

Swisher Electric to Observe 50th Anniversary at Annual Meeting

Incorporated on September 30, 1939, Swisher Electric Cooperative will be commemorating its fiftieth anniversary year Saturday, March 18, at its annual membership meeting.

Lois Wales, national Co-Energy Chairperson for W.I.F.E., will be the featured speaker Saturday at the meeting at the cooperative's headquarters in Tulia. Mrs. Wales, a Dimmitt resident, has worked with the Texas and the national American Corn Growers associations on ethanol issues. In October, she attended the National Ethanol Conference in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Wales is also the Texas Energy Issue Chairperson of



Lois Wales

March 22 is Filing **Deadline for Elections**

Both Silverton Independent School District and the City of Silverton will be conducting elections on Saturday, May 6. Filing deadline for the two entities is Wednesday, March 22.

The terms of Mayor A. R. Martin and Councilmen John Bowman and Lynn Frizzell are expiring this year, as are the terms of School Trustees Cathey Weaks, Carolyn Lowrey and Jack Graham. These vacancies will have to be filled in the

Pet Vaccination Clinic is March 30

A pet vaccination clinic will be conducted at the City Hall in Silverton Thursday, March 30, from 3:00 until 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Paul Glasson, veterinarian from Lockney, will administer the shots to the dogs and cats of this area.

School to Observe Easter Holiday

Thursday, March 23, will be an early-out day in the Silverton Schools, with classes dismissing and buses running at 1:30 p.m.

The school will remain closed Friday, March 24, and Monday, March 27.

Monday had been set aside as a "snow" day, and if there is no snow this week, Monday will become part of the Easter holiday.

elections which will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. May 6 at the City Hall in Silverton.

If you wish to be listed on the City ballot as a candidate for Mayor or Councilman, you should contact Jerry Patton at the City

If you would like to offer yourself as a candidate for School Trustee, you may do so in the office of the superintendent of

Absentee voting for both elections will be open from April 17 through May 2.

Senior Boosters To Sponsor Tournament

Silverton's Senior Boosters will be sponsoring a volleyball tournament March 16-17-18 in the school gym. There will be men's, women's and mixed divi-

You are invited to come out and enjoy the games and homemade ice cream from the concession stand.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO MEET FRIDAY

Silverton Senior Citizens will meet at the center Friday for their monthly luncheon and business meeting, with the ladies from the Rock Creek Church as hostesses for the luncheon.

A children's choir will entertain from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m.

W.I.F.E, and has served in the following capacities with W.I.F.E.: National Hazardous Waste Issue Chairperson, past charter President of Dimmitt Chapter of W.I.F.E., and past Secretary of Texas W.I.F.E. organization. Her work has concentrated on generating agricultural issues through W.I.F.E.

Registration for the cooperative's annual meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, with the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. Business to be conducted by the members at the meeting includes the election of three directors, listening to reports from Board President Charles Kay, the Board Secretary's report, the auditor's report, and the report of General Manager Lyle Robin-

Other highlights of the meeting will include C. D. Taylor, the first President of the Board, offering a welcome and a recollection of the first board meeting in 1939. Ernie's Barbecue will cater a meal for members and their families and guests, and invited guests of the cooperative beginning at 11:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m.

Between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the cooperative will be showing informative videos regarding earth energy heat pumps, rural TV satellite programs, electrical safety, and the rural electric youth tour sponsor-

ed by the cooperative. Master of ceremonies Kenneth Wyatt will keep the audience's attention at the meeting with his humorous remarks and the drawing for door prizes. During the business meeting, the children of members and guests will be entertained at the Royal Theatre with the showing of "Ghostbusters." Guests are welcome to participate in all the activities with the exception of voting and the drawing for door prizes, which are reserved for active members of the cooperative (those receiving service).

PTA Update

Bring your favorite salad or covered dish to the PTA meeting for a salad supper and officer's election in the school cafeteria Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the supper at 7:00, we urge you to come later for the election of 1989-90 PTA officers.



All-District Selections—(back row, left to right) Neal Edwards and Bradley Brunson, named to the All-District second team, and Jamie Frizzell, chosen as a member of the All-District first team; (front, left to right) Brian Martin, named to the All-District academic team; Kendal Minyard, honorable mention for the All-District team, and Teddy Hubbard, a member of the All-District academic team.

All-District Teams Are Announced Here

Selected as members of the girls All-District basketball team were Tammie Henard and Kimberly Macina, both of Samnorwood; Misty Magee, Kim Beaver and Darla McAnear, all of McLean.

Chosen for the girls All-District second team were Leslie Lindsey, Samnorwood; Alicia Reynolds, McLean; Gina Conner and Shadi Mullin, Valley; Julie Graham and Tracy Tomlin, both of Silverton.

Named to the boys All-District team were Sid Brass and Donald Harris, both of McLean; Rob Sharp, Samnorwood; Chad Wiggins, Lakeview, and Jamie Frizzell, Silverton.

Chosen as members of the

Mrs. Flute (Junis) Hutsell entered High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Saturday, and has been undergoing treatment for pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive of Petersburg visited his sister, Betty Olive, Sunday.

All-District second team were John Rosalez and Rudie Gonzalez, both of Lakeview; Neal Edwards and Bradley Brunson, both of Silverton, and Quinton Brown, McLean.

One-Act Play to Be Presented Today

The Silverton High School One-Act Play, "Dear Papa," will be presented for public viewing March 16 (today) in the school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

The cast of characters includes Gran Harper, played by John Cavitt; Miss Huxtable, portrayed by Tracy Tomlin; Esther Trumble, played by Julie Towe; Emmaline Trimble, played by Penni Fogerson, and Edna Trimble, portrayed by Tara Nance.

The crew consists of Teddy Hubbard, Joey Leal and Amy

The play is directed by Juannah Jennings.

Admission will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

the ceremony was a combination

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There is an old saying, "East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet," but New York met Texas in Houston over the weekend and even though there was a sharp cultural line, a lot of new friends were made.

We were there for the marriage of my nephew, Brad Hill, to



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family has lived in Houston for the past two years but had lived in New York prior to his being transferred there by Shell Oil Company. There were too many differen-

Miss Theresa Laprise, whose

ces to count. Her family is predominantly Catholic, ours protestant. Her family is predominantly Italian, speaking with Italian accent, ours longtime Texan with appropriate drawl. So we didn't try to count the differences.

The bride's family wasn't familiar with many of our wedding customs and we weren't familiar with some of theirs, so

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of both. My brother and sister-inlaw hosted a lovely rehearsal dinner, to which the bride's family was unaccustomed, but it was a very pleasant interlude with good food and service and I was very proud when my brother was able to introduce everyone there by name and relationship and name of spouse when he, too, had just met many of them. (He even got "Uncle" Dominic and "Cousin" Dominic right.) It was the first time I had ever

been present at a dinner party where the waiters unfolded the napkin and placed it in your lap for you. One of the friendly waiters had a little joke to tell just before everyone left. "There was a Texan in New York," he "and he drove into a gasoline station. After the tank had been filled, he came to the window and asked, 'How's your oil?' And the Texan replied, 'We'all's just fine; how's you'all."

