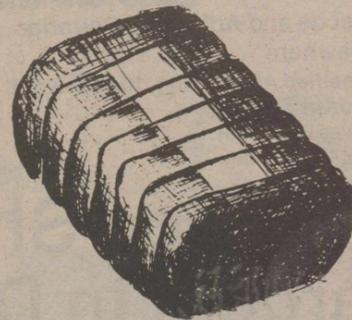
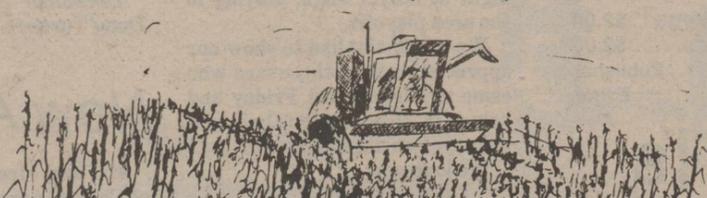


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GOOD LUCK OWLS IN THE AREA PLAYOFFS



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Owls In Area Playoff Friday Night

The Owls will meet Wellman, an 80-42 winner over Balmorhea last week, at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Smyer. This is the most important game of the year to this point, and it is very important that as many Silverton fans as possible plan to pack Bobcat Stadium at Smyer to cheer for the Owls.

The Owls will be the home team and will wear their red jerseys. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Put on your red and white and go to the game and yell! You'll miss a lot of fun if you don't. There are three games between the Owls and a state championship!

Other playoff games of interest this week are:

Vernon Northside (25-20 winner over New Home) will be playing Jayton (40-29 winner over Fort Hancock) in the other six-man area game.

Canyon will play Brownwood at Wichita Falls.

New Deal will play San Saba at Abilene.

Vega will play O'Donnell at Sudan.

Paper Out Early This Holiday Week

The Briscoe County News was printed early this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday today.

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed Thursday and Friday. Please arrange your business so you will not be inconvenienced by this closing.

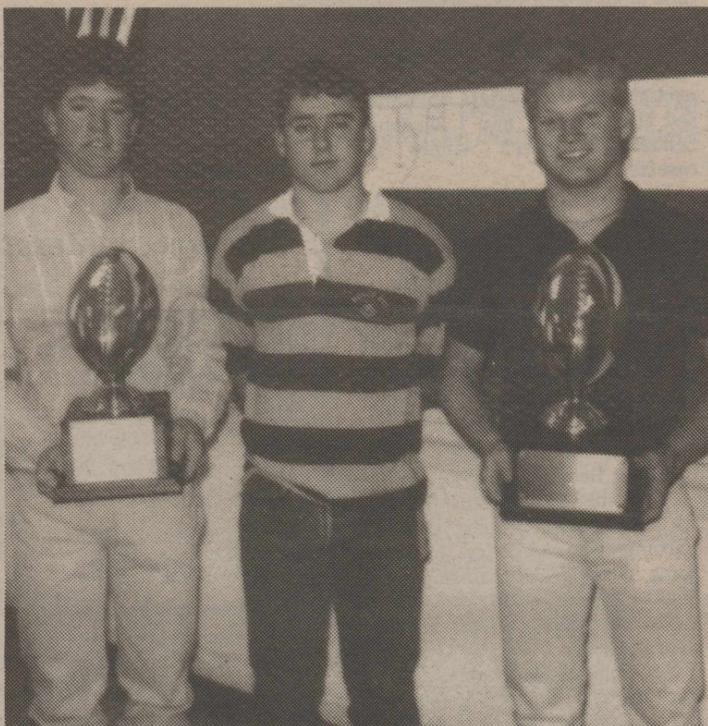
Methodist Women To Serve Stew

The United Methodist Women will have their annual stew lunch in Fellowship Hall Friday, November 6.

Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The menu will include stew, cornbread, cobbler and drink. Adults will be charged \$3.50 and the price for children is \$2.00.

There will also be a bake sale.



The three senior Owls, Clay Schott, Robbie McWaters and Ryan Smith, were pictured this week with their district trophy and the bi-district championship trophy they won last Friday night at Higgins. The boys are doing a really outstanding job as team leaders this football season.

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4-H Livestock Show Families To Meet

All families with 4-H livestock projects are asked to meet Wednesday, November 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank to complete entries for the major stock shows.

San Antonio entries must be in their office by December 1.

Club Selling Corsicana Fruitcakes

Collin Street Bakery fruit cakes are for sale by the March of Time Study Club. To order please call 823-2033. 48-3tnc

Dance Sat. Night To Benefit Shelter

Caprock Country will be playing for a benefit dance at the show barn from 8:00 until 12:00 p.m. Saturday night, November 28.

Proceeds from this project will go toward the building of a group shelter on the courthouse yard.

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

**Good Luck,
Owls**

Holiday Happenings Planned Here December 5

Area craftsmen will have their handmade items for "show and sale" Saturday, December 5, at the old LaHacienda building which was so graciously donated for use by Wayne Nance.

Booths will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m., so be there early to get first choice at the wide selection of wares.

Whether you are looking for a home decorator item, something

beautiful to wear, locally-made baskets or just need a gift, you'll be able to find something you need and be eligible to register for the door prizes given away by the craftsmen.

It is hoped that other individuals, clubs or churches will plan an activity for that day so that we can all come together and share the spirit of fellowship that we have enjoyed in the past, one of the exhibitors said.

Four Chosen For Awards Program

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced today that four men known to Silverton residents have been selected for inclusion in the 1987 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

They are Dave Russell Francis, 1802 W. Jackson, #178, Oxford, Mississippi 38655; Richard Eugene (Dirk) Aaron, jr., 1032 Highland Drive, Gatesville, Texas 76528; Dr. Brent Wade Bean, 2805 Lawton Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, and Gene Brian Appel, 3480 Sego Glen Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.

Now in its 25th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence—qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

These men, along with fellow outstanding young men throughout North America, were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and College officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man

will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

To Be On Game Show

Trey McWilliams, now of Los Angeles, California, grandson of Bess McWilliams and Mildred Reid of Silverton, will be on the "Win, Lose or Draw" game show Wednesday, November 25, on Channel 7, at 4:30 p.m.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University, he is the son of Mrs. Paula McWilliams of Snyder and the late Jerry Dee McWilliams.

Pep Rally Is Friday Afternoon

The SHS cheerleaders would like to encourage everyone to come to the Pep Rally Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym.

We want you to help us get the football team fired up and ready to play.

**Beat
Wellman**

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4-H Food Show Is Largest In Decade

Thirty-six 4-H boys and girls competed in the County 4-H Food Show last Thursday in the Silverton School Cafeteria, this being the largest number taking part in over ten years.

Nine county winners will advance to district competition December 12, on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock.

Winners in the Junior I division are Jeremiah Brooks, main dish; George Pigg, fruit and

vegetable; Kristi Smith, bread and cereal; and Patrick O'Neal, nutritious snack and dessert.

Junior II winners are Josh Brooks, main dish; Holly Nance, fruit and vegetable; Julie Ross, bread and cereal; and Ashleigh Wyatt, nutritious snack and dessert.

Senior winner is Celeste Sperry, fruit and vegetable.

Others entered in the county show were Junior I—Kara Kingery, Carrie Baird, Amy Turner, Briana Sperry, Janet Ross, Christina Stephens, Cara Powell, Jarrett Pigg, Jessica Carter, Mac Chestnut, Shannon Weaver, Kimmie Blazier and Maria Castillo.

Junior II participants were Amy Ramsey, Rickey Hughes, Christi McWaters, Kami Martin, Brandi Brunson, Christa Tucker, Leslee Weaks, Clay Merrell, Christy Nease, Staci Hill, Angie Castillo and Cecilia Castillo.

Pee wee participants were Molly Brooks and Trey Wyatt. Judges were Swisher County

The SHS cheerleaders would like to congratulate the Owls on defeating the Higgins Coyotes and winning bi-district. We would like the Owls to know that we will be standing 100% behind them as they take on the Wellman Wildcats this Friday night at Smyer High, playing in the area playoffs.

We would also like to show our appreciation to all those fans who came to Higgins last Friday and helped us cheer on the Owls to a victory. You did a super job!

We love you.
DeLyn Patton
Stacie Chappell
Kim Burson
Tracy Tomlin
Tara Nance
Julie Graham

4-H leaders Kay Young, Marilyn Foster and Barbara Finch, and Castro County Extension Agent Deana Sageser.

