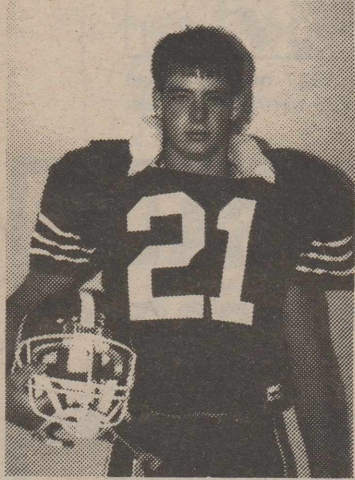
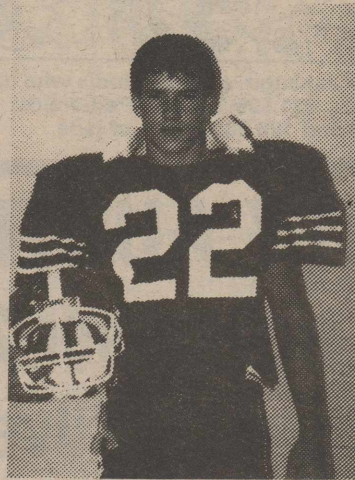


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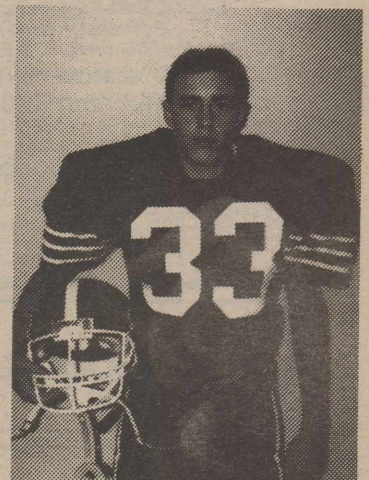
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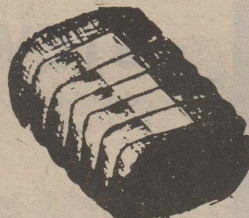
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Plans Being Made For Christmas Jubilee

Preliminary plans for the Christmas Jubilee Saturday, December 3, were made at the first meeting, and representatives from every club, church and business are invited to the second meeting Monday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Those planning to have booths at the community center building are reminded to sign the list at Nance's Food Store.

Some of the activities being discussed for the Jubilee are a Popcorn Stringing Contest for kids on the courthouse yard (weather permitting); a Community Tree Trimming Party at the courthouse with each business and organization respon-

sible for furnishing an ornament representing them for the tree; an Old-Fashioned Hayride that night; a Children's Parade led by Santa from the community center building to the courthouse steps; a Community Sing-A-Long on the courthouse yard; someone to make pictures of the children during the day's activities; Fifth Grade classes to present a program at the courthouse that night.

Plan to be present at the meeting Monday night to give input into making this year's Christmas Jubilee a really outstanding celebration of the opening of the holiday season in Silverton.

Seminar on Suicide, Drugs Prevention To Be Held For Parents

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers. Only auto accidents and drug overdoses cause more teenage deaths. The abuse of alcohol and drugs is closely related to each of these killers. The use of a mind-altering chemical may cause a teenager to act on a suicidal impulse that otherwise might pass with time.

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Coop at Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo is sponsoring a seminar "Suicide - Drugs and Prevention for Parents." The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the ABC Conference Room at the Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland.

Mrs. Esther Quine, director of the Amarillo Suicide and Crisis Center, will be the speaker. Parents of teenagers and pre-teens are invited to attend.

There is no registration fee. Reservations may be made by contacting your local school district.

Methodist Women To Serve Stew

The United Methodist Women will have their annual stew lunch Saturday, December 3, in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

Stew, cornbread and cobbler will be served from 11:00 a.m. until ? The charge will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

There also will be baked goodies for sale. 47-2tnc

Old Candles, Pieces Of Candles Needed

Old candles and pieces of candles are needed for the luminaries to be placed at the courthouse to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season.

This is a project of Century of Progress Study Club.

If you have old candles you will donate, please give them to Mrs. Flute (Junis) Hutsell.

Motorists Urged to Use Caution In Driving During Holiday Season

Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, urges Texas motorists to use extra caution in driving this Thanksgiving holiday season. He says, "Because there is more traffic during holiday weekends, there is more exposure to accidents. Therefore, be alert and drive defensively. Stay alive and have something to be thankful for."

To help avoid speeding and stress, plan ahead, leave early, and allow ample time for arriving at your destination. Remember if you leave late, you will arrive late.

According to Major Cawthon more alcoholic beverages are consumed during holiday periods. A drinking driver is less skilled and more dangerous than a sober driver. Remember that approximately 50% of all traffic fatalities involve a drinking driver. So, please, do not drink and drive!

It has been proven in recent years that wearing seat belts saves lives. Develop this habit of "buckling up." It may be the best habit you can have.

Take it upon yourself this holiday season to observe traffic laws and regulations and help the law enforcement agencies make this a safe, happy holiday for everyone.

Post-Season Honors Heaped on Owls

Post-season honors were heaped on members of the Silverton Owls football team with the release of the All-District and All-Star teams this week.

Jamie Frizzell and Neal Edwards, both seniors, were named to both the Offensive and Defensive All-District teams, while Denny Hill and Kendal Minyard, juniors, were named to the Offensive All-District team and Bradley Brunson was chosen for the Defensive All-District squad.

Brunson also was chosen for the Second Offensive team. Bryan Ramsey, junior; Will Rowell, senior, and Wayne Henderson, sophomore, received honorable mention.

Henderson was named to the Second Defensive team, along with Rowell. Hill and Frank Lowrey, junior, received honorable mention.

Nominated for the All-Star football team were Sid Brass, McLean; Neal Edwards, Silverton; Jamie Frizzell, Silverton; Arba Word, Higgins; Stoney Crump, Groom; Quinton Brown, McLean; Shane Fields, Miami; Michael Rose, Groom.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Ends—Jamie Frizzell; Stoney Crump, senior, Groom

Center—Denny Hill; Jay Brittain, junior, Groom; Matt Mann, senior, Higgins

Quarterback—Kendal Minyard

Backs — Neal Edwards; Sid Brass, senior, McLean

Spread Back—Kevin Mayfield, junior, Lefors

Kicker—Shane Fields, senior, Miami

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Ends — Arba Word, senior, Higgins; Bradley Brunson

Honorable Mention — Bryan Ramsey

Center—Dale Barker, senior, McLean

Quarterback — Michael Rose, senior, Groom

Backs—Kevin Mayfield, junior, Lefors; Duane Willyard, sophomore, Higgins; Tres Hess, junior, Lefors

Honorable Mention — Will Rowell and Wayne Henderson

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen — Bradley Brunson; Hugh Landers, senior, Higgins;

Robert Pudwill, sophomore, Higgins; Dennis Hill, sophomore, McLean; Richard Koetting, senior, Groom

Linebackers—Jim Deal, senior, Higgins; Jamie Frizzell and Neal Edwards; Tres Hess, junior, McLean; Kevin Kerlee, senior, Groom; Shane Fields, senior, Miami

Safety—Sid Brass, senior, McLean

Punter—Michael Rose, senior, Groom

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen—Scott Tolbert, junior, Miami; Chad Quarrels, freshman, Lefors; Wayne Henderson

Honorable Mention — Denny Hill and Frank Lowrey

Linebackers—Kevin Mayfield, junior, Lefors; Duane Willyard, sophomore, Higgins; Jay Brittain, junior, Groom; Clay Mercer, junior, Miami; Brock Thompson, junior, Miami

Safety—Will Rowell

Cold Front Drops Six Inches of Snow

A cold front which roared through during the early hours Saturday dropped six inches of snow on Silverton, making travel rather hazardous for this early in the fall season.

