

# Briscoe County News

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All Around  
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

## THE PRICE THEY PAID

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means and well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife and she died within a few months.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and

## Record Entries For Little Wrangler Rodeo

The number of entries is up 16% this year over last year for the Silverton PTA's annual fundraising event, the Little Wrangler Rodeo and Fun Night. Everyone is invited to come Saturday night at 7:00 o'clock to Wood Memorial Arena and see how all these eager young participants compete against man and beast for prize ribbons, prize money and belt buckles. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students and preschoolers. Children under two years will be admitted free.

Expect a fun pre-Mother's Day night and don't bother about supper. The PTA will have a concession stand offering sandwiches, nachos, brownies, Rice Crispy bars and drinks.

Parents are asked please to have their little wranglers just outside the southwest gate at 6:45 p.m. for the grand entry all of which will be on foot. Posters will be displayed near this gate showing which events their children have entered and when that event occurs. It will make a smooth running, more exciting evening if the participants know in advance how their events are set up and where they start. Please instruct your children to look for and listen to the PTA members wearing a ban-

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caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians; they were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave us an independent America! Can we keep it?

—Christian Beacon



Plan now to attend the Little Wrangler Rodeo at 7:00 p.m. Saturday at Wood Memorial Arena to see if Cy Comer and Michael Reagan's practicing efforts will pay off when they compete in Junior Goat Milking.

## Plaque Soon To Be Ordered for Donors To Air Conditioning System

Donations are still coming in for the Silverton Future Business Leaders of America Chapter 2021 project of air conditioning the Silverton School auditorium. Mrs. O. C. Rampley reported this week that an initial payment has been made to the installing company and 30 days credit has been granted for the remainder of the amount due. Based on her faith that the contributions would be sufficient to properly cool the auditorium, she ordered the extra five-ton unit installed in the back of the auditorium for maximum comfort.

Several local people have indicated to her that they intend

to make a contribution, but for one reason or another they have been putting it off. If you fall into this group, why not sit down right now and get that check in the mail in order to be placed on the plaque—if your donation is \$100 or more. It is time to select the plaque, and it is imperative that she know approximately how many names it will need to accommodate. In addition to personal donations, some have donated in memory of a loved one who was a former Silverton student. Others, who were not

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## Kindergarten Enrollment Is May 11

Those who will be five years old when school begins here next fall are invited to take part in a kindergarten pre-enrollment day at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 11.

The children are to take with them to school 75¢ for their lunch in the cafeteria, their birth certificates and immunization records.

Mothers are asked to pick up the children at 12:00 noon after they've gotten to play on the schoolground.

## Cemetery Assn. To Hold Annual Meeting Tonight

The Silverton Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting tonight (Thursday), May 7, in the school cafeteria beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The terms of board members Carrie Dell Dickerson and John Francis are expiring.

All members of the association are urged to attend and express their concerns for the cemetery.

## Immunization Clinic Is Friday, May 15

An immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases will be held in the Silverton Schools from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 15.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps.

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

## LITTLE WRANGLERS TO HAVE RODEO DANCE

Young people 5-14 years of age are invited to attend the dance following the PTA Little Wrangler Rodeo Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 until 11:00 p.m. at the County Show Barn. This will be sponsored by the Cub Scouts.

Admission will be \$2.00 per person.

All parents of this age group are welcome to attend.



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**OBITUARIES**

**BUEL MAYNARD**

Graveside services for Buel Clair (Bobbie) Maynard, 84, of Arlington and formerly of Lubbock, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Moore Memorial Gardens at Arlington, with Dr. H. E. East, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Moore Funeral Home of Arlington.

Mrs. Maynard died Saturday at her residence after an illness. She had been under a doctor's care.

She had lived in Lubbock from 1944 to 1970 and worked at the Lerner's store in Lubbock for several years. She married James A. Maynard in the early 1920s in California. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Preston Maynard of Arlington and James K. Maynard of Victoria; a daughter, Betty Young of Arlington; a brother, Winston Hamilton of Silverton; a sister, Vera Louise Walker of Fort Worth; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

**W. B. [DUB] THOMPSON**

Funeral services for W. B. (Dub) Thompson, 67, 300 S.E. Ninth in Plainview, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Kress with the Rev. Bill Fuller, pastor, and the Rev. Waymon Swopes,

**Athletic Banquet Planned May 16**

The annual Silverton High School athletic banquet, sponsored by the Silverton Booster Club, will be held in the school cafeteria Saturday, May 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All junior high and high school athletes, coaches and pep squad members are invited to attend but are asked to sign up at Jealeta Baird's office no later than Monday, May 11, if they are planning to attend.

Everyone else interested in attending the banquet is invited, but must have a ticket. Tickets are \$4.00 each and may be purchased from any of the coaches. They must be purchased by Monday, May 11, so that the proper amount of food can be prepared for the banquet. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

**During his career as an actor and light-opera singer, DeWolf Hopper recited "Casey at the Bat" at least 10,000 times.**

pastor of First Baptist Church in Petersburg, officiating. Burial was in the Idalou Cemetery by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Thompson died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following an illness. He was born April 19, 1920, in Munday and moved to Abernathy in 1948. He moved to Kress in 1954 and farmed in the Center Plains community until 1985 when he retired and moved to Plainview.

He and Bertha Wagner were married April 9, 1965, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Donald (Whitie) Thompson of Kress, Tommy Thompson of Petersburg and Ronnie Thompson of Kress; one stepson, Carl Wagner of Lubbock; one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Lou) Bevell of Kress; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Margie) Hull and Nelda Robins, both of Lubbock; one brother, Hershel Thompson of Tulia; two sisters, Billie Motheral of Kress and Francis Mills of Abernathy; 18 grandchildren, including Mrs. Jace (Becky) Francis of Silverton, and eight great-grandchildren, including Samantha Francis of Silverton.

**Public Invited To Annual FFA Banquet**

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Future Farmers of America banquet which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Briscoe County Show Barn.

You are asked to bring a salad, vegetable and dessert for your family. Beef and pork will be provided.

**NEW BOY SCOUT TROOP**

There will be a new Boy Scout Troop started here. For more information, call Mary Ivory, 847-2512, or Mark Eddleman, 823-2297.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

May 7—Mary Davis, Jerry Miller

May 8—Andy Wills, Krista Ziegler

May 9—Russell Lee Kennedy, Elzora Gallington, Mitchell Roehr

May 10 — Darrell Reynolds, Frank Lowrey, Melissa Estes, Kimberly Oldham, Donna Hut-sell

May 11—Joni Mayfield

May 12—Cody Garrison, T. V. McClure, Youlanda Polley, Nelle Bryant, Kirk Durham

May 13—Martha Greeson, Agnes Seaney, Mary Ann Maciel, Lee Ann Durham, Floyd Perkins

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...**

May 10—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill

May 12—Mr. and Mrs. George Reed

**Girl Scouts Host Mother's Day Tea**

On May 4, the Junior Girl Scouts No. 165 met in the Scout Hut to honor their mothers with a Mother's Tea. Sandwiches and chips were served.

The girls made a plastic canvas basket with an assortment of silk flowers in it.

In a previous meeting, Mrs. Sandy Perkins came to show us how to make the basket.

Those attending were LaToya Baker, Brandi, Lacy and Marsha Brunson, Staci and Lois Hill, Kara, Shauna and Kathy Kingery, Christi and Pat McWaters, Holly Nance and Valeria Weaver, Sonya Ramirez, Kristi and Connie Smith, Christina and Betty Stephens, Leslee and Cathey Weaks.

