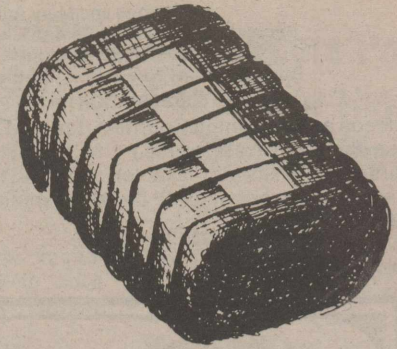
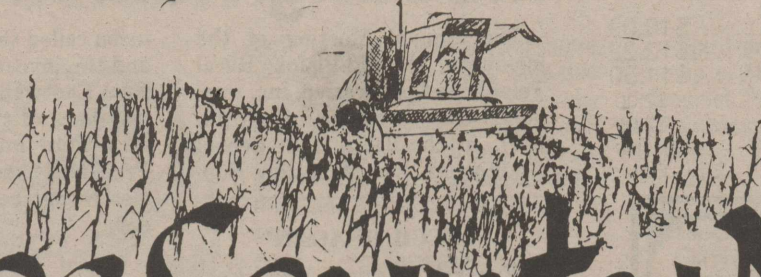


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## Easter Sunrise Service Planned Sunday

A community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:45 a.m. Sunday at the pavillion on the south side of Lake Mackenzie.

Churches planning to take part in the service are the First Assembly of God, First Baptist and First United Methodist.

Rev. M. G. Baumgartner of the

Assembly of God will deliver the Easter message.

Refreshments are to be served at the pavillion following the service.

Everyone, whether a member of one of the participating churches or not, is invited to take part in this special service.

## PTA Little Wrangler Rodeo To Be May 9

Round up that stick horse! Practice your calf-riding and goat milking! The Silverton Parent-Teacher Association is gearing up once again for its annual fund-raising project—The Little Wrangler Rodeo.

The May 9 night's events will include:

Stick Horse Race (open to 4-7

year-old participants)

Boot Scramble (FREE to all 4-9 year-olds)

Wagon Racing (a new event in teams of three, ages 4-9)

Junior and Senior Goat Milking (kindergarten-9, 10-14)

Lamb Dressing (girls only, ages 10-14)

Junior and Senior Barrel Racing (K-9, 10-14)

Calf Riding (12-18 year-olds)

Junior and Senior Bale Rolling (K-9, 10-14)

Greased Pig (FREE to all 10-14 year-olds)

Junior and Senior Flag Racing (K-9, 10-14)

Calf Scramble (for ages 10-14)

Cow Chip Throwing (for school staff only)

Next week's paper will have an explanation of each event. Registration forms will be sent home from school with all students Monday, April 27, and a form will also be printed in that week's local newspaper.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places and for participation in all paid-to-enter events. Four belt buckles will be awarded for Best All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl in the Junior and Senior divisions.

PTA members are being enlisted to help, and plans are being fine tuned to help assure that the night's events run quickly and smoothly to add to the enjoyment of participants and audience. Plan now to come and see the action!

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Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these special revival services.

The world's first newspaper was probably Tsing Pao, a court journal published in China. It is said to have begun as early as the 500's and continued until 1935.



*Tornado season is here again, and while it is hoped that it will pass without affecting anyone in the Panhandle and South Plains, it is time for renewed storm awareness. The photograph above was made last spring by J. W. Reid of a tornado 2½ miles east of his home, which was traveling on the ground in open country just east of the Aubrey Rowell farm home. There was no loss of life or property as the result of this tornado.*

## March Weather Both Cooler And Drier Than Normal

The March 1987 weather across the Texas South Plains was both cooler and drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.5 degrees below normal and ranged from two degrees below normal at Silverton to five degrees below normal at Big Spring.

Maximum temperatures averaged 4.7 degrees below normal and ranged from 2.9 degrees below normal at Matador to 7.1 degrees below normal at Lamesa. The highest temperature reported during the month was 88 at Paducah on the 15th.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.4 degrees below normal and ranged from 0.6 degree below normal at Floydada and Spur to 5.1 degrees below normal at Friona. The coldest day of the month was the 30th with Muleshoe and Friona reporting 7° above zero for the monthly lowest.

The average maximum temperature in Silverton was 58.9 degrees, and the average minimum was 30.0 degrees, with the monthly average being 44.5 degrees.

Precipitation averaged three-tenths of an inch below normal and ranged from 0.28 of an inch above normal at Snyder to 0.64 of an inch below normal at Olton. Most of the precipitation occurred during the last week of the month and was mixed rain and snow. The maximum amount of snow was recorded at Hereford where three inches fell.

Silverton recorded total precipitation of .42 of an inch, with melted snow contributing 1.0 inch, for a total of 1.42 inches. The average figure for March in Briscoe County is .93 of an inch.

After six months without blowing dust, an intense spring storm on March 23 caused nearly one hour of the dust at Lubbock International Airport; however,

## City Election Returns Canvassed By Council

Returns from the April 4 City Officers' Election were canvassed, and Mayor A. R. Martin, Councilmen John Bowman and Lynn Frizzell were sworn into office at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, April 13.

The airport lease to Durham Fertilizer was discussed.

The Council voted to enter into a contract with Southwest Aerial Services, Inc. for mosquito control for the coming summer. The aerial spraying of ULV. Malathion will cost \$1,318.00 per application.

Bud Couch was re-appointed to the board of directors for the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority.

The Council discussed the endorsement of a minimum security prison in the region and the impact of the supercollider project that Amarillo and Lubbock are presently seeking.

## Wheat Damage Turnrow Meeting Slated Friday

Wheat producers are urged to attend this important turnrow meeting, says Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent, on Friday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Briscoe Co-op Gin.

Aaron states that interested people are asked to bring samples of suspected freeze-damaged wheat. He also announced that discussion on what the alternatives are that you have under the farm program is the wheat is disaster.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

#### TO HAVE LUNCHEON

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting at the center Friday at noon.

that was the only episode of the month. Thus the recent tradition of well below normal blowing dust continued, since the 40-year averages of blowing dust for March are 37 hours on six days.

Well into April, on the 13th day of the month, some of the normal March wind and dust was felt throughout the day in Silverton, and winds continued the following day at only slightly less than the gusts to 40 and 50 miles per hour. Wednesday was predicted to be a warm and sunny spring day.



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**OBITUARIES**

**W. D. [Dock] PEUGH**

Funeral services for William Dorris (Dock) Peugh, 75, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton, of which he was a life-long member. Officiating was the pastor, Rev. Duane Knowlton. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Direc-

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tors. Mr. Peugh died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo following a lengthy illness.

He was born October 6, 1911 in Ahpehtone, Oklahoma and was the son of the late William Moses and Ela Shivers Peugh.

He moved to Swisher County from House, New Mexico in 1936 and was employed by the Texas Highway Department. He was transferred by the highway department to Silverton in 1938, where he met and married Jewell Doris Kirk November 27, 1938.

He continued to work for the highway department until after World War II, and following the war he moved his family to a home southwest of Silverton where he farmed until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kenneth Peugh of Dallas and Deleath Peugh of Fresno, California; two daughters, Darla Millsap of Waco and Kathy

# Telephone Cooperative Annual Meeting Held In Tulia April 10

The Annual Meeting of the members of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was held Friday evening, April 10, 1987, in the Tulia High School Auditorium. President Clint Rob-

inson called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Earl Cantwell of Silverton. The members of the board of directors were introduced by Vice-President Emery Goodin, and he also recognized the guests present.

toll center will be connected at the Kress office. The Bean exchange is currently going through the Kress office. The toll from the Kress office will connect with Southwestern Bell about one mile south of Kress at their facility there. New digital switching equipment is planned for the Kress exchange.

The new facilities will keep Mid-Plains' plant updated and will help the Cooperative to serve its members better. Another advantage of having several exchanges coming together at one point is that it makes it more attractive for other toll carriers to connect to the system.

Three incumbent board members were returned to their positions as a result of the election that was a part of the business meeting. Those returned are Elton Cantwell of Bean; Kenneth Littlefield of Vigo Park, and Melton McGehee of Gurley. The other directors are Clint Robinson, Emery Goodin, Victor Harman, J. L. Whitmire, Earl Reynolds and R. D. Friemel.

Several service awards were presented by Victor Harman and Melton McGehee. Receiving five-year awards were Juanita Moreno, Hazel Cumby and Danny Johnson. A ten-year award was presented to Gary Malone. Two directors, Clint Robinson and Earl Reynolds, were recognized for their years of service. Robinson has been a director for 25 years, and Reynolds has served 20 years.