This melted out to .48 of an inch of moisture, as measured by Fred Strange.

This was the first measurable moisture to fall on Silverton since before the first of October.

PTA Meeting Has Been Postponed

The PTA meeting which had been scheduled for November 22 has been postponed until November 28 at 7:00 p.m.

This was due to an out-of-town basketball game.

The program at the November 28 meeting will be given by Ted Kingery on the IMPACT program, and everyone is urged to be present to hear this discussion.

Go Owls & Owlettes

Stew Lunch, Community Auction to be Held Sat.

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It's reported that Emperor Jahangir, a ruler of India who died in 1627, owned a total of 2,235,600 carats of pearls, 931,500 carats of emeralds, 376,600 carats of rubies, 279,450 carats of diamonds and 186,300 carats of jade.

OBITUARIES

CHARLIE A. HOLT

Funeral services for Charlie A. Holt, 82, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Officiating were Jim Browning, pastor, and Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Holt died early Thursday morning at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo after having undergone emergency surgery. He had entered the hospital the day before his death.

A life-long resident of Silverton, he married Fern Warren January 24, 1950 in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a carpenter and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, C. T. (Travis) Holt of Mineral Wells; three daughters, Doris Dudley of Tulia, Gail James of Houston and Peggy Strange of Silverton; a sister, Annie McGary of Spearman; 10 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Edwards, Roy Mack Walker, Duane Reynolds, Walter Bean, Fred Strange and Aaron Younger.



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 - 1 - Sears Stereo
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- More Items To Be Brought on Day of Sale!

Come One, Come All to Silverton's Big Community Auction Sale. Come to Buy or Come to Eat Lunch and Watch the Fun!

Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 22, 1978—Valley wins district football championship . . . John Paul Weaver, 23-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Roy Weaver of Greenville, jumped off the coffee table Sunday at his family's home and broke both bones in his leg between the knee and ankle . . . Owlettes in Queen's Classic tournament in Plainview this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clark, jr. are parents of a daughter . . . Staci Hill honored at birthday dinner . . . Jeff Tiffin receives the American Farmer Degree at National Convention of Future Farmers of America . . . Susan Payne installed as reporter of Phi Beta Lambda . . . Lesa Francis to wed James Johnson . . . Baptist Church to host community Thanksgiving service . . . Senior Citizens to have bazaar . . . Riley Ziegler was hospitalized for treatment in Amarillo on Friday of last week .

November 21, 1968—Members of the First Baptist Church will host open house Sunday afternoon in their new and remodeled buildings. Dedication ceremonies also will be held . . . Graveside services held for Ella Garcia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garcia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald are parents of a daughter . . . Mrs. Dusty McLeland is bridal shower honoree in the home of Mrs. Charles Cranford . . . Shonda Lynn Stafford celebrates her first birthday at a family dinner in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver . . .

November 20, 1958—Postmaster Charles Cowart urges early Christmas mail . . . Santa Claus will arrive in Silverton December 13 . . . Mrs. Bray Cook's farm home destroyed by fire last Thursday . . . Dr. W. A. Sedgwick may undergo surgery . . . Barbecue dinner given for 1958 seniors of Silverton High School . . . Hale Center Owls ooze by Silverton Owls Friday night, 14-12 . . . Two Portales, New Mexico girls, who were being pursued by Swisher County Sheriff, lost control of the car they were driving and smashed into Joe Brooks' Gulf Service Station early Friday morning, knocking out the west wall of the station including a large plate glass window and breaking up fixtures that were in the office . . . G. R. Dowdy takes retirement after 45 years with railroad . . . Zenobia Self is member of Queen Bees basketball team at Wayland . . . R. E. Brookshier underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital . . . W. P. Whittemore dies at Baylor Hospital in Dallas . . . Jack Strange, Grady Martin, C. L. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dee McWilliams, Charles Whitfill, True Burson, Norman Strange, Verlin Towe, Jean Grundy and John Earl Simpson were in Dallas over the weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whittemore .

November 25, 1948—Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney will leave Saturday for the Servel Factory at Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Seaney won the trip by selling his

quota of refrigerators. They will stop in Chicago one day and spend the time sight-seeing . . . Esdell Hutsell announced this week that he has secured office space in the rear of Ballard Drug Store, formerly occupied by Dr. Mayer, and will open a photography studio . . . Pvt. C. G. McEwin left Wednesday for Fort Lawton, Washington, where he will ship out for overseas duty in Alaska . . . Work resumed last week on the construction of the Mulberry Creek bridge . . . Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas please bring me a little baby doll, a stove, a big set of dishes and a pair of cowboy boots. Please think of the other little boys and girls. I have been a good girl,

Barbra Ann Swinney . . .

November 24, 1938—Terrible Turks to invade Silverton this afternoon . . . Mrs. Sid Richards is hostess to Presbyterian Auxiliary . . . Ben O. King and Dick Higgins were in Lubbock Sunday. When a mile from Lubbock they saw a natural gas line blow up at the side of the road. It blew dirt all over the highway when it exploded with a loud report. Traffic was stopped while the gas poured out with a roar . . . The infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert London Saturday at the Turkey Hospital died the same day. He had been named Rector Bob . . . Mrs. Bruce Womack wins Texas Utilities contest . . . Lucille Weast chosen as Football Queen .

. . . H. C. Mercer and Ruth met Mrs. Mercer in Plainview and brought her home Friday. She has been visiting in South Texas for about a month . . . Mrs. Mollie Bomar left Saturday with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shives, for Bonham, where they will visit his parents this week . . .

Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Here's a good one I heard the other day: A little girl came to school and announced that she had a new baby brother. 'And what did you name it?' asked the teacher. 'We named him Quits,' replied the youngster. 'Well now, isn't that a funny name—are you sure that is his name?' queried the surprised teacher. 'Oh, yes, I heard them name him. Daddy

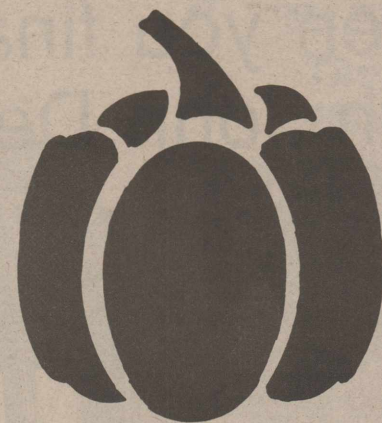
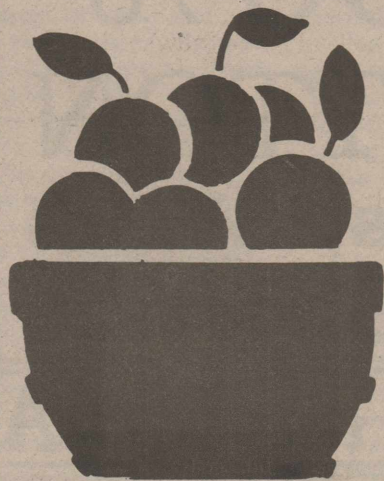
came in and looked at him for the first time, and said to Mother, 'Good night, I think we better call it quits.'"



According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates, the job classification with the most openings likely between now and 2000 is that of computer service technician.

