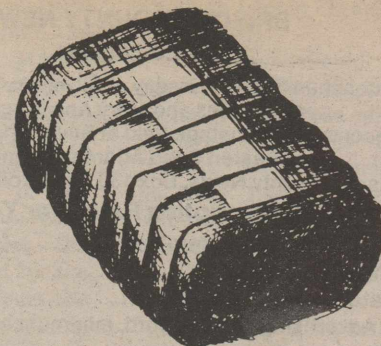


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Hello, everyone. I am doing fine and looking forward to my 103rd birthday (March 14). I want to thank all of you for the cards and letters I've received over the year. I read our local paper and try as I can to keep up with everyone. I am very happy and looking forward to a trip back home. Thank you all for being my friends. May the good Lord bless you. R. E. Brookshier, 5027 Yearly Dr. N. D., Olympia, Washington 98506.

Free Seminar to Provide New Tools for Cotton Profit

There's an additional incentive for Briscoe County cotton farmers to attend the annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and the Texas Cotton Ginners' Conference and Trade Show April 6 in Lubbock, says County Extension Agent Curtis Preston.

As an added feature of the PCG meeting, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will present a seminar, "New Tools for Building Profits," from 1:55 to 4:30 p.m. It will present a detailed look at new techniques and new technology to help area cotton producers increase their profit.

The seminar, and a demonstration beginning at 1:00 p.m., will give producers an opportunity to sit down at computer terminals and try out several software programs which could be especially helpful.

"Over the last few years, the management decisions facing a cotton farmer have become more and more complex," Preston said. "Changes in state and federal regulations, new technology, the introduction of computers as a farm tool, and detailed

record keeping requirements all add new challenges to the farmer's ability to manage all parts of crop production," he said.

"Our farmers are the best in the world and have traditionally taken advantage of new information which is adapted to our area," the county agent said.

He said the free seminar April 6 will include current research findings on conservation tillage; demonstration of GOSSYM/COMAX, a computer cotton crop simulation model, and other helpful computer programs; discussion of low energy precision application irrigation and of the cost effectiveness of stripper-mounted field cleaners.

Prior to the seminar, Extension specialists and county agents will demonstrate computer software programs which can help cotton producers.

Jon, Elaine, Coy and Kelli LaBaume, Nena and Kayla Hunt attended services at Rock Creek Church Easter Sunday and had lunch with their parents, Ashel and Mildred McDaniel.

Barky Cotton Task Force to Meet April 7

The Barky Cotton Task Force will hold its annual task force/producer meeting on Friday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. in room 108

Sharon Pigg Opening Private Law Practice

Sharon Sutton Pigg has announced that she is opening her private law practice in Silverton on Monday, April 3.

The office is in the Briscoe County Courthouse, and her private practice telephone number is 823-2520.

Church to Open Gospel Meeting This Sunday

A gospel meeting will open at the Silverton Church of Christ Sunday morning, and services will continue through Wednesday.

A former minister of the church, Gerald Beasley, now of Gary, Oklahoma, will be leading the services.

The schedule includes 9:00 a.m. Sunday Bible classes for those of all ages followed by worship services at 10:00 a.m. The evening worship begins at 6:00 o'clock.

Monday through Wednesday, services will be held at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and in addition, a ladies Bible class and salad luncheon will begin at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Minister Ted Kingery extended an invitation to visitors to attend any or all of these services.

4-H to Participate In Statewide Trash Off

Silverton 4-H Clubs are to participate in the Statewide Trash Off Saturday, April 1.

Everyone is urged to meet at the courthouse at 2:00 p.m. to go and clean their stretch of the highway and have refreshments.

Senior Citizens to Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will be celebrating the birthdays of those who have them in April at a party at the center beginning

of the Lubbock Civic Center.

In Texas alone, the number of barky bales has averaged over one million annually since 1981. The loss to Texas growers has exceeded \$20 million in some years.

Seeking to help organize a sharply focused program that would reduce the losses suffered by growers due to barky grades, the leadership of Plains Cotton Growers approached Cotton Incorporated for assistance. Organized at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences in 1986, the goal of the task force is the elimination of bark as a cotton problem.

In an effort to respond to priorities of those growers most affected by bark, the task force recently conducted a survey to identify priorities to which the task force resources should be devoted.

These priorities as well as ongoing research projects concentrating on the problem of barky cotton will be discussed at the April meeting which is open to all growers.

For further information, contact Dr. Bill Lalor, Cotton Incorporated at 1-919-782-6330.

BCAA to Have Clean-Up, Game Night

Briscoe County Activities Association met Thursday night of last week with 21 members present, and voted to go ahead with the repairing of the Show Barn.