Celeste Sperry was master of ceremonies for the awards program, and Josh Brooks extended the welcome.

Brandi Brunson led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ashleigh Wyatt led the 4-H Pledge.

Christa Tucker recognized the nine adult leaders and presented each with a certificate.

Margie Pinkerton presented certificates and ribbons to each participant. Gail Wyatt announced the winners, and LaQuetta Schott gave each winner a rosette.

Jeremiah Brooks closed the program by leading the 4-H Prayer. Christina Stephens was in charge of registering guests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

November 26 — Robert Hughes, Cynthia Finck, Louie Kitchens, Paula Garvin, Kay May

November 27—Thomas Perkins, jr., John Daniels, Gary Brannon, Bessie Garrison

November 28—Billie McDaniel, Rita Davis, Stanley Couch, Carman Rhode, Fairy McWilliams, Tavo Trevino, Rosa Linda Segura, Eric Minyard

November 29 — Carl Baird, George Reed

November 30—Thomas Lee Perkins, sr., Lajuana McJimsey, Larry May, Heather Henderson

December 1—Christi McWaters, Norma Garcia, Estella Trevino

December 2—Lucy Hall, Stella Hall, Jena McFall, Brenda Gaskins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

November 26—Mr. and Mrs. David Kellum, Mr. and Mrs.

Dwight Ramsey
November 27—Mr. and Mrs. Putt Jasper, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannon
November 28—Mr. and Mrs. George Long
November 30—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill
December 1—Mr. and Mrs. Doug Turner

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell of Canyon announce the birth of their daughter, London Noel, on Monday, November 16. She was born at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo at 8:25 p.m. and weighed in at six pounds and twelve ounces.

In addition to her happy parents, she was welcomed by her three-year-old brother, Devin.

Proud grandparents include Bob and Zoedell Swift of Wheeler and Elton and Lanita Cantwell of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Earl Cantwell of Silverton, Addie Swift of Briscoe and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ellington of Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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December 1, 1977—Services conducted for Mrs. Jewell Kirk . . . Beth Strange, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strange, buried Sunday . . . Jim and Sheila Reid to have open house for Silverton friends . . . Silverton has three teams in Kress Tournament . . . Scouts having outing at Lake Mackenzie, under the supervision of Mike Long and John McCammon. The new rapelling gear was used . . . Recently a family dinner was held in the Datis Martin home in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary . . . Weldon Griffin injured in a freak hunting accident . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nelson House are parents of a daughter, Paige Elaine . . .

November 16, 1967 — Larry Comer and Barbara Davis are 4-H Gold Star Award winners . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stephens are parents of a son, Clay . . . Airman and Mrs. Freddy Stafford are parents of a daughter, Shonda Lynn . . . Mrs. Roy Dee Gregg honored at shower . . . Juannah and Carol's Ideal Boy includes the hair of Van May, the mouth of Donald Weast, the eyes of Lynn Frizzell, the nose of Mike Tate, the physique of Max Weaver, the legs of Tim Mattheus, the clothes of Steve Brown, the voice of Johnny Roy Weaver, the walk of Randy Cantwell, the personality of Harvey Masey, the friendliness of Lane Garvin, the hands of Jimmy Walker, the humor of Tommy Burson . . .

November 21, 1957 — Johnnie Lanham is building a new residence on a farm at the edge of Silverton . . . Helping Hand Club meets with Mrs. Frank Mercer . . . Bill Bingham badly burned Sunday in gas explosion . . . S. M. Rodgers, Swisher County rancher, dies in San Angelo . . . Contract let for ag building construction . . . Rev. Porter Arnold moves in new house . . . Silverton Garden Club met with Mrs. Milton Dudley . . . Rain Sunday and night measured .36 of an inch of moisture . . . Mrs. Ann Grimland and Mrs. Glenn Green of Amarillo were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Morris . . . Mmes. R. M. Hill, Joe Fowler and Robert Ledbetter attended a WSCS workshop in Tulia last Friday . . .

November 13, 1947—Last rites held for Mrs. C. S. Washington . . . John Wimberly home from Paris on 45-day leave . . . A full-length movie, "Western Union," starring Randolph Scott, Robert Young and Virginia Gilmore will be shown Tuesday night with proceeds going to the improvement of the local football field . . . First moisture in months is falling today . . . Mrs. Joe Mercer and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside were business visitors in Tulia Wednesday of this week . . . Margaret Frizzell is hostess to Rock Creek Club Tuesday . . . Lillian Brooks is bride of Glenn Lindsey . . . Miss Mary Dell Johnston to present her piano and choral pupils in recital . . . Johnnie Burson was offering for sale an old gentle saddle horse

for \$35 . . .

November 16, 1939—Silverton downs Quitaque 21 to 0 . . . A wedding which came as somewhat of a surprise to friends, occurred Saturday night, November 11, when Miss Wilma Joyce Smithee and Mr. Edwin Davis were united in marriage by Earl Cantwell of the Rock Creek community . . . Jim Cline has purchased the Silverton Bakery from Ned Painter . . . Disaster struck at the Gid Mayfield home ten miles northwest of Silverton early Tuesday morning when fire completely destroyed the residence. The Mayfield house was one of the old landmarks of the county and was built in the early days. The fire

was discovered shortly after midnight, but it quickly spread and with no fire fighting equipment the house was quickly destroyed. It is said that the fire started from a defective flue. It was not discovered until the house was ready to fall in and the family was lucky to escape with their lives. No clothing, furniture or household belongings of any kind were saved . . . Mr. Perry Thomas was offering turnips for sale to hill up for the winter . . .

February 20, 1930—No farm or home agent will be employed now, is county commissioners' stand . . . A community outing over the Denver Railroad to some of the grand scenics southeast of Silverton was pro-

posed for Sunday week at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday, with the probability of having hot coffee and sandwiches brought out to the picnic site in the late afternoon. It will be necessary to have a guarantee of at least 150 passengers to get the special train of several coaches, and the round-trip fare will be only \$1.10, according to N. M. Baird, station master. The outing planned will be routed by Sterley and east to the two tunnels and other caprock scenics, presenting some views unexcelled anywhere . . . Young Jim Haynes gets a 25-pound gain in a week from one of his five baby beeves . . . Warner Grabbe will show baby beeves at Panhandle-Plains Baby

Beef Show in Amarillo . . . Parent-Teacher Association to have program on juvenile protection . . . Everyone, both old and young, enjoyed the cobweb party at the W. W. Merrell home east of Silverton Friday night, given in honor of the birthdays of Misses Jane Merrell, Hattie Standifer, Bessie and Dessie McGowen . . .

*Good Luck,
Owls*



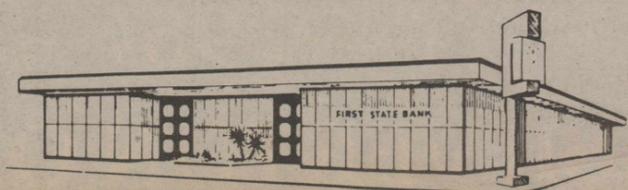
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One reason for the success of the Owls is their kick runbacks, and on this one Neal Edwards is pictured with the ball following Wayne Henderson and Ryan Smith. The blockers help clear the way for Edwards, but he usually breaks a few tackles of his own before the run ends.

Briscoe County News Photo

Silverton Owls Are Bi-District Champs

It was an incredible experience for players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans Friday night, as the Big Red Fighting Owls from Silverton High School whipped Higgins for the Bi-District Championship, 27-22, on the Coyotes' home field.

"Things were looking a little dim early, but we finally got things going," said Coach Jack Shely. "We played well defensively, but we ran our first two possessions and I don't think we gained a yard."

Shely went on to say, "Our defense was the key to the game. They held Higgins over and over again. Our size and strength eventually just took over the game."

Play opened with Higgins kicking off to the Owls. Neal Edwards took the ball out to the Silverton 36. Clay Schott carried for three on first down, and Edwards gained about a yard on

third down. The Owls punted to the Higgins three on fourth down.

Higgins was stopped by Wayne Henderson on first down, the Coyotes fumbled and recovered their own fumble on second down, and on fourth, needing three, Higgins passed complete for an apparent first down, fumbled and Edwards recovered on the Higgins 20.

