



The weather was perfect for kite flying when Holly Tiffin launched her kite Tuesday at noon during the kindergarten Kite Flying Contest on the football field. Awards went to Paul Segura, Longest Kite; Lorn Estes, Highest Flying Kite; Vince Cruz, Prettiest Kite.

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Sophomores To Sponsor Volleyball Tourney

The Sophomore Class of Silverton High School will sponsor an Outsider's Volleyball Tournament March 19-20-21.

There will be brackets for women, men and mixed teams. The entry fee will be \$30 per team, which is due by March 14. Entries paid on or by the 14th will be drawn into the brackets and a copy of the bracket and rules will be mailed to the teams at that time.

Trophies will be awarded for

first, second, third and consolation in each bracket.

You may contact Mrs. Patsy Towe at Silverton High School to enter or for more information. Phone 806-823-2476 or 823-2477 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and DeLyn at 823-2446 after school.

It takes bees 37,000 trips from their hive to flower and back again to produce one pound of honey.

Critical Considerations Before Cotton Planting to be Explored At Meeting

Critical decisions which normally confront Briscoe County cotton producers at planting time are being compounded this year by new regulations and increasing economic pressures, says County Extension Agent Dirk Aaron. But information which will help area farmers make those crucial decisions will be explored at a meeting March 9 in Lubbock, the agent said.

The South Plains Development Program cotton conference will be from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. The center is on FM 1294, just east of I-27 at the Shallowater exit.

Considerations that will be examined, Aaron said, will include cotton provisions of the farm bill, conservation compliance implications for area cotton, soil fertility, declining cotton yields, mill demands for fiber quality and ways to minimize barky cotton penalties.

Provisions of the federal farm bill which affect cotton producers on the High Plains will be explored by Dr. Carl Anderson, Extension agricultural economist and cotton marketing specialist from College Station. Effects of conservation compliance regulations on High Plains cotton producers will be explained by Dr. B. L. Harris, Extension soils specialist, College Station.

Programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to help apply farming systems methods to conservatin compliance needs will be discussed by Dr. John Abernathy, resident director of research at the Lubbock-Halfway Experiment Station.

An update on 1986 soil fertility surveys will be presented by Wayne Wyatt, general manager of the High Plains Underground Water District No. 1, Lubbock. The relationship of fertilization and declining yields will be explored by Dr. Art Onken, professor of soil fertility at the Lubbock-Halfway Experiment Station

New technology in textile processing and its impact on fiber quality demands will be presented by Dr. John Price, head of processing research in the Textile Research Center at Texas Tech University. Dr. John Gannaway, Experiment Station

cotton breeder at Lubbock, will look at ways to meet those quality needs.

What's being done to help farmers minimize the problems of barky cotton will be reported by Dr. James Supak, Extension cotton agronomist at Lubbock.

The South Plains Development Program is a coordinated region-

al effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to promote economic development in agriculture and improved family life in 21 counties. It is sponsored through county Extension Program Councils and special SPD task forces which identify education needs and coordinate educational activities

Donkey Basketball Is Coming To Silverton

Liniment in large doses will be the call for some hearty local residents when "Bob" Crosby brings his real live donkeys to Silverton for a Donkey Basketball Show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

The event will be sponsored by the Silverton chapter of Future Farmers of America, and will be held in the school gymnasium. The first game will feature the Superior Ones vs. Blood & Guts, followed by a game pitting the

Sign-Up Planned For Summer Youth Program

A representative will be at Silverton High School at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, to sign up anyone interested in being in the Summer Youth Program.

To qualify, you must be at least 14 years old, meet the financial guidelines, have a copy of your birth certificate and be accompanied by one parent.

Girl Scouts To Attend Church

Sunday morning, March 8, the Junior Girl Scout Troop will workship together at the services of the Church of Christ.

This event will begin Girl Scout Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hatfield have moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he is working as a counselor. He resigned from the ministry of the First Baptist Church a week ago last Sunday after having served that congregation for the past two years.

Over-the-Hill Gang vs. None But the Brave.

All four teams have been training extensively for this monumental event. Team coaches want to be ready physically and mentally, and rumor has it that expert rodeo riders have been contacted about their expertise in riding.

Winners of the two games will meet head-on in an eight-minute championship bout immediately following the second game. Each of the first rounds will consist of two eight-minute halves with a 15-minute intermission between the games.

The Crosby Donkey Ball Company from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin will be providing the beasts of burden.

Adding to the fun are rules accompanying the game, such as not holding the ball for more than 15 seconds, no out-of-bounds, time-outs for emergency only, the wearing of padding and helmets, and the fact that each player is responsible for his own donkey while it is on the floor, and a broom and shovel will be handy at all times.

