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Candidates Tossing Hats Into Political Arena

Janice Hill Is Seeking Re-Election As Treasurer

Janice Hill has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that she is a candidate for re-election as Treasurer of Briscoe County, subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

In making her announcement, she said, "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the county during the past three years as your County Treasurer.

"I believe that with the experience I've gained and the continuing education I've earned by attending the seminars at Texas A&M University each year, I will be able to run the office more efficiently and effectively during another term, if reelected.

"Your vote and continued support will be greatly appreciated in the March 13th Primary," she concluded.

Outdoor Lighting Contest Planned

L. O. A. Junior Study Club is sponsoring an outdoor lighting contest during the holiday season.

Prizes will be awarded to those judged best.

Everyone is needed to participate.

Judge Cave to Seek Re-Election

David Cave, Judge of the 110th Judicial District, has announced his candidacy for re-election.

Judge Cave is presently completing his first term as District Judge.

A formal statement will follow at a later date.

Senior Citizens Going To Plainview Tuesday Night

Silverton Senior Citizens will be going to Plainview Tuesday night, December 12, to view the Christmas decorations. They will enjoy their evening meal in Plainview.

Members are asked to be at the center at 4:00 p.m., and the group will leave soon after that time.

Church Women to Sell Tamales Today

The women of Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church are selling tamales today (Thursday). You may order by calling 823-2022, or going by the church.

Tamales will be ready at lunch-

Fred Strange Is Entering Race For Commissioner

Fred A. Strange has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is offering himself as a candidate for Commissioner of Briscoe County Precinct 4.

He made the following statement regarding his candidacy: "I have been a citizen of Briscoe County all my life. I was graduated from Silverton High School in 1947. After nearly two years in the U. S. Navy, I helped my dad, Bryan Strange, farm until 1951. I was then drafted into the U. S. Army, and served 21 months in Korea.

"After being discharged in 1953, I married Wanda Poole of Floydada. We have two wonderful children, Ronnie and Darla, and they both live in Amarillo with their families.

"I started to work for the City of Silverton in 1953, and worked 13 years as City Secretary until I was appointed Postmaster in July of 1966. I have recently retired from this position after over 23 years of service.

"If elected, I will do my very best in this position and I will be working for all the people of Briscoe County.

"I will see each registered voter in my precinct before the election," Strange added.

Bess McWilliams Announces For Re-Election as Clerk

Bess McWilliams has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce her candidacy for re-election as County and District Clerk.

In her statement to the voters, she said, "First I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve as your County and District Clerk.

"I hope that my experience, care and concern for the records of our County and the manner in which I have kept them will merit your continued support.

"I would appreciate your vote and influence in the Primary March 13, 1990," she said.

It's Santa Letter Time Once Again

Once again, it's time for the kids to be writing their letters to Santa.

The letters may be brought to the newspaper office or mailed in care of the Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton 79257, and they will be copied for use in the Christmas edition and forwarded to Santa through a special arrangement with the North Pole. The letters also will be received by the local newspaper if they are mailed to Santa at the North Pole.

Get busy, kids, and write those letters now. And watch for them to appear in the Christmas edition of your hometown newspaper.

James Edwards Is Seeking Re-Election

James Edwards, Justice of the Peace of Briscoe County Precinct 1, has authorized the local newspaper to announce that he is a candidate for re-election to this position, subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

Edwards is a paramedic in the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Services, which makes him well qualified to serve as coroner, and is a volunteer with the Silverton Fire Department. He serves as a coach for the summer youth baseball program and for the youth basketball program, and works as a volunteer in other community service activities.

He was nominated for the "Seven Who Care" award last year, as were 350 other community volunteers from all across the Panhandle. He finished in the top 25 in this recognition, for which he was nominated by two of his peers in the local ambulance service.

In making his announcement, Edwards said, "I would like to serve you another four years.

"I have had 160 hours of continuing education during my first term in office, and this equips me to do a better job for you.