Edwards picked up four on first down, but Silverton's quarterback was sacked back to the 20 on the second play. Bradley Brunson was held to no gain on third down, and, needing 17, Edwards carried to the 18 where the ball went over to the Coyotes.

The Owls held Higgins to little gain on their next series, and on fourth down sacked the quarterback. The ball went over on downs to the Owls at the Higgins 23. The Owls weren't able to

advance the ball to the 20, and the ball went back to Higgins on the 21.

Higgins was held to no gain on their first play, and on second down, the Coyotes gained the first first down of the game with 1:05 remaining to be played in the first quarter. On their next play, Higgins crossed into Silverton's end of the field for the first time, and on their next play, with 17 seconds remaining in the first period, Higgins scored, tacked on a two-point PAT, and held an early 8-0 lead.

Higgins kicked off to the Owls, and Edwards carried out to the Silverton 37, but the Owls were penalized for holding back to the 23.

Quarterback Kendal Minyard was sacked on first down, and on the second play Edwards carried for a first down for the Owls at midfield.

Opening the second quarter

with a renewed offensive effort, Brunson carried for a four-yard gain, Edwards ran to the 30, and Schott picked up a first down on the Higgins 24. Edwards moved to the five for another first down, and Schott carried the touch-down with 7:11 remaining in the first half. Ryan Smith kicked the PAT, and the score was knotted at 8-8.

The Owl kickoff was returned to the Higgins 20, from where they combined passes and runs to make a first down on the 35. The next series of downs for the Coyotes consisted of a short gain and three incomplete passes, and with 4:57 remaining in the half, the ball went back to the Owls.

Edwards and Brunson combined talents for a first down on the Higgins 30, Edwards ran for what looked like another first down, but the Owls were penalized for holding back to midfield. After an incomplete pass, Edwards went all the way for the go-ahead score with 3:15 remaining to be played in the second period. There was no PAT and the score stood at 14-8.

Higgins came back with a pass for a first down on the Silverton 39, but the quarterback was sacked by Schott on the next series and Higgins punted to the Silverton 25 with 1:26 remaining to be played in the first half.

On first down, the Coyotes stripped the ball away, recovered and went back on offense. The defense held, and the ball went back to the Owls on the Silverton 19 with 34 seconds remaining on the clock.

Edwards picked up a first down on the Silverton 34 before the half ended.

Silverton kicked off to open the second half of play, and on third down Higgins fumbled and Henderson alertly grabbed it for the Owls on the Higgins 38.

Brunson ran for a first down on the Higgins 7, Schott carried to near the goal, Brunson moved it a little closer, and Schott plunged over into the end zone with 7:37 remaining on the third-quarter clock. There was no PAT, and the Owls had extended their lead to 20-8.

Higgins came back with a first down, fumbling on the play and seeing it recovered by Schott for the Owls; however, the officials ruled that it was not a fumble and with Owl fans grumbling, Higgins proceeded to get another first down on a personal foul penalty and passed for a touchdown with 5:09 still showing on the third-quarter clock. Their PAT kick was good, and the score had been narrowed to 20-16.

Higgins kicked off, and Edwards carried out to the Silverton 34. Edwards carried three times, picking up a first down on the Higgins 28. Then Edwards and Schott combined to get another first down on the 11. Edwards carried an apparent touchdown, which was called back due to an illegal procedure penalty against the Owls. Brunson carried to the 5, Edwards moved the ball to the one, then carried the touchdown with 56 seconds remaining in the third quarter. There was a bad snap from center, and Smith passed to Robbie McWaters for a one-point conversion, making the score 27-16.

The Owls kicked off, and it was brought out to the Higgins 30. The Coyotes picked up about six on first down, and Smith contri-

buted to the good defense by the Owls on second down. Higgins moved to the 39 as the fourth quarter began, and the ball went over on downs to the Owls with 9:26 remaining in the game.

Edwards picked up four, and Schott made a first down on the Higgins 20. Runs by Edwards moved to the Higgins 9, where the ball went over on downs with 7:01 remaining to be played.

Higgins fumbled on first down and the ball was recovered by Edwards, but once again the officials ruled there had been no fumble. The Coyotes made a first down on their own 25, then moved out for another at mid-field.

Another first down was gained on the Silverton 23 with 3:08 remaining to be played. Higgins completed a pass for a first down on the seven, with Henderson making a touchdown-saving tackle with 2:50 remaining on the clock.

On third down, the Coyotes scored with 1:53 still to be played. There was no PAT, and the score had been narrowed to 27-22.

With everyone on Silverton's side of the field looking for an onside kick, the Coyotes kicked deep, and the Owls took over on offense. Brunson picked up a couple of yards with Higgins stopping the clock with a time out after every play. The Owl offense was really cooking at this point, and excitement in the crowd had reached a fever pitch, as Edwards ran for a first down to ice the victory with 1:31 left on the clock and Higgins out of timeouts. Edwards ran one more play, then the Owls simply killed the clock to take the victory.

All the Owls played a tremendous game, both on offense and defense, and it was hard to tell whether they were happier or their coaches were happier when time expired on the clock.

Early in the game, the Higgins public-address announcer had made a little speech to the effect that the season had started with Silverton and Higgins playing there at Higgins and "tonight the season will end here for one of these teams. Be sure to remain when the game is over for the trophy presentation."

No one had to ask the Silverton fans to remain, but the Higgins fans had begun leaving with two minutes remaining to be played. When the final buzzer sounded, players, coaches, pep squad and fans spilled onto the field and a wild celebration ensued. It was a little hard for the Higgins School officials to sort out the ones to whom the trophy was to be presented.

When the fever had cooled a bit, the celebration moved to the dressing room, and when the players were dressed a gigantic tailgate picnic of fried chicken, potato salad and soft drinks which had been brought from Silverton was served just outside the dressing room.

When the caravan began its homeward trek, it was necessary for the athletic bus to stop in Pampa for gas, and they stopped at the same place where they had stopped enroute to the game. The players spilled out of the bus, and carrying their trophy with them went inside to show it off.

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Owls Lose Close Game To Cotton Center

Silverton's Owls, playing with only six players since most of the boys are still playing football, lost to Cotton Center, 20-23, in their first game on November 17.

"I would not have been more proud of the boys even if we had won!" said Coach Kevin Cleveland. "They worked extremely hard, the effort and desire was there; our shots just would not fall in." This was the Owls' first experience with a five-on-five situation since there are presently only six boys out for basketball.

"We rebounded well, led by Teddy Hubbard with 12, and for a first game, we only had 17 turnovers which is not bad,"

Coach Cleveland said. "Our shots just wouldn't go. We shot eight out of 39 for 21% and three out of ten free throws for 30%. I believe our shooting will improve in time. We'll just try to improve some every day.

"Kirk Couch did a heck of a job for us. He played the entire game and led our offense at the point guard position. It takes guts for a freshman to play hard for an entire game with no rest; that is the kind of commitment we need!"

At halftime, the Owls led 10-8. Scoring for Silverton were Teddy Hubbard and Emmy Garcia, six points each; Kirk Couch and Joey Leal, four points each.

Owlettes Earn Victory In First Game

Silverton's varsity Owlettes battled Cotton Center to a 62-33 decision here November 17.

The Owlettes led at the end of each quarter, 16-6, 30-16, 51-21 and 62-33.

"We played a pretty good ball game. I feel like we were a little sluggish in the beginning, but a solid third quarter sealed the victory," said Coach Gary Childs.

"We just need to be a little more intense from start to finish.

"I'm really very proud of our girls. They have done everything that I have asked and with 100%. We are not where we want to be yet, but we'll keep working at it.

"We appreciate all the people in the stands. We would like to see a large crowd every game night; it really helps a great

deal," the coach said.

Gina Myers was credited with scoring 19 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Keeley Burson got 10 points and six rebounds. Tonia Perkins turned in an outstanding defensive effort.

"We shot 54% from the field, 28 of 51, which is super, but only six of 17 from the line which is not what we want. The Owlettes committed 19 turnovers.

Boy Scout News

by Scoutmaster Mark Eddleman

Our bake sale went pretty good. We want to thank all the moms for taking their time for us and all the folks who bought our baked goods. We want to thank the owners of Nance's Food and Caprock Food for letting us use their businesses.

Helping with the bake sale were Lyndell Ivory, Braden Towe and Steven Jasper. These young men took their weekend time to work for the troop. You did a good job; thanks for helping.