Tickets are \$3.00 for high school students and adults in advance and will be \$3.50 at the door; grade school student tickets will be \$2.00 in advance and \$2.50 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the sponsoring organization.

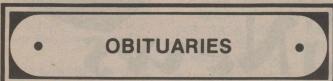
Advance tickets will be available at Caprock Food and Nance's Food Store starting March 9.

Mrs. O. E. (Mary) May was transported to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview late Sunday afternoon by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service. She is undergoing treatment there.

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OTTIS G. COUCH

Funeral services for Ottis Glenn Couch, 71, of Silverton were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ in Turkey. Officiating were the minister, Steve McLean, and Elgin Conner, minister of the Quitaque Church of Christ.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey, with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call 995-3565 during the day, or call 823-2039 (Joe) 823-2150 (Doc) after 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Couch died Wednesday at Lockney Care Center following a lengthly illness.

Born in Terrell, he was a former Turkey resident. He moved to Niland, California in 1953 and to Silverton in 1986. He was a retired grocer. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley Couch and W. L. (Bud) Couch, both of Silverton, and Darrell Couch of Clarendon; two daughters, Mary Ann Carlisle and Glenna Steele, both of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, Alvin Couch of Abilene: two sisters. Velma Dyess of Waxahachie and Esther Weeks of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Bruce Patrick, Dave Patrick, Ricky Hester, D. G. Couch, Russell Couch, Kyle Couch, Kirk Couch and Lyndall Couch.

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The Congregation of the

69, of Sundown were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church there, with the Rev. Rusty McReynolds, pastor, and the Rev. Reta Richards, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lorraine, officiating.

Burial was in the Sundown Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors of Levelland.

Mr. Weaver died at 7:17 a.m. Tuesday, February 24, at Levelland's Cook Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born in Jonesboro and had lived in Sundown since 1946. He graduated from Texas Tech University and taught school in Morton, Crosbyton and Sundown. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Marjorie Hill on August 6, 1947 in Moline, Kansas. He retired in 1975. He was a member of the Methodist

Survivors include his wife; two sons, David Weaver of Monahans and Don Weaver of Lubbock; two daughters, Mary Watts and Beverly Weaver, both of Odessa; two brothers, Shafe and Lem Weaver, both of Silverton; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Elton Heath, Ernest Dykes, Otis Turner, Tommie Bednarz, Gene Nugent, Earl Houx, Charlie Alexander and Howard Claypool.

Named To Dean's **Honor Roll At Tech**

More than 2,050 Texas Tech University students qualified for the academic honor lists at the end of the 1986 fall semester.

Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade-point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students finishing 12 or more hours with a grade-point average of 3.5-3.9 qualified for the Dean's Honor

Casey K. Bean was among those making the Dean's List.



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Cub Scouts Participate In First Pinewood Derby

Silverton Cub Scouts participated in their first Pinewood Derby District Championships on February 28 in Dimmitt.

Local Scouts who won special awards were Lupe Vargas, Cubbiest award, and Dewayne Juarez, Best Paint award.

Others who participated were Marshall McCammon, Kenneth Gardner, Billy Edwards, Jonathan Ivory, Cy Comer, Justin Delano, Anthony Gamble, Phil Patino, Adam Loy and Bryan

Mary Ivory and Barbara Edwards both won awards in the Adult Races

Pack 262 did well, for all the boys placed well before they were eliminated.

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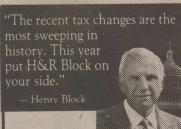
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Plains Council. They went up against Scouts from Hale, Floyd, Hall, Swisher, Castro and Lamb counties.

Parents who assisted in transporting Pack 262 to Dimmitt were Mr. and Mrs. John McCammon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Loy, Larry Comer and Sherry Delano.



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Looking Back

through the files of the Briscoe County News

March 3, 1977—Owls advance to Regional Tournament at Levelland after battling back from a five-point deficit to defeat Spade 57-53 for the bi-district championship... Sale of Rock Creek Store to Bill and Della Boling is announced by Red and Jimmie Deisher . . . Ted Kingery completes Emergency Medical Services instructor training course... Fire station is scene of annual Firemen's Banquet . . . Calvin Shelton is guest at 16th Annual Indiana Young Farmers State Conference . . .