The ceremony was performed in a very beautiful Catholic Church out among the pine trees in a wooded area of Houston near Spring, not by a priest but by a deacon with whom Brad and Theresa had established a friendly relationship while enjoying dinner prepared by his wife in their home earlier in the week.

The unity-candle lighting ceremony was added and there was no mass.

The New York traditions were very much in evidence at the reception dinner-dance, where tables seating eight circled the dance floor and a band played selections including love songs, western music and others. It would have brought tears to the eyes of the hardest-hearted person when the bride and her father danced alone to the melody of "Daddy's Little Girl." The strains of "New York, New York" were heard along with "Houston" and later the New York folks watched a moment and then joined in for "Cotton Eyed Joe." Music varied from fast disco numbers to slow waltzes to "The Bunny Hop," taking into consideration the preferences of those present who ranged in age from three to their

There had been a long buffet of appetizers served in an anti-room before the doors of the banquet hall were opened, and these included many delicacies including shrimp. Inside, a delicious four-course meal was served with prime rib as the main course and the wedding cakes as dessert. After all the guests were seated, the parents of the couple, members of the wedding party and last, the bride and groom, were introduced.

Instead of forming a receiving have a closeup look at the bride's beautiful gown which she wore throughout the evening.

When I went to thank Terry and Vivian Laprise for their hospitality and compliment them on the very nice reception, her relatives told me, "We say goodbye with a kiss," and each gave me a hug and a kiss on the cheek in parting.

As we left the chandelier-hung ballroom, "Uncle" Mario was re-entering, and I thanked him



Last week Buck and Virginia Hardin and their grandson, Chance Patrick, planted the three large red maple trees donated by Jim and Sheila Reid of Coulter Gardens in Amarillo for Silverton's downtown Pocket Park. Briscoe County News Photo

for being so friendly and kind and not laughing at my "y'alls," and he graciously replied, "We're the ones with the accent and we're on your turf." (He doesn't even know how different "my turf" is from Houston!) I told him that I realized that we might never see one another again, but that I had enjoyed meeting his family and appreciated their warm friendli-

Any doubts I had held earlier in the courtship and engagement about whether this marriage could work were dispelled as I saw my nephew basking in the warm light of his acceptance into the bride's family and observed the signs of deep affection between the bride and groom.

I saw the couple once more as they were checking out of the hotel early Sunday morning to leave for the airport where they were to board their plane for the flight at 8:00 a.m. to San Juan, Puerto Rico where they were to board a ship for their Caribbean cruise. He hadn't told her where he was taking her, only that she should pack for warm weather. They were very tired and sleepy, but she was still being a good sport about being teased that he was taking her to South Padre for their honeymoon. Somehow I believe they will be a happy couple and their marriage will endure the storms that surely are ahead of them.

Institutes of learning were first called "universities" in the twelfth century.

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Cholesterol Screening Will be March 29

A county-wide cholesterol screening, sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Committee, will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the City Hall in Silverton.

The Red Cross from Lubbock will do the cholesterol check. Cost is \$6.00, and results are available in minutes.

A cholesterol exhibit, wellness slide presentation, blood pressure check, computerized health risk appraisal, and cholesterol publications are a part of the free services available throughout the

day.
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March 15, 1979-Floyd B. Williams buried Tuesday . . . Jerry Bean and Carolyn Turner were named Silverton's Outstanding Young Farmer and Young Homemaker . . . Services held for G. H. Boyce . . . Mrs. Oscar Weaks underwent surgery at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Monday . . . Wylie Bomar III to exchange marriage vows with Annett Laree Lessert .. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West to observe fortieth wedding anniversary . . . Nancy Lou Reynolds is bride of Ken Daryl Wood . . . Mrs. Ashel McDaniel has been a patient at Central Plains Hospi-

March 13, 1969—Daniel Geron Shelton buried here Tuesday . . . Ricki June Rampley listed on dean's honor roll at Southwestern State in Oklahoma Debbie Dickerson on dean's honor roll at Tech . . . The anniversaries of the former Delma Dean and Deal Self were celebrated Sunday in the W. T. Masey home. Delma Dean is Mrs. W. T. Masey. The couple has two sons, George and Harve. Deal is Mrs. O. L. McGowen and she and Mr. McGowen are parents of a son, Steve . . . Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lark Miller were their daughter. Mrs. Joan Crawford and daughter, of Jimmy Myers received Outstanding Young Farmer Award . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Hyatt are parents of a son, Heath Arnold . . . Danny Vaughan, Max Weaver, Larry Comer, Gary Martin and Roy Dale Wood placed fifth in the judging contest held in conjunction with the fat stock show in Pampa . . . Cynthia Sutton selected for State FHA Choir ...

March 12, 1959-Mrs. Lena Northcutt honored on 84th birthday . . . Miss Wanda Louis Alcorn, Delbert Leonard Mattheus exchange wedding vows at Providence . . . B. D. Fanning, 76, buried Tuesday . . . Haylake Club meets with Mrs. Clarence Gaither...Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange and children were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clauda B. Welch and children near Parnell. . Mr. and Mrs. Orrin May and children of Abilene spent Friday and Saturday here with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May . . . Miss Thada Lackey united in marriage to J. C. Fowler . . . Mr. and Mrs. Minyard Long are parents of a daughter, Carolyn Dean . . . Jim Mercer is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock this week where he is being treated for a back injury . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Guest of Floydada and Mrs. Normal Strange returned home early this week after a ten-day vacation on the Gulf Coast . . . Robert Bomar underwent an appendectomy at the Tulia hospital Friday morning of last week.

March 17, 1949—Owls win first baseball game of season over Flomot Longhorns, 7-3... Mrs. Cecil Seaney honored with miscellaneous shower... Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Boyce and son, Garry, visited his sister and family, Mrs. Don Garrison and other relatives, last week... Janice

Donnell fell and broke her arm at school Friday . . . C. R. Badgett of Quitaque buys Ballard Drug . . . Funeral services for Mrs. S. B. Gilkeyson held Tuesday . . . Mrs. L. D. Griffin and Mrs. Bill Price of Lockney visited Mr. and Mrs. Bundy Campbell Friday at Dougherty . . . Mr. and Mrs. Amp Boling visited Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg Sunday . . . Cecil Seaney was honored with a shower Saturday night in the home of George Long. Assistant hosts were Billie Wood, Norlan Dudley, Carl D. Bomar, Jack Strange and L. D. Griffin. Cold refreshments were served after which Cecil received miscellaneous gifts, which included pliers, screwdrivers, baby chicks, hack

saws and many other useful items... Gerald James of the Rock Creek community has accepted a position as butcher with Nance's Food Store... Dinner guests in the M. B. Self home Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Martell Grover are parents of a son, Gail S....