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# Looking Back

Featuring Honor Graduates of Silverton High School

1986—Donna Tomlin was valedictorian with a grade average of 96.2. Kristy Fogerson posted a 95.8 average to be salutatorian, and Jeff Wheeler was the highest-ranking boy with an average of 92.3. There were 18 in the class.

1985—Estella Trevino posted a 96.25 average and Soledad Garcia had an average of 95.18 to be the top graduates in this class of eight. Stephen Stephens was the highest-ranking boy.

1984—Jena McFall was valedictorian and Angie Lowrey was salutatorian of this 12-member class. Warren Jarrett was the highest-ranking boy in the class.

1983—Jeni Denton, with a scholastic average of 97.22, was valedictorian of this 21-member class. Judy Northcutt posted a 95.12 average to be named salutatorian. Rank Cogdell, with 90.21, was the highest-ranking boy. Scholastic average of the class was a very high 85.20.

1982—Don Perkins was the valedictorian with an average of 94.52 and Katy Francis was salutatorian with an average of 93.82. There were 19 in this graduating class.

1981—Brenda Boling and Penny Cogdell were the top graduates in this 19-member class.

1980—Lisa Childress posted a 94.2 average and Jennifer Martin earned a scholastic average of 93.3 to be the top-ranking graduates in this class of 26. Bill Denton was the highest-ranking boy.

1979—Karen Ziegler was valedictorian and Thomas Lee Perkins, jr. was the salutatorian of this 27-member class.

1978—Mignone Rauch earned a fine 97.6 scholastic average and Arlene Lavy posted a 94.9 mark to lead this 23-member class. Mark Reeves, with 90.0, was the highest-ranking boy.

1977—Graduates with the 28-member class posted very high averages, with Susan Grabbe as the valedictorian with a 97.4 scholastic mark, and Kim Hutsell Mayfield, 96.2, as the salutatorian. Dayne Mayfield posted a very good 94.2 to be the highest-ranking boy in the class.

1976—Becky Francis led the class with an average of 94.1, and Susan Northcutt finished in second place with 93.6. Ken Sarchet was the highest-ranking boy with a scholastic average of 92.7 in this class of 17.

1975—Ruth Ann Cline posted a very high 98.4 and Julia Dickerson's grades averaged 97.6 for top honors in this class of 31. Ted Wilson, with an average of 93.6, was the highest boy.

1974—Barry Francis had a grade average of 96.1 to be named valedictorian of this 19-member class. Donna Stodghill, with 95.4, was salutatorian. Ten members of the class had averages above 90.

1973—Debra Cantwell was valedictorian with an average of 95.85. In one of the closest races for class honors, Laura Arnold posted a 95.80 average to be named salutatorian. Mark Hutsell, with 91.38, was the highest boy in the class of 27.

1972—Colene Culwell earned a grade average of 94.6 and Cindy Cross had an average of 94.1, to be the top graduates in this 36-member class. Jackie Tiffin posted a very good 94.0 to be the highest-ranking boy.

1971—Alvin May was valedictorian and Lanis Davis was salutatorian of this 28-member class.

1970—Gary Martin posted an average of 94.8 to be named valedictorian and Max Hamilton had an average of 91.8 to be salutatorian of this 32-member class. Roy Garrison, with 91.0, was the highest-ranking girl.

1969—Crockett Grabbe posted a very good 98.6 grade average to lead this 33-member class.

Johnnie Roy Weaver, with a grade average of 96.1, was salutatorian. Barbara Davis was the highest-ranking girl.

1968—Debbie Dickerson led this 38-member class with a scholastic average of 97.4. Patricia Grabbe earned an average of 93.9 to be salutatorian of the class.

1967—Connie Dudley was named valedictorian with a 95.1 scholastic average and Randy Hughes was salutatorian with an average of 94.6 in this 27-member class.

1966—Orlin Grabbe was valedictorian and Linda Fisch was salutatorian of this 22-member class.

1965—Janice Lewis posted an

average of 95.8 and Dianne Davis had grades averaging 94.1 to lead this 36-member class.

1964—Lester Grabbe was valedictorian and Jerry Lynn Garrison was salutatorian of this 23-member class.

1963—David House posted a scholastic average of 93.5 and Sue Lanham had an average of 90.5 to be the top graduates in this class of 20.

1962—Robert Hughes was named valedictorian with a grade average of 96.9 and Robert Rhode was salutatorian with 94.7. Carolyn Garrison, with 94.5, was the highest-ranking girl in the class. The four-year average of this 20-member class was 87, of which the school was justifiably proud.

1961—Celene Lanham posted a grade average of 95.1 and Dale Francis had grades averaging 94.5 to lead this 24-member class.

1960—Marsha Monroe was named valedictorian with an average of 94.2 and James Clemmer, with 93.3, was salutatorian of this 24-member class.

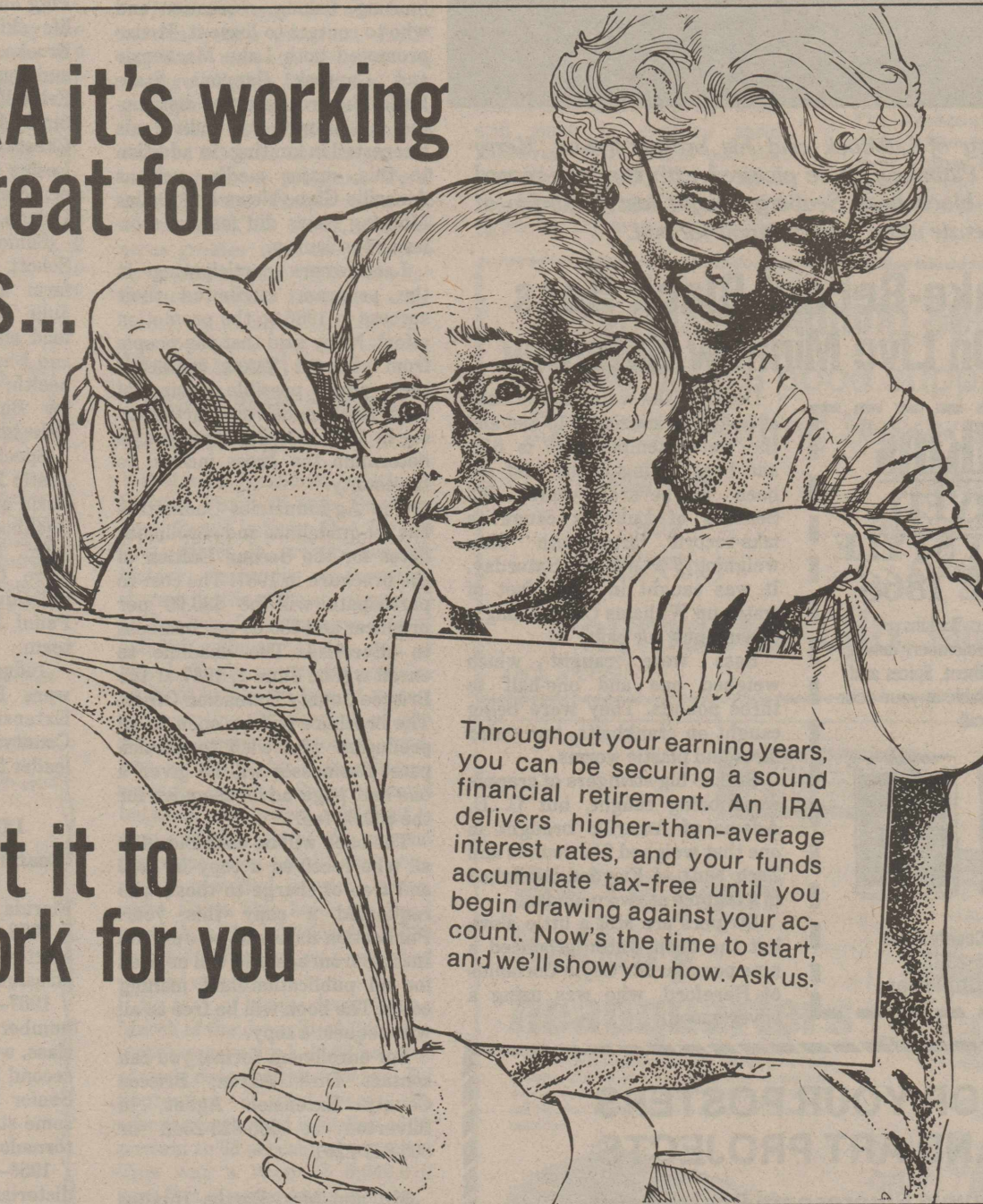
1959—Susan Anderson named valedictorian with a 94.58 average and Diane Fogerson takes salutatory honors with 93.78 average. After the commencement exercises, the class left by chartered bus for a vacation in