"I expect to be able to devote more time to my duties during the coming months. I will be coming by to ask each of you in my precinct for your vote between now and the date of the Primary, and until then, I will appreciate your influence in my behalf," he concluded.



POST-SEASON HONORS—Post-season honors have come to several members of the Silverton Owls varsity football team. Recipients are (back row, left to right) Bradley Brunson, Frank Lowrey and Brian Martin; (front) Bryan Ramsey, Kendal Minvard and Wavne Henderson.

Briscoe County News Photo

One-Day Futures, Options Workshops Set

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a one day intermediate level futures and options workshop for agriculture producers December 15. The purpose of the workshop is to acquaint producers with pricing strategies for marketing wheat, feed grains and cattle. In addition, market outlooks, basis update, developing a marketing plan and the development of the 1990 farm bill will be addressed.

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday December 15, at the Texas A & M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo. The cost of the workshop is \$25.00

per participant which covers the cost of materials and a luncheon. Preregistration is required by Friday December 8th. For registration forms or more information, contact the County Extension office at 823-2131.

Basketball Schedule Cards Available

Pocket basketball schedules for the high school and junior high school Owls and Owlettes are available at the office of the Briscoe County News and Old World Printing and Mailing.

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OBITUARIES

AMOS TURNER

Funeral services for Amos Turner, 89, who died recently in Durant, Oklahoma were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday of last week at the Faith Baptist Church in Bokchito, Oklahoma. The Revs. Phillip Roland, Fred Ward and



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Craig Turner officiated. Burial followed in the Bokchito Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Dalton-Holmes Funeral Home of Durant.

Mr. Turner was born September 13, 1900 in Bells, and was a son of Samuel and Rildia Turner. He married Wilma Pharr August 2, 1926 in Plainview.

He was a farmer and rancher, and had formerly operated a grocery store and post office. He was active in local politics and the Baptist Church. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Silverton.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Barbara Nicholson of Bokchito; a son, Richard Turner of Odessa; a sister, Evelyn Gilkeyson of

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Dallas; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a brother-in-law of Pauline Turner and a former Silverton resident.

Social Security In Briscoe County

by Mary Jane Shanes

A person who continues to work while receiving social security or supplemental security income (SSI) disability payments may deduct certain impairment-related work expenses when social security or SSI payments are figured. The cost of such items may be deducted even if they are also used for daily living, such as would be true of a wheelchair; however, social security must approve each deduction and the amount.

Deductible expenses include the cost of medical devices, such as wheelchairs, braces, prostheses, hemodialysis equipment, and medical supplies, such as catheters. Payment to an attendant for help in getting to and from work also is deductible (although there are special rules when these services are provided by family members), as is payment for an interpreter for the deaf.

Certain unusual transportation costs, such as modification to a vehicle, are deductible. The same applies to work-related equipment, such as typing aids, telecommunications devices for the deaf, and special tools needed for work. Modifications within the home, including the construction of ramps and railings to improve mobility, also may be deductible.

Drugs and related medical services may qualify as a deduc-

tible expense. These include anticonvulsant and antidepressant medication as well as drugs

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through the files of the Briscoe County News

December 13, 1979-Gary Turner recently won honors as the YMCA'Outstanding Lifter' and is on his way to becoming a nationally-competitive powerlifter...Mrs. Linda Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones, featured in Plainview Reporter News...Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood are parents of a son, Leland Chaney...Billy McGavock was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo recently by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service after he was injured in a one-vehicle accident on a county road north of Lake Mckenzie...

December 11, 1969-Jimmie House had bagged a trophy 12-point buck deer east of Silverton...Terry Bomar, Bill Strange named to All-District football team...J. J. Vardell, 87, Buried Saturday afternoon...Services held for Bruce Burleson, 70...Sid McFall, 78, buried at Quitaque...William Darrell Long servingas Chaplain's Assistant with the Fifth Battalion, Second Artillery, at Bein Hoa, north of Saigon in Vietnam...Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy, jr. are parents of a son, Ken David...Mr. and Mrs. Lynn D. McDonald are parents of daughter, Anessa Lynn...