March 2, 1967-William J. Gresham, 72, buried . Southwest Home Demonstration Club meets in Raymond Teeple home . . . A trash fire has been blamed for starting the fire which almost completely destroyed Fogerson Lumber & Supply in Silverton Thursday afternoon. Strong winds fanned the flames which first began in the northeast corner of the lumber shed and later spread to the adjacent office building which housed the company's inventory of appliances, paints, hardware, etc. Damage has been estimated in the neighborhood of \$30,000 . . . Shower in the home of Mrs. Joe McWaters honors Mrs. Dale Rowell, the former Ina Gale Woods . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith are parents of a daughter, D'anna Lynn, born February 27 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pelfrey of Amarillo are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Ann... Mrs. Vinson Smith was a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital last week.

March 7, 1957-D. Oran Bomar rites held in Lubbock . . . Raymond Lindsey killed in accident Saturday night . . . Winning Top-O-Texas FFA Livestock Judging Team was composed of Sam Turner, Bill Stephens and Jim Whitfill, all of whom are holders of the Lone Star Farmer degrees. Their chapter advisor was G. H. Bunch . . . Funeral services held for T. F. Butcher, 35 . . . Derron C. Thompson to embark soon for Korea . . . Don Alexander of Liberal, Kansas spent the weekend here with his family and other relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. True Burson attended the funeral of her uncle, Will Perkins, in Abilene . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack Walker are parents of a daughter, Cynthia Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Satterfield are parents of a son,

Kirk Wayne ... February 27, 1947—Funeral rites held for Sharon D. Butcher, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Butcher . . . Mrs. Chafe Tipton received a serious ankle injury last Saturday afternoon when she was thrown from a horse she was riding . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thomas are parents of a son, Allen Joe . . . Funeral services held for Mrs. A. H. Phillips, nee Dell D. McKenney. . Miss Thelma Gean Mercer was featured recently with the West Texas State Collegians, the college orchestra, on the musical portion of a banquet program honoring Frank Kimbrough and Clark Jernagin, West Texas State's new grid mentors . . .

Frances Perkins, Edward Edwards married in single-ring ceremony... Thelma Calcote becomes bride of L. R. Blackshear... Waynelle McCutchen honored with party on seventh birthday... Wiley Bomar, sr. honored on 51st birthday...

March 2, 1939—Mrs. S. D. Beavers, 70, claimed by death after seven weeks illness . . . Services conducted for Jessie B. True, 54 . . . Joe Burson, arts and sciences sophomore at Texas Technological College, played the part of Dick Marvin in the play, "All Americans," by Kenneth Polard, recently presented to Sock and Buskin dramatic organization . . . Although still confined to his bed, James L. (Cranberry)

Allred is considerably better . . . Mrs. Roy Hahn honored with a bridge party and handkerchief shower . . . In a called meeting of last season's football players, without the graduating seniors, O. C. Rampley and Hank Brown were chosen as football co-captains for the 1939 football season. W. L. Perry and Grady Martin polled several votes each . . . J. B. Smith signs for professional baseball . . .

May 30, 1929—The Silverton Milling Company is completing an addition of equipment to the mill that is of much import to the whole county and is destined to aid our most infant industry, the feeding-out of cattle for the market on home-grown grain and

sorghums converted into manufactured products right here in Silverton . . . Silverton lost to Quitaque here Sunday, 12 to 3, in one of the biggest baseball games of the season, playing before a crowd of over 300 paid fans. It was a bitter pill for the local fans but a sweet morsel to the caprock folks, an all-day sucker that will probably last until that return game has been played when a change of diets may be effected . . . Heavy hail does severe local damage . . . J. H. Williamson to Rural Carriers Meet . . . Ben Hur is coming to Palace next month . . . D. O. Bomar returns from post-graduate course in pharmacy . . . Railroad mail line will be displa-

ced . . . After year of suspense natural gas is assured city by West Texas Gas Company . . . Entire citizenship wants sewers .

.. Miss Lucy Holcomb possesses historic relic that recalls Confederacy's honor giving . . . Miss Tressa Bomar opens the Marinello Beauty Shop here . . . Birthday party hosted for Barbara Fowler

following their wedding at Plainview on May 22 proved unavailing, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardcastle were given a most cordial greeting by Quitaque and Silverton friends Wednesday night following their return to Quitaque...



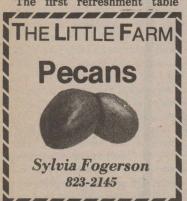
Mrs. McMinn Honored Christian Health On 80th Birthday

The children and grandchild-ren of Mrs. Ollie McMinn hosted a reception in honor of her eightieth birthday in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Silverton on Sunday,

The hostesses were Mrs. Fayree Watkins and her daughters, Mrs. Gail Shoemake, Mrs. Anita Todd and Melanie Watkins, all of Amarillo. Assisting them were Mrs. Dudley McMinn, Mrs. Richie Hubbard and Mrs. Linda McMinn, all of Lubbock. All were present for the reception except Mr. and Mrs. Dudley McMinn and Kelsie, and it was due to doctor's orders that they were unable to attend.