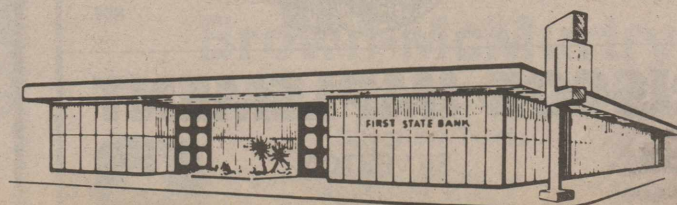
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May this special time of year bring you closer to those you love. As we celebrate the spirit of brotherhood, we wish you all a healthy, happy day.



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Yellow Brick Road Ends At Smyer Again This Year

The Owls' Yellow Brick Road ended at Smyer again this year, as Silverton lost its bid for a Regional title to New Home, 36-12. The Owls, their coaches and fans were quite disappointed since there were several costly mistakes made during the game that made the score more lopsided than it should have been.

The Owls lost some fumbles,



Happy Birthday,
Neal!
Mother, Dad
and Tammi

one of them in the endzone, which was recovered by one of the Leopards for a touchdown after Silverton had intercepted a New Home pass and tried to advance the ball.

Sometimes it seemed the Owls moved the ball easily, and sometimes it was impossible. The defense went to work and did a pretty decent job, but not until after New Home had scored a couple of touchdowns. Sometimes it was simply a matter of an offensive player getting behind the Owl defenders, and no one seeming to notice it.

New Home scored on the sixth play of the game, kicked the PAT and held an early 8-0 lead. The Owls were unable to move the ball on their next possession and punted into the endzone for a touchback. New Home came back with a first down on their own 37 and another on the Silverton 25. Needing five or six yards on fourth down, they faked a field goal and passed complete out of bounds, causing the ball to go back over to the Owls.

A complete pass from Kendal Minyard to Jamie Frizzell was good for nine yards, and Neal

Edwards ran for the first down on the New Home 34, but the Owls were unable to string them back to back, and as the second quarter began, punted away.

New Home scored on their second play and added the PAT kick to lead 16-0. After taking the kickoff, the Owls went to work and Edwards ran for a first down on the Owl 30 on the first play. Edwards picked up most of the yardage for another first down on the New Home 29, and a complete pass from Minyard to Bradley Brunson moved the ball ahead a little. At this point, the Leopard defense held, and the Owls punted to the New Home five. New Home's next series was nipped in the bud when Frizzell intercepted a Leopard pass and ran to the nine-yard line.

On fourth down, needing three yards, Denny Hill centered the ball to Minyard, who handed it back to Hill, and Hill went over for the first touchdown for the Owls with 1:58 remaining in the first half. There was no PAT, and the Owls trailed 16-6.

New Home picked up another first down as the first half of action ended.

When the Leopards kicked off to Silverton to open the second half, the Owls fumbled, New Home recovered, and on their second play, scored. They passed complete on the PAT try, but Wayne Henderson's defense kept

the receiver from making it into the endzone, and the score was 26-6.

The Owls were held to a gain of about seven yards on their next possession, and after they punted to New Home, the Leopards ran through a couple of first downs to move the ball to the Silverton 25. Silverton intercepted a pass, fumbled it in the endzone and New Home recovered it for a touchdown. There was no PAT, and the Leopards held a 32-6 lead.

A pass from Minyard to Henderson and running plays by Edwards failed to pick up a first down on the next series, and the ball went over on downs at the Silverton 37. New Home lost little time in running for another touchdown, which was called back by the officials, and on their fourth down the Leopards punted into the endzone.

A pass from Minyard to Frizzell was good for a first down as the fourth quarter began, but the Owls again were unable to string first downs back to back, and punted away.

The defense held and forced New Home to punt, and Will Rowell carried it out to midfield. On second down, the Owls fumbled and New Home recovered, but two plays later the Leopards returned the favor and the Owls got the ball back via the fumble route. A pass from Minyard to Hill moved the ball to the New Home 35, but the ball went over on downs on the 25 with 4:04 remaining in the game.

New Home made a couple of first downs enroute to scoring, kicked the PAT, and led by a score of 36-6.

Rowell took New Home's kick-

off and ran all the way for a touchdown for the Owls with 1:18 remaining in the game. The PAT kick was blocked, and the final 36-12 score was made.

The junior varsity players finished the game.

The Owls have had a very good season and advanced to being one of the top sixteen 6-man football teams in the state. Fans, naturally, were disappointed because everyone wants to go all the way to the top and this wasn't meant to be for the Owls.

The good news is that the Owls, even though graduating some very big guns this year in Neal Edwards, Jamie Frizzell, Will Rowell and Rhett Montague, will have some very promising athletes back for the 1989 season. The coaching staff is doing a very good job with the boys, and the Owls likely will be picked to go into the playoffs again next season. It's something great to have good things like this to look forward to in the future.

It's been fun, guys!



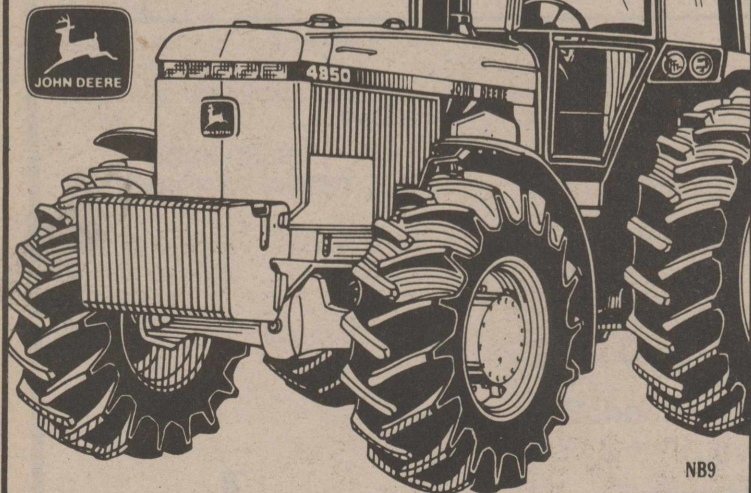
President Grover Cleveland had more than one "first" to his credit. He was the first president to marry while in the White House. He wed Frances Folson in 1886. He is also the only president to have served two non-consecutive terms. Both records have yet to be broken.