In his manager's report to the membership, Johnson announced that new construction will begin during the summer of 1987 for new toll facilities for the Redmon, Vigo Park and Elkins exchanges. The five exchanges that are served by the Lubbock

**CECIL REAGAN**

Funeral services for Cecil Odell Reagan, 66, of Quitaque will be at 11:00 a.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating.

Assisting with the services will be the Rev. Dennis Flaughner, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Quitaque.

Burial will be in Rest Haven Cemetery, with arrangements by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Reagan died at 2:30 p.m. Monday at his residence. Justice of the Peace David Brunson ruled the death to have been from natural causes.

A life-long resident of Quitaque, he married Lillie Belle Payne on June 29, 1940 in Silverton. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bennie Reagan of Silverton; two daughters, Jackie Carpenter and Barbara Saul, both of Quitaque; three brothers, Billy Reagan of Lockney, Odis Reagan of Quitaque and Robert Reagan of Reserve, New Mexico; three sisters, Ruth Mortimer of Durango, Colorado, Eunice Simpson of Riverside, California and Glenna Reynolds of Tulia; and seven grandchildren.

Wellman of Kansas City, Missouri; three sisters, Cetrus Smith of Dallas, Pauline Canady of Ponca City, Oklahoma and Mosie Sharp of Grapevine; thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Tim Mattheus, T. D. West, Tommy Burson, Max Weaver, John Wyatt and Wayne Nance.

Honorary pallbearers were James Griffin, Jack Strange, H. A. Cagle and Steve Jarnagin.

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# Looking Back

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**April 14, 1977**—Mrs. Ruth Ann Scrivner named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges . . . Linda Baird entered High Plains Hospital in Amarillo last Friday . . . O. E. (Mutt) Seal will retire from his job with the City of Silverton on April 29 . . . Karen Martin returned home Saturday after having been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for several days . . . Shorty West has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital . . . Mrs. Keyth Tiffin entered Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Saturday . . . Leland Wood was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Sunday after taking a fall at his home . . . Miss Kimberly Kay Hutsell is bride of Zane Douglas Mayfield . . .

**April 13, 1967**—L. E. Davis critically burned in accident . . . Leon Grosdidier resigns as Briscoe County Extension Agent . . . Mrs. Willard Merrell held the lucky door prize ticket at the annual meeting of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative in Floydada Saturday, and chose a Whirlpool washer and dryer as her prize . . . Mrs. Paul Ledbetter returned home from Swisher Memorial Hospital Thursday after having been a patient there since Sunday night . . . A2C Roy Morrison of Davis Monthan AFB in Arizona was an Easter holiday visitor with his mother, Mrs. Mollie Riddle . . . Juanita Ivory is bride-elect of Rev. Leon Anderson . . . Susan Anderson was second runner-up in the Miss Tall Dallas pageant . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hancock are parents of a son, William Gordon . . . Vicki Vaughan is winner of Wayland's American Heritage Essay contest. Second place was won by George Masey, and third place went to Crockett Grabbe. Pat Grabbe won fourth in the event . . . Chosen to be cheerleaders for the next school year were Debbie Dickerson, Nancy Long, Ginger Martin, Cathy Jones and Rhonda Dickerson . . .

**April 18, 1957**—Davis Gin installing new machinery . . . Miss Patsy Crass selected for interview by General Electric Company regarding a position with their company after she completes her work at Texas Tech . . . Joe Wayne Brooks will be the line coach at Canyon High School . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon have moved a new house from Lubbock onto a location on South Main Street. Is is a three bedroom house and will be a nice comfortable home for the Brannons and their daughters, Patsy, Linda and Lou . . . Anna Lee Anderson and Mrs. A. L. Redin attended a meeting of Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Sudan . . . Don Leith is a new member of the staff of the local SCS office . . .

**April 10, 1947**—Little rain and hail falls here while cyclone rips Panhandle . . . The Edwin Crass home was a place of entertainment for the younger children Sunday afternoon when a number gathered to hunt Easter eggs. Those enjoying the hunt were Wayma Ray Callaway, W.

D. Rowell, Alvin and Mary Jane Jacobs, Joy, Ernestine and Buddy Strange, Ann Brown, Faith Smithee, Patsy and Bobby Crass, the host and hostess . . . Mrs. Jim Clemmer and sons, Gene and James Roy, went to Hamlin Monday of this week to be with Mrs. Clemmer's father who is ill . . . Gene Dickenson of Dallas and Dorothy and Earl Wilbur of Canadian spent Easter Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickenson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jackson and Mrs. M. M. Edwards were in Plainview and Hale Center Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack Walker spent the weekend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Porter Arnold, in San Jon, New Mexico . . . Silverton on

the "boom"; new buildings responsible . . . Leah Dare Kellum honored with egg hunt on her seventh birthday . . . Mrs. Troy Cox given pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. L. A. McJimsey . . . Reunion held in A. T. Brooks, sr. home last Thursday . . .

**April 13, 1939**—Funeral services held for Mrs. Wilbur Wilson . . . More work begun on Highway 86 east of Silverton this week . . . Gordon and Donald Alexander transacted business in Clarendon Wednesday . . . Carl Bean who is attending barber school in Amarillo helped Ben O. King in the barber shop Saturday . . . Mrs. Dave Ziegler left Monday morning for Fort Worth

where she planned to enroll at Sellers Beauty School . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Ned Baird, who has been walking around with that self satisfied smile is not really as cool about this new son as he would have you think. In front of Cowarts M-System the other day he offered me a cigar, and we started up the street to get it. He marched right past Bomar Drug, so I supposed he was going to buy it at Kirks. By the time we got there, he changed the subject and got in his car . . . only it was George Kirk's car, and he had to get out and in his own car. By that time he had forgotten me entirely and this little item is in hopes that the cigar is still forthcoming . . .

**July 11, 1929**—West Texas Gas Company starts work on line . . . Big wrestling bout at Palace Theatre will feature "Hammerlock John" of Abilene and Wallace "Young Sampson" Mobley of Quitaque . . . W. L. Jewett has under construction in Sunset addition a fine residence of concrete, brick and stucco. Hardwood floors and other modern features will be installed . . . Jeff Simpson is adding to the desirability of North Broadway for home sites by building an attractive residence at the intersection with Fifth Street . . . Mrs. J. E. Minyard has just completed and

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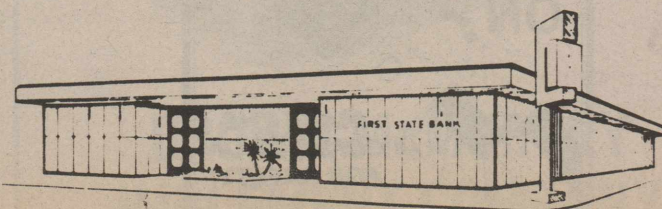
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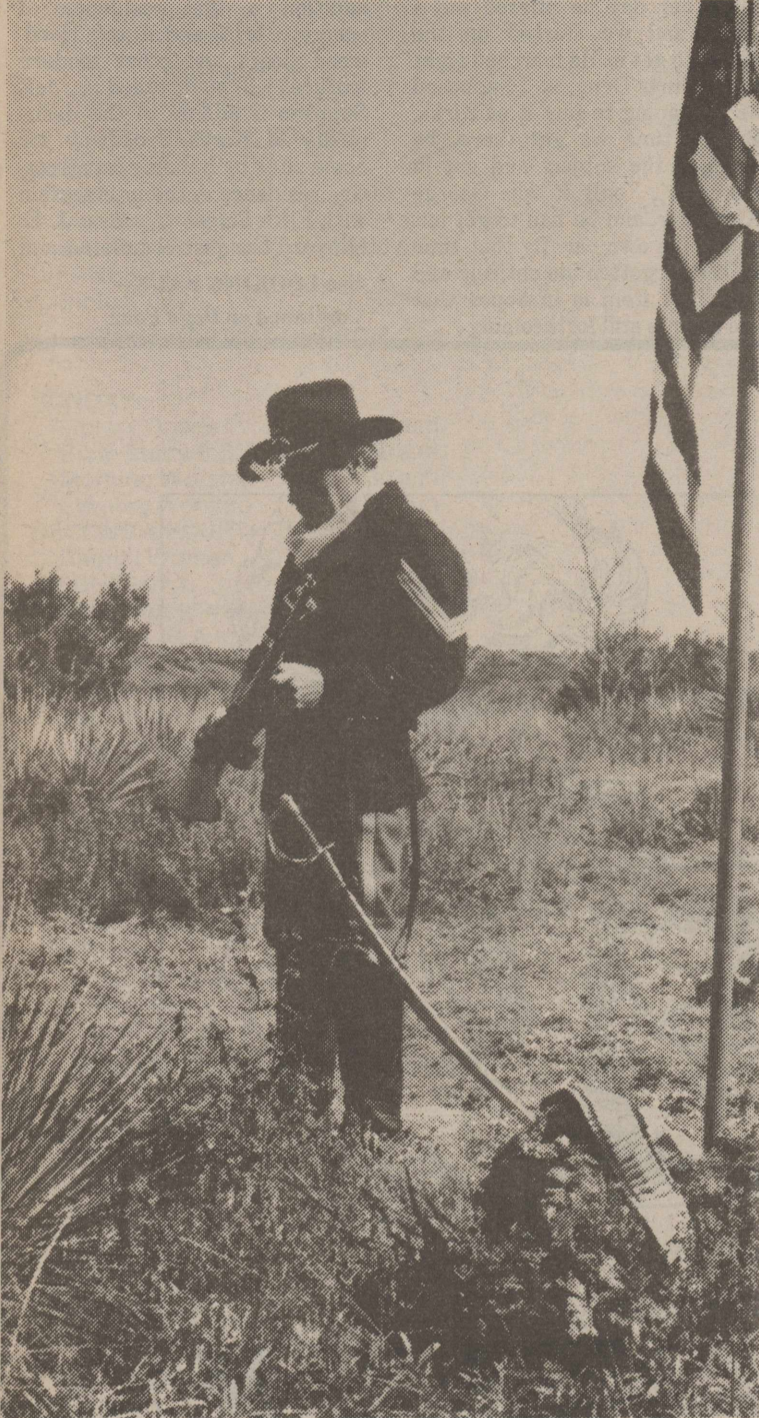
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# Memorial Regiment To Bivouac In Blanco Canyon