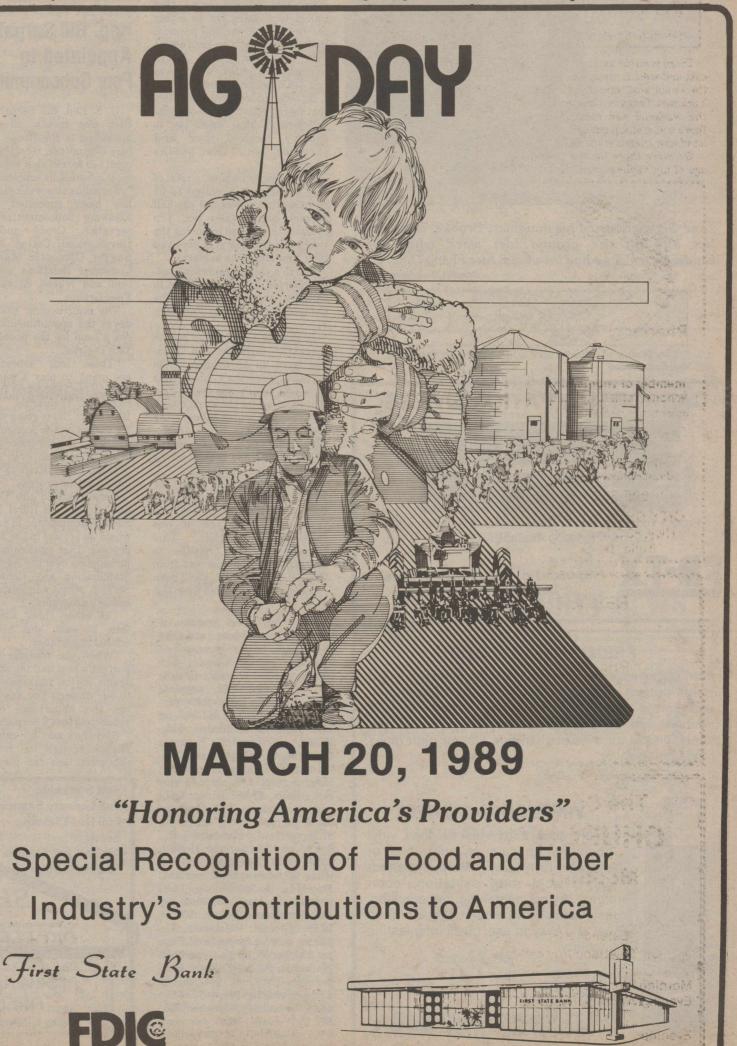
March 16, 1939—Gerald Smith and Miss Anna Mae Martin united in marriage Saturday afternoon in Amarillo . . . With Miss Freda Lee Elliston featured in a choir of 200 voices, Texas State College for Women's final Choral Symphony concert of the year will be presented Thursday evening . . . Kansas men impressed by J. H. Burson Herefords . . . Miss Hazel Merrell

and Mr. Frank Wallace united in marriage . . . M. A. Holloman probably had the hardest luck of anyone this week. He put a brand-new Chevrolet truck on the job at the caprock this week and the very first load, wrecked the truck. The driver, Eddie Morris, evidently got a little too close to the edge of the fill and over went the truck and rolled clear to the bottom and was almost a complete wreck. The driver was slightly injured . . . A. L. McMurtry and True Burson listed as candidates for school trustee . . . Silverton defeats Quitaque in boxing, with the bout of the evening being between Hank Brown and Barney Bogan. Bogan has won over Hank

before, but Hank really went to town on him and emerged the winner. Hank proved that he knows what he's about as far as boxing is concerned . . . The Los Lingos Hotel, which has been closed since January, has recently been opened for business by Mrs. O. E. Hutchison of Quitaque



A newly hatched alligator is just eight inches long. It will grow about a foot a year until it reaches the average adult length of six to eight feet.



Lane Garvin assisted his daughter, Brooke, in getting her kite off the ground last week when the Kindergarten class had its annual Kite Flying Day.

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Rebates Continue To Rise in Texas

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently that March's city sales tax rebates, which reflect sales made in January, were up by an average of 27 percent statewide.

"Although consumers usually slow down their spending in January, this is a good sign that the state's economic engine is running strong and steady," Bullock said.

Checks totaling \$61.7 million were sent to 888 cities that collect local sales tax at either one or one and one-half percent. Bullock said that's an impressive gain over last year's March payments to cities, which was just \$48.6 million statewide.

Bullock added that 26 cities that began collecting an optional half-percent local sales tax in January received their first payments with this month's allocation.

According to Bullock, a total of \$5.9 million was allocated to 91 counties that collect the one-half percent county sales tax. Ten counties that began imposing the local sales tax this year received their first allocation in March.

March's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in January and reported to the Comptroller's office by February 21.

In Briscoe County, the rebate checks for Silverton and Quitaque were up an average 17.38 percent. Silverton's check was \$1,002.01, which was lower than that received for the same month last year but which brought the 1989 year-to-date figure to \$5,138.06, up 12.01 percent from the \$4,587.30 that had been received at this same time last year.

Quitaque's check was for \$542.24, and since that community received no check for this same month last year it was considerably higher. This brought the 1989 rebates to \$3,053.80, up 27.69 percent from the \$2,391.64 that had been received at this same time last year.

Area cities, the amount of their current rebate and the percentage of its increase or decrease include Claude, \$1,-935.63, up 0.64 percent; Groom, \$2,119.75, up 31.62 percent; Hart, \$942.15, down 9.09 percent; Nazareth, \$1,041.28, up 7.34 percent; Childress, \$15,-781.98, up 9.07 percent; Paducah, \$3,231.68, up 7.03 percent; Crosbyton, \$3,268.93, up 7.47 percent; Lorenzo, \$1,412.74, up 2.88 percent; Ralls, \$2,962.24, up 11.73 percent; Dickens, \$826.61, down 34.39 percent; Spur, \$0, down 87.29 percent; Clarendon, \$6,-041.45, up 13.94 percent; Hedley, \$0, down 24.15 percent; Howardwick, \$0, down 30.31 percent; Floydada, \$5,998.79, up 15.97 percent; Lockney, \$3,886.46, up 145.45 percent; Lefors, \$0, up 18.29 percent; McLean, \$1,-252.96, down 1.54 percent; Pampa, \$95,286.68, up 13.47 percent; Plainview, \$117,192.29, up 49.93 percent; Estelline, \$642.48, up 1.86 percent; Lakeview, \$0, down 46.35 percent; Memphis, \$5,829.15, down 16.44 percent; Turkey, \$0, down 20.25 percent; Javton, \$0, down 23.55 percent; Higgins, \$610.96, up 9.25 percent; Idalou, \$2,919.73, up 144.21 percent; Lubbock, \$919,411.05, up 15.37 percent; New Deal, \$595.69, up 14.91 percent; Matador, \$940.46, up 8.71 percent; Roaring Springs, \$964.19, up 15.76 percent; Amarillo, \$795,329.66, up 10.24 percent; Canyon, \$25,454.46, up 10.51 percent; Happy, \$687.43, up 538.96 percent; Kress, \$822.00, up 503.95 percent; Tulia, \$13,127.44, up 54.78 percent.