December 3, 1959—Last rites held for Mrs. W. B. Hughes, 81...Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal, Eldon and Clela enjoyed a holiday in Corpus Christi from Wednesday through Monday. Eldon had good luck fishing...Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn and family in Tulia...Jene Montague and Ted Hancock, children of Mr. andMrs. Gordon Montague, underwent tonsillectomies in the Plainview hospital on Wednesday of last week...Max Weaver recently underwent a tonsillectomy in Tulia hospital...Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May spent Thanks-giving Day with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill May, at Happy...Mrs. E. C. Newman, Mrs. T. G. Olive and Betty Olive were in Tulia on Tuesday of last week...Johnnie Ted Bingham underwent an emergency appendectomy at Northwest Texas Hospital on Tuesday night of last week...

December 15,1949-Winfield Scott Dunham fatally injured when he fell from a county road maintainer Monday afternoon... Cotton giffing report shows 9,656 bales for county...Ordinance prohibits firecracker firing within city...Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards transacted business in Plainview Friday...Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney honored their sister-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barrett, with a birthday dinner for Mrs. Barrett ...Mrs. Joe Mercer and Mrs. Ben O. King entertained with a bridge party Friday afternoon. Mrs. Tom Bomar won high score and Mrs. W. Coffee, jr. won low score. Mrs. Avis Cowart won the traveling prize...

December 1, 1939—Morgan Garvin, Clovis McGavock and Aaron Frieze killed at railroad crossing in South Plains when their car collided with a freight train...Owls trample Turks 41-0... Gaynell Douglas in Who's Who at West Texas State College...Rev. John Thorns transferred to Athens, Louisiana Presbyterian Church...'Hatch Anderson is going to Edwards County to do a little dear hunting. Josephine is going to the A & M-Texas football game while he is hunting the dears,' wrote Editor Roy Hahn...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...
December 7—Jamie Frizzell,
Dee McWilliams, Michael
Rampley, Annie Grabbe
December 8—LaJuan Eddle-

man, Norby Garcia

Fay Perkins, Manuel Aguilar, Tim Mattheus

December 11—Dock Wallace, Kori Baird

December 12—Earl Cantwell, Tom Burson, Dora Storie

December 13—Debbie Mc-Gavock, Jason Turner, Mary Melendez, Lupe Aguilar

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December 7-Mr. and Mrs.

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December 8—Mr. and Mrs.

Guinn Fitzgerald

December 11—Mr. and Mrs.