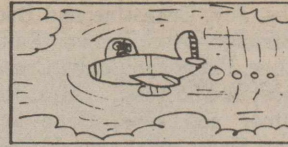


Ray Thomas will explain about the weapons Fourth Cavalry troopers used during a Living History program near Matador this weekend.

A field exercise and bivouac for members of the memorial regiment of the 4th Cavalry is planned for the weekend of April 25 in Blanco Canyon near the site of the first encounter between Mackenzie's best light cavalry and Quanah Parker's fiercest warriors.

According to the commander of the history re-enactment group, Lt. Colonel Robert Marlett, planned field events for the uniformed troopers and their costumed families include sabre, pistol and cannon drills, demon-

strations, cooking and tall-tale contests, games and stories of the 1871-1874 period. On the top of a windswept mesa near the battle site, historic details of the Battle of Blanco Canyon with its loss of one trooper and sixty-six horses, of a blinding blizzard that caught the regiment on the open plains, and of the wounding of the 4th's close-mouthed commander by a Comanche arrow will be given. The goal of the modern-day 4th Cavalry is to assemble a fully mounted cavalry troop to accu-



The first piloted airplane flight at the speed of sound took place on October 14, 1947.

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moved into her new five-room stucco home in the north part of the city . . . Guy Whitacre is building a modern bungalow on West Commerce Street . . . Fred Lemons has just finished laying concrete sidewalks at his home in the north part of town, leading the way for a much needed improvement of like nature in every section of Silverton . . . Pulling out 16 hits the Silverton ball club defeated Gasoline here last Sunday, 18 to 3. Silverton made ten runs in the fifth, Bean,

Morgan and A. Taylor made two scores each before the third out. Batteries for Silverton: Walker and J. Taylor; for Gasoline: Bedwell and Morrison . . . The largest social gathering in Silverton for several weeks was the fish fry party which observed Independence Day at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickerson, five miles southwest of the city. The Fourth was an ideal day for an outing, a cloudless sky, a gentle Plains' zephyr to keep the sun's rays moderate, and there was a real holiday zest in the air of the evening as the party was assembling under the shade of the big cottonwoods at the Dickerson fish tank. The shadows of evening were close when the repast was set and the crispy, browned fish removed from the popping skillets and passed around, ample for all even though the capacity of each was equivalent to two . . .

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# ASCS Payment Limit Information Given To Farmers

Payment limits now appear to be the hottest issue in federal farm programs. The rules for 1987 are by far more restrictive than they have been in past years and the rules might affect you. The rules haven't changed, they have now been clarified. Just because you are an established entity or "person" that has been operating that way for the last 20 years DOES NOT make you immune from potential problems.

Doing certain things will almost always get you in trouble. The Briscoe County Committee does not establish regulations relative to payment limit determinations. It is their responsibility to make you aware of potential areas that are of concern. There is no way that ASCS can make a statement that you can or cannot do this or that, as substantive change, financing, equipment, labor, land and management get into the picture and the over-all operation must be evaluated. Payment limit determinations are made as conditions and exist on April 17 of this year.

Payment limits get a little personal as copies of bank notes, security agreements, equipment listings, income tax statements, etc. will be requested. ASCS files must contain supporting documentation.

## FINANCING

Co-signing a note for another producer is dangerous. If you co-sign a note for a producer, you may have no other "interest in a farm for financing." This is defined as owning, subleasing, leasing or permitting the use of land or equipment as landowner, landlord, mortgage holder, trustee, agent, tenant, guarantor, manager or in any other similar capacity. That just about gets it all, so if you co-sign a note, it is likely you and the person you co-sign for will have one or more of these in common. This would cause both of you to be combined together and only considered as one "person" for payment limit rules.

Signing personal guarantees instead of co-signing is considered as actually financing the operation and this is a real no-no.

The size of the note makes no difference. If it is for any part of the equipment, crop inputs or land, the entities are considered one "person" if they both have an interest in the farm.

## SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Any time a new person or entity becomes a producer and this entity has not farmed in the previous year, a determination of substantive change must be made. This is defined by the handbook and includes the following: A substantial change in the size of the farm (at least a 20%) by purchase, sale or lease of land. You have to take ALL the land that you are involved with along with ALL the land of those other persons who have a direct or indirect interest and compare the 1986 acres to the 1987 acres to see if a 20% change in land occurs. Another is ownership of equipment changing from the existing entity to the new entity by gift or sale

with no arrangement to owe the original ownership for equipment. (Make sure that if it is by gift or sale, all the necessary legal documents are available to support the transaction and the one selling or giving has removed it from their security agreement at the bank and their IRS tax return depreciation schedule). There are three other substantive change reasons but generally they do not apply in our area.

## CUSTOM FARMING

Custom farming is acceptable provided you charge a rate that is normal and customary for the area and the person for whom the work is performed pays you immediately (no later than 30 days) after the job is completed and the person performing the custom farming has no interest in the crop and no interest in the farm as landowner, landlord, mortgage holder, trustee, agent, lienholder, guarantor, manager, tenant or any other similar capacity. You cannot custom farm and make management decisions.

Persons having custom work done on their CRP land or persons doing custom work for someone in CRP must be EXTREMELY cautious. The same rules apply as listed above on custom farming. You can custom farm or you can manage, but you cannot do both. It even becomes more of a problem when you continue to farm land for a person and do custom work on their CRP.

## LEASING

Leasing tractors and implements from an individual or entity is okay provided you have no other interests in their operation, the lease payment is normal and customary for the area and the lease payment is paid immediately (no later than 30 days). Normally, there is some other type of farming interest between the two entities. Leasing from a third party is the best option.

Payment of cash lease for land rental other than at the first of the year is considered financing unless this practice has been normal for the operation in prior years. Payment for the equipment lease and custom farming later in the year is considered financing. It is IMPERATIVE that you make all payments timely.

Another area of concern is that entities farming that wish to meet the criteria of a separate "person" for payment limits must be responsible for farming costs related to the operation from a fund or account separate from that of any other individual or entity. The bottom line is that the entity operating needs to be purchasing those crop ingredients on their own and not having another person purchasing them and then reimbursing that person. Doing this gets you back to financing. If you pay for it, you use it. If they need it, they go buy it from a third party. It is another real no-no to buy in bulk quantities and then each one of you pay your share. At this point, you have an interest when money starts changing hands between parties and normally,

there is some other type of interest.

New entities, capitalization - corporations farming for the first time must have 30%-35% of the total capital needed in the bank and at the beginning of the year if any of the members of the new entity have an interest in other farming operations. The entity may borrow this money provided the entity does not use equipment or land that was used as substantive change or government payments as collateral for the note.

If the new entity is a partnership or joint venture, the members would have to individually contribute 30%-35% from individual assets or individually borrowed funds.

If the new entity is an individual, the 30%-35% capitalization requirement does not have to be met.