This week's meeting will be Friday, November 27, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut. All Scouts need to bring their handbooks.

We want to wish everyone a nice Thanksgiving and a safe one; don't forget the things you need to be thankful for.

We're thankful for living in a great town like Silverton and having a beautiful county to live in, and thankful to be living in a great country like America.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Venita Asebedo went to a karate tournament at Abilene October 17, and won second place in sparring.

She and Linda O'Neal went to Levelland October 24, where she won first and Linda won third.

Venita entered the tournament at Lubbock November 21, and won second place.

Venita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Asebedo and is a senior in SHS this year. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon O'Neal.

Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

November 30 - December 4

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Smith-Russell Vows Exchanged In Formal Church Ceremony

D'anna Lynn Smith and John Douglas Russell were united in marriage by Rev. Jess Little at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, November 14, at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Smith of Quitaque, and she is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Smith of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison of Silverton. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Nena Loudermilk of Plainview and Mrs. Doleta Boyce of Silverton.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Russell of Matador and is the grandson of Mrs. Meddie McElroy of Crosbyton.

The double-ring ceremony was performed before an extended arch of white candles, leather leaf, and baby's breath accented by large teal satin and white lacealeon bows. Four large baskets of greenery and teal satin aisle bows completed the setting.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, wore a basque gown of white bridal taffeta overlaid with organza which featured a Queen Anne neckline, elbow-length puffed sleeves, and multi-tiered ruffles flowing into a chapel train, all adorned with Alencon lace, iridescent sequins and pearls. Her lace and pearl appliqued picture hat with up-turned brim and pouf of tulle falling into a double veil was accented by a corsage of flowers, lace and pearls.

She carried a cascade bouquet with a white cattleya orchid, pixie carnations, English ivy, pearls and satin ribbon atop a white Bible belonging to her maternal grandmother and carried by many other family members. Love knots in the ribbons held four gold wedding rings—one belonging to each of her grandparents. The Bible was encased in a cover crocheted especially for her by her maternal great-grandmother.

For something borrowed, she wore an antique cameo ring belonging to her sister, Shonda. To complete her attire, she added a strand of pearls and a



Mrs. John Douglas Russell

white crocheted garter interwoven with blue satin ribbons, also made by her great-grandmother.

Devona Smith of Lubbock served as her sister's maid of honor, and Angie Smith of Quitaque, cousin of the bride, was the matron of honor. They wore teal tea-length taffeta dresses with sweetheart necklines, puffed sleeves, princess bodices, and dropped waists accented by large bustle bows and matching satin shoes. In their hair, they wore white silk-flowered halos intertwined with teal satin streamers and pearls. Each carried a white braided corn silk ribbon heart with long streamers and a teal satin bow with baby's breath.

Bill Luckett of Matador was best man and Kevin Hicks of Lubbock, nephew of the groom, was groomsman. Joe Kirk Smith of Quitaque and Craig Turner of Matador seated guests and began the ceremony by lighting the arch of candles.

The bride's mother chose a tucked periwinkle silk dress. The groom's mother selected a dropped-waist paisley dress of cream, gold and black. They added corsages of white cymbidium orchids.

Robin Myers of Lubbock secured names for the guest registry.

For the ceremony, a collection of popular and traditional organ selections was presented by Patsy Herrington of Quitaque. She also played piano music during the reception. Impressive renditions of "You're the Inspiration" and "Doubly Good to You" were presented by Iva June Johnson of Lubbock.

Following the wedding, the couple and their parents greeted the guests at a reception in the fellowship hall. The bride's table was covered with a white, lace-inserted linen cloth over teal. Heart-shaped tiers of red velvet cake with white icing were supported by a large round tier. The cake featured white gummed cattleya orchids and was topped by a Precious Moments bride and groom wedding bell. Banana punch, toasted pecans and teal cream mints, a gift from Margie Pinkerton, were served from crystal appointments. The bride's bouquet flanked by teal candles was the centerpiece. Shonda Wills of College Station and Debra Smith of Turkey, sister and sister-in-law of the bride, served at her table.

An asymmetrical centerpiece of white pixie carnations and gladiolas, teal candles, brass appointments, and a white crocheted table runner topped a teal cloth on the groom's table. Serving decorated cheese spread, spiced and German chocolate cakes, spiced cider and coffee were the groom's sisters, Marilyn Hicks of Kermit, Linda Roy of Georgetown and Caron Perkins of Snyder.

The bride was graduated from Jessie Lee's Hair Design Institute and was working at Heads & Heels in Quitaque before her marriage. Her husband is a 1986 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in range management. He is currently working at Matador where they are making their new home.

An enjoyable family rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Russell at the Quitaque Community Center on Friday, November 13, at seven o'clock in the evening. A western theme was used to serve the steak dinner.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for continuing the paper. We have been in the process of moving and I didn't have a new address until now. For those people who still remember me and are interested, my new address is Lillie B. Brooks Whitney, 8919 No. 105th Lane, Peoria, Arizona 85345, telephone 602-933-0544.

Floyd and I would welcome anyone coming anywhere near Phoenix. I do not know many there anymore, but am always interested in what's happening around Silverton. It will always be "home."

Thanks again.
Bea Whitney

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Stir-Frying:

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In case you haven't noticed, stir-frying is hot. Although it originated in China, stir-fry cooking has become very popular here in America. It is now the "in" method of preparing food.

And, because the cooking process rarely takes more than five minutes, stir-frying is really the original fast food.

In case you have never tried preparing a stir-fry dish, you're missing something. It's really a fun way to cook.

The key to stir-frying is *high heat*. Foods are rapidly cooked by tossing or stirring in a small amount of oil over the high heat. The heated oil seals in all the natural juices and flavor. The foods are kept from burning by the tossing.

While a large skillet can be used, the proper utensil for stir-frying is the Chinese wok. The spherical shaped wok is made of thin iron which distributes the heat evenly and rapidly allowing for the efficient cooking of both large and small amounts of food quickly.

Whether you're an experienced stir-fry cook or a first-timer, here's an easy recipe you'll want to try. Oriental Beef Stir-Fry is one entree that can make even an inexperienced cook look good. The dish, which is low in calories, was created by home economists at the Rice Council of America.

Easy to prepare and ready in a jiffy, the recipe combines strips of sirloin with carrots, sweet pepper and other tasty ingredients. Serve it over a bed of hot rice.



Oriental Beef Stir-Fry

- 1-1/2 pounds beef sirloin steak, cut into thin strips
- 1/4 cup peanut or vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 stalks celery, diagonally sliced
- 1 large green sweet pepper, cut in 3/4-inch squares
- 1 zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced*
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1-1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

Brown steak strips in hot oil in wok or large skillet over high heat. Push meat to the side and add vegetables.

Stir-fry approximately 3 minutes and push to the side. Combine broth, soy sauce, and cornstarch. Add to pan and cook until thickened. Serve over fluffy rice.

Makes 6 servings
*Or use 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained

Each serving provides: 431 calories, 39.4 grams protein, 18.0 grams fat, 25.5 grams carbohydrate, 646 milligrams sodium, 103 milligrams cholesterol.

Tip: Stir-frying requires your complete attention, so don't attempt to do two things at once when preparing a stir-fry dish. Also, serve stir-fry food immediately to preserve its special character.

**SOCIAL SECURITY
IN
BRISCOE COUNTY**

by Terry J. Clements

People in the local area who have children or other dependents they plan to claim on their

1987 Federal income tax return should remember that a Social Security number must be shown for each dependent age five or over.

If a child or other dependent does not have a number, then one should be applied for without delay. It is easy to apply. All a person has to do is complete an application and provide evidence of date of birth, identity, and U. S. citizenship or lawful alien status. A person 18 or older who has never had a Social Security number must apply in person. A parent applying on behalf of a child must provide evidence of his or her identity.

For a person born in the U. S.,

a birth certificate can provide evidence of both date of birth and citizenship. For children, school, medical, day care, or similar documents can be used to establish identity.

Only original documents or copies certified by the issuing agency can be used. Photocopies and notarized copies are not acceptable. The documents will be returned.

All it takes to start the application process is a phone call to any Social Security office. You may contact the local office at 1401-B West 5th Street in Plainview, or call 293-9623. Appointments can be arranged if desired.