Rep. Bill Sarpalius Appointed to Four Subcommittees

U. S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, less than one month after being appointed to the House Agriculture Committee, received assignments to four of that committee's most prestigious subcommittees.

Sarpalius this week learned he has been appointed to the following subcommittees: Conservation, Credit and Rural Development; Cotton, Rice and Sugar; Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations and Nutrition; and Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains.

The congressman said he believes the appointments represent a coup for the people of the 13th District.

"These four subcommittees are going to play a big role in writing the 1990 Farm Bill," said Sarpalius, D-amarillo, "and the 1990 Farm Bill is going to have a big impact on the economy of our district. I'm just grateful we're going to be in an even stronger position as a district to have an impact on the process."

Sarpalius said the Conservation, Credit and Rural Development Subcommittee in particular would be pivotal in the Farm Bill process. That subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, which administers farm subsidy programs.

The other three subcommittees, he said, also will be of critical importance.

"When you consider how important wheat and the other feed grains, cotton and marketing are to our district, you can begin to see the importance of these subcommittees," Sarpalius said.

Sarpalius said he cannot emphasize enough the role these subcommittees can play in im-

proving the economy of Northwest Texas.

"Our congressional district is the fifth-largest cotton producing district in the nation," he said. "We are among the state's leaders in producing wheat and other feed grains. Agriculture is a vital part of our district's economy.

"By getting on four very important subcommittees, we're in a position to make sure the district's priorities are heard when the 1990 Farm Bill is written. If we can get a good farm bill next year, we can take a big step toward getting this district's economy moving again."

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March 20 - 23

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Displaying their "floats" in the Book Parade last Friday afternoon were (left to right) Charlie Bomar and Ryan Minyard.

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Pictured are (left to right) Shauna Kingery, Andy Bullock and Windy Wood as they took part in the Book Parade last Friday afternoon in front of the school buildings.

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'Fangtastic' Event Scheduled at Waurika

The 28th annual Waurika "Fangtastic" Rattlesnake Hunt sponsored by the Waurika Volunteer Fire Department and Jaycees is scheduled for March 18-19 with activities to begin at 8:00 a.m. both days. A registration fee of \$2.00 per hunter is required to hunt for fanged rattlers and is good for both days with registration opening at 8:00 a.m. both days.

Snake catchers and sacks are available for rent or sale.

The longest snake captured will be auctioned and trophies will be awarded Sunday evening, March 19. Trophies or cash will be given for several classifications of snakes caught.

First-place money for the longest snake caught is \$200.00; second place is \$175.00; third place is \$150.00; and fourth place is \$125.00, plus a bonus for live rattlers over six feet long. An

added money prize provided by the Lawton Coca-Cola Company. First-place prize for the snake with the most rattlers is \$75.00; second place is \$50.00, and third place is \$25.00. There will be four specially marked snakes released in the hunt area and will be worth \$25.00 each if recaptured.

First, second and third place trophies will be awarded for the shortest snakes caught. Trophies will also be awarded each day for the longest snake brought in by a first-time hunter. All snakes entered for prizes must be alive at the time of the contest and all snakes entered become the property of the Waurika Rattlesnake Hunt. All live rattlesnakes turned in will be purchased for top market prices. No gassed snakes will be purchased and no gas or firearms are allowed in the hunt areas.

A Chinese artist of the 1920's, Huang Erhnan, painted designs on silk cloth using his tongue as a brush.

Little Dribblers Off to Great Season Start

Little Dribblers basketball got underway on Tuesday, March 8th. In the first game of third and fourth graders, Marsha Brunson's Yellow team defeated James Edwards' Red team 20 to 5. Scoring for the Red team were Minerva Patino, three points, and Anthony Gamble, two points. Scoring for the Yellow team were Trey Wyatt, 10; Kenzie Burson, four; Lacy Brunson, four, and Kimmie Blazier, two points.

Max Weaver's fifth and sixth grade Green team defeated Lynn and Connie Smith's Purple team, 26 to 8. Scoring for the Purple team were Manuel Vargas, six, and Leticia Vargas, two. Adding points for the Green team were Jess Brannon, 10; Phil Patino,

U.S. Air Force Salutes The South Plains

On Saturday, March 25, 1989, the U. S. Air Force salutes the South Plains, Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., with a special perfor-

six; Shannon Weaver, four; LaToya Baker, four, and Rosa Segura, two.

In the last game of the night, Larry Comer's Red team of fifth and sixth graders outscored Bill Brooks' Black team by a score of 32 to 4. Scoring for the Black team were Jeremiah Brooks, two, and Lori Brannon, two points. High pointer for the Red team was Michael Hill with 24 points. Also scoring for the Red team were Brandi Brunson, four, and Cy Comer, four points.

mance by the aerial demonstration team, the Air Force Thunderbirds. The six F-16 Falcon jet fighters begin their show at 2:00 p.m.

A variety of military aircraft will be on display on the flight-line throughout the day. Fighter, bomber, transport, and training aircraft will be displayed.

Admission is free. There will be plenty of food, drink and parking available. Bring the family and spend the day learning about today's Air Force.

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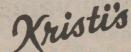
Miss Melannie Daniels, daughter of John and Joni Daniels of Corpus Christi, became the bride of David Scott, son of Tom and June Scott of Chilhowie, Virginia, in a double-ring ceremony

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Silverton

performed by Ben Furman on February 4 in Middletown, Ohio.

Best man and matron of honor for the couple were Tim and Claudia Roberts. Emily Martin was flower girl.

The couple are making their home in Miamisburg, Ohio and both are juniors at Miami University in Middletown. The groom is originally from Wichita, Kansas.

The bride is the granddaughter of J. L. and Faye Self and is the niece of Lynn and Kathy Frizzell, with whom she lived while attending the Silverton

P.A.S.S. Meets For Bible Study

The Prayer and Share Sisters (PASS) met with Lois Nance for bible study Wednesday.

The March study was "Jesus Christ, Ministry and Teaching.

Joining in the round-table panel were Lanita Cantwell, Florene Fitzgerald, Glenda Francis, Wanda Hancock, Maebelle Francis and Mrs. Nance.

The Prayer and Share Sisters welcome anyone to study with

Glenda Francis will be the April hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance visited recently in Fort Worth with their grandchildren, Fares, Nanda, Michael and Christopher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

March 16-Traci Bounds, Abby Chappell, Dara Johnston March 17-Lois Hill, Colleen Sternberger

March 18-Ky Landon Williams, Mary Jo Brannon March 19—Ty McMurtry, Bet-

March 20—Missy Forbes

March 21—Leti Ramirez, Dick March 22—Mary May

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

March 16-Mr. and Mrs. Don March 17-Mr. and Mrs. H. A.