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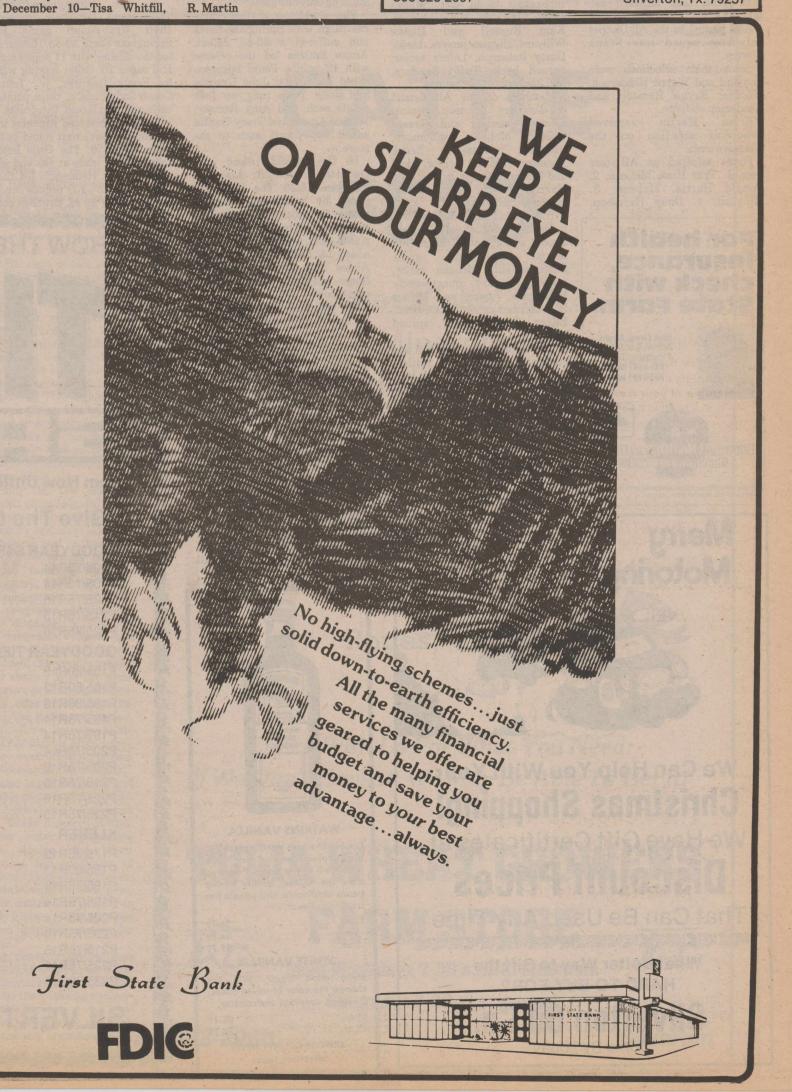
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Owls Named to All-District Teams

named to the All-District football team in a meeting of coaches recently. Bradley Brunson was named to both the offensive and defensive first teams, and Kendal Minyard was named to the defensive squad and was designated as the third All-Star choice. The first two All-Stars will be invited to play in the game at the Six-Man Coaching School next summer, and if either of them is unable to take part in that game, then Minyard will take his place.

Also named to the All-District defensive squad was Frank

Second-team selections were Minyard and Wayne Henderson, offense; Bryan Ramsey and Henderson, defense.

Brian Martin received honorable mention on the offensive team.

Those selected as All-Stars were 1. Tres Hess, McLean; 2. Donald Harris, McLean; 3. Minyard; 4. Doug Hardison,

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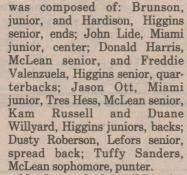
The All-District offensive team was composed of: Brunson, senior, ends; John Lide, Miami junior, center; Donald Harris, McLean senior, and Freddie Valenzuela, Higgins senior, quarterbacks; Jason Ott, Miami junior, Tres Hess, McLean senior, Kam Russell and Duane Willyard, Higgins juniors, backs; Dusty Roberson, Lefors senior, spread back; Tuffy Sanders,

Members of the All-District defense are Brunson, junior, Lowrey, senior, and Caesar Looney, McLean sophomore, Russell, linemen; Thompson, Miami senior, Hess and Minyard, senior, linebackers; Harris, safety; Kyle Fields, Miami senior, kicker.

The second-team offense was

The second-team defense was composed of Robert Miller, Groom junior, Hardison and Hill, linemen; Rob Sanderson, McLean senior, Jay Brittain, Groom senior, and Ramsey, linebackers;

Win Owls



made up of Richard Jenkins, Groom senior, and William Gill, Miami sophomore, ends; Dewayne Hill, McLean junior, center; Minyard, quarterback; Henderson, junior, and Dennis Hill, McLean junior, backs; Brian Baker, Groom junior, spread back.

Henderson, safety.



Silverton's varsity basketball teams will be playing at Lockney Friday night, with a junior varsity game scheduled to lead off the action at 5:00 p.m.

The teams will be hosting Patton Springs Tuesday night, with a junior varsity game also scheduled at 5:00 p.m.