The Briscoe County Birthday Celebration has been set for August 11-12.

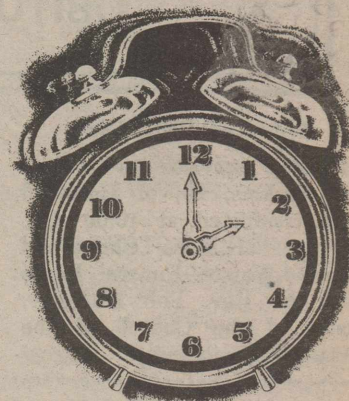
One hundred dollars was donated to the Girl Scouts to help with the purchase of badges and patches.

Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 1, beginning at 1:00 p.m., when members will pick up trash on their two-mile stretch of highway.

The next family game night will be Saturday, April 29, at the Show Barn. The charge will be \$5.00 per family. Refreshments will be furnished. Plan to attend the game night and have a good time with your friends.

at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

Those who had birthdays celebrated in March will host the April party.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

It's time to change to daylight saving time this weekend. Spring forward Saturday night by moving your clocks ahead one hour.

Absentee Voting To Open April 17

Absentee voting will open in the Silverton ISD and City of Silverton elections on Monday, April 17, and will continue through May 2. The elections will be conducted at the City Hall on Saturday, May 6.

Filing deadlines for both elections passed last week.

Five candidates, including the three incumbents, will be listed on the ballot for the Silverton ISD board of trustees. Incumbents are Cathey Weaks, Carolyn Lowrey and Jack Graham, and these will be joined on the ballot by Gerald Smith and Jimmy Burson.

Only the incumbents registered for places on the City Officers Election ballot. They are Mayor A. R. Martin and Councilmen John Bowman and Lynn Frizzell.

Managing Conflict Is Topic Of Program

"Managing Conflict" is the topic of a county-wide program set for Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

Conducted by Dr. Martha Couch, Extension 4-H and Youth Specialist from Lubbock, the program will focus on conflict management styles, problem solving, and communication in groups. Activities will be used to involve participants in resolution of problems. This will be an entertaining as well as an educational program.

All 4-H leaders, parents, youth group leaders, as well as those who work with adult groups are invited to attend. The program is free to the public.

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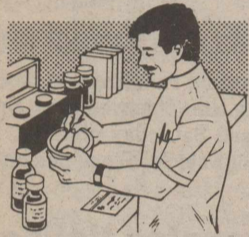
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OBITUARIES

WALTER PERKINS

Funeral services for Walter Lee Perkins, 69, of Hereford were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday in Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Huffaker, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating.



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Burial was at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. Rev. Jim Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton, officiated at the graveside services.

Mr. Perkins died at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at Deaf Smith General Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born in Silverton and moved to Hereford in 1959. He married Wilma Davis August 18, 1940, in Silverton. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a retired welder.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Ruby Sanders of Hereford and Linda Quintana of Amarillo; two brothers, Ott and

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**Cotton Futures
Workshop Planned
April 11-12**

A Cotton Futures and Options workshop will be held April 11-12 in the Crosby County Library in Crosbyton. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring the two-day workshop.

Deadline for registration is April 1, and there will be a \$20.00 registration fee.

For more information, contact Curtis Preston at the Briscoe County Extension Office, 823-2131.

**Lubbock Health
Department Having
Health Fair**

The Lubbock City Health Department is having a Health Fair April 7-8 at the South Plains Mall.

The Fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. both days.

Many booths will hand out literature or pamphlets, while some will test for cholesterol or blood pressure.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
HOSTESSES FOR APRIL**

Mon., Apr. 3--Ruby McWaters
Thu., Apr. 6--Mildred Reid
Fri., Apr. 7--Betty Olive
Mon., Apr. 10--Pauline Benefield
Thu., Apr. 13--Daphne McGavock
Fri., Apr. 14--LaVerne Mercer
Mon., Apr. 17--Marie Boling
Thu., Apr. 20--Rosalie Chitty
Fri., Apr. 21--Luncheon
Mon., Apr. 24--Juanita Stephens
Thu., Apr. 27--Grace Vaughan
Fri., Apr. 28--Vivian Hughes

**Lake Mackenzie
Fishing Report**

Cactus Cove Marina is now open every day, and reports that the water temperature at a four-foot depth is 52° and the lake depth at the dam is 104.8 feet.

Big catches weighed in at the marina during the past week include a 1¼-lb. black bass March 18 caught off the cove east of Williams Creek by Bryan Ohnesorge of Lubbock who was using a rust-colored Wolf jig.

March 24, Don Switzer and Sid Beach of Amarillo caught a 3¼-lb. and a 2¼-lb. black bass in Deadman's Creek using black plastic worms.

