the Texas A\&M University at the Texas A\&M University tension Center in Lubbock.
The program, beginning at 8:30 a.m., is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Underground Water Conservation Disground Water Conservation District No. 1, Texas Agricultural
Experiment Station, Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and the USDA Soil Conservation Service. The center is on FM 1294, just east of I-27 at the Shallowater exit.
After a welcome by A. Wayne Wyatt, water district manager, Mike Risinger will outline the Mike Risinger wil outine the role of the water district in soil
fertility testing. Risinger is a soil scientist with SCS.
Water use efficiency and soil fertility will be discussed by Dr Charles Wendt, professor of soil physics with the Experiment Station. Soil fertility management will be the topic of Dr. Art

Onken, professor of soil chemis try at the Experiment Station. Dr. Dan Krieg, crop physiologist at Tech, will discuss water and nutrient requirements in cotton and grain crops. Dr. Michael Hickey, Extension soil chemist in charge of the Texas A\&M University soil testing aboratory at Lubbock, will explain the tests and analyses it provides.
Following lunch, Dr. Don Ethridge, agricultural economist at Tech, will present an economic approach to soil management.
The program will conclude with a panel of farmers presenting their perspectives. Panelists will be Monty Hensen, Brownfield; Kelly Thomas, Woodrow; Greg Methvin, Levelland; Eddie Teeter, Lockney, and Paul Kitchens, Slaton.


Rossini, the composer, worked best in bed, under the blankets.


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 or Vocational Agriculture Teach ers. The fee will include lunch.Registration at the TAMU center begins at 7:30 a.m. The center is on FM 1294, just east o I-27 at the Shallowater exit.
Instruction begins at 8:00 a.m with Dr. George Ray McEach ern, Extension horticulturist from College Station, discussing the history of area grape production, soil and site selection.
Dr. Michael Hickey, Extension soil chemist at Lubbock, will explain nutritional needs of vine yards and services of the Texas A\&M soil testing laboratory.
Varieties for commercial production in this area will be exhibited in the center's vine yard by Dr. Bill Lipe, professor yard by Dr. Bill Lipe, professor
of viticulture with the Experi of viticulture with the Experi-
ment Station. Dr. Larry Stein, Extension horticulturist at Ste phenville, will demonstrate trel lis and vine training. McEachern will demonstrate pruning techniques.
Insect control will be covered by Dr. James Leser, Extension entomologist. Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant patholo man, Extension plant patholo
gist, will explain disease control. gist, will explain disease control. Weed control will be discussed
by Dr. John. Lipe, Extension by Dr. John, Lipe, Extensi
pomologist at Fredericksburg.
Rootstock selection will b discussed by McEachern. Irrigation needs and practices will be covered by Stein. Bill Lipe will explain harvesting and sampling and John Lipe will discuss the and John Lipe will discuss the
economics of commercial vineeconomics of com.
yard management.

Following the short course members of TGGA Region I will hold a brief business meeting. It will include election of officers.
Extension educational programs are open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

## Soybeans Falling On Hard Times

Over the past ten years many Texas farmers have looked at soybeans as a profitable alternative crop. That's no longer the case.
After peaking in Texas with some 800,000 acres in the mid1970's, soybeans have fallen on 1970 s, soybeans have fallen on
hard times due mainly to poor hard times due mainly to poor
prices. Only 210,000 acres were prices. Only 210,000 acres were harvested in 1986, and many beans graded low due to weather problems, further aggravating the price situation, points out Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A\&M sion Service, The
University System.
"Weather and plant disease problems have forced many producers along the Texas Gulf Coast out of business in recent years," Feagan says. "In other areas of the state where yields have been good, low prices have made soybean production a mar ginal business."
Nationally, some 59.5 million acres of soybeans were harvested in 1986, the first time since 1977 that harvested acres have been below the 60 -million mark The drought in the Southeast dealt a severe blow to last year's soybean crop.
The government loan rate for soybeans stands at $\$ 4.77$ per bushel and sets the floor for the bushel and sets the floor for the
current marketing year, Feagan current marketing year, Feagan
explains; however, farmers with explains; however, farmers with-
out storage facilities are selling out storage facilities are selling
their beans on the open market at even lower prices," particularly