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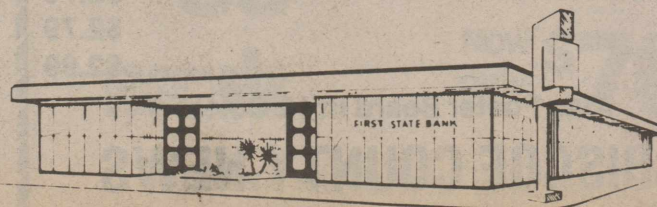
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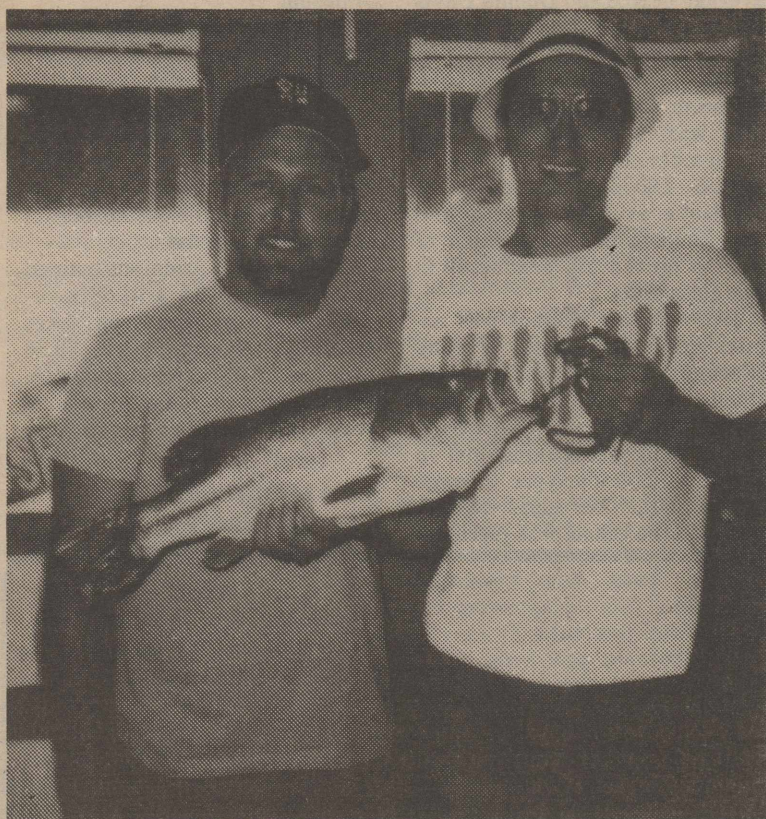


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Bill Seaberg of Lubbock and his brother-in-law, Kerry Sarchet of Plainview, were pictured with the lake-record 7½ pound black bass Seaberg caught last Saturday at Lake Mackenzie using a live minnow for bait.

## New Lake-Record Black Bass Taken On Live Minnow Saturday

Depth of the water at the dam at Lake Mackenzie is 113 feet and the water temperature is 61°, and bass fishing is the best it's been in several years. Bill Seaberg of Lubbock caught a lake-record largemouth bass weighing 7½ pounds Saturday. It was caught in eight feet of water up Williams Creek using a live minnow for bait.

Bass were caught which weighed one and one-half to three pounds. They were being caught on crankbaits, top water lures and plastic worms.

Still no big stringers of crappie were being caught, but C. D. Adams of Amarillo brought in one that weighed 2¼ pounds and Zach Nutt of Floydada weighed in a crappie at two pounds.

Stripers are still a little slow, but the deep water produced a nine pounder for Gayle Cornelius of Hereford, who was using a silver spoon.

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## 4-H Members To Participate In District Roundup Saturday

Twenty-seven Briscoe County 4-H members will participate in

### Wildlife Promotion Program Established For Briscoe County

The Extension Ag-Industries Committee in Briscoe County sponsored a very successful hunting and recreation program in 1986, says Jimmy Burson, committee chairman. With the help of the County Extension Office and supporting local businesses, a brochure guide on Briscoe County was published. This guide listed all the acreage available in the county for hunting, fishing, recreation and who to contact to lease it. It also promoted both Lake Mackenzie and Caprock Canyons State Park. The brochure was distributed nation-wide to individuals interested in hunting. In addition to this, major media such as Amarillo Globe-News and Dallas Morning News did feature stories on the county.

Landowners participating in the program attributed their success in 1986 to the promotion effort. Many said that the people from all over Texas contacted them about possible leasing of land. Each landowner participating in 1986 is being surveyed to determine the gross income to the county.

The Ag-Industries Committee has set guidelines and enrollment dates for the **Second Edition** of the brochure in 1987. The cost to participate will be \$30.00 per producer and \$30.00 per business to advertise. The deadline to enroll will be June 1, 1987 at the Briscoe County Extension Office. The brochure will be open to all producers who wish to participate. Businesses will be given a one-half page advertisement for the \$30.00 fee.

The book will be distributed to all who received a copy in 1986 and free of charge to those who requested a copy this year. Publication date will be July 15. Income from ads sold will be used for all publication and mailing costs. The book will be free to all who request a copy.

For enrollment forms, you can contact Dirk Aaron, Briscoe County Extension Agent, in Silverton at 806-823-2343 or 806-847-2251.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall of Memphis drove to Vernon on Friday and spent the night with their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gillespie. Then, on Saturday morning, along with their brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Renfro, and a cousin, Dan Renfro and granddaughter, Betty Lee of Amarillo, drove to Gainesville for the Renfro Cousins Reunion. There were 41 in attendance, and the day was spent visiting, taking pictures, and eating a bountiful picnic lunch spread on tables under large, beautiful trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes drove to Roscoe on Sunday so they could attend a piano recital by their granddaughter, Amy Lynne Hughes, on Sunday afternoon. The Hughes returned to Silverton on Monday afternoon.

District 4-H Roundup competition on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock Saturday in method demonstrations and public speaking.

The County 4-H contests were held Monday night in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton with Clay Schott as master of ceremonies. Celeste Sperry led the pledge of allegiance, and Jamie Frizzell led the 4-H pledge and motto. Penni Fogerson extended the welcome to the group.