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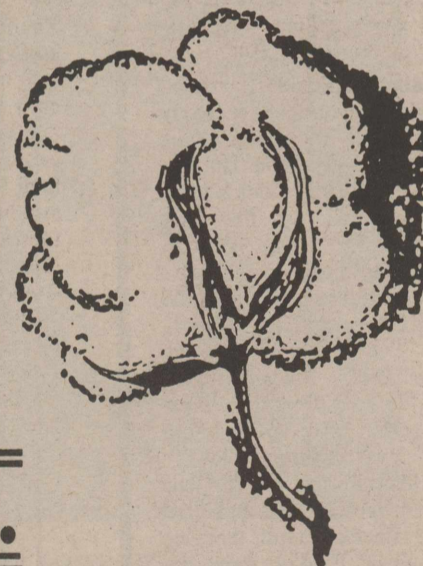
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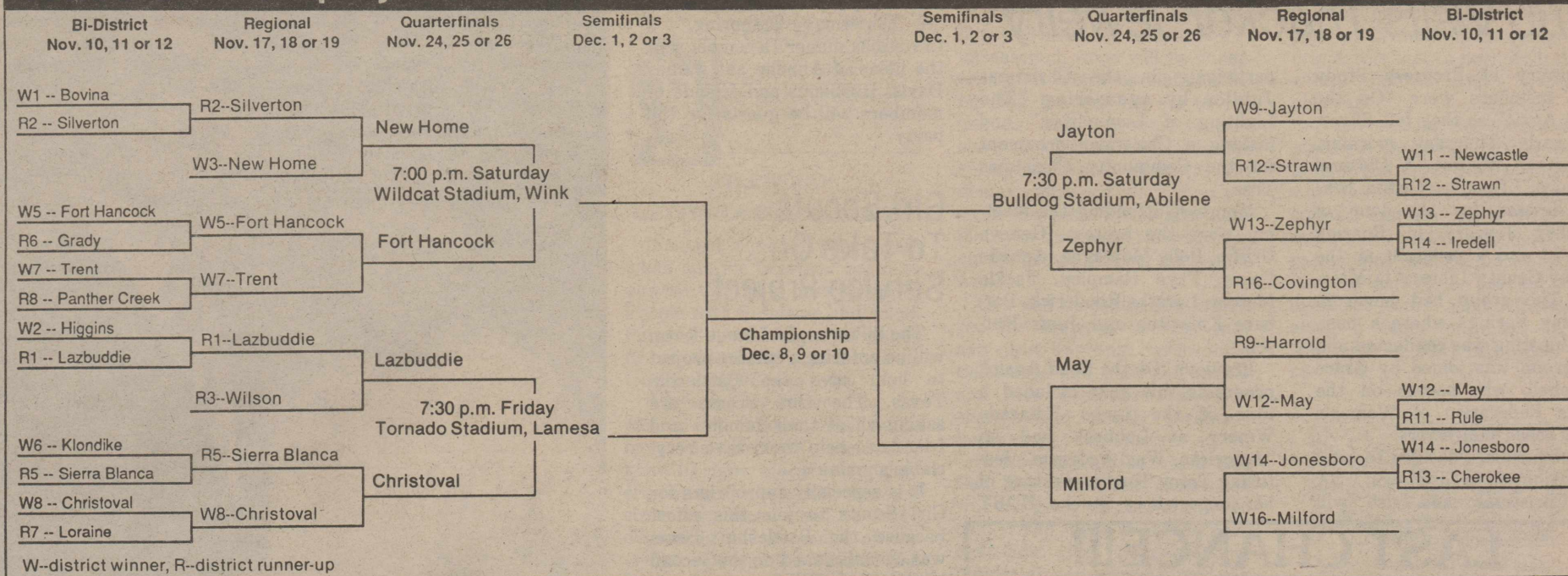
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I Am Thankful

Written by the Third Grade
in November 1979

Mrs. Mullin's Third Grade wrote their ideas about why they were thankful in November 1979. These students are now seniors in Silverton High School, and some of their ideas were as follows...

Tara — I am thankful for my mommy and daddy and sister because they are so nice and loveable and work hard for me. I am also thankful for teachers who will put up with me. I am also thankful for Saturday mornings and for God and Jesus and Heaven. I'm glad for friends, dogs, cats and trees. I'm glad for this huge, sweet, nice loveable world. And me! And for being able to live one more day, and for bodies.

Will — I am thankful for a nice home and parents that love me and put up with me. I am real thankful for Mrs. Mullin taking care of me and loving me enough. I am glad that I have enough friends and I like them very much. I'm thankful for God and my parents and for a pet very much. I'm thankful to go to school. I hope that the people who are sick get better and I hope that they don't die. I'm glad my mother and father spank me because I need it — some times.

Linda — I am thankful for mother washing and ironing my clothes and for my 90-year-old grandma and for my 50-year-old grandmother and for God and the world. I'm thankful for Mr. Dea, the minister, the nurse and for mother telling me to clean up my room. I didn't do it so I got a spanking from my daddy.

Keeley — I am thankful for a mother and father and a teacher that loves me and for my grandmother that will take care of me when my mother is gone. I am thankful for my father when he takes me hunting with him. I am thankful for the world and how God made it and for Adam and Eve and how God made us and the world. God gave his only Son for you and me.

Santos — I am thankful for a nice home and parents and my grandparents and for churches and for all my teachers and friends and my pets and for my school. I'm glad somebody cares for me and I am thankful for my

grandfather and my brothers and my little and big sisters.

Neal — Mrs. Mullin is very thankful to have us. She is a good friend. She probably can cook good and she is a good teacher. She teaches at my school. I am sure she goes to church. I do not know if she has a pet but she has a two story house she has to keep clean.

DeLyn — I am thankful for a nice home and parents to love me and put up with me and having time to feed me. Thanks mother for washing my clothes and cooking for me and thanks for taking me to school and letting me learn. Thank you for a teacher, my friends and pets. Thanks for all the whole world and you too.

Jamie — I am thankful for the church and God and for Jamie and we need school. Miss Mullin is the best teacher I have ever had! I like my mother and daddy and little brother. I would like to fail this year where I could be in Miss Mullin's class but my mom would get mad and get me!

Rhett — I am thankful for the Pilgrims because they made the Indians be kind to us. I am thankful for Thanksgiving and Christmas and all the other holidays. I am thankful for all the churches and the people and also the preacher and most of all, God and pets and mother and father.

Tonia — I am thankful for a school for me to learn to read and write and I am thankful for a church to teach me about God. I am thankful for nature, animals and parents and uncles and aunts and grandparents and cousins and food and pets. I am thankful for the United States of America. I am thankful for my friends.

And Mrs. Mullin wrote that she was thankful for this group of boys and girls. "They have some great training from families who care about them. (After reading some of these I hope you kids don't think I expect you to say such lovely things about me.)

"I am certainly thankful for health and for everyone understanding. The allergies are much better!"

Humpback whales sing in accents which indicate where they're from—the Virgin Islands, Bahamas or Puerto Rico, for instance.

Social Security In Briscoe County

by Terry J. Clements

Recent news articles have focused on the buildup in the Social Security trust fund reserves. Although the views expressed are quite a change from those before 1983, they are still just as off the mark as those predicting the downfall of the Social Security system were earlier.

Since the Congress changed the law in 1983 to strengthen the financial health of the system, the trust fund reserve has

increased each year. Present reserves will amount of \$110 billion by the end of the year, and are expected to equal \$1 trillion by the year 2000 and \$12 trillion by 2030.

The size of the reserves has generated a number of suggestions on how the funds might be used, since they are not needed to pay current benefits. The suggestions range from lowering Social Security taxes, to increasing benefits, to reducing the deficit, to investing in private industry.

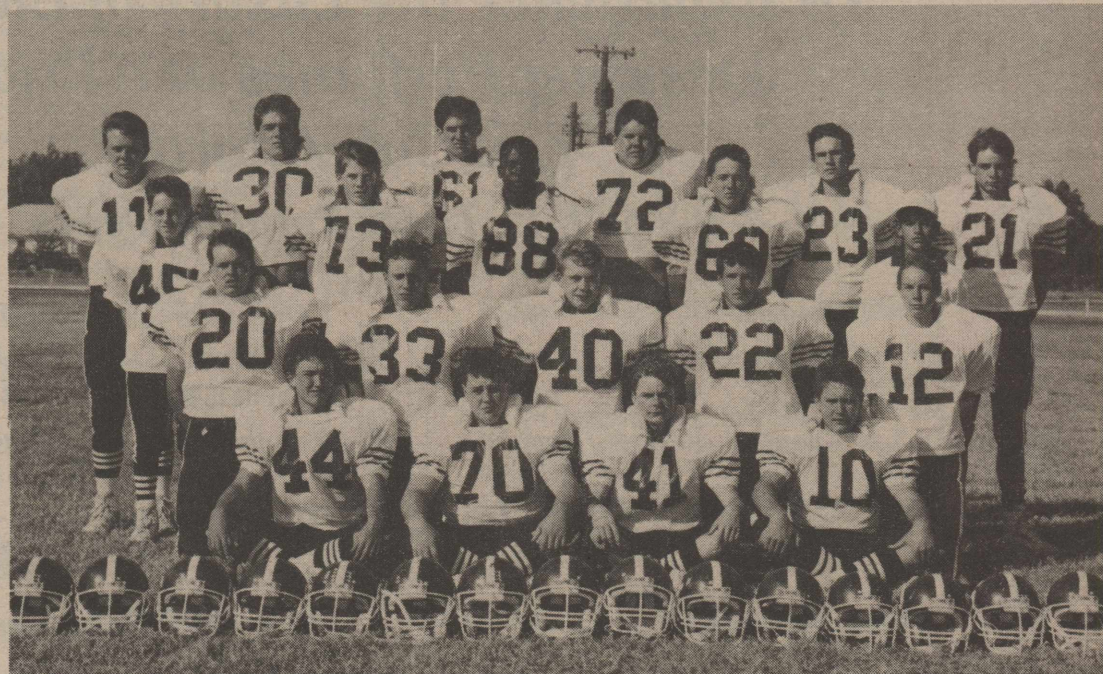
Social Security Commissioner Dorcas R. Hardy, constantly reminds people that the trust funds are working as they are