## CURRENT SESSION DIFFERENT

CANYON - For us, the worst is For the Texas Legislature he worst may lie ahead.
As most of you no doubt know we have been recuperating for th ast month from a serious bac injury that required two rounds of major surgery. We're home from the hospital and able to resum many of our duties, including writing this weekly report to you Unfortunately, our doctors hav told us we will not be able to trave o Austin until about March 1 The foremost thing on our mind during the past month has been making sure the people of the 31st Senatorial District are repre ented adequately in Austin during our absence. We're happy to repo hat goal has been accomplished. Through the tremendous erforts of our colleagues, our staff and everyone associated withe Senate, interest Plains have been heard in South Plai Austin
We have been in constant contac with our staff and colleagues from the first day of the session, draftin egislation, keeping abreast of cu ent issues and doing as much as w can from a hospital room $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ miles away
The result has been 12 pieces of egislation filed to date, with many more expected in the near future. Other senators generously have offered to push many of those bills through committee and, in som cases, out of the Senate. We also are provided with tapes of al committee hearings and floor ses sions, so we miss no business con ducted in the Capitol.
And, of course, we are confiden our colleagues would extend us the courtesy of not voting on a matte of special interest to our distric until we return to Austin.
Don't get us wrong, this isn't the way we'd plan a session. Since we didn't have a choice in the matter, we're making do with the breaks we've been given. We can say confidently that our legislative package will be in approximately the same place on March 1 that i would be in any other session But, even as the troubles from our injury slowly begin to fade, the troubles facing the state still are whils. Wellgo indepth on those details ju the fure oday just touch base est of our problem
The projected state deficit is holding steady at about $\$ 6$ billion That's the amount of extra money

## beans of lower grades.

Many U. S. soybeans traditionally move into the export market, and that market has been clouded by recent actions of European Economic Community, adds the economist.
"Despite export problems and continuing large world supplies of soybeans, prices for soybean oil and meal could increase gradually in the next year from almost 'rock bottom' prices in 1986," says Feagan. "Domestic use of both soybean oil and meal should increase some in the coming months to reduce stocks, but the long-range market outlook is still dim." deals of a nation. Norman Douglas
maintain the state's biennial budget at current levels and allow for inflation and population growth We previously have discussed in some detail our position on the budget crisis. In brief, we feel the budget must continue to be scrutinized for items that can be cut. We also will consider any plan that offers the state a long-term solution to its budget problems. We will not consider any tax plan just for the sake of raising money for the here and now. We cannot continue to be short-sighted and raise taxes year after year after year.
Lawmakers also will be dealing with volitale issues such as tort reform, judicial selection, open containers and improved mental health and mental retardation services. It indeed is going to be a long and difficult session
One issue that at least is partly resolved is our prison overcrowding problem. The state has been ordered by a federal district judge in Tyler to relieve unconstitutional overcrowding in our prisons or face fines of up to $\$ 800,000$ a day be ginning April 1.
Sen. Bob McFarland, R-Arlington, this week passed out of the Senate a bill that restructures the state's early-release program to help bring Texas into compliance with the should be stressed, does not man should be stressed, does not manprisoners. What it
What it does is recognize that a certain number of prisoners will be released early because of the judge's order. The Legislation, Senate Bil
215 , guarantees that the prisoners 215, guarantees that the prisoners violent criminals who are unlikely to repeat their crimes. Prisoners released early under the bill will be subject to intense parole supervision, and Gov. Bill Clements is given authority in the bill to veto any release he deems improper That's one issue down, and thousands to go. We face tremendous problems in this state and it pains us deeply that we have been delayed in traveling to Austin. We are dealing with them, though, albeit from afar. We want more than anything to make sure that as things get better for us, they also get better for District 31 and for Texas
If you have any questions about the issues currently facing the Legislature, please write us at P.O.
Box 12068 , Austin, Texas, 78711 .


Bees follow a timetable when collecting nectar from flowers. Many flowers produce nectar only at certain times of the day; bees know just when to go to each flower.


An orange tree may bear fruit for more than 100 years.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

LOCAL INVITATION TO BID ON HIGHWAY MOWING

## March 5, 1987

Sealed proposals for four separate mowing contracts in Donley/Briscoe, Childress/Hall/Hardeman/Cottle, Hardeman/FoardKeman/Cottle, Hardeman/FoardKing, and Knox/King Counties will be received at the State
Department of Highways and Department of Highways and
Public Transportation District Public Transportation District
Office at 1700 Ave. F, NW, Childress, Texas 79201, March 5, 1987 at the time indicated below for each Contract.
CONTRACT NO. $257 \times$ XM1002
Donley/Briscoe Counties will be received until 9:00 a.m., be received
March $5,1987$.
Tract 1.-FM 1260 from 10 mi . north of Jct. US 287, south and east 18.60 Mi .
Tract 2.-FM 1754 from Jet. US 287 at Lelia Lake, south 2.64 mi.