## EQUIPMENT

For years, people have neighbored and "familyed" when it comes to equipment. If you do not have all the equipment needed to farm the operation, then you could lease the equipment from someone in which you have NO OTHER farming interest. Individuals who do not have all the equipment necessary to farm the operation must make sure they do not borrow or lease the equipment from someone in which they have another farming interest. The occasional exchange of equipment and labor between individuals is not considered as custom farming as long as each individual has all the equipment necessary to carry out his own operation and no money changes hands. The regular exchange of equipment and labor has always been and is still considered custom farming and would tie both parties together for payment limit purposes.

## MAJOR CHANGE IN FINANCING

A partner is a joint venture or partnership MAY NOT obtain financing as an individual if the loan is secured by the partner's undivided interest in the crop and the government payments earned by the joint venture or partnership. The loan must be secured with the partner's own personal assets.

A partnership may not obtain financing that is secured by any of the partner's individual assets. Make sure that if it is the partnership that is obtaining the loan, only partnership assets, crops and equipment are used to secure the loan. If it is an individual loan, make sure only your assets and not your interest in the partnership's crops or government payments is used as collateral. If it is any way other than this, you and your partner will be one person for payment limits.

Farmers have got to know the rules up front in order to abide by them. ASCS doesn't make the rules, so telling this office doesn't do any good. The scary part of payment limits is that there are things that you might be doing wrong that you don't even know are wrong. This information has such far-reaching consequences that you are urged to read it

again. If you have any questions, now is the time for discussion.

If you have read any agriculture magazine, newsletter, etc., you are aware that payment limitations are a hot topic. Some probably think they are not involved because they don't get \$50,000 anyway; however, because of involvement with others and the circumstances with the other peoples' operations, friends and relatives, everyone gets involved because USDA interpretation could add your earnings with a friend, neighbor or relative because of various involvements such as financing, custom farming, management, loaning equipment, etc.

## MAIN CHANGE

The main change is if in 1987 there is not an increase in the number of "persons" in an operation from 1986, producers will be allowed to casually exchange equipment and labor between family members or other producers provided no money changes hands. This exchange is acceptable provided each of the individuals has all the equipment necessary to conduct their farming operation. "ALL" equipment necessary does not include specialty items or harvesting equipment. A tractor and two plows is not all the equipment necessary so make sure that your equipment line contains enough equipment to farm your operation.

The primary concern among farmers was not being allowed to exchange equipment and labor when each entity had all the equipment and labor necessary to farm their operation. Not allowing this was breaking away from the age-old tradition of "neighboring" or "familying" and would be presenting undue hardship on someone who did not have a specialized piece of equipment.

Nothing else has changed in the original, especially if you are a new entity for 1987 and this is the first year you will be getting any payments. In addition, any time you do business, help, lease, do custom work, etc., for a new entity, you need to make sure you have no indirect or direct interest in the new entity. If you provide services such as leasing or custom farming, make sure all transactions are considered normal and customary for the area and any payment for services or equipment is paid timely.

Don't panic. Sit down and take a look at your operation and see where your operation might not be complying with the rules.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

Whether you are a new entity or not, co-signing or signing personal guarantees for another producer can cause you and that producer to be combined as one person for payment limits if you have any other interest (as defined already).

It is okay to custom farm provided you and the person(s) you are custom farming for have no other interests. If you custom farm land and then have any livestock you own, graze any crops or crop residue, this is considered another interest. You cannot do custom work and then make management decisions. It all comes down to this: you can have no other interest in the farm and do custom work or you and that person will be combined for payment limit purposes.

Persons having CRP land or

persons doing work for someone with CRP land need to understand that they will be combined as one person for payment limits under the REGULAR (deficiency payments) program if the person performing the custom work is also making management decisions or the person performing the custom work has another interest (such as tenant) on the balance of the farm.

Payment of crop expenses from an account separate from another person is a basic criteria for being considered a separate person. When crop supplies are purchased and money starts changing hands between two brothers, father and son, etc.—because one of the persons paid for it and the other owes him his share, it can be interpreted as financing. If you buy it, use it. If a bill comes that is incorrect, send it back and ask for a revised bill.

The financing aspect of joint ventures and partnerships is not applicable in 1987 unless the partnership or joint venture is new for 1987. You could have been farming for years as an individual, but not in a partnership. You would have to meet the capitalization requirement if you're a new partnership for 1987.

## AM I ALRIGHT?

ASCS office managers get asked this question all the time. There is no way an office manager can say you're alright without looking at the entire operation and you furnishing the supporting documentation to show how your operation works. Answers can be given about specific questions, but not the whole operation.

You will ultimately be the one to pay if you are permitted to do something wrong.

## NEW ENTITIES

All new operators and tenants are urged to go to their ASCS office to file a request on forms ASCS-561, 561-A or 561-B, along with supporting documentation to see if they will be considered a separate "person" for payment limits. This applies whether or not you have talked to your ASCS office. Now, not this fall, is the time to see if you qualify for any payments on your own and not in combination with another entity for payment limits. If you file this request by May 1, a determination will be made by June 1.

If you're an old and established entity and want to come talk or want to fill out these same papers, ASCS wants to work with you as well.

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# Malone-Ponder Vows Exchanged March 28 In Church Ceremony

Karol Jean Malone and Andrew Ponder were united in marriage March 28, 1987 in a formal ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Vigo Park, Texas. The Rev. Roland Moore performed the ceremony in front of an archway entwined with lemon leaves and centered with a large pink satin bow. Butterfly ivy plants flanked the archway.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Malone of the Vigo community, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scott of Wayside.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white taffeta and lace with a slightly raised waist and a bouffant pick-up skirt. She wore elbow-lace gloves accented with pink rosettes. Her veil was of sheer nylon embroidered and edged with pearls and attached to a pouf of silk flowers and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white silk roses and baby's breath showered with pink satin streamers. To carry out bridal tradition, her something old was cameo earrings belonging to the groom's great-grandmother, Maggie Waldrum of California; something new was her dress; something borrowed was a diamond necklace belonging to her sister, Gena Love. She also added a blue garter.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Gena Love of Amarillo. The bridesmaid was Judy Shealor of Tulia, aunt of the



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ponder



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fowler of Smyer, Texas will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at a reception in the Smyer School Cafeteria. Hosting the event will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fowler of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen of Friona, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. David Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Neal, all of Smyer. The former Sylvia Strange and Fowler were married April 24, 1937 in Clovis, New Mexico. All relatives and friends of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

## Spirit and Truth



by Rev. M. G. Baumgartner  
P. O. Box 596  
Silverton, Texas 79257

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Matthew 23:23

When Jesus walked on earth He called the religious people of that day Hypocrites—for they were concerned with the outward show and not the inward soul; they were concerned with the important, but not the urgent. Our lives, today, must be guarded against hypocrisy; if we don't take care in this area, how will we ever tell a lost and dying world that Jesus is the way? Often times, those who are not saved won't go to a Bible or Church for answers, they will watch our lives looking for something different. Let us not be guilty of the sin of omission. For I say unto you, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," Matt. 28:19, and "... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

1 Tim. 4:12

groom. Flower girl was Tabitha Shealor of Tulia, cousin of the groom. The three bridal attendants wore pink satin gowns and carried single long-stemmed pink roses and baby's breath showered with pink satin ribbons.

Best man was William Malone, brother of the bride. Groomsman was James Williams of Tulia. Ringbearer was Jason Shealor of Tulia, cousin of the groom.

Pianist for the ceremony was Hazel Gardner of Vigo, and she accompanied Darlene Gardner when she sang "I Love You Truly."

A reception followed the ceremony.

The couple is making their home in Happy.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

April 16—Richard Jarnagin, Walter Perkins, Lacy Brunson, Jim Forbes

April 17—Dianna Johnston, Nadyne Childress, Joan Roehr, Peggy Rowell, Avery Baker

April 18—O. E. May, Lem Weaver, Venita Chappell

April 19—Jeanetta Bradford, Nicky McJimsey, Linda Minyard  
April 20 — Tanner Wood, James Jarrett, Clinton Dickerson

April 21—Lynn Smith  
April 22—Zane Henderson, Jord Hollingsworth, Kristi Bean, Rex Fuston

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

April 18—Mr. and Mrs. Dwain

Henderson  
April 20—Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May

## Unique Leadership Program Planned Here April 20

Leaders of local clubs, organizations, boards and councils have an opportunity to participate in a unique leadership program April 20, at the Pioneer Room of First State Bank in Silverton, or April 21, at the First National Bank in Quitaque. Both programs will be from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

This leadership training opportunity is a part of a new program called Family Community Leadership sponsored by the Extension Service and the Extension Homemakers Clubs.