That same day, Don McKenzie of Plainview caught a 1¼-lb. bass in Tule Creek using a green plastic minnow sinker.

Last Saturday, a 7½-lb. wall-eye was caught off the main point using a chartreuse double blade spinner by Eddie Yelton of Amarillo.

The highest price quoted for a share of stock was \$38,400 for a Swiss drug company in 1976.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

April 5, 1979—Fifteen trees planted in Silverton Park by Century of Progress Study Club with proceeds of their Flag Wavers' Page... Graveside rites held for Joel R. Blocker... Jim Wilson to head Youth Evangelism Team to work with churches this summer... Hee Haw slated here Friday the thirteenth... Dickie Vaughn underwent open heart surgery last week at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock... OES honors 50-year member, Mrs. Jennie Fisher... Bess McWilliams elected president of Silverton EMS... Mrs. Don Curry, the former Arlene Lavy, honored at bridal shower... Jeremy Hester has been a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo since suffering a broken arm Monday...

March 27, 1969—Kim Cornett is a patient in the Plainview hospital this week after breaking her elbow in a fall Sunday... Gail Mayfield is runner-up in Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest sponsored by the Swisher Electric Cooperative... Services for Mrs. Cleora Dickenson held at Dalhart... Joan Cross wins county spelling bee... Burglary charges were filed Monday against two Silverton youths accused of breaking into Pinkie's Package Store at Lubbock... Danny Vaughan showed the champion Berkshire of the South Plains Junior Stock Show. The FFA project animal shown by Clinton Dickerson in the heavyweight Spot class placed first... George Strange buried Wednesday... Rain, snow leaves 1.40 inches of spring moisture... Mrs. Steve Miller honored at a surprise layette shower... Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Curby are parents of a son, Shawn Michael... Miss Zenobia Self has disclosed that she will assume duties as a teacher of European History at Wayland College in September...

March 26, 1959—Lenton Riley Harris won sixth place in the District Two Cotton Production Contest... Richard Tunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell, has accepted a position at the Hale Center Hospital as Registered Pharmacist... R. M. Haverty was dismissed from Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last Friday... John R. Foust dies in Las Vegas, New Mexico... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens, who live 10 miles south and one mile east of Silverton on the Floydada highway, have just completed a new red brick three-bedroom home, with dining room, den, living room, two baths, utility room and basement under the garage... Milt Jasper suffered a blackout at his home early Monday morning and was taken to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo by his son, Buddy Jasper... Wedding vows exchanged by Eva Lou Cowan and Roy Younger in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self... Mrs. J. C. Fowler, the former Thada Lackey, was honored with a miscellaneous shower last Thursday in the home of Mrs. Walter Brannon... Among out-of-town people here for the funeral of H. P. Howard

were several long-time friends and former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison, Miss Eunice Cox, Eddie Cox and Mrs. Clarice Bradley of Plainview; Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hamilton of Hereford...

March 31, 1949—The smaller and unfinished calves at the Briscoe County Fat Stock Show were held back for the Lubbock Show, and the following boys will be showing there: Kenneth Stephens, Bill Stephens, Donnie Stephens, Pat Northcutt, Jim Whitfill, W. D. Rowell, Fred Kellum, G. W. Chappell and Don Ledbetter... Seniors to sponsor Donkey Ball Game... Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Dudley are parents of a daughter, Connie Lynn... E.

T. Turner dies in automobile crash six miles south of Silverton... Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett... Miss Doris Dillard and Jesse Grimland united in marriage... Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan of the Haylake community recently moved to town after having lived at the same place for forty-five years...

March 30, 1939—W. A. Dickerson, 68, affectionately known as "Uncle Billie," died at Canyon Friday... Miss Mary Ruth Francis and J. L. West united in marriage by Earl Cantwell in an impressive ceremony in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Francis... Crop prospects aided by rain... Rev.

George A. Dale to conduct revival at First Baptist Church... J. J. Vardell, an old-timer in Silverton, has purchased the Helpy Self Laundry from Red Diviney and took charge of the place Monday... Edwin Davis and Ed May made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday... Mmes. Jim Bomar, Roy Brown, Luther Gilkeyson and Rastus Bomar went to Amarillo to take Zollie Bell Driver, where she was to take the train for Los Angeles, California to see her mother... Mrs. Willie West entertained her twin daughters Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner... The lowest point on land is the Dead Sea, 1,296 feet below sea level.



The calendar was changed during George Washington's lifetime. His birthday was originally on February 11, 1732.