designed to do—pay benefits when the benefits payments exceed tax collections for any given period. This is expected to happen around the year 2020, according to the latest report of the trustees of the Social Security trust funds. The reserves are needed to pay benefits to the "baby boomers"—the huge group of people born between 1948 and 1964, who will be retiring around 2020. It's critical that these reserves be allowed to build and not be tampered with," the Commissioner states.

Until the 1983 amendments, the Social Security system was expecting to run out of money shortly after the turn of the century.

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Century of Progress Study Club Visits Thacker Jewelry

Century of Progress Study Club members were "On the Road Again" as they left Silverton early Thursday morning, November 17, for "A Cultural Venture." Geneva Griffin was the hostess for the tour of Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs and a program at the Motley County Library in Mador. The group had lunch in Roaring Springs where a business meeting was conducted and the group was joined by Grace Campbell, who serves on the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs board of directors.

Clubmembers decided to send a contribution to Girlstown, USA for Christmas, and also will

participate in the Christmas Jubilee by sponsoring "The Lighting of Luminarias," and making a Christmas ornament for the Community Christmas Tree.

Members attending the meeting were the hostess, Geneva Griffin, Polly Montague, Annelle Davis, Faye Rampley, Jackie Mercer, Loretha Rhoderick, Barbara Knowlton and Junis Hutsell.

Previous "On the Road Again" programs this year included a tour of the Llano Estacado Winery at Lubbock and an "American Way Program" featuring Tracy Tomlin speaking of her experiences at the HOBY

International Leadership Seminar in St. Louis, Missouri.

The December meeting will be "A Christmas Gathering," a Christmas dinner December 6 in the home of Annelle and James Davis. Husbands and friends of members will be guests for the party.

Girl Scouts To Take On Service Project

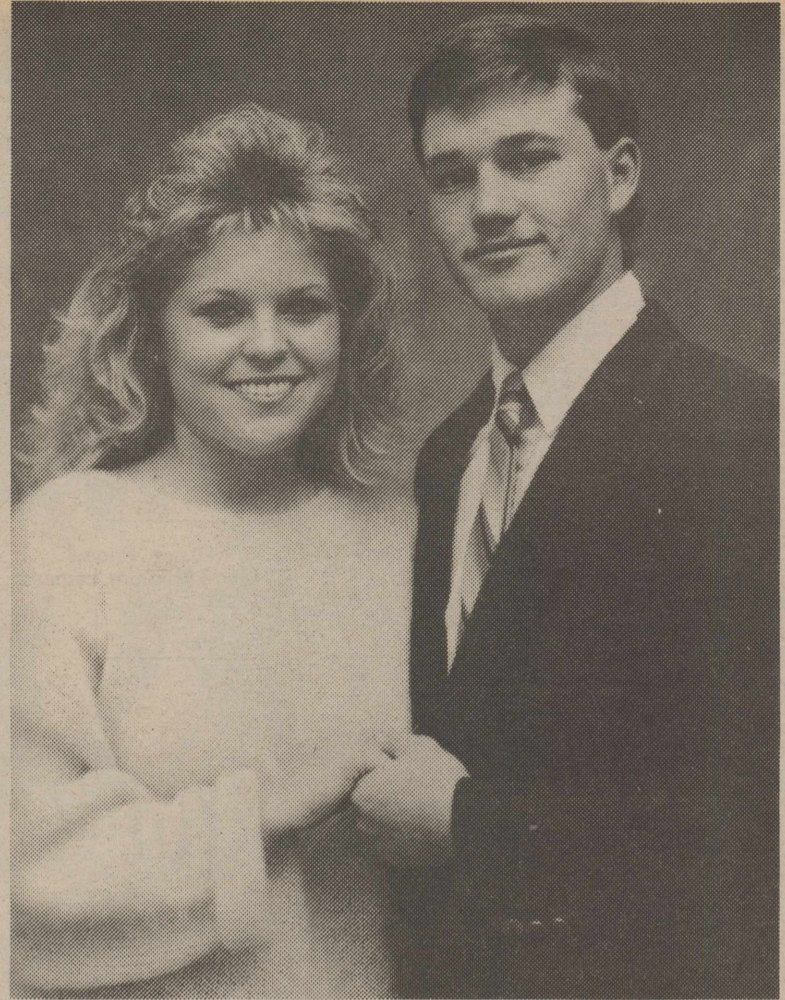
The Silverton Girl Scout Troop will be entering a service project to help save the Battleship Texas. The Girl Scouts are asking all of their families and friends to help them save recyclable aluminum.

It is especially appropriate for Girl Scouts to join this effort because the Battleship Texas was commissioned on the second birthday of Girl Scouts, March 12, 1914.

This historic ship, the flagship of the Texas Navy, is the only surviving battleship to have fought in two world wars. She is the only remaining dreadnought, a special class of battleship. Her twin steam engines are registered as National Historical Engineering Landmarks. It was originally saved from destruction by contributions from Texas school children, civic groups and Admiral Chester Nimitz at the end of World War II. Battleship Texas is now berthed at San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park. Major structural repair is now urgently needed.

Sunday, December 4, the Silverton Girl Scout Troop will be going door-to-door collecting recyclable aluminum. Give a gift of service, "Keep Texas Beautiful."

On Saturday, December 10, the Silverton Girl Scout Troop will be taking the recyclable



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kim, to Mr. Dusty George, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George of Tulia. The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Silverton High School and is a student at Texas Tech. Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Tulia High School and has attended West Texas State University. Wedding vows are to be exchanged at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 31, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

aluminum to the Caprock Girl Scout Service Center in Lubbock.

Silverton Girl Scouts are wishing each of you a happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Oford (Christine) King underwent knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, November 9, at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. She returned home last Friday, and is continuing to do well following the surgery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Ford are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kay Lynn, to Michael Cornett at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Brownfield. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cornett. He is a 1986 graduate of Plainview High School and is assigned to Reese Air Force Base. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Brownfield High School. Employed in Lubbock, she is attending South Plains College.

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**FIREWOOD:
 'GETTING A CORD'S WORTH**

It's that time of year again when ads for firewood begin to appear in the newspapers. People with fireplaces and wood-burning stoves begin to notice firewood loads for sale in pick-up trucks alongside the road.

When buying firewood by the pick-up load, consumers really have no way of accurately knowing how much wood they are paying for because truck bed sizes vary from small to large depending on the make of the vehicle. Consumers should also be wary of firewood dealers who offer a quick discount for delivery of unstacked wood. The problem is that when wood isn't stacked, there is no way to measure it accurately.