Last week the teams played in Springlake-Earth Tournament, with each team winning only one game.

The Owlettes opened their campaign with Springlake-Earth and suffered a 60-33 defeat. Aimee Francis led the offense with 12 points. Penni Fogerson caged six points; Julie Graham and Julie Towe rang up four points each, and Amy Ramsey, Monica Arnold and Tracy Tomlin added two points each to the

In the second round, the Owlettes defeated Amarillo Christian 55-25. The team was paced by a balanced scoring attack in which Julie Graham and Tracy Tomlin scored 15 points each, and Penni Fogerson added 14. Other scoring was by Aimee Francis, eight; Christy Nease and Monica Arnold, two points each.

The Owlettes advanced to play Lockney, and lost this game 64-

Tracy Tomlin scored 13 points to lead her team and Julie Graham lighted the boards with 12 in the Lockney game. Penni Fogerson scored four, and Aimee Francis and Amy Ramsey added two points each.

The girls entertained Guthrie on November 28, suffering a 73-38 defeat. Penni Fogerson led the offense with 15 points and Aimee Francis scored 14. Julie Graham added nine points.

The Owls weren't able to play their scheduled game with Guthrie, since those boys are still playing in the state football がないがないがないがないかないかないかないかないかないかないかないかないかない

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playoffs, and instead played a game with Memphis. After having led at halftime 33-29 and at the three-quarter stop by a score of 35-32, the Owls went on to drop the match 49-41. Bradley Brunson led the scoring with 12 points, and Minyard also was in double figures with 10. Teddy Hubbard added seven; Kirk Couch, five; Denny Hill, four, and Henderson got three points.

In the Springlake-Earth Tournament, the Owls dropped their first-round game to Springlake-Earth 39-33. Hubbard led the offense with 11 points and Hill caged 10. Other scoring was by Frank Ramirez, jr., four; Couch and Brunson, three points each, and Henderson, two points.

The Owls defeated Amherst in the tournament's next round by a score of 54-36. The Owls held commanding leads at the end of each quarter. Henderson led the scoring with 13 points and Minyard rang up 12. Brunson got

eight; Hubbard, seven; Couch, six; Ramirez, Joey Leal and Bryan Breedlove, two points

In their final game of the tournament, the Owls lost to Lockney, 68-46. Hubbard was the only Owl caging in double figures with 14 points. Minyard rang up eight; Brunson, six; Hill, five; Leal, three; Brian Martin, two, and Ramirez, one point.

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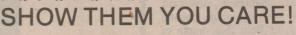
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However, according to Dr. Lawrence Frankel, Chairman of the American Cancer Society's Childhood Cancer Committee. "Even though these statistics show an encouraging improvement since the late 1950s, childhood cancer is still the number one medical cause of death in children under the age of 14 because every year in the United States, 8,000 new cases of cancer are discovered in child-

Dr. Frankel, Director of the Division of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Pediatrics at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Temple, notes that "since Texas is one of the leading centers in the United States for research into and treatment of childhood cancer, the most important thing for people to understand is that the majority of childhood cancers are

"Parents and others who care for children should not ignore signs of poor health in their children out of fear of detection of cancer," urged Dr. Frankel.

The American Cancer Society has issued the following eight warning signs of childhood can-

- 1. Continued, unexplained weight loss
- 2. Headaches with vomiting in

3. Increased swelling or persis-

tent pain in bones or joints

4. Lump or mass in the abdomen, neck or elsewhere

- 5. Development of a whitish appearance in the pupil of the
- 6. Recurrent fevers not due to infections
- 7. Excessive bruising or bleed-
- 8. Noticeable paleness or prolonged tiredness

'The signs of cancer in adults are not the same warning signs of children," said Dr. Frankel. "Parents should be aware of cancer warning signs, but not any one of the signs necessarily means that a child has cancer.

"The public needs to be aware that there is help available for children who have cancer and their families through the American Cancer Society and many of the centers which provide treatment throughout Texas and the United States," said Dr. Frankel.