Mrs. Watkins' sons-in-law, Mike Todd and Ben Shoemake, assisted in setting up the fellowship hall.

The first refreshment table





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was covered with a white Irish linen cloth given to Mrs. McMinn on her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in 1950. The birthday cake, punch bowl and a large basket of peach colored silk flowers were placed on the table. A second table was covered with a white knit cloth and held hundreds of cookies in many colors and sizes and a silver coffee service. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Guests were greeted by the honoree and her son, Travis, and were registered by Mrs. Travis McMinn. Other members of the houseparty included Mrs. Dwain Henderson and Mrs. Paul Led-

Among the out-of-town guests were Eddie, Diane and Kami Owens, Plainview; Doug and Karen Turner, Gale and R. C. Youngquist, Helen and Clifford Youngquist, all of Lubbock: Carroll and Glenna Garrison, Tulia; Mrs. Ollie Dorman, a sister of the late Bud McMinn, Hale Center; Mrs. Wanda Harston and Mrs. Kay Dorman, Amarillo: Conrad and Marie Henderson and their grandsons, Hank and Randi Jo, all of Lockney; Mrs. Lottie Owens,

One hundred and five guests registered at the reception.

Club Has Regular **Business Meeting**

The Southwestern Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Florene Fitzgerald on February 26. Theta Holt, president, conducted the business

TEHA Chairman Frances Kellum reported that the District Meeting will be on April 14 in Post. Members worked on their club scrapbook.

Mrs. Fitzgerald served refreshments to Theta Holt, Frances Kellum, Christine King, Eunice McFall, Virginia Hardin and Lanita Cantwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell and Devin of Canyon visited during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell.

SILVERTON SCHOOL **LUNCHROOM MENU** March 9-13

Monday-Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries, Cheesestraws,

Tuesday-Ham Slice, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Jello and Fruit, Milk

Wednesday-Meat and Cheese Taco, Salad, Spanish Rice, Taco Sauce, Crackers, Pudding and Fruit. Milk

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

Friday-Chili Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling and their daughter, Mrs. Rick Minyard, have been in Houston this week where Bill is to undergo surgery Friday. They expect to return home Sunday.

Program Begins Monday

An 18-week Christian Health Program will begin Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Silverton. This will be for anyone who wants to attend.

A \$45.00 fee will be required for the material needed for the



18-week course.

This behavior modification program, called "First Place,"

LINES FROM

Lynda Fogerson **Briscoe County Extension Agent**

SECRETS FOR SURVIVAL

How do families successfully cope with unemployment? Psychologists tell us that the key to healthy adaption is in the ability to face the situation-to recognize, admit and actively seek a solution.

Here are some suggestions to help you and your family make healthy adjustments to the changes in employment:

*Don't blame yourself. Blaming yourself or others for a situation beyond your control is wasted energy that could be spent on actively solving the problems at hand.

*Talk with others who are in a similar situation. By sharing feelings and comparing notes, you find that you are not alone. Finding out how others are coping can help you gain a greater sense of control over your situation.

*Communicate with your family. Think of your family as a team. Don't try to hide your worries from other family members, even your children. Involve the entire family in finding solutions. Pull together for the benefit of the family.

*Evaluate your employment situation. If you have to give up farming, determine all the skills and abilities you have that could be transferred to a related job. Consider your interest in another career area. Don't say, "I'm too old to do anything else." Consider re-training for another job. Your attitude about changes in your life is crucial to a healthy adjustment.

*Take time for yourself to get rid of the tension and stress in positive ways. You don't have to spend all your time looking for a job or working around the house. Physical exercise can help your overall well-being. Talk about your feelings-don't keep them bottled up inside.

Next week: "Helping Children

consists of nine categories: attendance, prayer, scripture reading, memory verse, bible study, "liveit", fact sheets, phone calls, exercise. They make up the "commitments" that each member agrees to when he or she registers.

The Bible studies deal with areas relative to the problems of weight control. Each member will complete a weekly Bible Study which will help focus on using God's strength to overcome temptation. The Bible Study titles are Giving Christ First Place, Prayer, Obedience, Commitment, Temptation, Spiritual Food, Rebellion, Wisdom, Honesty and Excuses, Witness, Love, The Will of God, The Battle of the Bulge, Drive Out the Enemy and Live-It.