A representative from each adult and youth club, the City Councils, banks, school boards, fire departments, ambulance associations, churches, Activities Association, Senior Citizens centers, County Commissioners Court, PTA, Mackenzie Water Authority Board, Historical Commission, cemetery associations, and schools in the county has been invited to participate.

The leadership team conducting the training, Virginia Hardin, Jackie Mercer and Lynda Fogerson, County Extension Agent, will use group activities and group discussion and interaction to present the session on Using

### Power in Groups.

Leaders are asked to contact the Extension Office at 823-2343 or call one of the leadership team members to indicate who will be attending the training from their respective organization.

Leadership ability is a concern of many local organizations who want to involve more people in decision-making in the communities. All groups are urged to be represented at this meeting.

### SILVERTON SCHOOL

#### LUNCHROOM MENU

April 21-24

Tuesday—Salisbury Steak and Gravy, Buttered Rice, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Cobbler, Milk

Wednesday — Tostados and Taco Sauce, Salad, Corn, Cornbread, Pudding, Milk

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

Friday—Chili Dogs, French Fries, Fruit and Jello, Milk

Mrs. Patti Dennis and little daughter, Natalie Grace, of Lubbock spent Sunday night and Monday in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes. Mrs. Grace Vaughan had lunch with them on Monday.

The number of employed women increased from 2 1/2 million in 1880 to 5 1/3 million by 1900.



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## Mrs. Rampley Submits Resignation As School Business Teacher

Mrs. O. C. Rampley has recently submitted her resignation from the position of business teacher in Silverton High School, effective at the close of the current school year. She has 35 years of teaching service—34 continuous years with the Silverton ISD.

Mrs. Rampley holds a bachelor of business administration degree and a master of business administration degree from West Texas State University where she also completed 15 hours above the master degree.

She is a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association and a 28-year member of the Texas Business Education Association. She held all of the elective offices of the Texas Business Education Association, District XVI, TSTA, and served as secretary and treasurer of the Briscoe County Local TSTA Unit. She is currently serving as Contact Person for TSTA/NEA in Briscoe County.

She is also an active member of the Gamma Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Society for Women Teachers. She has served as president, parliamentarian and recording secretary of that organization. She has served as a member of the Alpha State Professional Affairs Committee and the Alpha State Nominating Committee. She completed a three-year appointment as director of Girlstown, USA, Education Fund.

The Silverton Future Business Leaders of America Chapter 2021 was organized and chartered under her direction in 1959. She has served as its advisor continually since that time. This school group has made many significant contributions to the Silverton School—including the central air conditioning system for the business department, air

conditioning window units for the library, tape recorder, record player, adding machines, calculators, and other supplies and equipment for the business department. The FBLA Chapter is currently installing a central cooling system in the school auditorium, which they plan to have completed in time for the May 29, 1987 graduation exercises.

Mrs. Rampley has served as advisor to the Yearbook Staff and the Zenith Chapter of the Silverton National Honor Society for the past several years.

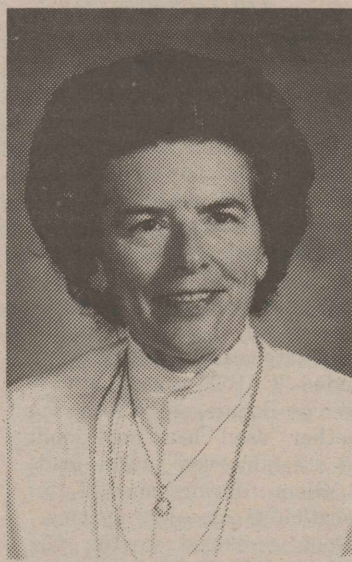
She has served the adults of this community by teaching evening classes of Beginning and Advanced Typewriting, Beginning and Intermediate Accounting, Vocational Mathematics of Business, and a Basic Civil Service Training Class—all under the direction of Amarillo College's Continuing Education Program. She has taught two adult computer courses this school year—Basic Computer Programming and Word Processing on the Apple Computer. These courses were taught for Clarendon College.

Mrs. Rampley was selected to receive the Texas Business Education Association, District XVI, 1980 High School Teacher of the Year award. She is currently serving as treasurer of the Briscoe County Historical Committee and helped to co-author the "Footprints of Time in Briscoe County—1876-1976," published by Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas. She was selected to appear in the book, "Leaders of American Secondary Education."

She is a charter member of the Century of Progress Study Club in Silverton and has maintained an active membership in the club since it was organized in 1949. She has served the club as reporter, secretary, treasurer and president. She has held the office of club treasurer for the past several years.

She served as president of Caprock District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs for two years, after having served the district as corresponding secretary, second vice president and first vice president.

Faye Gene Davis, the fifth child of Stella and Durward H.



Mrs. O. C. (Faye) Rampley

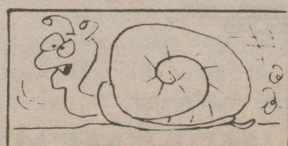
Davis, was born in the home of Mrs. Perry, on the northwest corner of the courthouse square in Silverton, where the Texaco station now stands. She attended grade school and high school in Silverton and has lived here most of her life. She is an active member of the Silverton Church of Christ.

She not only takes pride in her work, but also in her family. She and O. C. Rampley are parents of two married sons, Dwight and Wayne Rampley. Both sons are registered pharmacists and began their careers in Tulia where they were employed by the City Drug. Wayne, Pam and their children, Michael, Rene and Mandy, live in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he owns his own pharmacy. Dwight, Rickie and their sons, Ty and Jeff, live in Blacktown, Australia, where he has served as a missionary for the Church of Christ for the past seven years.



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April 25-26 — 33rd Annual Montgomery Trek/Founders Day 150th Birthday Celebration, Montgomery. This year's event will have a special meaning to this little town in Southeast Texas as they will also celebrate their 150th birthday. The tour of mid-19th-century structures will open 11 vintage homes to the public along with the old Baptist and Methodist Churches, 2 law offices, post office and other historical buildings. Tour fee: \$6 adults; \$3 students. Special events include demonstrations of old-time crafts, quilt exhibits, arts, crafts, country-style dinners and entertainment. Details from Reba Laughter, Montgomery Historical Society, Box 513, Montgomery 77356 (409-597-6304).



The average traveling speed of a garden snail is .03 miles per hour.

## Hard Facts About Easter Eggs

One of Nature's most nutritionally dense foods may be hiding in your Easter basket, disguised as an egg.

"Eggs are a good source of iron, vitamin A and riboflavin which are part of the Recommended Dietary Allowance," says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist Marilyn Haggard.

Eggs are considered nutritionally dense because of the large amount of nutrients they provide per calorie. This makes them popular with weight conscious consumers.

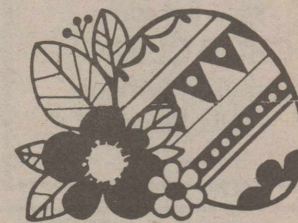
According to Ms. Haggard, they are also light on the budget. By government standards, one dozen large eggs weigh 24 ounces which makes it easy to figure out their cost efficiency. For example, if one dozen large eggs cost 90 cents, that means they are 60 cents a pound, compared to over one dollar a pound for meat and other sources of protein.

"Cholesterol levels should also be considered," cautions Ms. Haggard. "Eggs are high in cholesterol, which has been linked to heart disease. If your

doctor has put you on a low cholesterol diet, just eat the whites as all the fat and cholesterol are contained in the yolk."

To hard cook eggs, place them in a pan and cover them with an inch of tap water. Bring them to a boil, simmer for 20 minutes, then cool immediately. Ms. Haggard says to make sure the eggs are hard after boiling, but that over-boiling causes the whites to become rubbery.

Hard cooked Easter eggs will last, unpeeled in the refrigerator, up to a week, Ms. Haggard mentions. Don't keep them in your basket too long though; they'll only last two or three days at room temperature.



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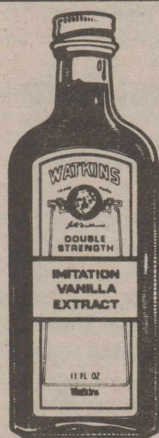
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## Letters to The Editor

Greetings from LaPinta, Chihuahua, Old Mexico!

Bonnie W. (temporary resident of Yuma, Arizona) and Glenn W. (permanent exile to Old Mexico) held a class/family reunion at Douglas, Arizona March 29, 1987.