Asked his advice to parents and others who care for children, Dr. Frankel stressed, "Don't ignore any signs of potential health problems in children. They are the future, and, with our help, that future can be a healthy one for most of them."



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Boy Scout News by Scoutmaster Mark Eddleman

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

We want to thank all the caring people who supported us at the Jamboree last Saturday night on our drawing for a chance to win a turkey. We had two happy winners, I think.

We won't be having our weekly meetings until further notice. I'm working in Amarillo for the next three months at the prison, but I'll try to make time for the Scouts. They're too important not to make time for. They're a great bunch of kids.

We're still selling Christmas wreaths for \$12.00 each. They will be in next week. If you would like to see one before you buy, I'll be glad to show it to you.

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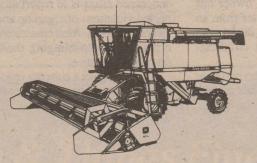
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Kindergarten Class Enjoys Field Trips

Mrs. Tina Nance and her kindergarten class visited several locations on field trips in Silverton last week. They were studying "community helpers."

One day they went to the Post Office, where they mailed Christmas cards to their parents, and the office of Dr. Neil Bryson, where each received a dental checkup and an explanation of dental instruments and equipment.

Another day the class went to the courthouse where they received a "McGruff Takes a Bite Out of Crime" coloring book in the sheriff's office and photographed their hands on a copying machine in the clerk's office. They visited First State Bank where they were given a coloring book, a Christmas carol book and other gifts.

They visited the jail, which is being restored, and Nance's Food Store

Wednesday morning the group visited the Briscoe County News where they observed several pieces of machinery in operation, and heard how the newspaper is prepared for printing

prepared for printing.

Members of the class are Kurby
Garvin, Calinda Shely, Kina
Garrison, Molly Sarchet, Amanda
Estes, Nicole Maddox, Brandi
Rice, Will Hill, Matt Strange,
Nicholas Vargas, Timothy
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The reason there are so many surnames of Smith today is that during the Middle Ages the name was used for all metalworkers, or smiters, which means "to beat."

Ask Ann Richards

Why are some cigarette packs not stamped with a Texas tax stamp?

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According to state law, every cigarette package must have a Texas tax stamp affixed to the bottom of the package. If there is no stamp on a package of cigarettes, it could mean the gas station owner has purchased the cigarettes from an unscrupulous tobacco dealer who did not pay the state tax on the cigarettes

Texas residents who purchase cigarettes outside the state are permitted to bring in one carton for personal consumption tax-free.



pete with the prices offered on the black market for unstamped cigarettes

The Texas Legislature last session mandated new enforcement action to collect taxes owed the state and to curtail fraud in cigarette and tobacco operations. Since the 1930's, the Treasury has been charged with storing the stamps in a secure place, with distribution of the stamps and with collection of the revenue.

The Treasury is using its new enforcement authority in a new program to crack down on the theft, sale, trade, marketing and distribution of illegal cigarette and tobacco products and conterfeit stamps. We have Special Agents and Investigators, professional and certified law enforcement officers, who will be conducting investigations into violations of the tax laws.

The Treasury is also beginning a special toll-free hotline for concerned citizens to report suspected violations of cigarette and tobacco tax laws. Alert citizens are often the key to bringing these criminals to justice.

If you suspect a cigarette or tobacco tax law violation, please call 1-800-388-2883. All calls will be kept confidential.

Leadership Lodge Opened at 4-H Center

A new leadership lodge opened recently at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's 4-H Center near Brownwood.

The leadership lodge will be used primarily to house adult leaders who come to the center for training, workshops, recreation and other educational programs to develop and enhance leadership skills, according to Curtis Preston, 4-H coordinator for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

'We will be able to accommodate a larger clientele with a facility that offers more privacy,' said Lynn Copeland, director of the Texas 4-H Center.