There Is a Standard. Most consumers don't realize that there is a standard measure of firewood called a cord. Knowing the legal dimensions of a cord makes a wise purchase easier to make. A cord is not a "pick-up full" or a "load" or a "rick." A legal cord is a well-stacked pile of logs that measures four feet high by four feet wide by eight feet long. But no matter how a cord is stacked, it should equal 128 cubic feet.

Don't Get Burned. Firewood is usually sold in 16- to 24-inch lengths. If you are buying only a portion of a cord, neatly stack the wood and multiply the height of the stack by its width and length. Divide the result by 128. The final figure tells you how much of a cord you are buying. If, for example, you end up with one-fourth of a cord, multiply the cost of the wood by four. Then you'll know how much you are paying "by the cord."

If you buy a full cord of firewood, here's an easy way to find out if you are getting what you pay for. **Before** you have the wood delivered, measure off a 4x4x8-foot area. Then, **before you pay for the load**, have the delivery person stack the wood in that area. If you pay for the wood and then stack it yourself, chances are that the delivery truck will be long gone by the time you realize that you may have been shorted on the deal.

The costs for a cord of wood will vary according to what type of tree the wood came from and how well seasoned it is. Green, or unseasoned, wood will be cheaper, but it won't be suitable for burning for another six to ten months. The best time to purchase unseasoned wood is in late spring and early summer. The demand for wood is low then and so is the cost. You'll also have plenty of time to let the wood dry out for better burning during the winter.

Oak and mesquite are preferred for firewood because they are slow-burning hardwoods. Softwoods like pine and spruce are less desirable firewood choices—and usually cheaper—because they burn faster.

A Word of Caution About Red Oak. The fungus that causes oak wilt can grow on the bark of red oak. Even dead red-oak bark can host this fast-spreading fungus. If you purchase red-oak firewood it is best not to store it

for later use, because of the danger that insects might spread the fungus to healthy trees. If you buy firewood of an unknown origin, it is best to burn it all this winter before insect activity picks up.

When stacking firewood, avoid placing it against an outside wall. If firewood is stacked against a wall, the insects and other small animals that may move into the stack for shelter will have an easier time moving inside your house or garage. To prevent this invasion, stack your firewood along a fence or make it a free-standing stack in a corner of the yard.



The escalator was patented in 1892.

New Arrival

Bill and Shana Strange proudly announce the birth of their son, Clay Norman, November 10, 1988 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed nine pounds and five ounces, and measured 22" long at birth.

Welcoming their new brother into the family are Matt, five, and Cassie, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Norman and Peggy Strange of Silverton and Wendell and Carole Edwards of O'Donnell.

Great-grandparents are Fern Holt of Silverton, Floyd and Lorene Thompson of O'Donnell.

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



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

November 24—Sammy DeOrnellas, Laura McCammon

November 25—Billy Cogdell, Erma Polley, Dana Martin, Carrie Ann Grabbe, Brandon Kitchens

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

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

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

November 29—Carl D. Baird, George Reed

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

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Junior II and Senior 4-H Food Show winners—(back row, left to right) Patrick O'Neal, nutritious snack and dessert; Clay Merrell, fruit and vegetable; Mac Chestnut, main dish; (front, left to right) Josh Brooks, nutritious snack and dessert (senior); Ashleigh Wyatt, bread and cereal.



Junior I 4-H Food Show winners—(left to right) Jarrett Pigg, fruit and vegetable; Molly Brooks, main dish; Trey Wyatt, bread and cereal; Marshall McCammon, nutritious snack and dessert.

Large Group of 4-H Members Compete in Food Show

Forty-three boys and girls competed in the County 4-H Food Show held Tuesday night of last week in the Silverton School Cafeteria. This was an even larger number than in past years.

Ten winners will advance to district competition on December 10, on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock along with winners from the 20-county South Plains district.

Winners in the Junior I division were Molly Brooks, main dish; Jarrett Pigg, fruit and vegetable; Trey Wyatt, bread and cereal, and Marshall McCammon, nutritious snack and dessert.

Junior II division winners were Mac Chestnut, main dish; Clay Merrell, fruit and vegetable; Ashleigh Wyatt, bread and cereal, and Patrick O'Neal, nutri-

tious snack and dessert.

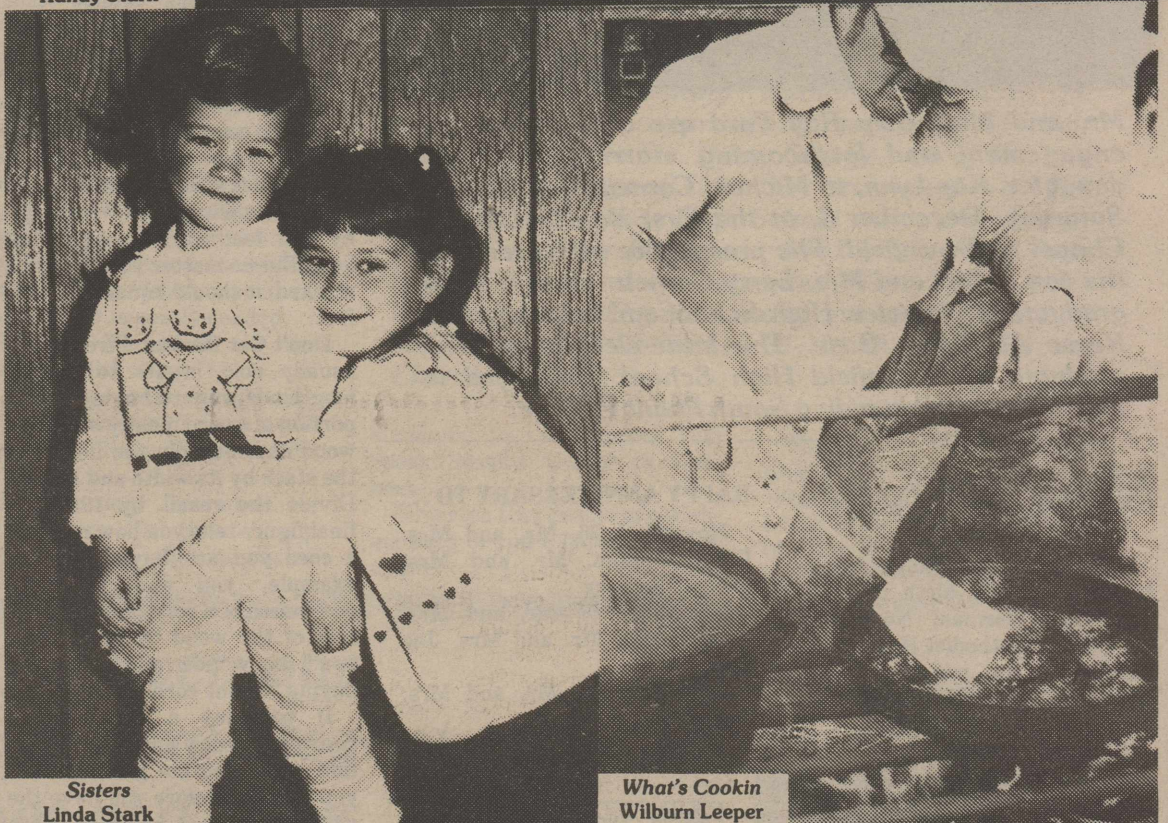
Josh Brooks was the winner in the senior division of the nutritious snack and dessert category, and Cecilia Castillo, as alternate, will represent the county in senior bread and cereal.