Junior participants and their contests were Ashleigh Wyatt and Kami Martin, food and nutrition; Brandi Brunson and Shannon Weaver, pork; Krisse Pigg and Amy Payne, consumer life skills; Josh and Jeremiah Brooks, horse; Rickey Hughes and Bradley Price, dairy; Casey Frizzell, Wil T and Molly Bomar, family life; Will Sperry and Mac Chestnut, citizenship in action; Leslee Weaks and Christa Tucker, home environment; Justin Delano, public speaking.

Senior contestants were Clay Schott and Robbie McWaters, farm and ranch management; Julie Towe and Penni Fogerson, food and nutrition; Kim Burson and Shannon Bingham, focus on health; Jamie Frizzell and Keeley Burson, mechanical skills; Celeste Sperry, promote 4-H.

Special awards were given to Justin Delano, best junior individual, and Brandi Brunson and Shannon Weaver, best junior team. Senior award recipients were Celeste Sperry as best individual and Julie Towe and Penni Fogerson as best senior team.

Judges for the county contest were Rochelle White, County Extension Agent from Swisher County, and Julie Brantley, 4-H leader from Tulia.

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Florida.

1958—Carson Grabbe was valedictorian, and Zobie Self claimed salutatory honors.

1957—Gay Lynn Callaway is number one graduate in the class, with Carlye Monroe as the second highest-ranking student. Senior trip was to Florida, but some stayed home to assist with tornado cleanup.

1956—Ina Lou Grabbe is valedictorian and Evelyn Crowell is salutatorian of this graduating class of 23.

1955—Shirley Elms captures valedictory honors with 92.15 average. Frances Tunnell is salutatorian with 91.52 average. Seniors enjoyed a trip to sunny Florida.

1954—Faith Smithee Barrett was valedictorian with a 94.57 average. Patsy Crass was salutatorian with 94.42. Nineteen grads enjoyed a trip to New Orleans.

1953—Silverton High graduates seventeen students. Mildred Bean is valedictorian and Kay Steele is salutatorian.

1952—Richard Tunnell and Junis Mercer take one and two positions in their graduating class of fifteen. Class trip was to New Orleans, Shreveport and San Antonio.

1951—John T. Francis is valedictorian and Nadyne Gamble is salutatorian. Sixteen graduates enjoyed a trip to Colorado Springs.

1950—Twenty students comprised this graduating class, of which Joan Clemmer was the first-ranking student scholastically and Teresa Bell Crass was the second highest ranking.

1949—In their class of twenty-four, Joye Brown has been named valedictorian. LaRue Gilkeyson was named salutatorian, while Jett Mason was the highest-ranking boy in the class.

1948—Frances May was valedictorian and Joye Bell Deavenport occupied the salutatorian's chair. Thirty-one students were in the graduating class.

1947—Out of a class of sixteen, Merlene Yates took valedictory honors, while Alma Jewel Leuty was named salutatorian.

1946—Twenty graduate headed by Thelma Jean Mercer and Betty Nan Burson, the top-ranking students in the class. A trip to points in New Mexico and Colorado was enjoyed by the group.

Out of the prophecy: Jeanne Dudley, disappointed in love in the spring of 1947, has never had anything to do with men since then; however, she is enjoying life as the head of a large advertising agency in Chicago... Lester Paige is now studying zoology in Paris with his beautiful French wife.

1945—June Wimberly is valedictorian with 96.2 average. Elvira Wesley is second highest-ranking student with 94.8. Honor boy of the class of twenty-four is Clovis Hill.

1944—Carlyn Wimberly was valedictorian with a four-year average of 95. Doris Campbell took salutatory honors with a 94 average. Norland Havran was highest boy with a 92 average.

1943—Out of their class of twenty-one graduates, Winona Francis was named valedictorian with a 96.3 average, while Ruby Weast, with a 95 average, was salutatorian. Joe Earl Deavenport was honor boy.

1941—Valedictorian is Rex Douglas, and Anita Hill is salutatorian.

Out of the class will: Grady Martin willed Kenneth Autry one foot of his height... Durene Strickland willed her terrible temper to Velma Lois Young... Donaleta Seaney willed to Faye Gene Davis the right to stay out of school any time she wants to.

1939—Lucille Weast is valedictorian with a four-year average of 94.46.

1938—Georgia McReynolds named valedictorian with a 92.9 average, and Arlis White was salutatorian with a 92.08 average.

1936—Wilma Dickerson, with 96.12, and Mildred Deavenport, with 96.05, have earned the honor of being valedictorian and salutatorian. Both have an average of over 96%, which attests to the high standard of the local high school. Gaynelle Douglas was chosen by a vote of the teachers as Honor Student. The selection was based on all around work, general attitude, and loyalty to the school. Her average was over 95.

Thirty-five boys and girls were graduated in this class.

1929—Elva Wright was valedictorian and Rheua Alexander, salutatorian, out of their graduating class of sixteen.



# Workers, Food Assignments Given For Little Wrangler Rodeo

Concession stand workers have been assigned and individuals have been assigned food items to bring for the concession stand for the Little Wrangler Rodeo Saturday night, May 9, at Wood Memorial Arena.

If you are unable to work, you are responsible for finding your own replacement.

6:00-6:30--Ann Payne, Sherry

Delano, Deb Burson  
6:30-7:00--Anita Ramsey, Ann Payne, Michelle Francis  
7:00-7:30--Michelle Francis, Sybil Martin, Marsha Brunson  
7:30-8:00--Sheryl Weaver, Janinne Brooks, Bill Brooks  
8:00-8:30--Lynda Fogerson, Stanley Fogerson, Jo Ann McFall  
8:30-9:00--Cynthia Younger, Charlotte Rhoderick, Cindy Comer  
9:00-9:30--Joe Brannon, Vaughnell Brannon, Paula Bomar

Those who are to bring one dozen individually wrapped sandwiches are Donna Francis, Sheila Reagan, Bena Hester, Wayland Fitzgerald, Michelle Francis, Thada Fowler, Gail Wyatt, Cindy Comer, Waynelle Couch, Paula Bomar, Darrah McCammon, Tina Nance

Those who are to bring two dozen individually wrapped brownies are Lynda Fogerson, Michelle Francis, Sherry Delano, Sheryl Weaver, Sybil Martin,

## RODEO--

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dana tied to their arm who will be running the arena and watching for their safety.

In the past there has been a problem with poor view from the stands because of so many parents in the arena helping or taking pictures, especially during the calf riding. This year we ask that parents remain outside the arena and view the calf riding from behind the chutes; however, if you have a hesitant preschooler or younger student who seems reluctant, frightened, or shy about participating, please feel free to enter with him or her for support and encouragement if you feel you are really needed. David Reagan will be taking pictures during every event and the pictures may be viewed Tuesday, May 19, in the school cafeteria where copies can be ordered at cost.

Don't forget: three events are free--the Boot Scramble (4-9 years), the Greased Pig Contest (10-14 years), and the Cow Chip Throwing (school staff only).

Ya'll come and see the fun!

Janinne Brooks, Peggy Fleming, Vaughnell Brannon and Nancy Wood

Those who are to bring two dozen individually wrapped Rice Krispie squares are Sheila Reagan, Ann Payne, Deb Burson, Charlotte Rhoderick, Cynthia Younger, Anita Ramsey, Marsha Brunson and Pat McWaters.

All food needs to be at the concession stand by 7:00 p.m. on May 9.