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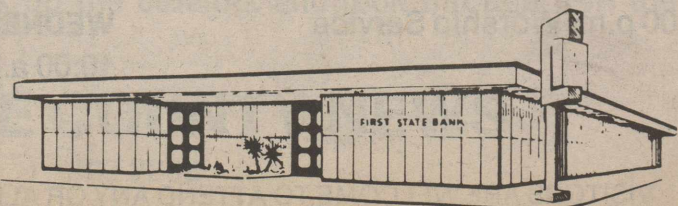


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Extension Homemakers Have Meeting March 13

Progressive Extension Homemakers held their first meeting of the month on Monday, March 13.

JonEtta Ziegler and Norma Garcia were hostesses for the meeting.

Club members enjoyed a short scavenger hunt and making table decorations for the District TEHA meeting.

Members paid annual dues and discussed the cookbook which is presently being compiled.

Those attending were Marsha Brunson, Bena Hester, Pat McWaters, Dianne Reynolds, Marsha Green, Colleen Reed, Brenda Gaskins, Jan Browning, Dorothy Martin, Lisa Schott, Roy Reed, Anita Ramsey, Beverly Minyard and Donna Estes.

For the second meeting of the month, Progressive Extension Homemakers enjoyed a meal and

tour of the Turkey Hotel, hosted by owner Jane Johnson Monday, March 27.

Club members enjoyed hearing the history of items in the hotel.

Attending were Dorothy Martin, Pat McWaters, Beverly Minyard, Norma Garcia, Colleen Reed, Lisa Schott, Lana Burson, JonEtta Ziegler, Gail Wyatt, Becky Francis, Roy Reed, Brenda Gaskins, Donna Estes, Mary Jo Brannon, Elaine Forbes, Beverly Bowman, Claudine Peery and County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson.

Next club meeting is April 10.

Rainbows may be seen at night. Just as the sun shines through a sheet of falling rain to cause a rainbow, the moon can cause the same effect.



Jeannita Stephens and Stephen Stephens are pictured with Tracie Ives (right) of Follett. All three are members of the cast of "Showdown at Rainbow Ranch" which will be presented at the Clarendon College Fine Arts Center April 13-16.

"Showdown at Rainbow Ranch" To be Presented April 13-16

The Clarendon College Theatre Department will be presenting its spring theatre production April 13-16 at the Clarendon College Theatre. The production will be the Old West Melodrama,

"Showdown at Rainbow Ranch."

Production times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 13-15, 7:00 p.m. One dollar will be deducted from the ticket price for senior citizens for the Friday night performance. Sunday, April 16, there will be a 2:00 p.m. matinee.

Regular cost of tickets for the production will be \$3.00 per person. If your club or school group makes reservations by April 10, they will receive their tickets at a half-price of \$1.50.

If you would like to bring your group to any of the performances, please make reservations and some great seats will be reserved for you.

Members of the cast from Silverton are Jeannita Stephens as Becky Mae and Stephen Stephens as Sheriff Bidwell. Others are Trina Zaring of Stinnett as Rainbow Heatherston; Jamie Parker of Amarillo as Hattie; Billy Don Hughes of Flomot as Toby; Trubert Flowers of Perryton as Mathew; Monte Hollar of Clarendon as Cleaver; Shona Grissom of Memphis as Madame Zorelda. Neighbor ladies include Dee Dee Laumbach of Hope, New Mexico and Tracie Ives of Follett. The production crew includes Deana Rucker of Canadian on sound, Pamela Ehly of Nazareth on publicity. Members of the Sheriff's Possee include Bill McDonald of Perryton, Rusty Shahan of Harmon, Oklahoma and Kyle White of Arnett, Oklahoma.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

March 30—Wilma Gill, Cynthia Glenn, Lisa Farley, Roberta Griffin, Ernestine Meier, Molly Bomar

March 31—Sylvia Trevino, Angela Henderson, Terry Davis

April 1—Anne Bryant, Nanette Kennedy, Otis Polley, Billy Settle

April 2—Kathy Brown, Paul Brannon, Becky Drew, Danny Perkins

April 3—Will Rowell, Steve Green

April 4—Loretha Rhoderick

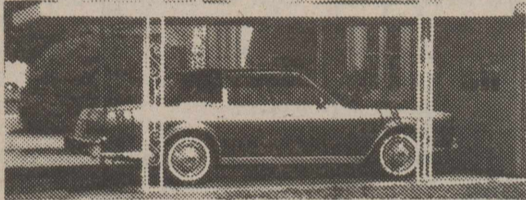
April 5—John Segura, Mari Rhode, Flip Baker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

March 31—Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones

April 4—Mr. and Mrs. Wimpy Vardell

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Little Dribblers Scoring up a Storm

In Little Dribbler action Friday, March 24, Bena Hester and Nancy Wood's Green Team defeated James Edwards' Red Team by a score of 28 to 10. Third and fourth graders scoring for the Green Team were Leland Wood with 14 points, Christopher Justice with two points. Heidi Tiffin, Jonathan Ivory and Terry Davis added four points each. Anthony Gamble made all 10 points for the Red Team.