Tract 3.-FM 1755 from Jct. US 287 at Lelia Lake, north to Jct. FM 2471.
Tract 4.-FM 1932 from Jet. SH 203 in Hedley west and north to Jct. FM 2471.
Tract 5.-FM 2162 from Jet. US 287 in Clarendon south 5.97 mi.

Tract 6.-FM 2362 from Jct.
US 287 at Ashtola south and east US 287 at Ashtola south and east to Jct. FM 2162 in Clarendon.
Tract 7.-FM 2471 from Jet. FM 1260 east of Clarendon, east to Jct. FM 2695.
Tract 8.-FM 2695 from Gray C/L, south to Jet. SH 203 near Hedley.
Tract 9.-FM 2944 from Jct. FM 2695, east and south to Jet. SH 203 at McKnight.
Tract 10.-FM 3257 from Jct. US 287 west of Clarendon, north to Greenbelt Lake, 3.19 mi .
Tract 11.-FM 145 from Swisher C/L east to Jct. of SH 86 .
Tract 12.-FM 284 from Jet. SH 86 and SH 207 south 9.01 mi . Tract 13.-FM 378 from Jct. SH 86 south to Floyd C/L.
Tract 14.-FM 599 from Jet.
SH 86 east of Quitaque, south to Motley C/L.
Tract 15.-FM 1065 from north of Quitaque south to Floyd C/L.
Tract 16.-FM 2464 from Jet.
SH 86 east of Silverton south to SH 86 east o
Jct. FM 145.
Tract 17.-FM 2733 from Jet. SH 86 near the Valley School, south to Jet. FM 599.
Tract 18.-FM 3030 from Jet. SH 86 west of Silverton, north and east 3.94 mi .
Tract 19.-FM 3365 from Jet. SH 86 east of Silverton, north 4.88 mi .

Length: $\mathbf{1 5 7 . 1 2}$ miles; Approximate area: Type I: 2116.28 acres (Strip); Type II: 1523.01 acres (Full Width).
CONTRACT NO. 257XXM1003:
Childress / Hall / Hardeman / Cottle Counties will be received until 10:00 a.m., March 5, 1987.
Tract 1.-FM 94 from Childress C/L west and south to ress Ctle C/L.
Tract 2.-FM 94 from Cottle Co. from Hall C/L, south and west to Motley C/L.
Tract 3.-FM 657 from Jct. SH 256 west Lakeview, south to Jct. FM 1041.
Tract 4. -FM 658 from Jet. US 287 east Estelline south to Jct. FM 94.
Tract 5.-FM 1041 from Jct. SH 256 in Memphis fouth and west to Jct. FM 657.

Tract 6.-FM 1282 from Jet. FM 658 west of Tell, east to Childress C/L
Tract 7.-FM 1282 Childress Co. from Hall C/L east to Jet. FM 2042.

Tract 8.-FM 1619 Jct. US 287 near Memphis east to Childress C/L then west to Jct. US $287^{\circ}$ at Newlin.
Tract 9.-FM 1619 Childress Co. from Hall C/L, east and south and west to Hall C/L.
Tract 10.-FM 2472 from Jet. SH 256 east Lakeview south to SH 256 east
Jct. FM 1041.
Tract 11.-FM 3032 from Jct. SH 256 east Memphis south to Jct. FM 1619.
Tract 12.-FM 94 from Jet. US 62 south Childress west to Hall C/L.
Tract 13.-FM 268 from Jet. US 287 in Childress east to Hardeman C/L.
Tract 14.-FM 268 in Hardeman Co., from the Childress C/L east and south 8.69 mi .
Tract 15.-FM 1033 from 9.8 mi . north of Jct. US 287 south to Cottle C/L.
Tract 16.-FM 1033 in Cottle Co. from Childress C/L south to Jet. FM 104.
Tract 17.-FM 2042 from Jct. FM 164 west Childress, west FM 164 west Ch Thell 13.86 mi .
thru Tell 13.86 mi . Tract 18.-FM 2103 from Jct.
US 62 south Childress west 6.77 mi .
Tract 19.-FM 2638 from Jet. US 287 west Kirkland south 4.68 mi.