## Twenty-Seven Community Leaders Attend Sessions

Comments from leaders attending the first Family Community Leadership Training Sessions indicate the leaders are interested in doing the best job possible in their varied positions.

The sessions, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Extension Homemaker Association, were led by Briscoe County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson, Extension Homemaker Virginia Hardin and Volunteer Team Member Jackie Mercer.

Representatives from school boards, city councils, high school student council, FFA, Cub Scouts, 4-H, PTA, Vo-Ag, volunteer ambulance and fire services, study clubs, water authority, cemetery association, Briscoe County Activities Association, two ministers and a school superintendent came together to learn how to be better community leaders.

Team members will be attending more two-day training sessions in May and October. If you would be interested in leadership training, please contact the Briscoe County Extension Service, 823-2343, or one of the FCL team members.

FCL team members would like to give recognition and appreciation to the First National Bank in Quitaque and the First State Bank in Silverton for the use of their facilities for the Family Community Leadership training sessions.

# Taxpayer Protest Meeting Date Set

Mrs. Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser, reported that the Appraisal Review Board had set the date for the taxpayer protest meeting on Friday, July 3, and that 21-day Reappraisal Notices will be mailed out no later than June 12, at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District at 9:00 a.m. April 9.

Board members present at the meeting were Joe Mercer, Ray

Teeple, L. B. Garvin, jr. and Paul A. Ramsey. Absent was Robert McPherson.

1986 collections through the month of March were Briscoe County, 94.1%; Silverton ISD, 94.8%; City of Silverton, 92.8%; City of Quitaque, 87.4%; MacKenzie Water Authority, 92.8%.

Following examination of the current month's bills, it was voted to pay all bills presented at the meeting.

## GIRL SCOUTS SEEKING SUPPLIES FOR HUT

The Scouts are looking for a used refrigerator and a used kitchen sink that could be used in the Scout Hut.

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- Sage
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- Seasoning Salt
- Soup & Vegetable
- Tarragon
- Tartar Sauce Mix
- Thyme

Briscoe County News

## Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

May 11-15

Monday — Fish and Tartar Sauce, Salad, Cheesestraws, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday — Corndog, Macaroni and Cheese, Beets, Fruit and Jello, Milk

Wednesday — Taco, Salad, Crackers, Pinto Beans, Cake, Milk

Thursday — Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Honey and Butter, Milk

Friday — Hamburgers, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

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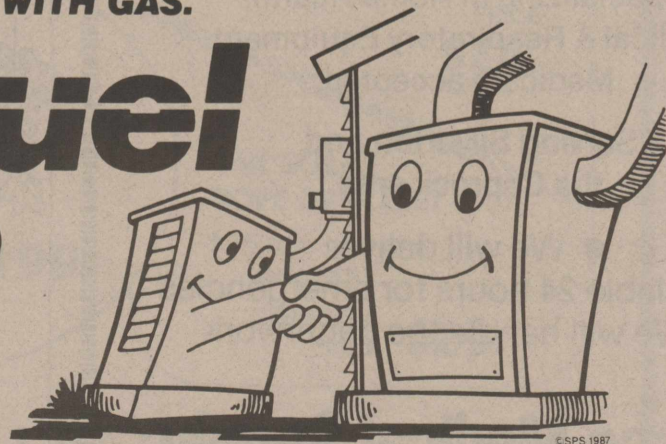
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Last Friday was JAMS DAY in the Silverton Schools, and those judged best dressed that day were (left to right) Santos Segura, Lyndall Ivory, Richie Hill, Tyra Younger, Mike Long, Melissa Garcia, Stacy Minyard, Paula Garvin and Stan Fogerson. There were four divisions: K-4, 5-8, high school and faculty. Mike Long stood behind the children so that the glare off his legs wouldn't ruin the picture. The event was sponsored by the Student Council, and those who didn't dress appropriately were fined. —Briscoe County News Photo

## Big Doings 'n Silverton Is Huge Success

About 100 persons attended the style show sponsored by Tiffin's Dept. Store in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank Saturday. Beautiful gift items were displayed by Mary John's Flowers & Gifts and unique hand-crafted gifts were shown by Country Cut-ups. Lavelle Clayton of Earth had a display table of BeautiControl Cosmetics.

The merchants felt the effort put forth was rewarding and it was reported that they did a good business Saturday.

A refreshment table was set up with punch, coffee, hors d'oeuvres and sweets for the guests.

Tiffin's would like to express appreciation to the 34 models named in last week's paper and

to the narrator, Jackie Mercer, for a job well done. Amy Otis of Amy's Beauty Salon did a nice job on the models' hair.

One model appeared in disguise, and it hasn't yet been learned who it was. Some are expecting to hear that Wayne Nance has been called to Hollywood for a western role.

Merchants who contributed to the success of B D S by donating door prizes were Pizza Box, Nance's Food Store, Grabbe-Simpson Motors, Amy's, Jerry's Malt Shop, Caprock Food, Briscoe Implement, Garvin Oil Company, Hutsell Insurance, Mary John's Flowers & Gifts, Country Cut-ups, Shear Delight, Silverton Auto Parts, Silverton Well Service, Silverton Oil Company, Tiffin's Dept. Store, Lavelle Clayton and Perry Thomas.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bitner of Del Rio are parents of a daughter, Rikki Nicole, born at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Val Verde Memorial Hospital in Del Rio.

She weighed seven pounds and six ounces, and measured 19½ inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bitner of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson of Silverton, and Mrs. Janet Basgel of Gallup, New Mexico.

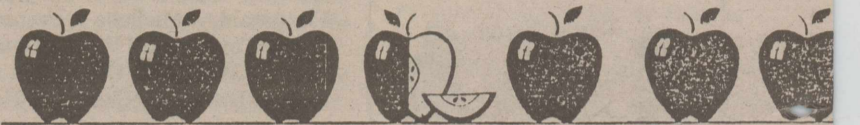
Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lottie Owens of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cowell of Silverton.



The first federal government pension was established in 1776 to assist wounded and disabled Revolutionary soldiers.

You are invited to a retirement tea honoring May 17, 1987 in the Pioneer the First State Bank of S two-four.

Special guests will be former faculty members, former members, friends and relatives.



## Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Attended In Amarillo

Mmes. Maebelle Francis and Lois Nance recently attended the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in the Hilton Inn Ballroom in Amarillo.

Almost four hundred volunteers from 37 categories were presented certificates of appreciation by The Volunteer Action Center and United Way of Amarillo.

Tom Patterson, United Way Board President, gave the welcome.

Pat Kaiser, Volunteer Action Center Advisory Committee Chairman, was in charge of introductions and volunteer recognition.

John McKissack, KVII Pro News Director, was the speaker. He made the volunteers feel that they were truly the "Heartbeat of America."

Vicki L. Brooks, executive director of the Volunteer Action Center of the United Way, stated, "Every day people from all walks of life are making our community a better place in which to live."

Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Nance both are certified ombudsmen, working with the Panhandle Area Agency on Aging.

The ladies also are registered Department of Human Services volunteers with the medical eligibility program.

Mrs. Vivian Merrell of Quitaque had the misfortune of falling in the back yard at her home on Saturday, April 25, and breaking her leg. She is recuperating well at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel were on vacation last week. They spent two nights with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Reid in Grants Pass, Oregon, after which they traveled to Yellowstone Park, through the Tetons, Jackson Hole and on home. They drove 4,000 miles on the trip.

Joe Bob Watson of Coleman spent Friday and Saturday of last week in the home of his parents, the Obra Watsons. Other family members were unable to come because of District UIL and Track Meet commitments.