The longest sermon on record lasted 48 hours and 18 minutes. A congregation of eight was still present at the

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammi Carol, to Mr. Wesley Anderson Stafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Stafford of Matador. The wedding will take place June 3. Miss Edwards is a 1984 graduate of Silverton High School. She attended West Texas State University where she was a member of the Student Foundation and Zeta Tau Alpha Women's Fraternity in which she served as president. She also attended Texas Tech. Mr. Stafford is a 1982 graduate of Motley County High School in Matador, and was graduated from Texas Tech University in the spring of 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in landscape architecture. He is manager of Beethoven's Restaurant at Lubbock Plaza Hotel. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cagle of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McNeill of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edwards of Weatherford, and the late Varah Cagle. The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and

Mrs. Lewis Armstrong of Dallas, Loyd Stafford of Amarillo, and the late Tommie Stafford. Couple Honored on Fiftieth Anniversary

of Quitaque were honored with a family dinner on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, March 11, 1989 in the home of their son, Dale Smith.

They were married in Amarillo on Saturday, March 11, 1939 in what they remember as one of the worst dust storms they had seen. It was so bad they had to tie a chain on the back bumper of the car to drag so that the car would run. When they returned home to Silverton, they had to use a large grain scoop to get the sand out of their house. Their fiftieth anniversary will be remembered as the hottest on record for that day.

They made their home in Silverton until 1947 when they moved to Quitaque where they have made their home the last 43 years.

After a meal of brisket with all the trimmings, a fiftieth wedding cake was served to those helping celebrate, including Dale and Dona Smith, Quitaque; Mickey, Debra, Wynter and Tara Smith Turkey; Shonda and Andy Wills, Bryan; D'anna, J. D. and Colton Russell, Matador; Devona Smith, Lubbock; Ben and Bobbie Bingham, Wylie.

Girl Scout Ceremonies Held Friday Night

their Investiture / Rededication /Bridging ceremonies on Friday, March 10, at the Scout Hut.

Those attending were LaToya Baker, Staci Hill, Carrie Baird, Shauna Kingery, Christina Stephens, Jamie Casillas, Katy Hester, Destiny Ivory, Lindsey Jennings, Laura McCammon, Heather Rice, Misty Wilkinson and Windy Wood.

Also attending were Janice Baker, Fred Hill, Richie and Will, Hand Baird and Russ, Kathy Kingery, LaVern Kingery, Wayne and Betty Stephens, Danielle Netro, Rick Hester and Will, Clarence and Diana Ivory,

The Silverton Girl Scouts had Juannah Jennings, Darrah Mc-Cammon, Gloria Wood, and the leaders, Bena Hester, Vici Baird and Lois Hill.

The Silverton Girl Scouts also helped celebrate the Girl Scout birthday by attending the worship service at the First United Methodist Church in a group. Afterward they went to the Pizza Box for lunch.

Those attending were LaToya Baker, Staci Hill, Carrie Baird, Christina Stephens, Destiny Ivory, Lindsey Jennings, Laura McCammon, Heather Rice, Misty Wilkinson, Windy Wood, and their leaders Lois Hill, Betty Stephens and Vici Baird.

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Ronald and Allean Patterson of Claude announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Rae, to David Lee Schott, son of John and LaQuetta Schott. Miss Patterson is a 1986 graduate of Claude High School, a 1988 graduate of Clarendon College, and is presently a senior at Tarleton State University pursuing a degree in general business. Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of Silverton High School, attended Clarendon College, and is presently a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. The couple is planning a May 20 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Claude.

Social Security In **Briscoe County**

by Terry J. Clements

If you get social security checks, promptly report any changes that may affect your benefits. In this way, you can avoid an overpayment . . . and possibly a penalty.

The biggest cause of overpayments is not reporting or under reporting earnings from work. Keep in mind that some pay-

ments must be withheld if your 1989 earnings exceed \$8,880 if you are 65 through 69; or \$6,480 if you are under 65. If you earn over the annual limit, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for each \$2 of excess earnings.

Let's say you retired two years ago and now plan to take a part-time job. Or maybe you're already working and expect a pay increase. If you're under 70 and your 1989 earnings will go over the annual limit, let social security know.

There are special rules, which include medical considerations, if

Keeley Burson in Washington this Week

Keeley Burson is having the rare opportunity to see her government in action this week as she and approximately 350 other outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the country take part in the Spring 1989 National Young Leaders Conference. She was selected for this unique honor based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citi-

Keeley left Tuesday for Washington. Theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, the scholars will meet with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps. "It is one thing to read and learn about one's government in a textbook," said John Hines, executive director, "but it is a completely different educational experience to see, firsthand, one's government at work and to witness the democratic process.

Highlights of the program include a breakfast panel discussion led by prominent journalists at the National Press Club, welcoming remarks from a Member of Congress on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, and a government relations forum comprised of lobbyists from various corporations and public interest groups. A visit to a diplomatic embassy and a foreign policy briefing at the State Department are also included among the week's acti-

Keeley will have a unique opportunity to meet with Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Senator Phil Gramm and Representative Bill Sarpalius or members of their respective staffs. Culminating the National Young Leaders Conference is the Mock Congress in which the scholars assume the roles of United States Representatives by debating, lobbying and voting on proposed drug testing legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council which was founded in 1985 by Co-Chairmen Barbara Harris and Richard Rossi. The

you work while getting disability checks. Any work you do must be reported. You must also report any medical improvement if you get these payments.

Following are additional events that must be reported to prevent an overpayment:

*Death of a beneficiary

*Marriage of a dependent or

*Payee no longer has custody of a beneficiary

*Change of address

For more information about reporting responsibilities, read the booklet you got with your benefit award letter.

For more information or to file a claim please call 1-800-2345-

When female elephants fight, it is said, they usually try to bite off each other's tail.

Council is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization committed to recognizing outstanding youth and providing them with a "hands-on" civics learning experience in the nation's capitol. The Council has over 240 Members of the United States Congress who comprise its Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors joining in the commitment to educational ex-



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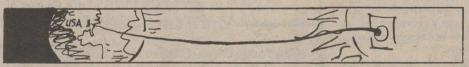
Old Lumber Yard Quonset Building

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Book Parade—Students constructed "floats" depicting books they had read for the parade which was held in front of the school buildings last Friday. Shown (left to right) are Jared Francis, Lacy Brunson, Molly Brooks, Trey Wyatt, Trey Ziegler and Leland Wood.

Briscoe County News Photo



One second of the Sun's energy is 13 million times the annual mean electricity consumption of the United States.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought conditions are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration office located in Floydada, Becky Via, County Supervisor, said today.