The lodge has 24 rooms, four of which are designed for people

with disabilities, for overnight accommodation, Preston said. It also contains a commons area where refreshments are located and group activities can be held.

Other groups besides the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and use the center. The center has 10 dormitories, a main complex, a pavilion on the lake and other units, according to Preston.

Among those participating in the grand opening ceremony included former Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Dr. Zerle Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. Robert Jones, president of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and Copeland.





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New Arrival

Cam and Missy Forbes announce the arrival of their daughter, Shandy Beth, who was born November 10, 1989 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Welcoming her into the family are her sister, Tarran, and her brother, Yance.

Grandparents are Don and Mary Brown, Doug and Elaine Forbes, all of Silverton.

Great-grandparents are Homer and Lola Mae Stephens and Elsie Brown, all of Silverton; Florence Whealdon of Midland and Charlotte Etgen of Snyder.

Ricky and Amanda Stephens of Snow Mass, Colorado are parents of a son, Cameron Richard, born Saturday, December 2, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. in Aspen. He weighed six pounds and eight ounces, and was 20" long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stephens of Loving, New Mexico; William Tharp of Napa, California, and Heather Tharp of Aspen, Colorado. Great-grandfather is A. V. Younger of Harleton, Texas.

Comings And Goings

Visitors in the home of Bill and Lucy McDaniel for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. and Mrs. LaBaume of Stephenville; Jon and Elaine LaBaume, Floydada; Coy and Kelli LaBaume, Lubbock; Gary and Nena Hunt, Clarendon; Lewis and Gene McDaniel, Hereford; Mace McDaniel, Snyder; Amanda McDaniel, San Angelo; Ruby and Joe McWaters and Ashel and Mildred McDaniel, all of Silverton. All reported a good time.

Only Two Entries InColoring Contest

Only two entries were received in the AstroWorld/Briscoe County News coloring contest, and all the prize tickets will be awarded to the two winners.

They are Michelle Montague, five-year-old daughter of the John Montagues, who live in Houston, and her sister, Marisa, who is seven. They are grandchildren of Joe and Carolyn Luckenbach, who live at Lake Mackenzie.

They will receive tickets to "Holiday in the Park" at AstroWorld, which will be open through the Christmas holiday.

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The Chinese invented decorative paper, but Europeans first thought of applying it to walls to make

Briscoe Youths Take Top Honors At District 4-H Food Show

Two Briscoe County youths took top honors at the district 4-H food show in Lubbock Saturday with almost 200 boys and girls competing in this area event.

Brandon Sarchet, son of Ken and Jonann Sarchet, was awarded second place in the Junior I main dish division, and Trey Wyatt, son of John and Gail Wyatt, received third place in Junior I nutritious snacks and desserts category.

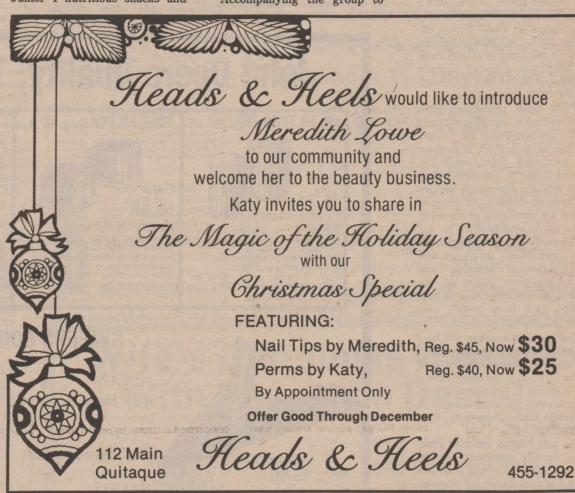
In addition to these winners a large number of other Briscoe County participants were awarded blue ribbons. These were: Jamie Fuston, Shauna Kingery, Marshall McCammon, Briana Sperry, Ashleigh Wyatt, and Josh Brooks.