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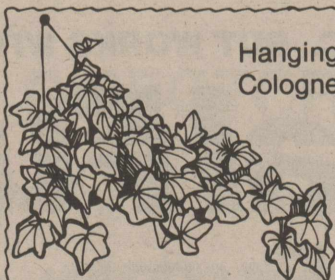
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Silverton exes, have donated in the names of their young children who are presently enrolled in the school.

Mrs. Rampley stressed the fact that small donations are also greatly appreciated and needed to complete payment on the project. Several checks come in daily for \$5, \$10, \$15, or whatever people can afford to give. She says one of the greatest rewards of conducting this project is seeing the reaction of her students to the generosity that is being expressed. She feels they are learning a great lesson in love and giving, because some of them honestly did not expect people to respond to their call for help in updating the school. The teenagers have had many lessons about supporting their school and community, and now they have had the opportunity to see that lesson put into action and to help record its progress.

Mrs. Sid Richards was surprised with a birthday dinner in the home of her brother and sister-in-law, the Obra Watsons, on Wednesday of last week. Other guests were her sister, Mrs. Norman Nettleton and her husband of Whitesboro; a brother, O'Neal Watson and his wife, Sallie, of Amarillo, and her husband, Sid Richards. The day was spent visiting and recalling many happy experiences. Mrs. Pauline Turner called in the afternoon.



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Silverton, Texas

**Small Microwave Ovens Are Different**

The compact microwave ovens that have become a fixture in many singles' apartments, college dorms and office lunchrooms can't perform like the larger ovens.

The difference, says home economist Dr. Susan Quiring, is in the cooking wattage.

"Most microwave recipes and package directions on prepared foods are developed for ovens with wattage outputs of 600 to 700 watts. The smaller ovens typically have lower wattage outputs from 400 to 500 watts," explains the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

She says that one of the factors that determines cooking speed is output wattage. If it's less than 600 watts, cooking times may be 20-30% longer than times recom-

mended in the directions.

"It's still best to check the food at the time stated," Dr. Quiring says, "then more time can be added if necessary."

Cookware may fit too tightly for even heating of food in some compact ovens, says the home economist. If the dish seems too large for the oven, she advises making smaller portions or using two smaller containers and cook each separately.

Dr. Quiring reminds oven users to make sure the food doesn't touch the top of the oven. It should be two to three inches from the top for even heating and to prevent damage to the oven.

"Before using any foil in the oven, check the manufacturer's instructions," emphasizes the specialist. "Then, if you are using an approved foil container or foil for shielding it should be at least one inch from the oven walls. If it's too close, small lightning-like flashes can occur, causing dam-

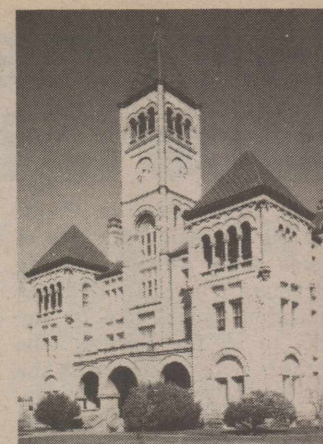
age to the interior of the oven."

She also suggests checking the manufacturers manual to see if there are some foods that cannot be prepared in your oven. Popcorn, for example, may not be suitable for cooking in all low-wattage ovens.

"If you don't have the oven manual and are unsure of its wattage, check with a local dealer that carries that model, or write the manufacturer, says Dr. Quiring.



According to surveys by the National Center of Health Statistics, about 45 percent of black men smoke, compared with about 35 percent of all men.



One of Texas' many colorful courthouses, the DeWitt County courthouse in Cuero ranks among the most beautiful. The three-story stone Victorian structure was built in 1896 in a Romanesque Revival style with a belfry. The courthouse is located at 307 N. Gonzales. Texas Tourist Agency photo.

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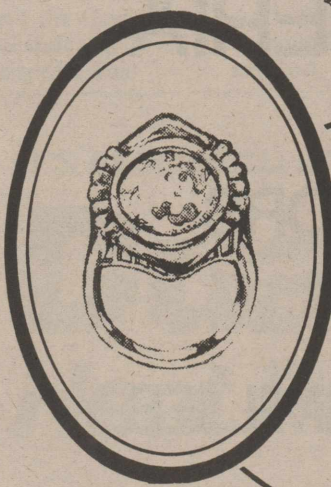
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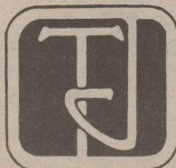
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# Trophies Awarded To Little Dribblers Here

Little Dribblers Fun Night was a big occasion with lots of trophies being awarded to the participants. The Little Dribbler organization would like to say thanks to all the coaches who took the time to practice with the boys and girls, and to the children who gave all they had every night they played.

Appreciation is also expressed to Calvin Shelton for cooking the meat for the Fun Night.

Winning first place in the fifth grade division were the Hawks coached by Stan and Dana Martin, including Kami Martin, Christa Tucker, Joann Ramirez, William Malone, Wayne Martin and Jess Brannon.

Second place went to the Raiders coached by James Edwards and Gary Weeks, including Stacy Helton, Leslee Weeks, Christi McWaters, Trent Smith, Stoney Hubbard and Braden Towe.

Third place was won by the

Rebels coached by Danny Francis and Joe Ramirez, including Ashleigh Wyatt, Kayla Ramsey, Angie Castillo, Russ Baird, Zane Henderson, Matt Francis and Jason Jontra.

In the junior division, there was a tie for first place between the Iron Eagles coached by Stan Martin and Bill Brooks, including Vanessa Martin, Ky Martin, Jeremiah Brooks, Rusty Miller, Christina Stephens, LaToya Baker and Kristi Smith, and the Celtics coached by Paula Bomar, Marsha and Perry Brunson, including Brandi Breedlove, Brandi Brunson, Molly Bomar, Sonya Ramirez, Michael Hill and Justin Delano.

Receiving the second-place trophy were the Warriors coached by James Edwards, composed of Holly Nance, Lori Brannon, Jessica Maciel, Shannon Weaver, Maria Castillo, Brandon Nease and Dewayne Juarez.

Third place was won by the

Bears coached by David and Dianna Johnston, including Staci Hill, Kara Kingery, Dedra Johnston, Lena Patino, Billie Helton, Phil Patino and Flavio Patino.

Junior Division, Boys Hot Shot winners were 1. Justin Delano, 2. Ky Martin, 3. Dewayne Juarez, free throw; 1. Ky Martin, 2. Dewayne Juarez, 3. Flavio Patino, hot shot; 1. Ky Martin, 2. Dewayne Juarez, 3. Rusty Miller, lay ups.

Junior Division, Girls Hot Shot winners were 1. Dedra Johnston, 2. Shannon Weaver, 3. Jessica Maciel, free throw; 1. Lena Patino, 2. Christina Stephens, 3. Molly Bomar, hot shot; 1. Molly Bomar, 2. Maria Castillo, 3. Jessica Maciel, lay ups.

Senior Division, Boys Hot Shot winners were 1. Stoney Hubbard, 2. Braden Towe, 3. William Malone, hot shot; 1. William Malone, 2. Phil Patino, 3. Jess Brannon, free throw; 1. Phil Patino, 2. Stoney Hubbard, 3.

Braden Towe, lay ups.