**Happy
Birthday
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**SPS Files For
Fuel-Cost Credit**

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Tuesday filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for approval to credit its Texas retail customers about \$11 million for fuel-cost savings. The "typical" residential customer, based on monthly usage of 600 kilowatt-hours, will receive about a \$10 credit.

The proposed refund includes interest at an annual rate of 11.7 percent. Most SPS customers will receive the one-time credit in their December bills. The re-

maining consumers will receive their refunds in January.

"Several factors made this refund possible," said Sam Hunter, SPS vice president of rates and economic research. "We purchased coal and natural gas, which as major costs in generating electricity, at lower prices. Additionally, the mild summer allowed us to operate only our most efficient power plants, and SPS has continued to improve the efficiency of its generating units."

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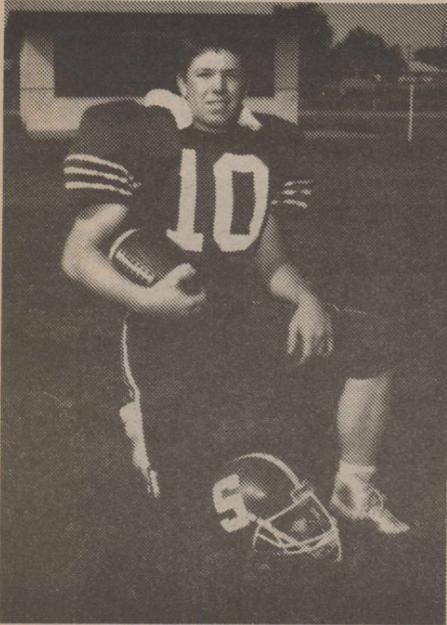
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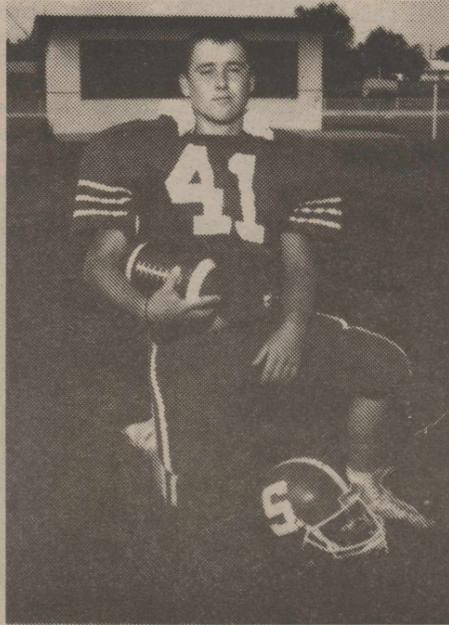


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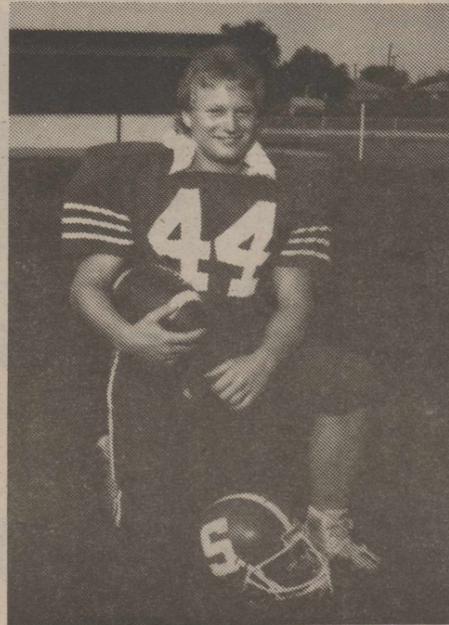
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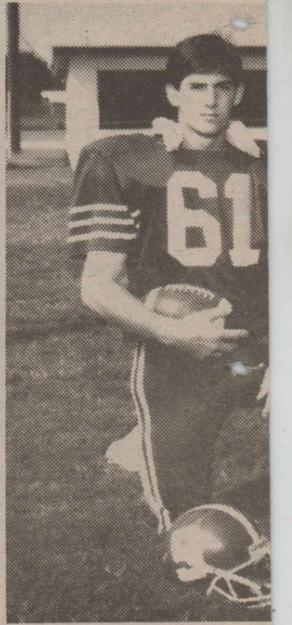
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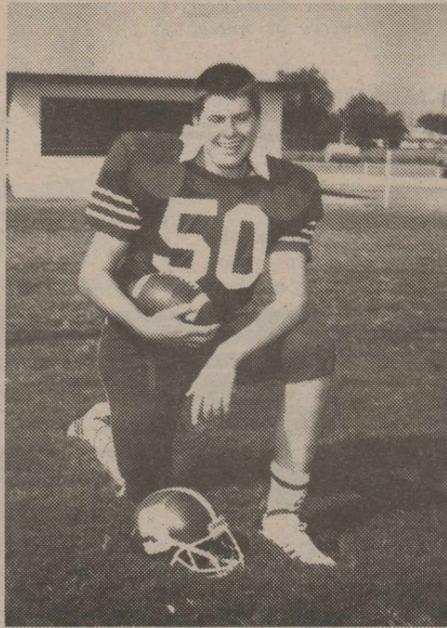
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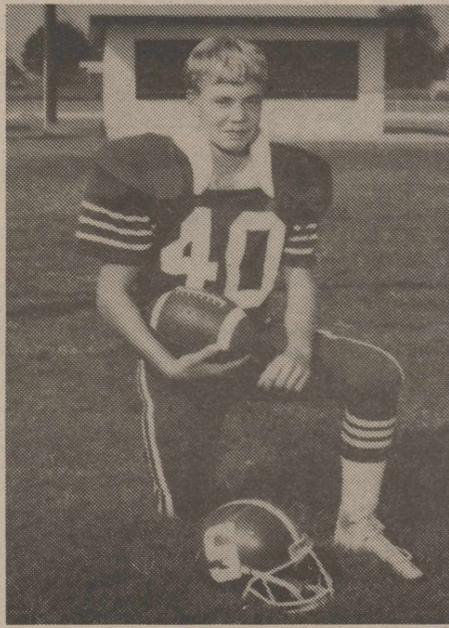
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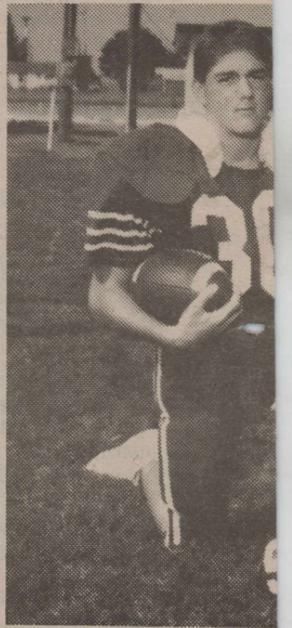
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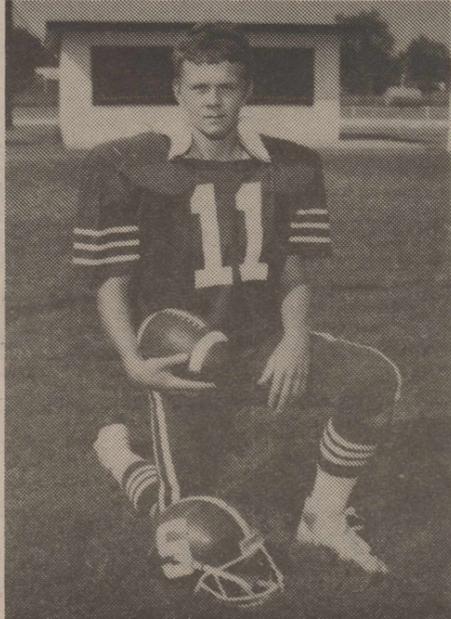
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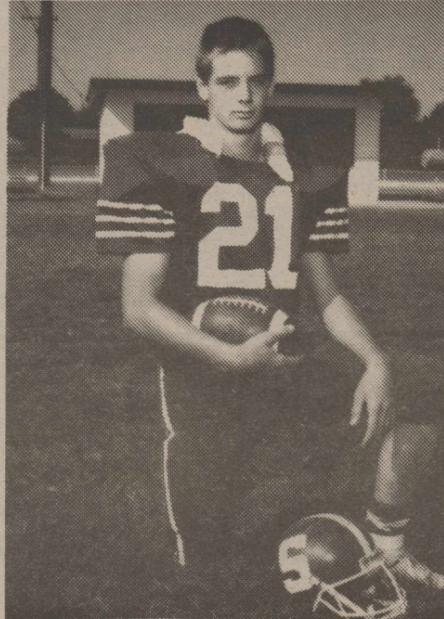
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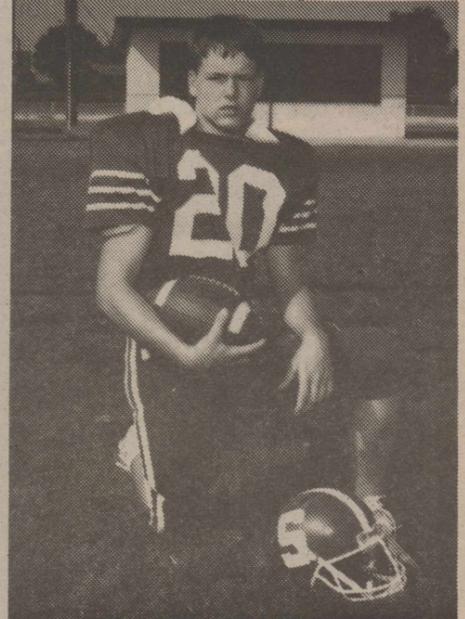
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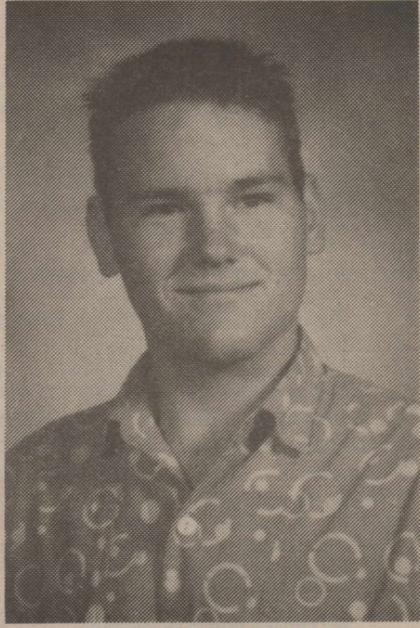
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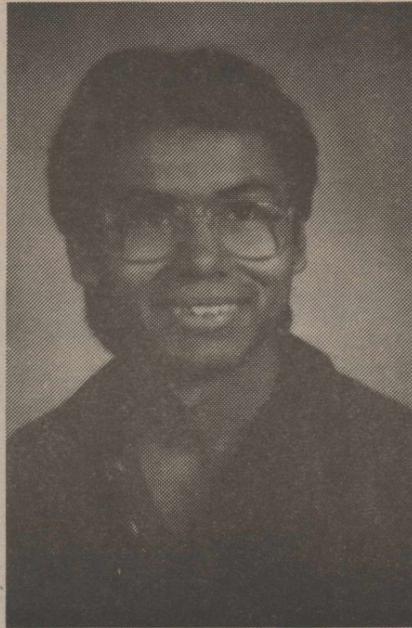
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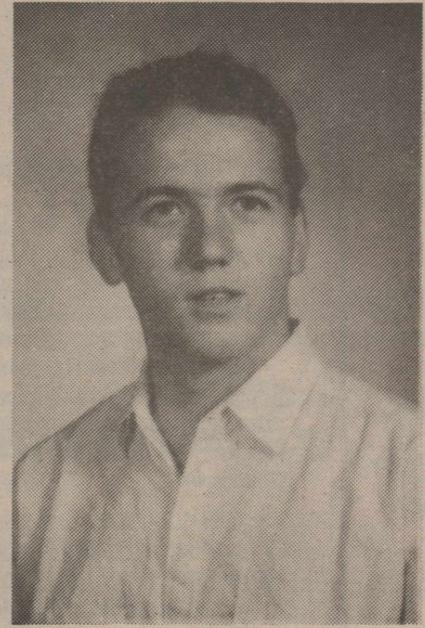
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PTA UPDATE