The "First Place" program is the result of a Godly desire placed in the hearts of a group of Christian people. This desire was to establish a Christian weight control program. The basic question that initiated the search for such a program was, "Since God has saved us from our sins and given us an abundant life, why can't we, as Christians, use that same power in the area of weight control?"

God has given the tools to accomplish the goal of submitting our bodies to Him. The Bible gives us instruction about why we should commit our physical as well as our spiritual lives to Him, said Mrs. Carrie Dickerson, who is in charge of the program. Not only does the scripture tell us why we should commit our bodies to God; we also find strength and encouragement in finding God's answer for how we can be victorious in the area of weight control.

The "First Place" program combines Bible Study and scripture reading with a sensible diet to help all participants focus on giving Christ "First Place" in every area of their life. The ultimate goal is for each person to experience more abundant life as Christ becomes Lord of the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical lives of His children.

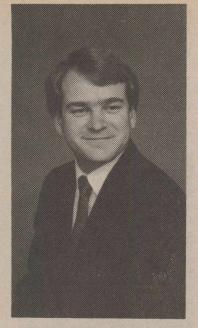
Junior Girl Scouts **Enjoy Sports Events**

Saturday, February 28, the Junior Girl Scout Troop took off on a day of sports events in Plainview. The first stop was at the roller skating rink. The group enjoyed roller skating, and for their next stop enjoyed eating out. The last stop was at the bowling lanes. The high-scoring girl was Kristi Smith.

The group enjoyed learning to

Those who made the trip were LaToya Baker, Brandi Brunson, Staci Hill, Kara Kingery, Christi McWaters, Holly Nance, Kristi Smith, Christina Stephens, Leslee Weaks, Tina Nance and Lois

Miss Nelle Bryant was returned home from Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Monday morning by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service. She had been there since breaking her leg in a fall at her home in February.



CLAYTON FOWLER

Fowler Receives Promotion At Petersburg Bank

Following a special meeting of the board of directors of First State Bank in Petersburg, Kenneth Roberson, chairman of the board, announced the promotion of Clayton Fowler from cashier to Vice-President and member of the board.

Having two years experience in the Petersburg bank, Fowler also will continue as cashier.

The other board members are Billie Bruington, President; Gaylord Groce, Homer Roberson, W. D. Scarborough, jr., and Kenneth Roberson, directors.

Fowler is the son of J. C. and Thada Fowler of Silverton. He attended Silverton Schools and Texas Tech.

Mother, Son In **Pickup Rollover**

A mother and her son from Amarillo were involved in a one-vehicle rollover after the pickup in which they were riding had a blowout about 9:30 a.m. Monday about five miles east of Silverton on Highway 86.

The pickup was being driven by Bobby Auston, and his mother, Betty Auston, was his only passenger.

Both were taken by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service to Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia and transferred on to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

March 5-Carl Minyard, Matt

March 6-Mary John Harris, Nannie Bomar

March 8—Kerry Baird March 9—Jace Francis March 10-Randall Eddleman,

Tish Whitfill, Juannah Woods March 11-Linda Jarnagin, John Kevin Law, Ruby Brannon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ...

March 5-Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Perkins, sr.

"Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the Robert Benchley

Owls Conclude Season With Bi-District Game

Silverton's Owls concluded their season on Tuesday, February 2, by playing the Nazareth Swifts in a bi-district contest at

Don't Top **That Tree**

This is the season when homeowners and others get the urge to "top" or "dehorn" landscape trees with the assumption that the trees will be better off.

On the contrary, topping is one of the worst practices that can be employed against shade trees, emphasizes Dirk Aaron, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System

Topping refers to cutting back branches to stubs and sometimes all the way to the trunk, explains Aaron. This severely injures trees and sets them up for attack by diseases and insects. Topping can even kill a tree outright.

People top trees to reduce their size (where power lines may be in the way, for instance), to save money on competent tree care, and because they think the practice will help the tree.

Proper pruning, on the other hand, involves removing trashy side branches in the top of the tree, says Aaron. This practice is not nearly as noticeable as topping and therefore often goes unnoticed.

Severe topping causes a proliferation of buds at the point where the branch was cut. Shoots then arise from these buds, forming a dense mat at the end of the branch. This dense growth is shallowly attached and subject to easy breakage by wind storms, adds Aaron.