Senior Division, Girls Hot Shot winners were 1. Brandi Brunson, 2. Kami Martin, 3. Kayla Ramsey, hot shot; 1. Ashleigh Wyatt, 2. Kami Martin, 3. Brandi Brunson, free throws; 1. Christi McWaters, 2. Angie Castillo, 3. Stacy Helton, lay ups.

The association would like to thank all the parents who worked, brought food, and ran errands during the Little Dribbler games.

## Activities Assn. Selects Bands, Rodeo Producer

At the meeting of the Briscoe County Activities Association April 26, it was reported that a rodeo producer had been contracted and bands had been selected for the rodeo dances in August.

Charlie Thompson will be the rodeo producer, and bands providing music for the dances will be the Rough Riders on Thursday night and Caprock Country on Friday and Saturday nights.

Another session of Cow Pattie

Bingo is planned, as well as a Little Mr. and Miss Briscoe County pageant.

Instructions were given the group on where to park for the Great Texas Trashoff the following Saturday morning. Eighteen members of the organization assisted with the statewide cleanup campaign.

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Lynda Fogerson  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

## WHEN GOD

### CREATED MOTHERS...

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts... all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; and six pairs of hands...

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. "But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?" "Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

"Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

This was borrowed from Erma Bombeck, and I think it says volumes about mothers. Happy Mothers Day!!

# ANNUAL MEETING

## BRISCOE COOPERATIVES

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:00 P.M.

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# Weather Drier Than Normal During April

The weather during April on the Texas South Plains in 1987 turned out to be both drier and cooler than normal.

Temperatures averaged 2.5 degrees below normal and ranged from 0.6 degree below normal at Matador to 4.4 degrees below normal at Friona.

Maximum temperatures averaged 1.2 degrees below normal and ranged from 0.5 degree above normal at Crosbyton to 3.7 degrees below normal at Lamesa. The highest temperature report of the month was 98 at Paducah and Seminole on April 19.

Minimum temperatures averaged 3.7 degrees below normal and ranged from 1.4 degrees below normal at Spur and Tulia to 7.2 degrees below normal at Friona. The lowest report of the

month was 20 at Friona on April 1 and Dimmitt on April 3.

Precipitation averaged 0.99 inch below normal and ranged from 0.28 inch below normal at Levelland to 1.62 inches below normal at Paducah. There was even some light snow reported during the first week of April at some locations.

In Silverton, precipitation for April amounted to only 0.10 of an inch, well below the normal 1.49 inches for the month. This brought Silverton's precipitation for 1987 to 3.72 inches, still above the normal 3.67 inches figure. It is very dry here now, and some rain is needed.

Silverton's average daytime maximum temperature was 71.9 degrees, and the average minimum overnight temperature was 38.2 degrees. This gave a monthly average figure of 55.1 degrees.

### RAINFALL TO DATE

January	.70
February	1.50
March	1.42
April	.10
Total to Date	3.72



As early as the 27th century B.C., the oldest known medical text, the Nei Ching, attributed to the Chinese Emperor Huang Ti, stated that wind, cold, drought and excessive wetness can cause disease.

"That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest."  
Henry David Thoreau

# Cotton Producers Enroll 95.9 Percent Bases In ARP

Cotton producers in the 25-county High Plains area represented by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, have enrolled 95.9 percent of their effective cotton bases in the 1987 acreage reduction program.

A preliminary report from the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service at College Station shows an aggregate effective base of 4,367,043 acres for the 25 counties, of which 4,188,422 acres have been signed into the program.

In Briscoe County, there are 70,855 total base acres and 51,995 effective base acres. Acres enrolled total 54,182.

"Effective base" is a new term in this year's program, ASCS explains, used to indicate net acreage eligible for annual program participation, as opposed to "total base" which includes bases entered into the 10-year conservation reserve program. Total base for the Plains comes to about 4,708,759 acres, 341,716 acres greater than the effective base. An inexact total base for the area results from the state

office not having a total base figure for Yoakum County. The absence of that figure made it necessary for PCG to use as an estimate the county's total base reported for 1986.

Also, county-by-county figures on effective base and acres enrolled make it obvious that some small revisions of the preliminary report will be required in the final version. Five counties, for example, show more acres enrolled than were eligible for program participation. Presumably this could occur when producers signed into the annual program early, then put some or all the enrolled acres into the 10-year conservation reserve during the February CRP bidding period. Thus the CRP acres would be deducted from a county's effective base but would still show as enrolled acres. However, PCG points out that revisions probably won't affect the final program participation figure for the area by more than

a few thousand acres.

Producers signing into the program agree to plant no more than 75 percent of their effective bases in return for program benefits. Therefore if producers plant the maximum allowable, planted acreage on all participating farms would come to 3,141,317. However, current law permits producers to plant as little as 50 percent of permitted acreage and still qualify for 92 percent of deficiency payments. How many producers will go the 50-92 route and the percentage level of their plantings, PCG says, is anybody's guess.

Pushed for PCG's estimate of 1987 planted acres, executive officer Donald Johnson reveals that "for lack of a better figure, we're using three million, plus or minus 100,000."



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## Water Level In Texas Lakes Reach Record Highs

Statistics gathered routinely by the Texas Water Development Board indicate that for the first time in record-keeping history, reservoir conservation storage in the state surpassed 30 million acre-feet (one acre-foot = 325,851 gallons). At the end of March, Texas reservoirs contained 30,013,670 acre-feet of water, representing 94 percent of the total conservation storage capacity in the state. Conservation storage is the water stored between the lowest outlet of a dam and the top of the normal operating level. Additional storage is provided in some reservoirs above this level for flood protection. An additional 737,430 acre-feet of water was reported in flood storage.

By way of comparison, during March of the drought of 1984, the state's reservoirs held 82 percent of their conservation storage. By September of that year, the reservoirs showed a decline of 16 percent to 66 percent of capacity. This was a drop of 5,049,010 acre-feet of water in six months.

Since the drought, the most significant rise in storage capacity has occurred in the Rio Grande basin where International Falcon Reservoir has increased 54 percent from a low of 21 percent last year to its present level of 87 percent of capacity. Least improvement has been in the Canadian River basin, where Lake Meredith has remained at 44 percent capacity.

The Texas Water Development Board monitors 71 reservoirs throughout the state. These reservoirs represent 98 percent of the total conservation storage capacity in Texas. Other sources of information on reservoir water levels include the International Boundary and Water Commission, the U. S. Geological Survey, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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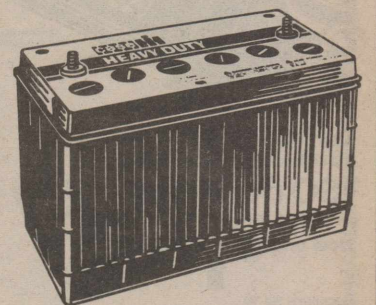
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# Stand Of Cotton Isn't Always Easy To Get

by James R. Supak  
Extension Agronomist-Cotton

Cotton planting seed supplies on the Texas High Plains will be limited in 1987. It appears there is adequate seed of acceptable quality for the first planting but supplies of certain varieties are already in short supply.

Some growers may have to change varieties or accept seed from lots with standard germination below 80 percent or Cool-Warm Vigor Index (CWVI) values of 120 or less.

Should the need for above normal replanting be encountered, growers are likely to experience difficulties in obtaining quality planting seed, especially of the faster maturing varieties.

As always, it is important to get an acceptable stand from the first planting. There isn't much that can be done about hail, washing rains and sandstorms that take out the first stand; however, some precautions can be taken to avoid poor stands or replanting due to factors related to seed quality, planting dates and planting techniques.