Others in the Junior I division were Vanessa Martin, Christina Stephens, Anita Rapp, Will Hester, George Pigg, Janet Ross, Wynter Smith and Jared Francis in main dish; Shauna Kingery and Lori Chandler in fruit and vegetable; Micah Stark, Cara Powell and Lacy Brunson in bread and cereal; and Kenzie Burson, Schrise Hendrix, Mandy Pigg, Brandi Price, Amy Turner, Walt Henson, Coy McKay, Brianna Sperry, Shannon Weaver and Maria Castillo in nutritious snack and dessert.

Junior II participants were Kara Kingery and Jeremiah



Double Trouble
Randy Stark



Sisters
Linda Stark

Brooks, main dish; Bubba Powell and Julie Ross, bread and cereal; Christa Tucker, Krisse Pigg, Leslee Weaks and Brandi Brunson, nutritious snack and dessert.

Mary Elizabeth Pigg and Lindsey Weaks were Pee Wee division contestants.

Contest judges were County Extension Agents Mary True of Floyd County, Deana Sageser of Castro County, Katie Wolf of Hale County and Tracy Keuler of Swisher County; and adult leaders Jeannette Herring of Swisher County and Elaine LaBaume of Floyd County.

Josh Brooks was master of ceremonies for the awards program, and Ashleigh Wyatt extended the welcome.

Christa Tucker led the pledge of allegiance, and Jeremiah Brooks led the 4-H motto and pledge.

Brandi Brunson recognized the following adult and teen leaders for teaching the 64 4-H'ers who completed the project: Kathy Kingery, Martha Cavitt, Gail Wyatt, Dorothy Martin, Janinne Brooks, Lee O'Neal, Connie Smith, Diane Johnston, Vici

Baird, Betty Stephens, Margie Pinkerton, Debra Turner, Roye

Pigg, Vera Pinkerton and Celeste Sperry.

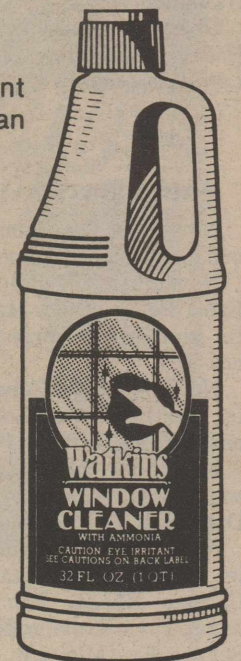
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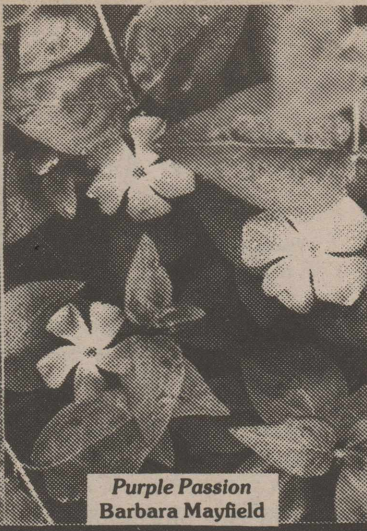
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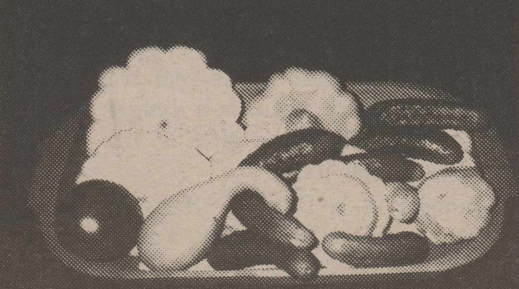
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Barbara Mayfield



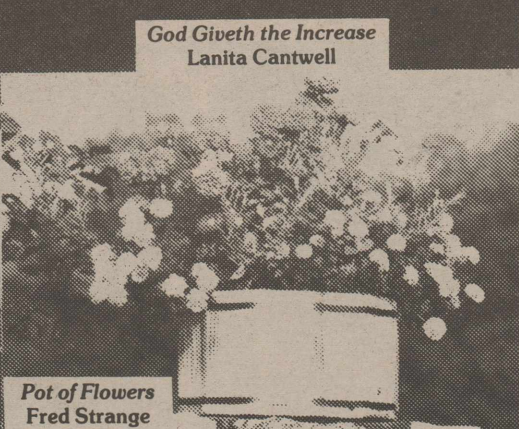
Old Baldy in the Fall
Elton Cantwell



God Giveth the Increase
Lanita Cantwell



New Shoe
Elton Cantwell



Pot of Flowers
Fred Strange

Camera Club Winners Named For November

Winners for November in the Caprock Camera Club Print Competition were judged by Don Dickson of Don's Photography in Plainview.

Winning first place in the Snappy Shooters was Elton Cantwell, with "Old Baldy in the Fall." Second place was won by Christeen Gilbert with "Easy Life." Cantwell also won third place for "New Shoe," and his wife, Lanita, received honorable mention with "God Giveth the Increase." Fred Strange also received honorable mention with "Pot of Flowers."

Winning first place in the Camera Clickers was Wilburn Leeper with "What's Cookin." Randy Stark placed second with "Love Me Tenderly," and also received honorable mention for "Double Trouble." Barbara Mayfield won third with "Purple Passion." Linda Stark received honorable mention for "Sisters."



"The Star Spangled Banner," when it was first published, bore the title "The Defense of Fort McHenry."



Rabbits don't perspire. Neither do guinea pigs.

Largest Rainbow Trout Stocking Program Set to Begin December 1

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said the state's largest ever Rainbow Trout stocking program will kick off December 1, 1988.

Caprock Canyons State Park, located in the southeast Texas Panhandle three miles north of Quitaque, will be in the program for the first time this year. Rainbow Trout will be stocked at the park on November 30, December 14, December 28 and January 11. The fish will be of catchable size and best fishing should be on the weekends after stocking dates, but fishing should be good all winter.

The daily bag limit is five trout. The possession limit is 10 in all Texas waters. There is no minimum length limit.

Separate fees are not charged to fish for trout in state parks. Only the normal entry and facility use fees are charged.

Trout stamps and fishing licenses are required as in other

public waters, and can be purchased at the park.

The department's popular trout program is operated on a put and take basis with most of the trout being caught by late spring.

For more information, call the park from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 806-455-1492.



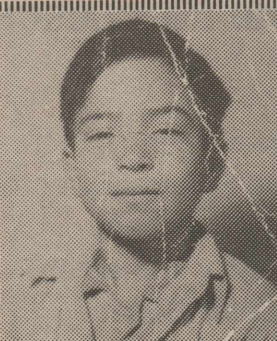
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Nov. 29—Guthrie, 6:30 p.m. Paula Bomar, Amy Perot, David and Martha Cavitt, girls game; Jeanetta Bradford, Danny and Donna Francis, boys game.

Dec. 5—Lakeview J. H., 6:00—Lynn Frizzell, W. D. and Peggy Rowell, girls game; Latresa Minyard, Mary Lane Younger, boys game.

Dec. 6—Petersburg, 6:30 — Pam Nease, John and Gail Wyatt, girls game; Garner and Dorcas Garrison, Dale and Pat McWaters, boys game.

Dec. 9—Memphis, 6:30—Ann West, Van and Sue Breedlove, girls game; Jerry and Brenda Patton, Jimmy Burson, boys game.

Dec. 13—Kress, 6:30—Bill Brooks, Mary Ivory, girls game; Wayne and Tina Nance, Ronnie and Sue Miller, boys game.