Being first cousins and graduating together with a few other people in the "Class of 52", the cousins had not seen each other in 27 (twenty-seven) years. This might really be 28 years but both

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parties would only admit to the age of 29 years old, with Bonnie being several months the eldest.

Class reunion business began by dragging up old classmates' gossip and scandals that most had prayed were forgotten and forgiven. After ripping and shredding all reputations, dinner of cold cream cheese sandwiches and cold coffee was served by Nona, Bonnie's traveling companion, who by this time was utterly bored.

During the break, Bonnie and Glenn toured the town of Douglas searching for yard sales and second-hand stores. Finding neither, they returned to the motel to find Nona sound asleep.

Family reunion business began with the topic of "those that had to" and "those that didn't have to." It concluded with "those that should have, but didn't." Nona's snoring broke up this informative meeting about 4:30 that morning.

Monday morning the trio crossed into Old Mexico, where Immigration Authorities seriously questioned the information given by the trio—such as ages and dates of birth.

Nona, the driver, immediately got lost in the small border town of Pietra Agua.

That day's topic of conversation was a combination of class

and family scandals.

Monday night was spent at Casa Grande, Old Mexico where the trio dined on day-old fish and rather cheap white wine. Nona retired extremely early while Bonnie and Glenn continued their conversation of "Who they were on speaking terms with and who they weren't on speaking terms with."

The trio again lost all sense of direction the following morning while searching the small village for cheap unleaded gasoline.

Arriving at LaPinta, Chihuahua—home town of Glenn—the cousins exchanged many gifts. Some rusty cast iron skillets, out-of-date canned foods, second-handed "CARE" packages were given by Bonnie, while receiving a rather "used" hand-made quilt and a hand-woven basket made by Glenn during one of his "vacation" treatment programs.

Nona remained in the van during this moving ceremony.

The trio then enjoyed a genuine Mexican frozen dinner (Borden's brand) which had been heated up by Crooked Manuel's wife, neighbor and supposedly friend of Glenn's.

Bonnie and Glenn agreed that the next family/class reunion should be on separate dates (not enough time to cover all the gossip). This reunion will be in

the year of 2014.

Bonnie and Nona left around noon, munching on stale flour tortillas, to return to the U.S.A. Glenn was too busy chasing his goats out of a neighbor's apple orchard to render them a proper "Bon Voyage, Gringas!"

Anyone wishing colored photos of this historical event may obtain them by contacting Bonnie Watters (two T's) 232 30th Street, Yuma, Arizona. Please enclose \$2.00 for each photo desired with a self-addressed envelope and stamp.

G. Watters

Dear Editor,

As you know, funding for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the 4-H Program has been threatened. Reduced funding could result in less emphasis on the work of the Extension Service and 4-H Programming.

The State Legislature is meeting now to consider funding for all state agencies.

We are asking the citizens of our county to write letters to Governor Bill Clements, Lt. Governor Bill Hobby, and Speaker of the House Gib Lewis to tell them how important the work of the Extension Service and the 4-H Program has been to your family. We are sure that each of you has used the Extension Service in the past for your individual needs and would greatly miss that service if funding were cut. The recently published Briscoe County Hunting Guide and Bed and Bath project was coordinated by our Extension Service and is only one of the many worthwhile projects our Extension Service offers.

Each parent in our county who has had children in the 4-H program would agree that 4-H helped the children develop leadership skills, be better citizens, develop responsibility, acquire decision-making abilities, become self-directed, set goals, and develop career plans.

If Extension funding is cut, it will be small communities like ours which will lose first. Please write letters to:

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Governor of Texas  
Room 200, State Capitol  
Austin, Texas 78711

The Honorable William P. Hobby  
Lt. Governor of Texas  
Office 219, State Capitol  
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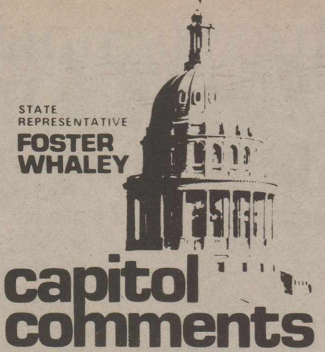
The Honorable Gib Lewis  
Speaker of the House  
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Leaders' Association

Dear Editor,

My name is Jean Davis, and I am trying to locate some people or their descendants who lived in your area in the early 1930s. Their names were W. B. and Sophie (Knight) Stephens who were originally from Alabama. Their daughter, Grace B. Stephens, born August 18, 1900 and deceased July 31, 1936, is buried at Quitaque, Texas. Grace had a sister, but I don't know her name. Also there was a C. K. Stephens.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these people or any of their descendants is asked to contact the Briscoe County News, 823-2333. I will greatly



The Senate Finance Committee has completed its budgeting process. I'm told a tremendous tax bill would be necessary to cover their wish list.

The state will carry over a one-billion-dollar debt into fiscal years ending August 31, 1988 and 1989. The House passed a \$2.9 billion tax bill which was an extension of the so-called temporary tax.

If every agency was held to their 1987 fiscal year, another one-billion-dollar tax bill would be required.

However, there are plenty of areas to make cuts. The career ladder—estimated at over \$400 million annually. A price differential index in the school system, which is a boondoggle for the Houston, Dallas, and big time schools. This money goes to school districts making the least tax efforts. Some say over \$600 million is in this big-ticket item. Here are other items the state supports but does not own and did not contribute to before the state surplus era: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, \$70 million for the two-year period; Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas, \$34 million; tuition grants to independent and religious colleges, \$35 million.

The four-year-old kindergarten program uses only \$35 million and has an \$85 million holdover.

These are only a few of the billions that could be cut.

I have pointed out most of these items to Speaker Gib Lewis and Governor Clements. Both agreed with many of my cost-cutting ideas.

## Cub Scout Bake Sale Is Success

The Cub Scout bake sale was a big success, and we would like to thank Caprock Food and Nance's Food Store for the use of their stores. A special thanks goes to those who donated to us, Frances E., Bonnie E., Dorothy Bomar, Mark Eddleman, Emma Jean Ivory, Earl Cantwell, Juannah Jennings. We really do appreciate the ones who helped make our bake sale such a success. We would also like to take the time to say "thank you" to George Long for donating the paint for the Scout Hut.



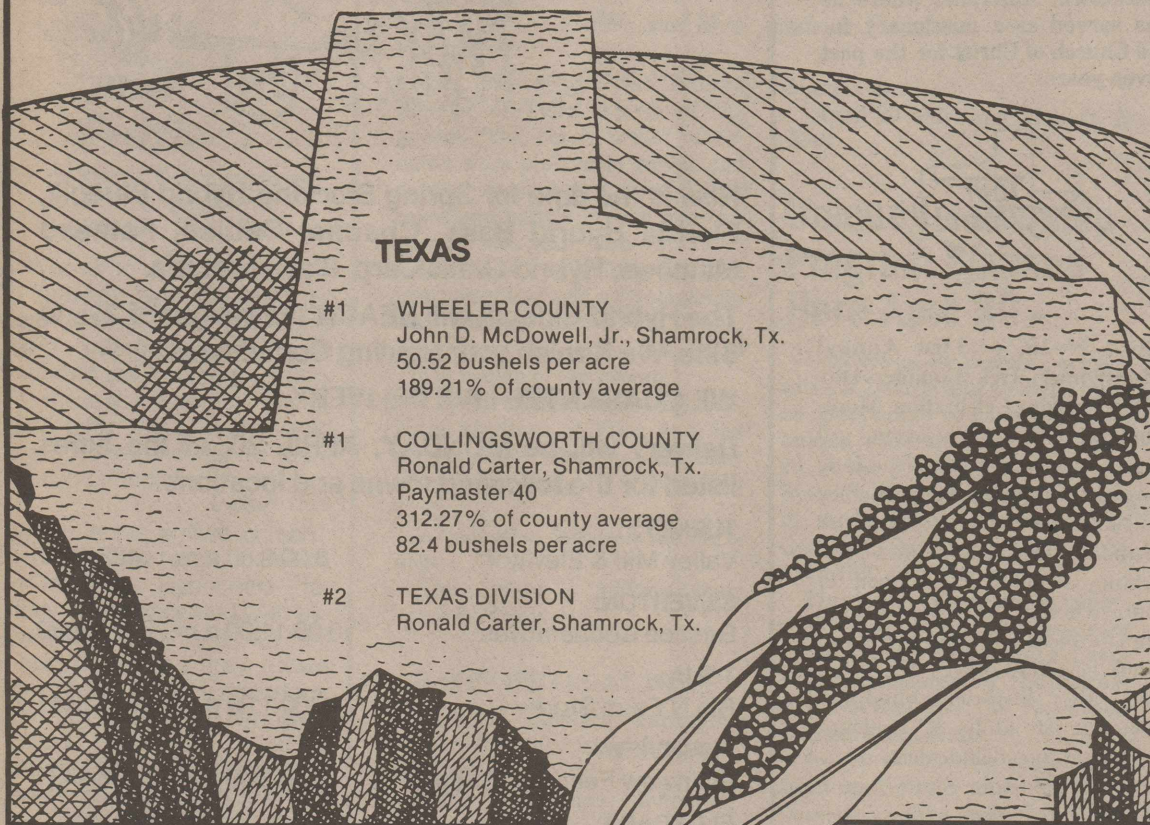
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appreciate any information on any of these people.