Establishing planting seed quality is the first step toward getting an early, uniform stand of cotton. Good quality, high vigor seed provides better germination and emergence under stress conditions such as cool, wet weather, planting too deep, crusting, etc. The resulting seedlings are less likely to encounter seedling disease problems and are more tolerant to later environmental stresses.

On the other hand, seed that was produced under poor grow-

ing conditions, that germinates less than 75-80 percent in standard germination tests and has CWVI values below 120 will require near optimum conditions to develop an acceptable stand and normal production.

The importance of seed quality and its influence on stand establishment and yield is illustrated in the results of a research test conducted by USDA Ag Engineers at Lubbock. In this study, the engineers used "good" (85 percent germination) and "poor" (65 percent germination) quality seed. The seed was planted at three different depths in a moist soil in mid-May. The results indicated:

Depth (inches)	Germination
2	85 65
3	1002 896
3	998 810
4	844 688

Their findings show that under ideal conditions (two-inch planting depth), the good quality seed produced 10 percent more lint than the poor seed. When both seed lots were planted three inches deep to induce a moderate stress condition, the good quality seed still produced top yields whereas yields from the weaker seed fell another 10 percent.

Finally, at the four-inch planting depth, (heavy stress condition) yields of the higher quality seed were reduced 15 percent while those from the lower quality seed fell an additional 12 percent (or some 30 percent below that of the good seed planted at the optimum depth).

The lesson here is clear: Use the best quality seed available

# SPS Survey Shows 5,253,976 Cattle Fed In Area

In 1986 more than 5.2 million cattle moved through the feedlots, and five million were slaughtered in the packing plants located in Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) service territory, reports the electric utility's most recent annual Fed Cattle Survey.

SPS serves a 52,000-square-mile area in parts of the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas, Eastern and Southeastern New Mexico, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Kansas. The feedlots in the territory fed 5,253,976 head last year, a 3.5% increase over 1985, but slightly below the record 5,259,779 fed during 1984.

"This year is the third in a row that the number of cattle fed has exceeded five million," said Seth Thomason, SPS manager of agricultural and industrial power.

and when forced to use lower quality seed make every possible effort to avoid or reduce stress conditions.

In most years, growers will plant two or more lots of seed that differ in quality. As a rule, wait to begin planting until the 10-day average soil temperature at the eight-inch depth reaches 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Remember that this is the minimum temperature at which the planting of good quality seed is recommended.

If there is a question about even the best seed available, allowing the 10-day average soil temperature to reach 65 degrees Fahrenheit greatly increases the probability of getting a stand and cuts down the chances of seedling disease problems.

Always start planting with the best seed. The time it takes to plant the first lot of seed may allow the soil to warm another one or two degrees and the passage of a windstorm or other weather hazard before planting.

Crusting is a frequent problem in this area. Low vigor seed may lack the energy reserves needed to break through the crust. Rotary hoeing or other tillage operations will be required to aid emergence.

One way to increase the probability of getting a stand from lower quality seed is to increase the seedling rate. Seed technologists and seedsmen generally agree that if the seedling rate needs to be increased more than 25 percent above the usual rate, to get a stand of another source of seed should be considered.

Excessive planting rates (above 25 to 30 pounds per acre) frequently result in accelerated stand losses due to increased populations of seedling disease organisms within the drill row. The weak or dead seed serve as a food source for disease organisms and stimulate their development.

Acceptable yields can be attained from a crop that started with fairly low quality seed. Regardless of the quality of available seed, it is always a good idea to take reasonable precautions that minimize the amount of stress germinating seed and young seedlings are subjected to.

"That's a good indication that the cattle-feeding business is here to stay."

Total one-time capacity of the feedlots surveyed in 1986 was 2,594,975 head, down from the total capacity of 2,619,775 head in 1985.

A reported 5,071,877 cattle were slaughtered at packing plants in the SPS service area last year, 293,039 more than were slaughtered in 1985, Thomason said. There are 15 beef packing plants in the SPS service area, he said, with an annual slaughter capability of 5,509,953 head.

"We get requests for South-

western's Fed Cattle Survey from all across the nation," Thomason said. "By providing this information, we hope to help stimulate further development in the agricultural sector. The area's feedlots and packing plants were extremely cooperative and helpful during this survey. We commend them for their help."

The survey lists each feedlot in the SPS area, and the lot capacities and number of cattle fed, by counties. There are feedlots in thirty of the counties in the SPS service area.

Charts of the number of feedlots surveyed, number of feedlots with 1,000-head capacity or above, growth of the feedlot industry, and one-time feedlot capacity are included in the report.

Copies of the report and survey are available at Southwestern Public Service Company offices and from Thomason, at SPS headquarters, Tyler at Sixth Street, Amarillo, Texas 79170.

## Texas To Observe "Buckle Up" Week

"Texas Buckle Up Week," part of the national "All-American Buckle Up Week," is set for May 18-25, just in time for Memorial Day weekend and summer vacation driving. The Texas observance is sponsored by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Safe Riders Program.

Although state law requires all front seat passengers to buckle up, only about 50 percent of Texas' drivers fasten their safety belts, according to the latest survey by the Texas Transportation Institute of Texas A&M University. Compliance is down from 66 percent in 1986.

Texas law also requires children less than age two to ride restrained in child passenger safety seats, and youngsters from two to four years of age to ride in safety seats or restrained by safety belts. In 1986, two years after the child passenger safety law was passed, only half of the children observed in surveys by the Texas Transportation Institute were properly restrained.

According to David Zane, coordinator of the Safe Riders Program in TDH's Public Health Promotion Division, said overall death totals on the highways are declining.

"Safety belt laws, combined with the 55 mph speed limit and stricter enforcement of drunk driving laws, have helped reduce traffic accident deaths in Texas to the lowest number in ten years," he said.

In 1986, 3,568 persons died in vehicle accidents, down 3.1 percent from 3,682 in 1985.

"But we know that further compliance with the law could make a more dramatic reduction in deaths," Zane said. He added that drivers and their passengers can protect their lives by buckling up, refraining from drinking while driving, and by driving defensively.

The Texas Safety Belt Survivors' Club, operated by the Safe Riders Program, honors persons who were spared injury or death because they were buckled up. Children who were restrained in a safety seat when a vehicle accident occurred also may become members. Members are awarded a certificate and recognition pin. For an application, contact the Safe Riders Program at 1-800-252-8255.



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## Spirit and Truth



by Rev. M. G. Baumgartner  
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"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

I Corinthians 3:16, 17

Many today believe that America is a 'Christian country', and because of this, they believe they too are christian. Others, meanwhile, believe membership on a church roll makes them a christian. This seemingly easy sainthood has deceived many. The word of God puts it very simple: those who defile the temple of God (themselves) shall be destroyed. And regular attendance at any church won't change that: only repentance of the defilement (sin) will change matters. Defilement comes in many forms: alcohol, tobacco, bad language, adultery, gossip, and many more. In what way is your temple defiled? You say it's not . . . The word of God declares, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 The temple of God is to be holy; and I say unto you, "Follow . . . holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

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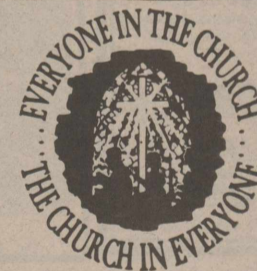
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It warms and quickens the heart of God when you honor Him on His special day. "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8. Worship God on this next Sunday in the church of your choice. We should honor our loving Heavenly Father even as we expect our children to honor us.

Attend church on Mother's Day.

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