Jan. 5—Hedley J.H., 6:00 — Janice Hill, Carolyn Lowrey, girls game; Waynelle Couch, Carolyn Reagan, boys game.

Jan. 6—Hedley, 6:30—Cathey and Gary Weak, Gary Martin, girls game; Stan and Lynda Fogerson, Emmett and Sandi Tomlin, boys game.

Jan. 10—Sannorwood, 6:30 — Tom and Deb Burson, David and Debbie Holt, girls game; Brenda Patton, Alice Grabbe, boys game.

Jan. 20—McLean, 6:30—Lynn Frizzell, Perry and Marsha Brunson, girls game; Terry and Sally Grimland, Jim Browning, boys game.

Jan. 31—Lakeview, 6:30—Anita and Dwight Ramsey, Shirley Henderson, girls game; Jay and

Patsy Towe, Paula Bomar, Amy Perot, boys game.

Feb. 3—Valley, 6:30—David and Martha Cavitt, Pat and Fred Edwards, girls game; Wayne and Tina Nance, Ruby Graham, boys game.

Silverton High School Basketball 1988-89

Nov. 22—Kress, there, 6:30
Nov. 29—Guthrie, here, 6:30
Dec. 1-3—Springlake-Earth Tour.
Dec. 6—Petersburg, 6:30
Dec. 9—Memphis, here, 6:30
Dec. 13—Kress, here, 6:30
Dec. 15-17—Lockney Tournament
Dec. 29-31—Claude Tournament
Jan. 3—Claude, there, 6:30
Jan. 6—Hedley*, here, 6:30
Jan. 10—Sannorwood*, here, 6:30

Jan. 13—Lakeview*, there, 6:30
Jan. 17—Valley*, there, 6:30
Jan. 20—McLean*, here, 6:30
Jan. 24—Hedley*, there, 6:30
Jan. 27—Sannorwood*, there, 6:30

Jan. 31—Lakeview*, there, 6:30
Feb. 3—Valley*, here, 6:30
Feb. 7—McLean*, there, 6:30
*Denotes District Games

SILVERTON JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL 1988-89

Nov. 21—Open
Nov. 28—McLean, at Hedley, 6:00
Dec. 5—Lakeview, here, 6:00
Jan. 5—Hedley, here, 6:00
Jan. 16—Lakeview, there, 6:00
Jan. 30—McLean, at Hedley, 6:00
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 WEDNESDAY:
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Jim Browning, Pastor

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 Library Opens 9:15 a.m.
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 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women 9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.
 Acteens, G.A.s, Mission
 Friends, R.A.s 7:00 p.m.
 SECOND SATURDAYS:
 Baptist Men 7:00 a.m.

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Duane Knowlton, Pastor

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 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY:
 United Meth. Women 9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY:
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 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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 WEDNESDAY:
 Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

It used to be that a picture like this could only mean harvest time — big orange pumpkins, shiny red apples, colorful stalks of Indian corn. And, of course, a turkey in the pantry.

But what about today? You can buy apples almost any time. Pumpkins are available in a can twelve months of the year. And you can buy a frozen turkey as easily in July as in November.

We Americans take for granted what was a real treat in our parent's time. But in the midst of this material plenty, there is a danger of spiritual famine. To keep the proper perspective, to appreciate the gifts of life to the fullest we need the Church and the story it has to tell us.

Maybe you can't be a pioneer — a Pilgrim. But you can follow your forefathers' example at Plymouth that first November. You can utter genuine thanks in the church of your choice.



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The U. S. Department of Agriculture October 31 confounded the whole cotton industry with its failure to offer a paid cotton acreage reduction program for 1989.

USDA instead announced only a 25 percent unpaid diversion as a condition of program participation. That's the maximum required reduction permitted under the farm act of 1985. Also revealed for 1989 was a base loan level of 50 cents per pound, down from 51.8 cents this year, and USDA's intent to use marketing loan plan "B" which allows producers to redeem cotton from the loan at the lower of the loan price or the adjusted world price. Already established by the 1988 Budget Reconciliation Act was a 1989 target price of 73.4 cents, down from 75.9 cents this year.

The Department had the option to set the loan at the statutory minimum 50 cents or anywhere between there and the 51.79 cents justified by the U. S. spot market formula authorized in the law.

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. in September and again October 27 recommended that the loan be at the higher level and that an optional paid land diversion program be offered, over and above a 25 percent required reduction, for up to 20 percent of base acres.

PCG's call for a paid land diversion program was duplicated by the National Cotton Council, which represents producers, textile manufacturers, merchants, ginners, warehousemen, seed crushers and cooperatives. On its own, the American Cotton Shippers Association asked for a "0-92" program, allowing producers to plant no cotton and still collect 92 percent of their deficiency payments.

So the entire industry recognized the need for an acreage reduction greater than that to be achieved by a simple 25 percent layout requirement.

However USDA, if it saw the need, apparently found its own

reason for ignoring it, but that reason was not included in its program announcement.

Given that USDA's figures reportedly project reduced government costs with the lower loan, says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, the 50-cent loan announcement, while a disappointment, came as no great surprise.

But in the face of USDA's October estimate of an 8.4 million bale 1988 U. S. carryover, he continues, the absence of a paid land diversion program to reduce 1989 plantings is hard to understand.

Johnson also points out that a USDA regulatory impact analysis released last June, when the 1988 carryover was expected to be only 6.1 million bales, projected that a 15 percent paid diversion, as opposed to no paid diversion, would cut the government's cost of the program by \$152 million, "which makes the Department's decision even more incredible," he says.

National agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) calculations put the average price paid to farmers for U. S. cotton in September at 51.8 cents per pound, down from the 52.6-cent average for August. The mid-month price reported for October dropped even more sharply, to an even 50 cents. But NASS points out that mid-month figures are highly subject to change when data for the full month becomes available.

September sales volume came to 825,000 bales, up from 473,000 in August. The price and marketing figures through September now show nine-month total sales of 4,757,000 bales at a weighted average price of 57.28 cents. Average price calculations are important to producers, whatever the price received for their individual crops, because in January they will be eligible for price deficiency payments equal to the difference between the weighted average price and this year's 75.9-cent target price.

Almost all the estimated 2.8 million bale High Plains crop appears to be destined for the government loan at an average price not likely to top 48 cents per pound, seven or eight cents below the market value of cotton from the 1987 High Plains crop.

So it's understandable, says Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., that producers are anxiously looking for an indication of how much of

that loss may be recouped from higher deficiency payments.

Based solely on figures that have been released for the first nine months, Johnson continues, the 57.28-cent average price would yield a total payment of 18.6 cents per pound. But with the average market price going down every month since June and with the volume of marketings on the rise, PCG is projecting a payment rate well above that level, probably in a range of

21 or 22 cents.

How much confidence can producers put in that projection? "Not too much," Johnson admits, explaining that average prices and size of marketings for October, November and December are yet to come, and even the figures for the January-July period will be revised in November.

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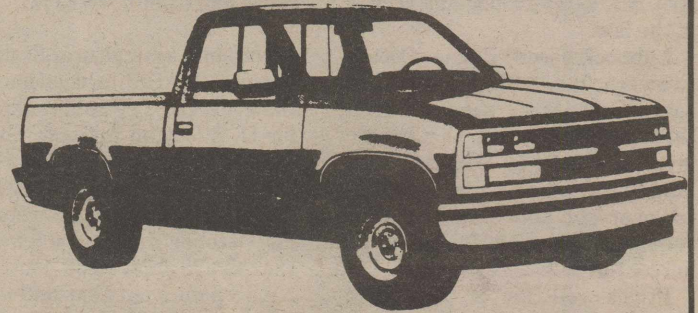


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