Don't miss the PTA meeting Monday, November 30! We will meet in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Mike Settle will give a program on educational testing, which will involve describing and explaining about the various tests our children are given at school.

* Remember to have entries for the Reflections program turned in to Bena Hester or Cindy Comer by Tuesday, December 1. Reflections is a nationwide cultural arts competition, and students from kindergarten through the twelfth grade may enter at least one exhibit in each of the four categories: visual art, literature, music and photography.

Meet The School's Auxiliary Workers

The Silverton School Cafeteria manager is Rosemary Perkins. She has held this position for six years and has 17 years' experience in this field of work. Her hobbies are crafts and sewing.

She is the wife of Thomas Lee Perkins. They have three sons, one daughter, a son-in-law and three grandchildren.

Stella Hall has been a cafeteria worker for 10 years. Her hobbies are crocheting and crossword puzzles.

She is the wife of J. C. Hall. They have three married sons, two married daughters and 20

grandchildren.

Also working for the Silverton School Cafeteria is Dora Bullock. She is the wife of Gail Bullock and they have six grown children.

This is Sherry Delano's first year to work in the cafeteria. She graduated from the Blackwell, Texas High School. Her hobby is stained glass art. She is the wife of Mike Delano, and their children are Justin and Jennifer.

Lois Hill is the Elementary School Custodian. She has held this position for four years. She feels a special need for the school is ceiling fans for the elementary classrooms.

She is a Girl Scout leader and her hobbies are camping and ceramics. She is the wife of Fred Hill, and they have three children: Staci, 10; Richie, 6, and Will, 4.

Beat Wellman

Holiday Drivers Urged To Use Caution On Roads

Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Lubbock, said, "More people on Texas highways will mean more exposure to accidents this Thanksgiving holiday. Usually alcoholic beverages are consumed in large quantities during the holidays and many intoxicated individuals will attempt to drive a motor vehicle." The Major reminds the motoring public that the intoxicated driver is one of the highest danger factors on the roadway confronting the Texas motorist.

"Much of this needless highway slaughter could be prevented with the use of a seat belt. It's use is only a habit and probably the best habit anyone can have. Besides being a good habit, it is

the law!" Major Cawthon said.

In the past Thanksgivings, people tend to increase their speed to make up lost time. It is a known fact that you can't make up time with excessive speed. In the end, there is always a loser. Be a winner this Thanksgiving and remember, the next mile you drive is the most dangerous mile you will ever drive.

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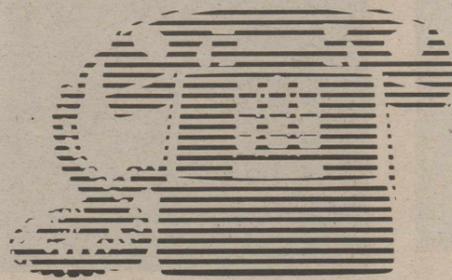
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Reye's Syndrome Alert Issued By School Nurse

A Reye's Syndrome Alert Awareness Bulletin was given to the Briscoe County News by Mrs. Margie Pinkerton, R. N., Silverton School Nurse, and it contains information which should be passed along to parents.

The flu or various symptoms identified as influenza occur more frequently during the winter months. Influenza is a viral infection, and as such, warrants special attention because a **swift** and **deadly** children's disease is associated with it. The disease, Reye's Syndrome, affects children from infancy through late adolescence and can develop three to five days after the onset of chicken pox, an upper respiratory infection or other fever-causing illnesses. It affects the liver and brain, is non-contagious and is often misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, poisoning, drug overdose or sudden infant death. Recent studies have shown a link between the use of aspirin and the development of Reye's Syndrome.

After a viral infection has seemingly run its course and the child is feeling better, the following symptoms should be treated as serious and as possibly the first indication of Reye's Syndrome. Anti-nausea medication may mask the symptoms of the disease; and because of the association of aspirin with Reye's Syndrome, parents should con-

sult their physician before using these drugs. Youngsters who self-medicate should continue to be advised of the increased risk of Reye's Syndrome associated with the use of aspirin. Watch for these symptoms, usually occurring in this order:

- *Relentless or continuous vomiting
- *Listlessness (loss of pep and energy with little interest in the environment)
- *Drowsiness (excessive sleeping)
- *Personality change (such as irritability, slurred speech, sensitivity to touch)
- *Disorientation (unable to identify whereabouts, family members, or answer questions)
- *Combativeness (striking out at those trying to help)
- *Delirium, convulsions or loss of consciousness

A child's life can depend on early diagnosis. Reye's Syndrome should be suspected in any child with chicken pox who vomits repeatedly. Phone your physician immediately if these symptoms develop and tell him/her you suspect Reye's Syndrome. If your doctor is not available, take your child or young adult to an emergency room promptly. Two liver function tests (SGOT/SGPT) can be done to determine the possibility of Reye's Syndrome. There is a 90% chance of recovery when the syndrome is treated in its earliest stages by physicians and nurses experienced in the treatment of Reye's.