Floyd and Briscoe counties are two of many counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Becky D. Via said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business of \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Ms. Via said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 3, 1989 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into the new farming season," Ms. Via said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U. S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U. S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Floydada is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Postal Inspectors Warn of Telephone 'Prize' Scams

The U. S. Postal Inspection Service today warned the public about the increasing number of "boiler room" scams that use the telephone to pitch a variety of products, usually attached to a "free gift" gimmick.

Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson says the bogus companies flood post offices with computerized mailings notifying people "they've won a prize," usually after offering for sale everything from vitamins to office supplies. "The operators then followup with high-pressure telemarketing," Clauson says, "usually asking for money or a credit card number to cover shipping charges."

Clauson says the best way to defend against the scams is to "check out the company and call them back—without giving out your credit card number or any money—and if still suspicious, get in touch with a postal inspector through the nearest post office."

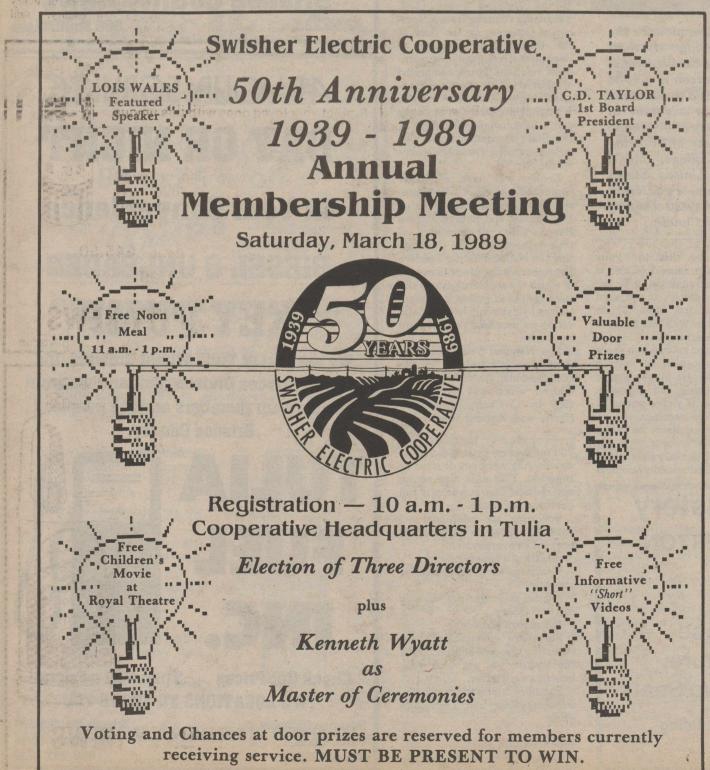
Just last week a promoter and 12 telephone pitchmen were arrested in the New York City area for misrepresenting the sale of cleaning supplies.

Several weeks ago four operators from Seattle, Washington and Las Vegas, Nevada, were arrested for mail and wire fraud for offering prizes as part of a nationwide promotion.

And in Houston, William E. Gardner, 35, operator of International Direct Mail Marketing, Inc., is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to mail fraud charges. He told those who responded to his mailings to call a Houston area phone number to claim a motorboat and outboard motor, he said was worth as much as \$500, as part of a marketing survey. The thousands who responded—by each paying more than \$120 for shipping—received an inflatable raft and motor worth \$40.

Chief Inspector Clauson says "the telephone boiler rooms have been concentrated in certain areas of the country but the victims come from all over."

If you receive, through the mail, such material as described, or if you feel you have been a victim of such a scam, please contact the U. S. Postal Inspector at (806) 762-7821.





News
From
The
State
Senate
by Teel Bivins

For a nine-year-old boy, a tour of the Texas Capitol is fun, but a tour of the Capitol dome is "neat!" The tour of the Texas Capitol is full of interesting historical facts. A tour of the Capitol dome is full of "neat" historical facts. For example, the top of the dome stands 366 feet above the ground. This makes it taller than the United States Capitol in Washington, D. C. Or consider the fact that the entire Capitol dome is made, not of pink granite, but of a sheet steel painted to look like the pink granite of which the rest of the Capitol is built. But maybe the "neatest" fact for a nine-year-old is that of the four people who have died in our State's Capitol, one was a workman who, while working on the star at the very apex of the dome, and fell the entire 366 feet to the main floor, crashed through the floor and landed in the basement.

Anyone who is not bothered by climbing over 100 narrow, steep steps can go on a tour of the Capitol dome. The tours begin on the fourth floor of the Capitol building just next to the chapel. I took my son, Andrew, and his friend, Tate, on a tour of the Capitol dome recently. We were guided by Officer Fisher of the Capitol police. He stood straight and tall and was full of "neat" facts. The boys thought he was wonderful.

There is not much inside the Capitol dome. Sitting on the floor beside the steps is a telephone. Officer Fisher asked the boys if they knew why there was a telephone way up here in the Capitol dome. Andrew's friend, Tate, responded instantly that its purpose must be to enable people to "report if they see something amazing."

Of course, beneath the dome there is an amazing amount of activity that takes place. Last week, among other things, Senate Resolution 167 was filed. I filed this Senate Resolution to allow the boards of trustees of West Texas State University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Texas to study the possibility of merging WT with one of these flagship institutions of higher education.

Since taking office, I have had as much constituent interest on this issue as I have on almost any other. I believe it is safe to say the catalyst for this interest was action taken in the last session of the Legislature wherein a Senate resolution was passed that authorized a study similar to this affecting several universities in South Texas. That study produced a recommendation that Pan American University merge with the University of Texas and Texas A&I University, Laredo State University and Corpus Christi University merge with the Texas A&M system. The boards of each of these institu-tions voted to merge. Approval of these mergers is currently pending before the Texas Legis-

I have talked to many constituents including students, faculty, and administrators at West Texas. I have also spoken either directly or indirectly with every member of the board of West Texas, University of Texas and Texas A&M as well as their presidents. Responses of all of these people to the idea of a study ranged from "I would oppose such a move" to enthusiasm. I was informed by the folks at U.T. and A&M that they believe they need some type of legislative approval to engage such a study. A Senate resolution which is not required to pass the House of Representatives nor be signed by the Governor was sufficient authorization for the South Texas study. This being the case, it seems that a Senate resolution is the simplest way to go so as to facilitate a WT study.

So the purpose of the resolution simply is to allow the three schools to engage in a study. I took my lead from action taken by the WT board the week previous to filing the resolution. The board voted to create a subcommittee to study the positives and negatives associated with a merger. My resolution simply allows that study to be conducted with input from all sides.

There is one aspect of the resolution that I believe to be important. I believe that a question of this magnitude should not be answered without appropriate input from students, faculty, and alumni of WT as well as input from concerned citizens of the region. Therefore, I made certain that the resolution called for this input.