In the second game of third and fourth graders, Mike Juarez and Barry Francis' Navy Team defeated the Brunsons' Yellow Team in the last quarter 21 to 12. Leading the Navy Team to victory was Arnold Garza with 17 points. Trey Ziegler added another four points. Trey Wyatt was high pointer for the Yellow Team with 10 points. Lacy Brunson tossed in two points.

Fifth and sixth grade action saw James Edwards and Max Weaver's Green Team defeat Mike Juarez and Barry Francis' Blue Team 32 to 3. High pointer for the Green Team was Phil Patino with 18 points. Jess Brannon scored 12 points and Rosa Segura tossed in two. Brandi Breedlove netted two points for the Blue Team, along with Dewayne Juarez who added one point.

Last game of the night saw the Smiths' Purple Team defeat the Johnstons' Orange Team 25 to 10. Leticia Vargas was high pointer for the Purple Team with 10 points. Manuel Vargas scored eight points, Kristi Smith got five points and Oscar Vargas tossed in two points. Peter Trevino and Esmeralda Garza both scored four points for the Orange Team. Rico Cordes added two points.

Little Dribblers basketball was underway Tuesday, March 21, with a few players missing because of the flu.

Mike Juarez and Barry Francis' Navy Team, made up of third and fourth graders, defeated James Edwards' Red Team 36 to 4. Arnold Garza led the Navy Team with a big 30 points. Jared Francis tossed in four points and Trey Ziegler scored two. Minerva Patino scored the four points for her Red Team.

In the fifth and sixth grade action, Larry Comer's Red Team defeated Connie and Lynn Smith's Purple Team 42 to 16. Michael Hill was leading scorer with 32 points. Cy Comer rang up eight points and Brandi Brunson contributed two points. Leticia Vargas led the Purple Team with eight points, along with Manuel Vargas who scored two points. Holly Nance and Oscar Vargas rang up two points each, and Vanessa Martin got two points.

Also in fifth grade action, Bill Brooks' Black Team defeated Diane and David Johnston's Orange Team 20 to 7. Leading the Black Team was Jeremiah Brooks with eight points. Jo Ann Ramirez, Maria Castillo and Johnny Leal tossed in four points each.

Come out Friday night and support the Little Dribblers. Games begin at 5:00 p.m. Baked potatoes, sandwiches, nachos,

brownies, rice krispies and lots of goodies are available at the concession stand.

LINES FROM Y N D A

Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent
**IS FOOD HAZARDOUS
TO YOUR HEALTH?**

Every newspaper and TV broadcast seems to add one more food to the growing list of those which could be "hazardous to your health." Yet food is our body's fuel to keep us healthy. So how do we deal with his dilemma?

First of all, we must use common sense. If we get paranoid and try to remove from our diet every food that has ever been accused of "possibly" causing cancer, we could starve to death. It is also not possible for the entire population of the United States to grow their own groceries, tie a cow in their backyard to provide milk and butter, and add a pen of chickens for healthy poultry and eggs.

Second, the U. S. government has many agencies looking out for our health and welfare. Even though some of the procedures they must use and the limited personnel and budget available may hinder some of their work, the Food and Drug Administration, USDA, the Environmental Protection Agency and others probably provide us with a safer food supply than any other country. Of course, sadly, there are those who choose to maliciously tamper with our food supply, and we must depend on our protective agencies always to be vigilant in monitoring this.

Thirdly, many of our own health habits and food handling habits could be as dangerous as any food we eat. For example, do you always wash your hands before preparing food and wash the produce before eating it? Do you refrigerate leftover food promptly? Do you cook meat, poultry and eggs to the recommended temperature? Do you thoroughly wash a cutting board after using it to cut up raw meat before cutting up salad vegetables on it?

How about our health habits? Do we monitor our weight, not smoke or consume alcohol in excess, wear seat belts, get medical checkups, and have adequate exercise?

I'm not trying to be sarcastic, but we will die from some disease or accident. Our food supply is just one of the many possible hazards associated with living each day. We should take all precautions to have our food as safe as possible when we get it and then make sure that we handle it safely once it is in our home.

We should not live each day fearful of every morsel that goes into our mouths. The benefits of healthy, nutritious food far outweigh the harms. We must put our food fears in perspective and

Tourism Division to Hold One-Day Workshop

The Tourism Division, Texas Department of Commerce, is presenting a one-day workshop of festivals and events management for organizations and individuals wanting to plan new

festivals, improve current festivals, or develop more successful fund-raising events.