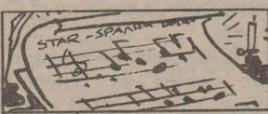
Epidemiologic research has shown an association between the development of Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin for treating the symptoms of influenza-like illnesses, chicken pox and colds. The National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, the U. S. Surgeon General, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Center for Disease Control recommend that aspirin and combination products containing aspirin not be given to children under 18 years of age during fever-causing illnesses. Salicylate is another word for aspirin; some drug labels may use the word salicylate instead of the word aspirin. Products containing either of these substances should not be given to children during episodes of these illnesses.

The NRSF is a non-profit,

tax-exempt organization with chapters in over forty states. The NRSF has pioneered the movement to disseminate knowledge about the disease in an effort to aid in early diagnosis and also provide funds for research into the causes, cure, care, treatment and prevention of Reye's Syndrome.

For a free brochure write National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, P. O. Box 829-AB, Bryan, Ohio 43506, or call 419-636-2679, or toll-free 800-233-7393. Ohio residents call 800-231-7393.

Preparations containing aspirin, salicylates and/or salicylamides include a wide range of drugs from Alka-Seltzer, Anacin, Arthritis Pain Formula Tablets, to Bufferin, Doan's Pills, Ecotrin, Midol, Pepto-Bismol, Darvon, Codeine Tablets, Percodan and Zorprin.



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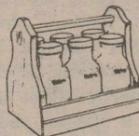
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DATE: Tuesday, December 1, 1987

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TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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The cessation of insecticidal bombardment in the High Plains 1987 boll weevil war came November 11, appropriately coinciding with the signing of the armistice ending World War I on the same date in 1918.

Aerial applications of low volume malathion to weevil-infested fields along the eastern rim of the High Plains began September 21 this year. They stopped seven weeks later after weevils in over 615,000 aggregate acres had been given lethal doses of insecticide totaling 57,639 gallons.

Officials of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, which has conducted the weevil control program since 1963, early in September had estimated sprayings would cover 600,000 acres. That estimate was lowered to about 450,000 in October after the spread of weevil populations failed to develop on an expected time schedule.

But the reduced estimate had counted on a "normal" freeze date around the end of October. When a freeze destroys the weevil's food supply, officials explain, spraying to prevent the pest from attaining the disjunct stage in which he overwinters is no longer necessary.

In fact, the freeze was delayed until November 10. Meanwhile,

as PCG Field Services Director Ed Dean puts it, "The summer-like weather that was so conducive to cotton production was equally good for the production of weevils."

The build-up and spread of weevils expected earlier occurred during this extra 10 days of warm weather, Dean continues, forcing a fifth treatment that covered almost 166,000 acres and brought the total back to the original estimate.

The control program is jointly funded by High Plains producers and the U. S. and Texas Departments of Agriculture.

The weighted average price paid to farmers for U. S. cotton through September this year was 58.1 cents per pound.

The weighted average price for the calendar year is important to producers because the 1987 deficiency payment rate will equal the difference between the average and the established 79.4-cent target price.

The monthly average price rose from 46.4 cents per pound in February to a high of 68.3 cents in July, sparking concern that the final payment rate might fall below the 8.15 cents per pound advance payment received by most producers. But the average price by September had fallen to

Does Cotton Classing System Need Overhaul?

by Karen Svendsen Werner
Tribune-Herald Staff Writer

The USDA cotton classification system needs to be re-evaluated, said Dr. James Parker, director of Texas Tech University's Textile Research Center in Lubbock.

Dr. Parker believes cotton farmers unfairly take a price discount for a fine-fiber cotton that is in considerable demand for cotton-spinning companies.

But J. U. Dedear, area director of the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Waco, believes prices farmers receive for cotton depend more on buyers than on cotton grades.

Dr. Parker said farmers take a discount on any cotton finer than 3.5 micronaire, a measure of fiber thickness.

As an example, he referred to cotton classed as strict low middling light spotted, or 3.2 micronaire of fineness. This type of cotton is commonly produced in West Texas and is in considerable demand by spinners, especially those using new open-end spinning machines which require finer fibers for production of high-quality yarns, Dr. Parker said.

Mr. Dedear said about 85 percent of the cotton tested in Waco fell within the 3.5 percent to 4.9 percent micronaire range that is not discounted.

The office's top cotton-producing areas include the Brazos River bottom lands, Williamson County and the irrigated land of Batesville near Uvalde.

"If that cotton would not be discounted, that cotton wouldn't be in demand," Mr. Dedear said. "Probably the reason they are seeking it is because it is a lower price and still good enough to use."

The cotton quality standards are reviewed during the Universal Standard Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, annually, Mr. Dedear said. Textile mill representatives, merchants, farmers and others associated with the cotton industry vote on standards.

The USDA does not have a vote, but does make recommendations.

"It's very difficult to change a grade," Mr. Dedear said. "It has to be approved at a conference... Firms may want to do away with higher grades and producers may want to do away with lower grades."

Dr. Parker said that in a report from the spinners committee of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation, the committee recognized the need for a change in emphasis in

cotton development from coarser to finer fibers, while maintaining fiber maturity and strength.

"What was discounted earlier because it was considered inferior based on earlier spinning systems is now ideal for the high-tech machines, which are more rapid, easier to operate and require less labor," Mr. Parker said.

The farmers need price incentives based on a new classing system to produce the type of cotton that is in demand, he said.

The Textile Research Center is the most extensive non-corporate textile research facility in the country and does research for organizations such as DuPont, Continental Airlines, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and numerous textile companies, he said.

Mr. Dedear estimated that the Waco cotton classing office would test 275,000 samples from cotton bales this year representing an area stretching to Uvalde in the west to Brazoria County on the Gulf Coast and north to McKinney.

"I anticipate more next year after talking to producers disappointed with grain," he said.

The office is at the peak of its testing season and had received more than 100,000 samples by last week, with an average of 8,000 samples daily. About 30 extra employees are hired during September and October to help test the recently harvested cotton for grade, color, staple length, uniformity of fiber and strength.

The USDA combined the Austin and Dallas cotton classing offices to form the Waco office four years ago, Mr. Dedear said. The Waco office covers the largest area in Texas, but not the largest volume.

Other Texas cotton classing offices are based in Abilene, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, Lubbock, Lamesa and El Paso. The Altus, Oklahoma office also tests some cotton from North Texas.

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Turkey Specials Keep Cost Down

Thanksgiving dinner may be one of the most economical you eat this year—especially if you have a family tradition of serving a whole bird and making side dishes from scratch.

"Most supermarkets use turkey to attract holiday shoppers, so retail prices don't necessarily reflect wholesale prices," says Dr. Dave Mellor, a poultry marketing specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

He says unbasted, store brand turkey could be as low as 60 cents a pound, while basted, national brand turkey will be in the 90c to \$1.00 per pound range.

A whole bird is the traditional favorite and less expensive than further processed turkey parts or roasts. For example, cooked drumsticks are running about \$1.80 per pound, pre-basted breast about \$1.40 per pound, and boneless smoked turkey about \$4.58 per pound.

"More people are ordering fresh turkeys from supermarkets or meat markets, although they will be somewhat more expensive," says the specialist.

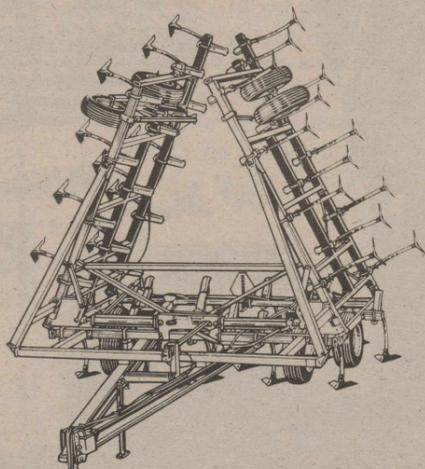
"There may also be little difference in quality," Mellor concedes. "Turkeys that are frozen immediately and held for sale months later could be fresher than turkeys that are refrigerated for up to two weeks before sale."