The 71st Legislature has wisely adopted new rules severely restricting the number of legislatively authorized studies that can be staffed at state expense. This action was taken in response to a skyrocketing number of studies that cost the State of Texas a great deal of money. Because of these new rules, Senate Resolution 167 does not call for staffing at state expense. However, I was pleased to see that the Panhandle Area Alliance has volunteered its services to WT for purposes of staffing such a study.

It is obvious from the fact that I authored and introduced Senate Resolution 167 that I support study of the possibilities of merger between West Texas State University, University of Texas or Texas A&M University. But that is where my support stops. At this point, I have no preconceived ideas as to whether a merger would be good for higher education in our part of the state or bad. Universities by definition provide a forum for the acquisition of knowledge through study. On occasion I believe it is entirely appropriate for universities to study themselves. Through this endeavor we will be able to gain knowledge-knowledge on which to base important decisions affecting the quality of higher education in Senate Dis-

After spending the day working under the hot High Plains sun, it's easy to understand the value of the Ogallala Aquifer. But, given the comfort of modern day air conditioning, that underground water supply may slip our minds on occasion.

This is a reminder: water is the lifeblood of this state. Keeping our water supply safe for ourselves and our grandchildren is the duty of every Texan. Keeping the Ogallala safe is certainly the duty of every member of Senate District 31—including myself.

In his book, The Golden Spread, B. Bobby Price illustrates the value of the Ogallala to the early settlers of this region. "In 1885 hundreds of windmills dotted the plains landscape drawing precious sustenance from the vast and seemingly inexhaustible aquifer that lay beneath," he writes.

The Ogallala's worth became most apparent during the severe drought of the early 1950's. In 1950, there were 14,000 irrigation wells in the high plains, by 1954 that number had doubled to 27,500 as the Ogallala provided irrigation to 3.5 million acres.

Now it can easily be argued that the Ogallala accounts for 50 percent of the business in Senate District 31. The region I represent in Austin produces 35 percent of the agricultural products of the entire state. Water is the key element to that production.

Without the Ogallala, many, if not all, of the towns that are scattered throughout this region could not exist. It's feasible that pipelines could carry water from some other area to the major towns in this region, but certainly not all of them could be serviced at a reasonable expense. Clearly, the Ogallala Aquifer is vital to the future of this region.

However, the future of the Ogallala and the other aquifers of Texas does not look bright. It is being threatened by leaking underground gasoline storage tanks and the exorbitant cost of cleaning them up. Between Sept. 1, 1986 and the end of 1988, the Texas Water Commission was notified of 1,332 leaks or releases from underground storage tanks. Of those, 441, or about one-third, were confirmed to have affected groundwater.

Based on the growing age of the nation's underground storage tank population, Congressional studies indicate leaks will continue to escalate at a staggering rate. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 30 percent of the nation's underground storage tanks are leaking or will leak in the near future. Closer to home, several communities throughout the district are struggling with contaminated wells and identifying the source of the contamination.

The federal government responded to the problem by passing the 1984 Resource Conservation and Recovery Amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, which establishes standards for the operation, inspection, testing and closure of underground storage tanks. Under those guidelines, the 70th Texas Legislature was forced to enact similar standards under the direction of the Texas Water Commission. One of the primary considerations of the federal legislation is a requirement that individual tank owners maintain a minimum of \$1 million in pollution insurance for on-site and third party damages that may result from accidental re-

The cost of cleaning up a leaking underground storage tank can run more than \$1 million, but estimates put the average cleanup cost at \$80,000. The average businessman, the

Mom and Pop corner gas stations and the business that has a tank for convenience sake cannot shoulder that type of expense. They need insurance to meet both the regulatory requirements and the financial obligations

However, pollution insurance is very limited and very expensive. The State Board of Insurance tells me that Texas has only three carriers of pollution insurance. And if the insurance is available, the premiums are cost prohibitive. One example of a policy premium costing \$47,930 for six months of coverage at \$500,000 is offered by the Texas Oil Marketers Association. And that amount of pollution insurance is only half of what is required by the federal government. During 1988, liability coverage, which is normally carried in addition to the pollution coverage, cost \$16,480 for one year of coverage at \$1 million. Additionally, a business must pay the cost of a site assessment before the insurance company will approve the insurance—that can cost more than \$10,000. Again, the small businessman cannot afford those

Ît's a catastrophic dilemma we face: set the standards of compliance so high that hundreds of businesses must close their doors, or ignore the potential for contamination and see our most precious natural resource polluted. The question of financial responsibility for cleaning up the

messes of underground storage tanks does not lend itself to an easy solution. But, as my friend Mel Phillips is fond of saying, "All the easy problems have been solved. Only the tough ones remain."

I urge the people of Senate District 31 to give me their thoughts on this pressing issue by writing to me at P. O. Box 9155, Amarillo 79105.

National Ag Day Set March 20

National Agriculture Day, set to honor the nation's food and fiber providers, will be observed March 20.

According to Curtis Preston, County Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, business and consumer groups will join in honoring farmers and ranchers on that special day.

County, state and national observances of Agriculture Day will be keyed to the continuing theme of "Honoring America's Providers," said Preston.

Coordinated nationally by the Agriculture Council of America in Washington, D. C., the Agriculture Day observance is a part of National Agriculture Week, March 19-25.

"National Agriculture Day and Week observances can reflect the ideas and wishes of every community and county," said Preston.

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State Department of Highways and Public Transportation employees in the Donley and Briscoe County Maintenance offices were recently honored during the Sixth Annual Service and Safe Driving Awards Assembly. The prestigious event was held at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. Employees receiving awards were (front row, left to right) Rickey Minyard, Lynn Smith, Johnny Tiffin, Jack Eads, Joe Castillo; (back row, left to right) Larry Davis, Windle Thomas, Wade Proctor, James Thomas and Gail Bullock.



The \$470,000 cash transfusion pumped into High Plains cotton breeding efforts from 1983 through 1988 sounds like a lot of money. But it amounts to less than a fourth of the value added to a single average High Plains cotton crop by a price increase of only two-tenths of a cent per pound as a result of improved fiber quality.

That point was made February 28 in a Plains Cotton Improvement Committee (PCIC) meeting where the committee approved a 1989 breeding research grant of \$140,000, bringing the six-year grant total to \$510,000. The PCIC is a committee of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. It

was established in 1983 at the request of area compress owners to administer an intensive variety improvement program funded by compress collections of 10 cents per bale.

As described by Committee Chairman Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, the breeding program aims to "put and keep High Plains cotton producers ahead of the competition" in meeting the ever more demanding strength, fineness, maturity and other cotton quality requirements of domestic and foreign spinners.

Heading up the PCIP project is Dr. John Gannaway, highly regarded Experiment Station cotton breeder at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock. He is assisted by research associates Jane K. Deaver and R. Gary Smith. Germplasm lines are performance tested at the Lubbock center and at A&M's Pecos Research Station, and the effort is accelerated by utilizing an additional growing season at Tecoman in the tropical state of Colina, Mexico.