Yours truly,  
Jean Davis

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## Donations Coming In For Air Conditioning School Auditorium

Members of the Future Business Leaders of America and their advisor, Mrs. O. C. Rampley, are devoting much time to the promotion of their project of air conditioning the school auditorium.

Responses to their request for donations are coming in and it seems that they will have enough money to do a good job.

Last week's mail brought in

enough donations, together with what the FBLA chapter had already earned and had pledges for, to make a final commitment to start installing the minimum number of units this week.

The contractors recommended 20 tons of cooling at a cost of \$800 per ton (total cost of \$16,000); but thought that the project could get by on less for short periods of time.

The system will be installed in five-ton units—starting with ten tons for \$8,000, at the front of the auditorium. As finances become available, the other two units that are needed to provide comfort in the back of the auditorium, will be installed in the area that formerly housed the balcony.

Many of the checks from ex-students and friends of the Silverton Schools were accompanied by notes of encouragement and expressions of desire to attend the homecoming on Saturday, August 13, 1988, when all donors will be recognized.

The plaque bearing the names of those who donate at least \$100 will be presented to the school,

and individual plaques will be presented to \$500 donors—with special recognition going to the highest donor. Honorable mention will be made and certificates, suitable for framing, will be presented to \$50 donors.

No gift is too small to be appreciated. Whatever you can afford to give will make a great difference when we all work together. Please don't put it off; get your donation in the mail immediately so that the additional cooling units can be ordered while the workmen are still on the job. It will cost more if they have to come back later to add extra units.

Due to the high cost of mailing, many local people will not receive letters, but this does not mean that you are unimportant to this endeavor. Please make an effort to participate in this project for the betterment of the school facility, and for your added comfort while attending activities there.

The mailing address is FBLA Chapter, Mrs. O. C. Rampley, sponsor, Box 597, Silverton, Texas 79257.

## Farmers Plan To Cut 1987 Plantings

Farmers intend to cut crop plantings substantially this year because of low prices and abundant supplies and to comply with the government's farm program.

According to a U. S. Department of Agriculture survey, farmers will reduce corn acreage by 12 percent from 1986; sorghum acreage, 23 percent; wheat acreage, 11 percent; and soybean acreage, seven percent; however, cotton acreage is expected to be up three percent.

In Texas, acreage cuts are expected as follows: sorghum, 31 percent; wheat, 16 percent; corn, 14 percent; cotton, three percent. Soybean, sunflower and rice acreage will also be less. Hay and peanut acreage, however, is expected to increase slightly, says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural

management.

Applicants for either position should be willing to relocate to a new area, if necessary. Qualified applicants who are seriously interested should contact John Crowell at the Soil Conservation Service office in Silverton for more information.

Due to the amount of time it takes to review applications and score the applicants, these positions will probably be filled early this summer. It takes several weeks for the review process to be completed.

Interested applicants should apply as soon as possible.

Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Because of depressed farm income, adverse weather and the resulting financial stress, Texas farmers plan to cut acreage much more than farmers across the nation," Dr. Anderson points out.

"It is estimated that about 2,900 Texas farmers were forced out of agriculture due to financial distress during 1986," he notes. "About half of those are in the most intensified farming areas of West Texas. The financial pressure is forcing a drop in cotton acreage in Texas, where half the nation's cotton acreage is usually planted. Texas is the only state across the Cotton Belt reporting a drop in acreage."

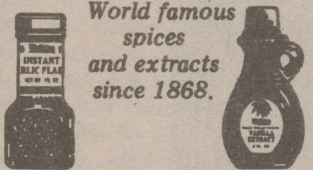
Most farmers are participating in the government acreage reduction programs, notes the economist. The Conservation Reserve Program and the 50/92 Program also are contributing to fewer acres planted to crops.

"Despite the cutback in plantings, farm income in 1987 is expected to improve because of large government payments and slightly higher crop and livestock prices," Dr. Anderson points out.

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## Soil Conservation Service Accepting Job Application

The Federal Register in Washington, D. C. has been opened to accept applications for employment with the Soil Conservation Service, according to John Crowell, District Conservationist in Silverton. The positions currently being considered are the Soil Conservation Technician and the Soil or Range Conservationist.

The Soil Conservation Technician must have a high school education and be familiar with farm operations. This job consists mainly of working with farmers and ranchers in the design and layout of terraces,

diversions, dams, irrigation pipelines, as well as some limited conservation planning. The Technician will also assist farmers to establish grass on Conservation Reserve Program land.

The Soil or Range Conservationist position requires a bachelor of science in agronomy, range management or other agriculture-related degree and be familiar with farming operations. A Soil Conservationist is responsible for assisting landusers to plan and apply conservation practices on their land, and help with overall office operations and

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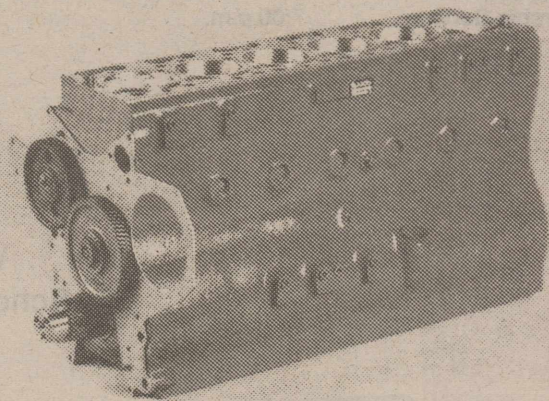


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Mark 16:1-6

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# Easter Egg Is Symbol Of Earth's Rebirth

The practice of coloring eggs began centuries before Easter at pagan festivals celebrating spring and the earth's rebirth. Eggs were symbols of life, fertility and immortality, so it seems only natural that Christians adopted them as a sign of life's renewal on their highest holy day.

Jews, too, use eggs symbolically over Passover when a "roasted egg"—one that is boiled and scorched over an open flame—represents a burnt offering at a seder, a ceremonial dinner commemorating the exodus from Egypt.

In many countries Easter eggs are covered with designs that are centuries old. Czechoslovakians trace lacy patterns onto egg shells, and Bavarians paint them with water colors. Ukrainians make intricate, geometric designs by tracing beeswax on the eggs and dipping them in dye, a process that is repeated several times before an egg is deemed finished.

Texas has its own Easter egg tradition, rooted in Mexican-American communities but also observed by other Texans. Cascarones, Spanish for egg shells, are dyed, filled with confetti and cracked—usually by children—over the heads of family and friends. As folklore tells it, whoever gets cracked will have good luck.

Though information is sketchy, the history of cascarones probably can be traced to the Italian Renaissance when colored eggshells filled with perfume were said to be cracked on individuals, drenching them in sweet scent. Carlota, wife of Maximilian, the Austrian nobleman who ruled Mexico in the mid-1860s, introduced the custom to Mexico, and from there it migrated across the border.

David Galvan, a Houston resident who grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, remembers his family hiding cascarones for the children when he was a boy. "In our family we would collect a 'pot' (of money). Then we'd put a piece of paper in one of the eggs to denote the prize. The child who found that egg would win the money," he said.

"After we'd collected all the cascarones, we'd break them on our friends' heads," he continued. "Our eggs were filled with confetti, but we'd also put a little flour in them. After we broke the shells, there'd be this little spot of white on the person's head."

Families usually begin saving eggshells for cascarones a month or two before Easter. Instead of cracking the egg in two, the tip is cracked off or a hole big enough to be filled with confetti is made in it. Yolk and white are drained and used for cooking, while the shell is rinsed thoroughly and set aside.

Cascarones can be dyed before they are filled or decorated with paint or colored markers afterwards. After the shells are stuffed with confetti, tissue paper is glued over the hole to seal it.

Symbolic as they are in the spring, eggs are valued more for their role in cooking the rest of



the year. The sculptor Constantin Brancusi called the egg "the most perfect form of creation." He might have been describing its nutritional value as well as its form. A hen's egg with its protein, essential amino acids, vitamins and minerals is close to a complete food.