Tract 20.-FM 2875 from Jet. US 287 east Kirkland south 3.71 mi.

Tract 21.-FM 2884 from Jet. FM 268 north Childress north 3.59 mi .

Tract 22.-FM 1440 from Jct. US 62 south Childress west and north to Jct. FM 94.
Length: 163.68 miles; Approximate area: Type I: 2475.54 acres (Strip); Type II: 1473.52 acres (Full Width).
CONTRACT NO. 257XXM1004:
Hardeman / Foard Counties Hardeman / Foard Counties
will be received until 11:00 a.m., March 5, 1987.
Tract 1.-FM 91 from Wilbarger C/L south thru Chillicothe to Jet. FM 1167 in Medicine Moundinclude Spur 91.
Tract 2.-FM 392 from Jct. FM 91 south to Jet. of FM 1167.
Tract 3.-FM 680 from Jet. US 287 at Goodlet north 16.86 mi .
Tract 4.-FM 924 from Wilbarger C/L west to Jet. FM 91.
Tract 5.-FM 925 from Jet. US 287, south to Wilbarger C/L.
Tract 6.-FM 1166 from Jet. US 287 near Acme north and east to Jet. SH 06.
Tract 7.-FM 1167 from Jct. US 287 south thru Medicine Mound and east to Wilbarger M/L.
Tract 8.-FM 2006 from Jct. US 287 north, east, and south to Jet. FM 91 at Chillicothe.
Tract 9.-FM 3295 from Jct. FM 1167 near Medicine Mound, west 3.73 mi .
Tract 10.-FM 98 from Jet. SH 06 south Crowell north and east to Wilbarger C/L.
Tract 11.-FM 262 from Jct. FM 98 north Thalia south thru Thalia 4.16 mi .
Tract 12.-FM 267 from Jet. US 70 east Crowell south to Knox C/L.
Tract 13.-FM 1594 from Jct. US 70 east Crowell south and west to Jct. SH 06.
Tract 14.-FM 1919 from Jct. FM 267, south and east to Baylor

Tract 15.-FM 2003 from Jet. SH 06 south Crowell west 9.32 mi. Tract 16.-FM 2877 from Jct. FM 1594 south Crowell east to Jet. FM 267.
Tract 17.-FM 3103 from Jct SH 06 north Crowell east to Jct FM 98 in Margaret.
Length: 163.78 miles; Approxi mate area: Type I: 2618.62 acres (Strip); Type II: 1679.91 acres Full Width)
CONTRACT NO. 257XXM1005:
Knox/King Counties will be received until 1:00 p.m., March 5, 1987.

Tract 1.-FM 266 from Jet. US 82, south thru Goree to Haskell C/L.
Tract 2.-FM 267 from Foard C/L south thru Rhineland to Jct SH 222 in Munday.
Tract 3.-FM 1292 from Jct. SH 06 north of Knox City west to Jct. FM 143.
Tract 4.-FM 1587 from Mun day south and east to Haskell C/L.
Tract 5.-FM 1608 from Jet. FM 266, east to Baylor C/L.
Tract 6.-FM 1608 in Baylor Co. from Knox C/L east 4.530 mi . Tract 7.-FM 1756 from Jet. FM 267 west thru Gilliland and Truscott 12.310 mi .
Tract 8.-FM 2279 from Jet FM 143 west of Knox City south to Haskell C/L.
Tract 9.-FM 2534 from Jet. SH 06 east thru Rhineland to Jet. FM 266.
Tract 10.-FM 2701 from Jct. SH 222 south to Haskell C/L.
Tract 11.-FM 2811 from Munday north to Jet. FM 2534
Tract 12.-FM 3202 from Jet SH 222 west of Munday, north to Jct. FM 2534.
Length: 107.67 miles; Approximate area: Type I: 1898.00 acres (Strip); Type II: 1098.00 acres (Full Width).
Contract no. 257XXM1002
thru 257XXM1005 as listed above will be two (2) year contracts. Proposals, plans and specifications for the above contracts may be obtained at the Department Office of the followDepartment Office of the following Roadway Maintenance Su pervisors: Donald E. Eads, Clar endon; John W. Rothwell, Jr. Childress; Maurice Farris, Quan ah; Carl L. Bruce, Munday; or the District Office in Childress.