The workshop, "Putting All the Pieces Together," is being offered on April 18, at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce hosted by the Lubbock CVB, South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), and Southwestern Public Service Company. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be concluded by 4:00 p.m.

The registration fee of \$35.00 includes lunch and a comprehen-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you seems a very small thing to say for all the help that our friends gave us when they gave to the fund set up for Pee Wee.

By helping us get to the Clinical Research Clinic at Vanderbilt in Tennessee, we were able to find out that what he has is an uncommon disease called Multiple Systems Atrophy or M.S.A. for short. This is a combination of things. One is Parkinsonism, incoordination and orthostatic hypotension.

In the State of Texas, there might be fifty people with this, and Pee Wee is one of them.

They just tried to help him with his orthostatic hypotension (low blood pressure). They ran tests every day we were there except on weekends. They tried several medicines on him, some older and some new, and they all worked on him.

The doctors and nurses became just like family and spoiled him something awful. It was hard to leave such a nice friendly place, but we were ready to get back home. Pee Wee is holding his own in the blood pressure department and as time goes by, hope it gets better.

If anyone wants to know about Vanderbilt, we can give them telephone numbers and some of the doctors' names. They do studies on a lot of things there. Again we want to thank you and tell everyone to come and see us.

Pee Wee and Pat Tidwell

balance these concerns with all the other lifestyle habits we practice. Our mental attitude about health can also contribute a great deal to our overall health and well-being.

sive workbook that covers topics ranging from organization and budgeting to insurance requirements and marketing your event.

Additional information is available from Cheryl Pink at the Southwestern Public Service Company, 806/378-2173 or Lynda Garrett at the Tourism Division, Texas Department of Commerce, 512/320-9424.



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Internships Available For Senior Citizens

U. S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius today announced that internships are available for senior citizens interested in learning more about the workings of Congress and the status of issues important to senior citizens.

The internships are for May 21-27, 1989. It is sponsored by the Congressional Senior Intern Program and the Close Up Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan organization.

Deadline for applications is April 7, and applications are available from Sarpalius' office in Washington, D. C. The address is 1223 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515. The telephone number is (202) 225-3706.

"I think this program could be tremendous for many senior citizens in the 13th District," said Sarpalius, D-Amarillo. "This program provides some of the most practical, in-depth information about Congress and the federal government available anywhere."

Interns spend six days in Washington attending a series of seminars and workshops about Congress and the government.

Topics include Social Security, health care, the role of the media in government and international relations as well as a special seminar that offers tips on how to lobby Congress effectively for senior citizens' programs.

The week-long schedule also includes a tour of Washington and many of its famous landmarks, an on-site study of the workings of the West German Embassy and a working afternoon in a congressman's office. Numerous evening entertainment activities are planned.

Sarpalius said potential interns should be aware there is a cost associated with the program. Participants will have to pay \$760 plus transportation costs. The price covers meals, lodging, workshops and entertainment.

Spouse packages also are available for \$600 (meals, lodging and entertainment) or \$260 (lodging only). Transportation costs are not included in those prices.

Sarpalius said many communities raise funds to sponsor a senior intern's trip. Such efforts have helped make the program available to senior citizens who

Alar Poses "Negligible Risk"

Amid continuing controversy about the health threat of pesticide residues in apples, the Texas Commissioner of Health has said that much of the information being offered the public has been, "at worst, misleading, and at best, incomplete."

Dr. Robert Bernstein has said that the strictly regulated use of Alar (chemical name, daminozide), until its federally scheduled discontinuance on July 31, 1990, should pose only "negligible risk" to consumers.

"I want to make it clear that the Texas Department of Health (TDH), as always, is deeply concerned about Texans' consumption of possibly hazardous food products. However, in view of all the evidence TDH has amassed, it appears that the public threat of Alar has been greatly exaggerated," Dr. Bernstein said.

Dr. Bernstein explained that much of the debate which led to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 1990 ban on Alar use on apples was spurred by public response to a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). In the report, the council stated that 90 percent of the pesticide-attributable cancer risk to children could be traced to Alar and one of its chemical constituents, UDMH. The report calculated risk levels 100 times higher than did a similar, but more thorough, EPA study.

"First of all, the NRDC calculations were based upon very rough estimates drawn from tests on animals," Dr. Bernstein

otherwise would not be able to attend.

"We know this isn't cheap, but this is not a government subsidized program. It must pay for itself," Sarpalius said. "There's no question the program is worth it. Anyone who attends this program will never forget it."

said. "And second, the report's estimates of Alar's potency as a cancer cause were rejected by an independent scientific advisory panel as long ago as 1985.