"Except for Vitamin C, eggs supply all of the necessary vitamins and most of the minerals required in a healthy diet," said Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) home economist Carol Ware.

Eggs also contain saturated and unsaturated fat and a small quantity of carbohydrates. They are the cook's multifaceted friend, aerating souffles, binding meatloaf, thickening pie fillings, emulsifying mayonnaise and clarifying soup.

To ensure that eggs sold in Texas are of the highest quality and freshness, TDA inspectors randomly check more than 10 million dozen every year in grocery stores all over the state. Shells are inspected inside and out for cracks, and a candling device is used to detect irregularities in yolks and whites. Eggs that do not meet standards are pulled from the shelves.

Inspectors also make sure that cartons are labeled and filled with the size of egg stated on the label. To protect consumers further, an Egg Enforcement Task Force backs up random checking with intensive inspection in targeted areas of the state.

During the Easter holidays, egg supplies are expected to range from good to ample. Use eggs left over from making cascarones in this "Sneaky Souffle." It's not quite a souffle but just as delicious and easy to make. The longer the dish sits before baking, the creamier it will be.

## CHEDDAR CHEESE "SNEAKY" SOUFFLE

- 4 eggs
- 3 C. milk
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 bread slices with crusts removed
- 4 C. grated cheddar cheese.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Butter a 2-quart souffle or baking dish with 4-inch sides. In mixing bowl beat eggs, milk and spices until nice and light. Line bottom of dish with two slices of bread that have been halved diagonally. Sprinkle lavishly with cheese and pour about a third of milk mixture on top. Press down. Repeat sequence until all ingredients are used. Press everything down to saturate bread. Bake about 45 minutes or until brown and bubbly and a knife inserted through the middle shows the

bottom is set. Makes four main-dish or six to eight side-dish servings. Note: For a creamier dish, make ahead several hours or the morning before serving and refrigerate. If refrigerated it may take 10-15 minutes longer to bake.

### Variation

Use two thickly-sliced tomatoes, cooked broccoli, asparagus, green beans or leftover ham or chicken. Add meat or vegetables on top of bread-cheese-milk layers and press down. Repeat sequence twice, ending with vegetables.

## Extension Highlights

Dirk Aaron  
Briscoe County  
Extension Agent



The recent freeze damage to early-planted tall wheat appears to be as bad as suspected. In last week's article, I urged you to evaluate your crop closely before you spent more money on it. On Monday morning, James Griffin and I discussed the options you have under the current farm program. We realize most of you have not certified. The following is some information we received outlining your Farm Program Alternatives for Failed Wheat.

Farmers participating in the 1987 wheat program who feel the freeze has destroyed potential grain production may not be aware of the farm program alternatives available to them. Prevented planting or failed acreage provisions allow, under certain conditions, the farmer to dispose of the wheat and plant the failed wheat acreage to any other crop. The second crop acreage will not count for any farm program participation purposes. To qualify for this provisions, two conditions must be met.

(1) The crop failure must have occurred prior to that crop's certification date. The date for wheat is May 15.

(2) The second crop must be planted prior to the normal planting date of a second crop in a double cropping situation. That is, if wheat is normally harvested on May 15, one could possibly plant the second crop on May 20. If the second crop in a failed acreage situation is planted before this date, it would qualify under these provisions, and not be considered planted for farm program purposes. Normal spring planted crops have no double cropping alternative, so in the event of a failed spring planted crop, any second crop would automatically meet these requirements.

An example should help clarify this situation. Assume a farmer has a 100 acre wheat base and a 100 acre cotton base. Having decided to participate in the farm program, he plants his permitted 72.5 acres of wheat and 75 acres of cotton. The remaining acreage, 52.5 acres, is "devoted to ACR (set aside). On March 30,

## Owlettes Place In District Track Meet Thursday

The Junior High Owlettes won some of the top places at their District Track Meet in Jayton on Thursday of last week.

Gwen Clardy was a double medalist, winning first in both the 100 meter and 400 meter dashes.

Carrie Ann Grabbe placed second in the shot put.

The 400 meter relay team, Gwen Clardy, Genie Lavy, Christy Nease and Carrie Ann Grabbe, finished in fifth place.

Others competing were Amy Ramsey and Jennifer Grimland.

The varsity Owlettes competed at Sundown Saturday.

Venita Asebedo placed fifth in the discus throw.

Other members of this year's girls track team are DeLyn Patton, Avonna Miller, Gina Myers and DeLynn Fitzgerald. Patton, Miller, Myers and Fitzgerald compose the sprint relay team. Myers also throws the shot

assume the wheat received freeze damage to the extent that any grain production was impossible or, at least, doubtful. The farmer may then file both acreage certification and failed acreage forms with the local ASCS office prior to the normal certification date. This will assure that he receives all program benefits on the wheat acreage, provided he continues to meet other program requirements.

The farmer, in this example, could then cut the wheat for hay, or simply plow it out, and plant a second crop such as cotton on the 72.5 acres prior to the normal second crop planting date, and continue to receive all program benefits on the 75 acres of cotton and the deficiency payment on wheat. There are no restrictions as to what can be planted on this acreage. Planting cotton on those 72.5 acres will not place the farmer in violation of either the cotton or wheat program for 1987. Under these procedures, the 72.5 acres of cotton on wheat base, for all intents and purposes, are "invisible" or "ghost" acres.

The second crop, under these provisions, receives no program protection; i.e., no CCC loan access, diversion payments, or deficiency payments.

Before making any final decisions about implementing this alternative, producers should present their plans to the ASCS in order to file the proper forms and receive ASCS approval.

Extension programs are open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

and Patton competes in the long jump.

## Owls Score Points For Junior High At District Meet

The Junior High Owls scored points in their District Track Meet at Jayton last week, but the only one who brought home a first-place ribbon was Abel Maciel, who won the 1600 meter run. Jeffrey Grimland and Jeff Smith also entered the 1600 meters.

The 400 meter relay team, Wayne Henderson, Fidencio Reyes, Brian Martin and Bradley Brunson, placed third.

Brunson placed second and Henderson sixth in the long jump, which was also entered by Reyes.

Brunson also finished second and Robby Weaks sixth in the shot put which was also entered by Brian Breedlove.

Silverton's 1600 meter relay team, Brunson, Reyes, Kirk Couch and Langdon Reagan, placed fifth.

Brunson placed seventh in the 110 meter hurdles, which was also entered by Casey Frizzell and Dusty Martin.

Henderson finished sixth in the 100 meter dash. Also competing were Brian Martin and Lance Smith.

Josh Brooks, Grimland and Terry Miller entered the 800 meter run.

Breedlove, Reagan and Couch were in the 400 meter dash.

Maciel, Frizzell and Wil T Bomar entered the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

Henderson, Reyes and Clint Payne ran in the 200 meter dash.

Couch, Brooks and Maciel competed in the pole vault, and Miller, Brooks and Brian Martin high jumped.

Henderson, Weaks and Stan Gamble were in the discus throw.

The varsity Owls competed in a meet at Sundown Saturday.

The 400 meter relay team made the finals but didn't place. Team members are Robby McWaters, Neal Edwards, Ryan Smith and Mitchell Clardy.

Smith won fifth in the 110 meter hurdles, seventh in the shot put and pole vaulted.

Edwards finished sixth in the long jump and ran both the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes.

Mitchell Clardy won fourth in the 200 meter dash, long jumped and ran the 100 meters.

Ricky Clardy ran the 800 meters.

Clay Schott entered the 200 meter dash, shot put and discus throw.

McWaters competed in the 100 meter dash, shot put and discus throw.

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**Cards of Thanks**

We want to give a special thanks to all the EMTs and friends who came to our house on March 29. I know you did a fantastic job in your training. Our family really does appreciate you being here that day. Thanks also to all the many friends who sent cards, phone calls, visits and prayers. Caring friends are so much a part of getting well.

Gayle Robertson and family

I would like to thank the Silverton and Vigo Park fire departments for putting out our pasture fire last Thursday after- noon.

Gene Malone



In some parts of the coun- try it is believed that if a butterfly lands on you, you will get a new dress.

American chameleons are pro- viding clues to the origin of the Caribbean islands. According to "National Wildlife" magazine, these tropical lizards have been around since the first islands were formed. By studying the tiny creatures, scientists have concluded that many of the islands are far older than pre- viously thought, dating back as far as 100 million years. They also believe the lizards weren't washed ashore from elsewhere, as has been suggested, but were descended from common ances- tors that were present when the islands spread apart from larger land masses.

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