This new mass of growth also puts a strain on a tree's root system since food reserves have to go to support it. Thus the tree's root system is weakened and overall vigor is reduced, making the tree more susceptible to attack from insects, diseases and other environmental conditions. Sunscald can also be a problem

Topping also reduces a tree's life expectancy and therefore affects its value in the landscape. Knowledgeable appraisers will severely reduce the value of a topped or dehorned tree, Aaron points out.

Good pruning practices will retain a tree's natural form and enable it to be a much greater asset to the landowner. Considering how long it takes a tree to reach full size, proper pruning and care should be a top priority for the homeowner, says Aaron.

"Painting is the intermediate somewhat between a thought and a thing." **Sydney Smith**

The pig was domesticated about 8,000 years ago.

If all the oil and gas wells drilled in the U.S. between 1970 and 1985 were laid end to end, they would reach to the moon and back more than twice.

"A child is one who thinks 20 shillings and 20 years can never be spent." Benjamin Franklin

The game was not as close as many of the fans would have wanted it to be, but the Owls played a team that has been playing together for a longer time and had a lot more

The Owls never gave up, even when the outcome was in evidence by the score. "This team has had its peaks and valleys, and looking as a coach upon this team I believe that we had more peaks than valleys during

the season," Coach Bob Loy said. He continued, "This was a young team with only one senior, Joe Ramirez, who played an important part in our system to get this far. Many new faces were in evidence this past season which came from last year's junior high squad and they also were noticed this year.'

Kendal Minyard, Bryan Ramsey, Mark Auston, Joey Leal, Teddy Hubbard, Frank Lowrey and Denny Hill all were lost to the "no pass, no play" rule. Clay Mercer moved to Miami.

Mitch Clardy, a first-year member, controlled and ran the offense. Other returnees such as Ricky Clardy, Neal Edwards, Jamie Frizzell and Brad West were also the catalysts of this team. Ryan Smith contributed to the team effort with his return last six weeks and he also will be returning next year.

"The community and the school should be especially proud of this bunch of athletes, as they gave more than enough to this season to make it a success, and their determination should carry over to the next season. You can be sure that they will be in contention again for the district title as they have been the past two seasons," Coach Loy said.
"I would like to take this

opportunity to thank the parents, faculty, student body and community for the backing they gave us. Without your support much of this would not have been accomplished," the coach concluded.

Rev. Blair Returns Home To Floydada

Rev. Earl Blair returned to his home in Floydada on Monday of last week after having been a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock since December 2.

He had undergone surgery six

Friends placed yellow ribbons on vegetation from Blanco Canyon to the Blair residence and erected "welcome home" signs on his garage door and house.

The Rev. Blair is a former pastor of the Silverton First United Methodist Church.

New Arrival

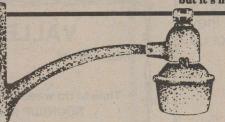
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Estes are parents of a daughter, Kelsie Shea, born Friday, February 27, at 10:30 p.m. at Lockney General Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and seven ounces.

The couple are also parents of a daughter, Amanda, who is almost three years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Estes, all of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes and Mrs. Marie Boling, Silverton, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Barbour of Tulia.

Those who had lunch and supper with Mrs. Ollie McMinn on Sunday, February 22, were Melvin and Fayree Watkins and their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Todd, Melanie Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shoemake and sons, Todd and Matt, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Travis McMinn and their granddaughter, Christa Willis, all of Lubbock. Debbie and Richie Hubbard and boys, Brian and Brent, also of Lubbock, didn't make it in time for lunch but came in time to assist with Mrs. McMinn's birthday reception.

The aardvark gets its name from the Dutch for "earth pig." Its nose looks somewhat pig-like, but it's not related.



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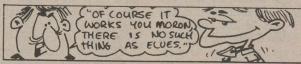
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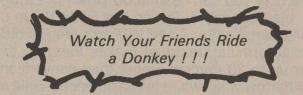
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Area Communities Target Industries For Economic Development

Sixty-one industries that are growing and that are best suited for this part of the southwest were revealed February 24 at a meeting of economic development leaders from a four-state area.

The list is the result of a "target industry" study conducted by Public Demographics, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, for Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) for the benefit of communities the electric utility serves. SPS provides electric service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

"This study will allow communities to take a 'rifle' approach in seeking industry to diversify our area's economy," said Bert Ballengee, SPS chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "We haven't given our communities a magic wand that will suddenly cause new industries to flock to our area. We have provided a very necessary tool, though, for them to use as they seek more jobs and economic growth for this region."

From the list of 61 industries, a 13-member task force of prominent area business leaders select-

ed a "top ten" which they felt would be most beneficial for this area and would be the prospects most likely to locate here.