"To be fair to the NRDC, I want to say that even though we feel its report was scientifically flawed, we agree with the council's general recommendations on how to improve food safety," Dr. Bernstein said.

The commissioner added, however, that he also agrees with the EPA's definition of "negligible risk." The term means that, while it may be impossible for anyone to avoid ALL risk of cancer from a given dietary source, any additive to a food source is unacceptable if it poses a risk of cancer for more than one additional person per million persons exposed.

Dr. Bernstein further noted that reports show usage of Alar in the apple industry has dropped from 40 percent of apple crops in 1985 to about five percent today. A recent EPA test showed that less than two percent of apples contained detectable amounts of the chemical, none of which approached EPA tolerance levels of 20 parts per million. Therefore, the present risk to the public from consuming apples is considerably less than one cancer instance per million, and is dropping rapidly.

Comings And Goings

Will Hill, son of Fred and Lois Hill, went home with his granddad, Loyd Stephens, of Loving, New Mexico, since he was on Spring Break last Wednesday. Lois Hill, Staci and Richie met Ricky and Amanda Stephens of Snow Mass, Colorado, and all enjoyed Easter with their parents and grandparents.

The group enjoyed going to Carlsbad Caverns, since this was

Amanda Stephens' first visit to the Caverns. Ricky and Amanda Stephens, Staci and Richie Hill walked down, while Loyd and Laverne Stephens, Lois and Will Hill rode the elevator down.

Spending Easter with Christine and Oford King were their daughter, Brenda and Amy Waide of Plainview, a nephew, Jack Lynn King, Jackie, Christina and John of Atlanta, Florida, and another daughter, Kathy Via, Chance and Will of Canyon.

Those who spent Friday with Billie and Lucy McDaniel were Lewis and Jean McDaniel of Hereford, a grandson, Mace, of Snyder, and a granddaughter, Amanda of Angelo State University. Amanda spent Saturday night here, and left Sunday to return to school.

The first telegraph message transmitted by telegram was "What hath God wrought?" in 1844.

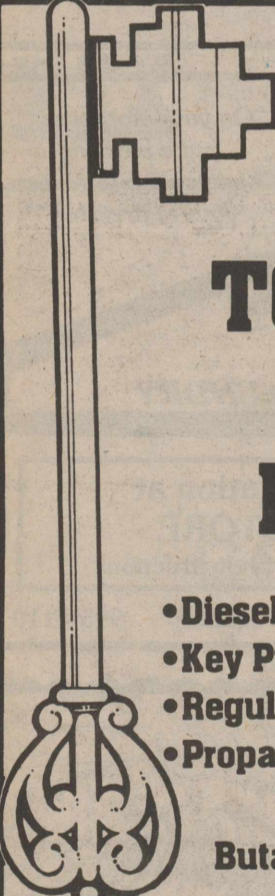
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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Timothy J. Weight, Resident Engineer, Childress, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D. C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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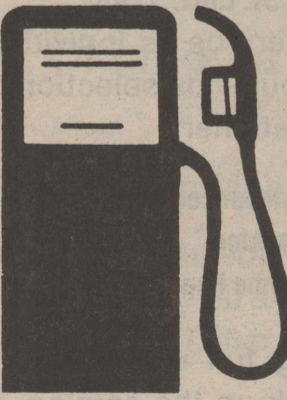
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"A Preview of Things to Come" is how officials are describing the 32nd annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Registration is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. April 6 in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in conjunction with the annual meeting and trade show of the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association.

Cooper Evans, Special Agricultural Advisor to President George Bush, will provide an advance look at upcoming farm legislation from the perspective of the current Administration. Hal Lewis, cotton farmer, seed breeder and member of USDA's Cotton Marketing Advisory Committee, will give his assessment of how the advent of Beltwide high volume instrument cotton classification (HVI), spurred by the quality requirements of advanced textile technology, will affect future cotton price determinations and marketing strategies.

The morning portion of the meeting, including certification of elected directors and reports from President Steve Verett of Ralls and Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, will conclude at noon. Following a farm-grown catfish and chicken lunch for all attendees, the newly certified board will convene for election of 1989-90 officers.

An afternoon session, a new feature of PCG annual meetings, will offer a multi-faceted seminar on "New Tools for Building Profits," conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The seminar will open after lunch with an hour-long demonstration of computer software programs designed to assist

growers with production and financial management decisions. Among these will be the GOSSYM/COMAX program, a cotton gorp simulation model; TAMCERT, a cash record keeping program, and TAMWFARM, a whole-farm financial planning system.

Dr. Dave Albers, Extension Agronomist with USDA's GOSSYM/COMAX information unit of Starkville MS, will explain how that program can be used as a management tool, and Extension Economist Dr. Jackie Smith of Lubbock will discuss other computer applications for cotton production and management.