## LOCAL INVITATION TO BID

ON HIGHWAY MOWING
March 6, 1987
Sealed proposals for five separate mowing contracts in Wheeler, Collingsworth/Childress/Donley, Hall/Motley, Dick ens, and Cottle - King Counties will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation District Public Transportation District Office at 1700 Ave. F, NW
Childress, Texas 79201, March 6, Childress, Texas 79201, March 6,
1987 at the time indicated below 1987 at the time in
for each Contract
for each Contract.
Wheeler County will be receiv ed until 9:00 a.m., March 6, 1987. Tract 1.-FM 0048 from Hemphill C/L to Jet. SH 152 at Mobeetie.
Mobeetie.
Tract 2.-FM 0277
from Hemphill C/L to Jct. FM 1046 in Allison.
Tract 3.-FM 0453 from Jct. IH 40 north to Jct. FM 2473.
Tract 4.-FM 0592 from Jct FM 1046 at Allison, south and west thru Jct. US 83 at Twitty.
Tract 5.-FM 1046 from Jet.
FM 48 in Old Mobeetie east to

Jct. FM 277 in Allison.
Tract 6.-FM 1443 from Jet. IH 40 north to Jct. FM 2473 at Kellerville.
Kellerville.
Tract 7.-FM 1547 from Jet. IH 40 at Lela, south to Collingsworth C/L.
Traet 8.-FM 1906 from Jet. US 83, east to Jct. FM 592 near Kelton.
Tract 9.-FM 2299 from Jet. FM 592 east of Twitty, east 4.170 mi.

Tract 10. - FM 2473 from Wheeler south and west to Gray C/L.
Tract 11.-FM 2697 from Kelton west and east 4.020 mi .
Tract 12.-FM 3075 from Jet. IH 40 at Lela north 2.990 mi .
Tract 13. - FM 3104 from Jet. SH 152 near Mobeetie, south to Jet. FM 2473.
Tract 14.-FM 3182 from Jet. SH 152 near Mobeetie, north to Jct. FM 1046 .
Tract 15.-FM 3303 from Jct. FM 1046 near Briscoe, north to Hemphill C/L
Length: 134.96 miles; Approximate area: Type I: 1643.22 acres (Strip); Type II: 1196.82 acres (Full Width).
CONTRACT NO. 257XXM1007: Collingsworth / Childress / Donley Counties will be received until 10:00 a.m., March 6, 1987
nract 1.- FM 1034 in Childress Co. from Jct. US 83 east to Jct. FM 1642 south of Dodson.
Tract 2.-FM 1036 from Jet. US 83 north Lutie west and north to Dozier.
Tract 3.-FM 1438 in Childress Co. from Jet. US 62 north thru Loco.
Tract 4.-FM 1439 from Jet. US 83 in Lutie east 9.22 mi .
Tract 5.-FM 1547 from Whe ler C/L south thru Dozier and Quail to Hall C/L.
Tract 6.-FM 1548 from Jet. FM 1036 west of Samnorwood, south 2.50 mi .
Tract 7.-FM 1642 from Jet. FM 338 east Wellington east and south thru Dodson to Childress south
C/L. Tract 8.-FM 1642 in Childress Co. from Collingsworth C/L south to Jct. US 62 .
Tract 9.-FM 2467 from Jet. FM 1439 east Lutie north 2.03 mi .
Tract 10.-FM 2531 from Jct. FM 338 east Wellington south 2.71 mi .

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Tract 11.-FM 3143 from Donley C/L, east and south to Jct. FM 1547 west Dozier.
Tract 12.-FM 3143 in Donley Co. from Gray C/L to Collingsworth C/L.
Tract 13.-FM 3446 from Jet. US 83 south Lutie, east and south 3.99 mi .
Length: 111.61 miles; Approximate area: Type I: 1499.02 acres mate area: Type I: 1499.02 acres
(Strip); Type II: 1094.12 acres (Strip); Type
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(Full Width).
CONTRACT NO. 257XXM1008:
Hall and Motley Counties will be received until 11:00 a.m., March 6, 1987.
Tract 1.-FM 656 in Hall Co. from Turkey south to Motley from
Tract 2.-FM 657 in Hall Co.

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US 70 east of Paducah north to Jet. FM 2532.
Tract 10.-FM 3102 from Jct FM 1038 west of Hackberry south and west to Jct. FM 1278 at Chalk.
Tract 11.-FM 193 in King Co. from Jct. US 83 west thru Dumot to Dickens C/L.
Tract 12.-FM 2569 from Jct. FM 193 in Dumot north to Cottle C/L.
Tract 13.-FM 3416 from Jet. FM 1168 near Cottle C/L east 3.00 mi .