Those ten industries are:
*Food preparations: The manufacture of prepared foods, espe-

cially frozen foods and snacks.

*Miscellaneous plastic products: Firms that mold primary plastics or that fabricate finished plastic products.

*Vitreous china plumbing fixtures: China and earthenware fittings and bathroom accessor-

*Metal barrels, drums and pails: For use by oil, chemical and other industries.

*Hardware: Includes furniture hardware and motor-vehicle parts.

*Electronic components: Semiconductor subassemblies, microwave components and assorted other products.

*Electrical machinery, equipment and supplies: Lamp bulb components, electric furnaces and other products.

*Truck trailer industry: The manufacture of truck trailers, trailer chassis and cargo containers.

*Surgical and medical instruments: For medical doctors, eye doctors and veterinarians.

*Data processing services: Reports, key punching and the

servicing of equipment.

As the list was being prepared over several months, many factors relating to each industry were weighted as to importance and desirability. For example, industries experiencing moderate growth were rated over those with quick growth in the belief that moderate steady growth would be more perman-

The goals for all industries were fourfold: Support existing industry here by providing a market for their products and services; attract new industries; attract and retain industries that utilize the existing labor force; emphasize diversification to broaden the area's economic base of agriculture and energy.

The Lubbock meeting also featured workshops and information to help communities market themselves to prospective new industries.



Aluminum pots may darken from spinach or potatoes or other alkaline foods. Brighten by boiling two teaspoons of cream of tartar to one quart of water.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER WHALEY

In spite of the fact that retired teachers are constantly being fed a steady stream of rumors about how the Governor's office or the legislature has some kind of sinister plan to destroy the Teachers Retirement System, nothing could be further from the

othing could be f ruth.

The real facts are that the Texas State Teachers Retirement System is one of the soundest in the nation. The legislature has been super nice to the System.

There are three main reasons why the Teacher Retirement System is super sound. First, the state has injected well over one-half billion dollars from the general revenue fund into the System during the surplus seventies and early 1980's. Had it not been for the huge surplus that piled up in the state's general fund during this era, this would have never happened. These are additional funds appropriated from the general revenue fund in addition to the matching funds the state - teacher funds deposited monthly.

Secondly, during this same period, many teachers withdrew from teaching and pulled down their contributions to the tune of over five hundred million dollars. It is estimated the state left over \$600 million of these matching funds in the Teacher Retirement System to the benefit of the System.

Another factor: in 1979, the \$25,000 salary cap was removed on the total amount on which one could base his or her retirement. The rate at which the state paid was raised to 8.5% and teachers were raised to 7.1%. Interest

rates went through the ceiling for four years and enhanced the total assets of the Teacher Retirement System far above any expectations.

The Appropriations Committee hired their own actuarial specialist because they had lost confidence in the one the Teacher Retirement Board hired. They dropped the rate for both teachers and the state for a two-year period. It now has been raised back to 8% for the state and teachers pay 6.4%.

In 1978, the total assets of the Teachers Retirement System were only slightly over \$4 billion. Today, the total assets have grown to \$16.7 billion; however, \$3 billion of that is the growth in the stocks still held.

Many legislators feel it is high time the Teacher Retirement System bail out of the high-risk stock market and place the funds into super safe government securities. Should we have a 1929 stock crash, it could endanger every retiree's monthly check. A blind retarded person could have made a mint over the last two or three years if they had bought and bought and not sold.

The investors of the Teacher Retirement System look good today, but it is high time to count their chips.



The term "honeymoon", it is said, originated with the ancient Germans who, after the wedding ceremony, drank a honey substance until the moon waned.



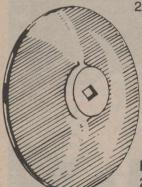
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The result of the changes proposed will be that the Public Utility Commission will no longer set rates or other regulations for telephone leases and wiring installation repairs. The rates and regulations for local exchange service will not be affected 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 requested rate changes are encouraged to contact the Cooperative at (806) 995-3572 or at P. O. 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. 7-4tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County will be accepting Sealed Bids until 10:00 a.m. March 23, 1987 for the purchase of one used Motor Grader for Precinct Number 2, March 23,

BID SPECIFICATIONS

One (1) Used Tandem Powered Motor Grader meeting the following minimum specifications:

Diesel Engine with 638 cubic inch displacement and 150 net flywheel horsepower.