To date a total of 90 germplasm lines have been released to commercial breeders for incorporation into existing materials, and other releases are anticipated this year. Releases, Gannaway says, have been those exhibiting various combinations of excellent quality traits and yield potentials equal to or exceeding the yields of varieties now in commercial production.

Field testing of new varieties and strains under High Plains conditions at the Extension Center in 1988 produced the first solid evidence of program benefits to come. A total of 48 new strains and cultivars from commercial breeders were tested, of which five excelled in both quality and yield. Of those top five, Gannaway says, four contained germplasm developed and released by the producer-funded improvement program. All will undergo more extensive trials this year, the breeder continues, and limited quantities of seed from those performing up to expectations should be available to producers in 1990.

The grant request of \$140,000 approved by the committee for 1989, up from \$100,000 grants in each of the previous four years, includes a one-time expenditure of \$15,000 to revamp an existing greenhouse at the station for use in cold tolerance studies, and a recurring expense of \$15,400 to staff the facility.

The additional funds, Huffaker told the committee, should significantly expedite the search for early-maturing, high-quality varieties with resistance to the ascochyta blight that often reduces both quality and yields on the Plains.

Small Towns Are Worth Saving

(Editor's Note: The following article was taken from the February 28 edition of the Amarillo Daily News. This article was a letter to the editor and included his view on the importance of small towns.)

A sad thing is happening in the Panhandle of Texas. Many of its small rural communities and towns are dying. Not long ago, the small community was revered and respected. People looked upon small towns as places of opportunity and promise. Now

Dow Jones Names Karen House A Group Vice-Pres.

Dow Jones & Company says that Karen Elliott House, foreign editor of The Wall Street Journal, was appointed vice-president of Dow Jones' International Group, effective Wednesday, March 8

In her new post, Ms. House, 41, will report to James H. Ottaway, jr., a senior vice-president of Dow Jones and president of the International Group.

Dow Jones said that all editors and publishers of The Wall Street Journal/Europe, The Asian Wall Street Journal, the Far Eastern Economic Review, and The Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly will report to Ms. House, as will Dow Jones International Marketing Services. She will also oversee other foreign operations, investments and relationships now handled by Mr. Ottaway, who also is president of Dow Jones' Magazine Group and its Affiliated Companies Group, including Ottaway Newspapers,

Ms. House joined Dow Jones as a reporter in the Journal's Washington bureau in 1974 and was named diplomatic correspondent in 1978. She won a Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in 1984 and became foreign editor of the Journal the same

Ms. House is the daughter of Mrs. Bailey Elliott of Matador and the late Ted Elliott, and is the sister of Mrs. Stan (Lynda) Fogerson of Silverton.

Floydada Balloon Found Near Silverton

Mrs. Charles (Alpha) Francis found a green balloon with "Floydada" and green streamers on it Sunday in the yard of her home southwest of Silverton.

She thought it would be fun to share this item with those who might get word of it back to Floydada.

The average human scalp contains about 100,000 hairs.

The ballpoint pen was invented by Hungarian hypnotist, sculptor and journalist Lasalo Biro. He constructed the prototype and in 1938 applied for a patent.

they are considered dull and obsolete.

I like a small town. Most of what I know about life and people I learned in a small town. I learned that in a small town everyone has a responsibility to see that the town functions—time, money and interest are required by every citizen.

Even though I weighed 160 pounds and was an average athlete there was a place for me on the football team, basketball team and the track team. I was needed to fill out the cast in the junior/senior play. There was an opportunity given to me to compete in the speech contest. There was room for me and any other student who was willing to make the effort. It was provided in a small town school.

My family has status and position in a small town—so does every other family in town. Each family is known for how hard it works, where it goes to church and how its members behave.

Our local doctor, teacher, preacher, carpenter, farmer and banker not only served the family, they also played "42" in our home or in their home on weekends. When I was a child growing up, these people were our close friends and we cared a great deal for one another. They were all members of a small town.

There is little crime in a small town (everyone knows who did it), not much hunger in a small town (people share what they have) and not much failure in the local school (the classes are small enough that the teachers get around to each student every

Are small towns without value, obsolete, financially inefficient and dull? Should they be required to close down because their population is too small? Maybe we should look again. Maybe the "quality of life" is not in the number of restaurants, theaters and other amusements a city can offer. Maybe "quality of life" is found in the quality of relationships people have with one another. It could be found in the opportunities a town affords its citizens. Quality is knowing that I am somebody who everybody in town knows. It's the feeling of responsibility that I have toward my community. Small towns provide an environment for all of this.

Should we allow big government, big business and social planners to squeeze us into density, high population areas? It makes it much easier to control us and to make big profits off of us. How high is the "quality of life" in a metroplex?

It seems to me we should say, "Mr. Lawmaker, if you want to stay in office, make laws that support small towns, not laws that require them to die."

"Mr. Citizen, while your community has responsibilities to you, you also have responsibilities to your community. If you want it to serve you, you must also serve it."

I hope small towns survive, because I would like to grow old in a small town.

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Thanks to Viviana and Hector Rodriquez, the Church of Christ Ladies Bible Class, Sylvia Fogerson, Neva Comer, Jerry Smith, Pauline Jarnagin, Bessie Garrison, Elsie Cornett, Mary Tom Burson, Daphne McGavock, Faye Rampley, Ted and Lavern Kingery, James Edwards, Lynn Frizzell and Jerry Patton for the cards, assistance in the ambulance and every other expression of your friendship and concern while I ill and in the hospital.

Manuel Aguilar

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Silverton Fire Department, Vigo Park Fire Department, and our friends and neighbors for a job well done in fighting the fire we had last week. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to count on our community in time of need.

The Billy Cogdell family

To our neighbors and friends we say thank-you for all the nice

things you have done for us in

the past few months. Thanks for every prayer, visit,

phone call, the cards, food, flowers and your concern for us while I was in the hospital and since I came home.

Thanks to Walter Bean, Mule and Mary, Vivian and Lois for sitting with the family while I was in surgery. To our family, we would never have made it without your love and support.

For the love gift, we thank you. The Lord has truly blessed us in so many special ways.

Silverton people are the best in the world. We love you all. James and Lallie

Thanks to the firemen for putting out the grass fire in our back yard and saving our fence and home.

Virgal Minyard

Once again we would like to thank our great fire department for their quick response to a grass fire at our home. Thanks to the other wonderful people who helped put the fire out. It is people like these that make Silverton a great place to live. Thanks again to everyone who

J. C. and Stella Hall

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A long past-due thank-you to the employers of our volunteer ambulance and fire department personnel. These include Brown-McMurtry Implement, Briscoe County, Briscoe County News, City of Silverton, Silverton Oil Company, Silverton Elevators, Mackenzie Water Authority, Energas, First State Bank, Silverton Well Service, Farm Bureau and Hutsell Insurance, D & K Manufacturing.

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Also thanks to past employers who have allowed employees to be on call. The ambulance and fire departments could not operate without the cooperation of these people.

Thanks again,

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