TAEX nutrition specialist Marilyn Haggard adds that the ultimate in convenience—the stuffed, cooked whole turkey from a deli or restaurant will top the list in cost.

Preparing a Thanksgiving dinner from scratch is instructive, claims Ms. Haggard, since it underscores the amount of money that goes toward convenience.

"The basic ingredients of a Thanksgiving feast, like corn meal, bread, celery and onions for stuffing, cranberries, plain canned or frozen peas, white potatoes and yams are relatively inexpensive foods," she says. "But if you choose instant potatoes or stuffing mixes, prepared cranberry relish and frozen peas in a special sauce, the cost will go up by half or more."

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Turkey Safety A Concern To Many

A food safety expert with the Texas A&M University System's Agricultural Extension Service cautions against letting convenience, lack of time or a favorite family recipe get in the way of following safe food handling practices this Thanksgiving.

Because a large frozen turkey can take several days to defrost in the refrigerator, people start to take short-cuts like putting the bird on the kitchen counter to thaw, explains Marilyn Haggard. This practice allows salmonella bacteria to flourish.

"The only safe way to thaw a turkey in a hurry is to use a microwave oven or to thaw in cool water in the sink, changing the water every 30 minutes," she states.

"If you don't want to bother with thawing, you would be better off buying a fresh turkey, which can be kept refrigerated for 1-2 days before cooking."

According to the specialist, both frozen and fresh turkeys should be washed inside and out in cool water and patted dry with a paper towel before stuffing and cooking.

Then wash in hot soapy water all cutting boards, pans and utensils that have come in contact with the raw turkey.

It might seem like a convenience to stuff the turkey in advance, but it could be dangerous, Ms. Haggard says.

"When a turkey is stuffed it creates ideal conditions for the growth of bacteria in the cavity. In a home refrigerator, it's very difficult to keep the stuffing inside a pre-stuffed turkey below 40 degrees F, which is cold enough to keep most bacteria from growing."

For that reason, she says, the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises against buying a pre-stuffed fresh turkey.

Ms. Haggard recommends preparing and refrigerating the stuffing in advance and placing it in the turkey right before cooking, or cooking it separately.

If you have a recipe that calls for a long cooking at a low temperature, the specialist recommends not using it. At 250 degrees F the turkey and stuffing could take more than four hours to reach a high enough temperature to destroy bacteria.

While it's safe to microwave an unstuffed whole turkey, a stuffed bird is too dense to assure thorough cooking, she adds.

Even after the bird is cooked, food borne illness can result when perishable foods are allowed to sit at room temperature. In

general, foods should never be left at room temperature for over two hours.

That rule applies to leftovers too, emphasizes Ms. Haggard. To insure safe turkey sandwiches, play it safe by removing the stuffing from the bird and refrigerating both immediately after dinner. Later in the evening, you can strip the meat from the carcass and store it in meal-sized portions for later use.

"The symptoms of food-borne illness are seldom life-threatening, but can be serious for young children and the elderly. Since nausea, stomach cramps and diarrhea are an unpleasant way for anyone to begin the holiday season, it's best to take food safety precautions," maintains the specialist.

Check Up When You Fill Up

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Adopt-A-Highway Rules Finalized By Highway Dept.

The new guidelines for the Adopt-a-Highway program are now final. In July, the highway department announced new guidelines for the highly successful program. The temporary guidelines were published in the Texas Register, with a 60-day period for the public review and recommendations.

In its October meeting, the highway commission gave its final approval to the guidelines.

The Adopt-a-Highway program, begun in late 1985, allows groups of private citizens to adopt two-mile sections of highway for litter pickup. The highway department provides the groups with safety vests, litterbags, and safety instructions, and installs signs at each end of the adopted section giving credit to the group.

By early summer of 1987, the number of groups in the program had mushroomed to over 2,300, including church organizations, garden clubs, motorcycle clubs, and civic groups.

But in June, the department administration directed district offices to accept no new groups, pending a review of the program. Questions regarding adoption by political organizations and the program's cost-effectiveness prompted the action.

The new guidelines require four pickups a year by adopting groups, and a two-year adoption period, among other things.

After feedback from the public, the department has made some modifications in the guidelines. For example, several groups in West Texas felt that their sections of highway did not have enough litter to require pickup four times a year. The department has decided that, in such cases, the district engineer may permit some sections to be cleaned only twice a year.

Comments from school groups noted that it is difficult for them to commit to having one of their four pickups during the department's Great Texas Trash Off in late April. The department's response is to change the groups' participation in the Trash Off from a mandatory requirement to a recommendation. The Great Texas Trash Off for 1988 will fall on Saturday, April 23.



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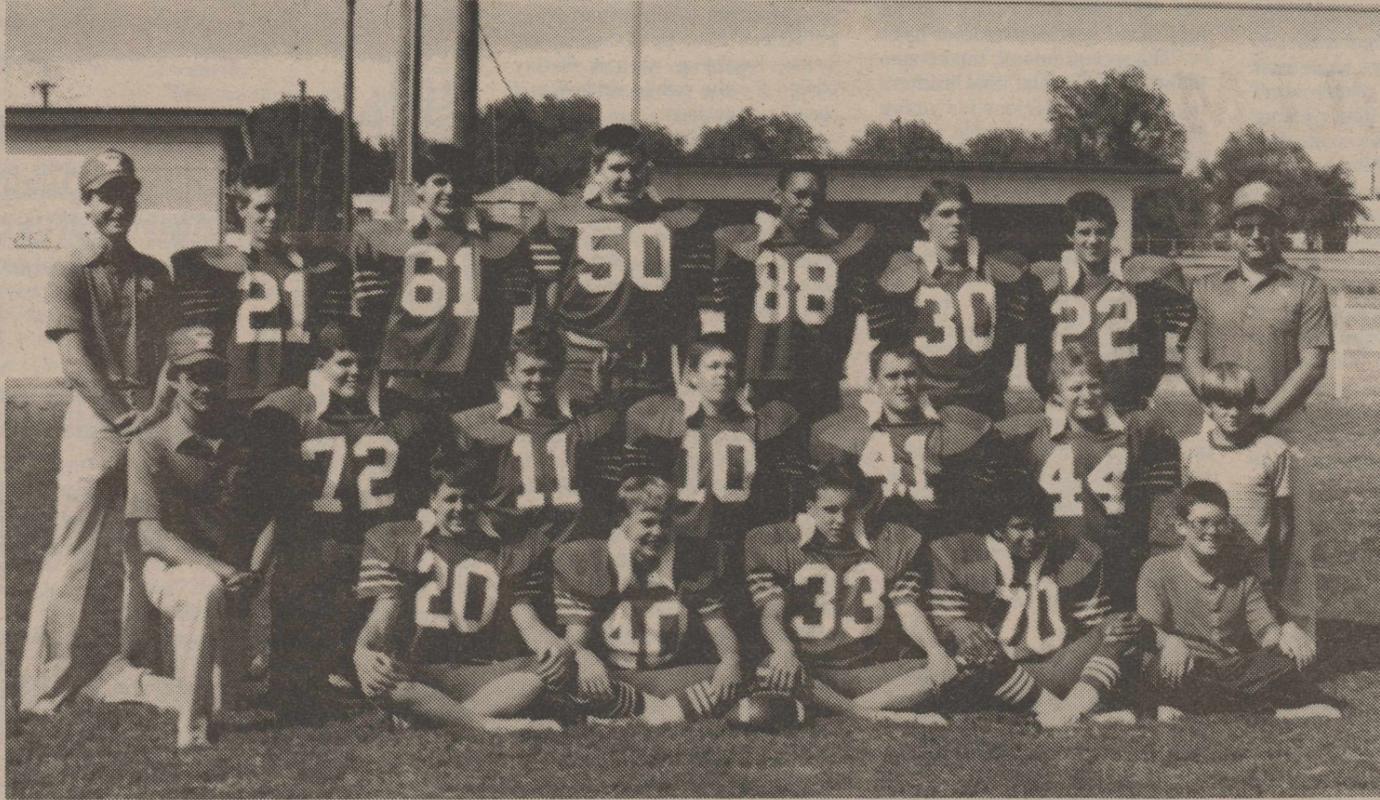
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May God bless you at all times and especially in your times of any need.

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