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Texas Treasury Has \$80 Million In Unclaimed Money, Accounts

The Texas Treasury has about \$80 million in unclaimed money, safe deposit boxes, oil royalties and stocks and bonds that it wants to return to about 100,000

"On Sunday, March 8, we will publish this annual list of

Public Notices

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING **CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF** DALLAS T. CULWELL,

DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of DALLAS T. CULWELL, Deceased, were issued to THERON CULWELL on the 29th day of January, 1987, by the Clerk of said Court, in Cause No. 1188, in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, designated as the Estate of DALLAS T. CULWELL, Deceased, which Cause is still pending, and the said THERON CULWELL now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required, as provided by law, to present same within the time prescribed by law to the said THERON CULWELL. The residence and post office address of THERON CULWELL is Route 2, Box 120, Saint Francis, Kansas

WITNESS my hand this 29th day of January, 1987.

/s/Theron Culwell Independent Executor of the Estate of DALLAS T. CULWELL. Deceased. 10-1tc

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The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and

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Judge Fred W. Mercer P. O. Box 356 Silverton, Texas 79257

Posted:

This the 2nd day of March 1987. /s/Fred W. Mercer County Judge.

Briscoe County I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Briscoe County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 2nd day of March, 1987.

County Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas By:/s/Bess McWilliams 10-3tc names," Treasurer Ann Richards said, "and we hope to return a sizable portion of that money to its rightful owners."

The Silverton list includes the names of Russell C. Ashley, Norma L. Birdwell, Norma Lee Birdwell, Gary House, Brandon Jarrett, Warren Jarrett, G. W. Lee, D. A. Montgomery, J. E. O'Neal, Mrs. Lily K. Wafford and Ben A. Williamson.

Persons who find their name on the list may reclaim their property by calling the State Treasury, toll free at 1-800-321-2274 or by writing to the State Treasury at P. O. Box 12608, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

"There is no set time limit for making a claim," Treasurer Richards emphasized. "We will hold the account in the owner's name

She said that last year, the State Treasury published a similar list and about \$50 million was reunited with owners.

The Unclaimed Money Fund list was first published when

Treasurer Richards took office in 1983. Since that time, the State Treasury has returned 73 percent of all the money ever returned since the law took effect 26 years ago.

The list is being published statewide in 16 newspapers. The

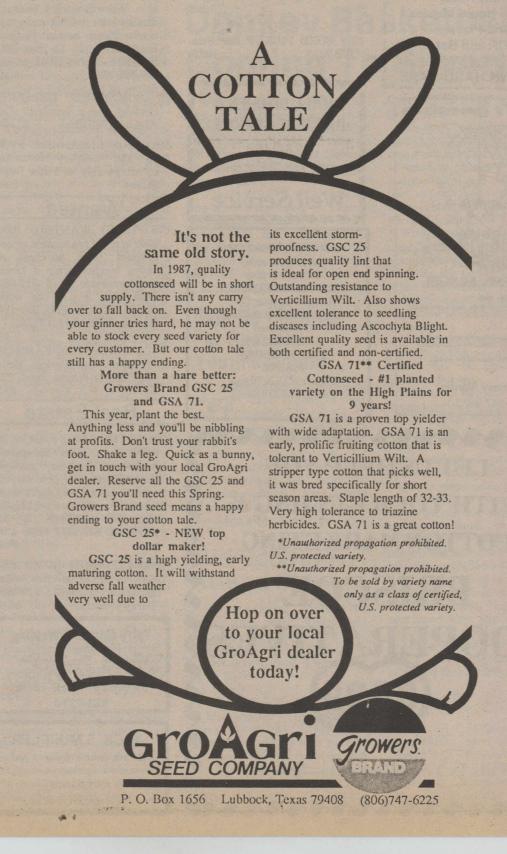
list is also available at public libraries and county offices. In addition, many newspapers publish local names as a public service to their readers.

Under state law, checking and savings accounts, mineral royalties, insurance payments, safe deposit boxes, utility deposits and the like are turned over to the state if accounts are inactive for at least three years.

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Cards of Thanks

Thanks for your presence at my birthday reception, and to all who brought and mailed beautiful cards to me from Silverton, Tulia, Amarillo, Lubbock, Plainview, Arlington, California, New Mexico, Kansas, and other places. In all, 66 cards were received, and they all mean so much to me. Thanks to those who helped in any way with the reception and to those who brought gifts.

May God bless you all as you have blessed me.

Ollie McMinn

Words are not enough to express our thanks for your acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. Your cards, food, prayers, flowers and memorials are greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless each one of you.

Stan, Waynelle and family Bud, Glenda and family Darrell, Shirley and family Mary Ann, Marvin and family Glenna, Boyd and family

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits while I was in the hospital and for all the food and visits since I have been home.

God bless you all. Ida Smith



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