Length: 112.64 miles; Approximate area: Type I: 1580.00 acres (Strip); Type II: 995.42 acres (Full Width).
Contract No. 257XXM1006 thru 257 XXM 1010 will be one ( 1 year contracts. Proposals, plans and specifications for the above contracts may be obtained at the Department Office of the following Roadway Maintenance Su pervisors: Joe B. Hall, Shampervisors: Joe B. Hall, Sham-
rock; Donald R. Fowler, Welling rock; Donald R. Fowler, Welling-
ton; Clay R. Jameson, Matador; ton; Clay R. Jameson, Matador;
Brice P. Lindsey, Dickens; KenBrice P. Lindsey, Dickens; Kenneth W. Young, Paducah; or District Office in Childress.
Proposals will not be consolidated for bidding purposes. Bidders must submit individual bids for any of the above separate highway mowing contracts.
A pre-bid conference will be held with Mr. Lewis H. White, District Engineer, at the District Office in Childress, Texas at 10:00 a.m., February 27, 1987. Persons interested in bidding on any of the contracts should attend this pre-bid conference.
The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [78 Stat. 252]
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Department of Transportation [15C.F.R., Part 8], issued pursuant affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin. 8-2te

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the protector, which is usually located on the outside wall of your business or residence. The changes are proposed to become effective 35 days after filing, which will be approximately February 10, 1987. The changes will eventually affect all of the approximately 2,090 customers of the Cooperative.
The result of the changes proposed will be that the Public Utility Commission will no longer set rates or other regulations for telephone leases and wiring installation repairs. The rates and regulations for local exchange service will not be affected by the tariffs being proposed.
The proposed tariff changes will not cause any immediate change in revenues. Persons with questions or who desire more information about the

## Conservation Corner

by John Crowell
The Secretary of Agriculture has approved new criteria for use in defining highly erodible land for the Conservation Reserve Program signup February 9-27.
Any land that was eligible in Any land that was eligibe in
1986 will be eligible in 1987 . That includes land that is in Land Capability Class VI, VII, or VIII, and was farmed two years between 1981 and 1985 to an annual crop or alfalfa and certain other multiyear grasses and legumes.
Cropland in Class II through V is eligible if it is eroding greater than three times the soil loss tolerance level and was farmed two or more years between 1981 and 1985.
Land in Class II through V having a predicted average annual soil loss of two times the soil loss tolerance or greater with a serious gully erosion problem is also eligible.
Another kind of land will be eligible in 1987 and it will be the only criteria used in future years. only criteria used in future years.
This will be highly erodible land This will be highly erodible land
that has both an erosion index of that has both an erosion index of
eight or greater and had an eight or greater and had an erosion rate greater than that recommended by the Soil Con
servation Service Field Office Technical Guide during the 1981 85 base period.
An EI of eight identifies an area of land that has the potential to erode at more than eight times the rate at which soil can maintain continued productivity. In Briscoe County, most soils with an Erosion Index of eight are located below the caprock in the Quitaque area
The February signups will be used to accept applications for both 1987 and 1988 contracts.
So here is what all this really means: if you have land that does not have an EI of eight but is eligible for CRP under the 1986 criteria, this is your last chance to offer to place land in the reserve. This applies to most of the cropland above the caprock in Briscoe County.
Farmers who have small grain growing on their land face another dilemma. If they harvest the grain, they will not be able to the grain, they will not be able to
place land in the CRP until 1988 . place land in the CRP until 1988.
To stay eligible for farm program benefits, highly erodible land will need a conservation plan by January 1, 1990 and planned practices will need to be completed by 1995.
requested rate changes are encouraged to contact the Cooperative at (806) 995-3572 or at P. 0. Box 300, Tulia, Texas 79088. A complete copy of the filing is available at the offices of the Cooperative.
Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400 N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223, or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf. 7-4te
ladder. I wonder why this was not thought of when they created this one-half billion dollar mon ster.

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high as 600 million dollars.
His remarks brought quick action. Bill Haley, Chairman o the House Education Committee quickly drew up legislation to abolish testing, which I co-sign ed. Dr. Bill Kirby announced the appointment of a committee made up of school teachers made up of school teachers, superintendents, and other local
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