Dr. Wayne Keeling, assistant agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will report on the use of conservation tillage to increase yields and profits; Dr. William Lyle, Lubbock Experiment Station agricultural engineer, will extoll the economic advantages of low energy precision application in cotton irrigation, and the cost effectiveness of stripper-mounted field cleaners will be discussed by Dr. Allen Brashears, USDA's Agricultural Research Service engineer at Lubbock.

Evans, a former two-term congressman and House Agriculture Committee member from Iowa, played an active role in drafting the 1981 and 1985 farm bills and agricultural credit legislation. Having served on the President's Agricultural Policy Advisory Group in Bush's 1980 vice presidential campaign and on the 1988 Republican platform committee, Evans is expected to have direct access to the Presi-

dent on a regular basis.

Lewis holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Texas A&I University, a master's degree from the University of Houston and a PhD in biochemical genetics from the University of Arkansas. He was a professor in the biology department at Texas Tech University from 1963 to 1968 and served as director of research for Cotton Incorporated from 1968 to 1974. He is the mid-south producer representative on the Cotton Marketing Advisory Committee, serving with PCG's Verett, who represents producer interests in the Southwest region.

Expense Reduction Measures Will Be Necessary by GTE

GTE Southwest President E. L. (Buddy) Langley told employees March 27 that layoffs, investment reductions and other measures will be necessary parts of the company's response to the recent Public Utility Commission of Texas ruling in the company's rate filing.

Langley said the commission's order requiring GTE Southwest to reduce rates by \$59 million will force the company to eliminate jobs now held by almost 600 Texas employees, release more than 100 contractors who are currently working for GTE and defer filing approximately 400 existing vacancies—a total of 1,100 jobs eliminated.

In addition, GTE Southwest will be reducing its capital investment budget by more than \$100 million and deferring or eliminating further modernization of telephone switching centers and networks in Texas which were already scheduled to be done in 1989. The company will abandon plans for a new \$40 million facility in Irving, reduce \$5 million of vehicle orders and there will also be \$2 to \$3 million of additional reduced or deferred expenses such as training, building repairs and other items.

In the interim, Langley said the company has filed for rehearing with the PUC, which is now scheduled for April 5 in Austin, and will pursue all legal avenues to modify the commission's final order and its "devastating impact" on GTE Southwest's operations.

"If we are not successful in the rehearing process, we will appeal the commission's action. We are optimistic that our legal position will be ultimately upheld," Langley said.

"But because of the time required in the appeals process and our potential financial exposure, we must take immediate action to reduce expenses." These actions however, only take into consideration the \$59 million reduction and are steps necessary to keep the company financially sound. If GTE SW was required to implement the retroactive portion of the commission's order, and reduce an additional \$138 million, "the company would be in a very, very serious financial position," Langley said.

"Our net income would drop drastically and our interest coverage would be inadequate. No one can possibly know how to react or adjust to meet customers' needs under the devastating

effect of such a retroactive rate order. It will simply cripple the company. The revenue stream will be significantly decreased.

"It is obviously very painful to release employees who have been responsible for bringing our service quality to one of the highest of any telephone company in the state. Yet the revenue levels mandated by the PUC simply will not support the programs that we now have. These programs have allowed us to achieve excellent service and to build a modern telecommunications infrastructure—better serving existing customers and helping attract new business and industry to the state. The commission's action leaves us no option but to drastically reduce expenses," Langley said.

The employee reductions will be widespread and touch virtually every area where employees are located. The greatest impacts will be in locations where the company has the largest number of employees.

Social Security In Briscoe County

by Terry J. Clements

Social Security beneficiaries who file annual earnings reports should be sure to estimate their future earnings as carefully as possible. The earnings estimate is the basis for their benefit payment for the year and is the key to preventing overpayments.

All beneficiaries who earned over the annual earnings limits in 1988 are required to send reports of their earnings to Social Security by April 17. The reports must show how much they earned during 1988 and how much they expect to earn in 1989.

The annual earnings limits for people 65 and over are \$8,400 during 1988 and \$8,880 in 1989; for people under 65, the limits are \$6,120 in 1988 and \$6,480 during 1989. The limits do not

apply to people 70 and over the entire year.

Employees should note that the amount that must be reported for 1988 is gross earnings, the amount shown in the block labeled "Social Security wages" on their 1988W-2 form(s). For self-employed persons, the amount that must be reported is net income after the deduction of business expenses.

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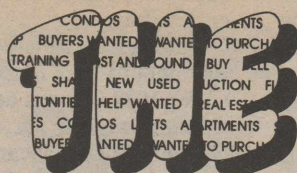
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