Red ribbon awards went to Christina Stephens, Kara Kingery, and Cecilia Castillo.

Accompanying the group to

Lubbock were Ken Sarchet, Mary Ann Sarchet, Gail Wyatt, Lisa Fuston, La Vern Kingery, Kathy Kingery, John and Darrah McCammon, Janinne Brooks, Betty Stephens, and Extension agent Lynda Fogerson. Janinne Brooks was a judge at the







Pinto Bean Prospects To Be Discussed

The potentially profitable production of pinto beans, gaining increasing interest among area farmers, will be examined in Tulia, December 14 in a conference sponsored by the Texas Agricultural extension Service.

The conference will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Swisher Memorial Building, 127 SW Second Street. It is located a block west of the Swisher County Courthouse on State Hiway 86. Lunch will be provided, but persons planning to attend need to telephone Swisher County Extension Agent David Gibson, 806-995-3726, by December 12.

'Pinto bean processors have been writing attractive contracts with growers in the Texas Panhandle and High Plains for the past two years,' said Dr. Roland Roberts, vegetable specialist with the Extension Service at Lubbock. Some 5,000 acres of pintos are now being produced in this area, he estimated.

The conference will emphasize the possibilities, problems and technologies of growing and marketing pinto beans on the High Plains. Growers and processors each have certain concerns Gibson said.

The keynote speaker will be a scientist and educator described as 'the most knowledgable man in the U.S. on pinto beans'. He is Dr. Howard F. Schwartz, Extension Service plant pathologist at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

He will explain cultural practices, variety selection and marketing and show cultural and chemical techniques for preventing rust and bacterial blight in the beans and for controlling weeds.

Ronald Gooch, Extension Service agent in Ochiltree County, will report on a visit to produc-



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tion fields in Colorado where he evaluated varieties.

A panel of processors will discuss what growers need to do to deliver high quality beans to the cleaning facility, what processors provide and how payments are made.

A panel of growers will share their experiences with the crop. The importance of obtaining crop insurance also will be discussed.

Sales Tax Exemption **Applies to Charitable Groups in Texas**

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently that a new law provides sales tax exemptions to a variety of philanthropic and charitable groups, while allowing Texas to comply with a recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling.

"The new law serves two purposes-it gives deserving groups a tax break, and it allows us to keep our sales tax laws intact," Bullock said.

Under the new law, which went into effect August 28, charitable, philanthropic and

benevolent organizations may sell publications and other writings tax-free if the groups publish and distribute the printed material themselves.

For example, if a local historical society sells cookbooks to raise funds, no tax is due on the books, as long as the society publishes and distributes the cookbooks, Bullock said.

Examples of other groups that fall under the exemption include the Junior League, college sororities and fraternities, the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club, and the Parent-Teacher Association.

Bullock said the legislation was passed after the Supreme Court ruled in February that Texas

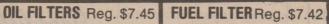
was unfairly exempting religious organizations from paying sales tax on periodicals and writings, since periodicals produced by other types of organizations weren't exempted.

The case against the state was brought by "Texas Monthly" magazine, which was refunded \$160,285.30 in state sales tax after the Supreme Court upheld the magazine's argument.

Bullock said that extending the sales tax exemption to other groups will have no impact on state revenue.

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Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. recommended a 20 percent acreage reduction program (ARP) for 1990; the Producer Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council asked for a 15 percent ARP; merchants called for 10 percent; manufacturers wanted five percent, and the Administration's Office of Management and Budget stumped for 20 percent.

What USDA really wanted isn't certain, but in the final analysis the Department opted to announce the 1990 ARP at 12.5 percent. The 1985 farm act directs that "to the maximum extent practicable" acreage limitation be at the level needed to produce a four million bale carryover each year. Presumably USDA's decision was in pursuit of that objective.

Other program details announced to date include a 72.9-cent target price, a 50.27-cent base loan rate and use of the "Plan B" marketing loan program. The latter choice means a 1990 loan repayment rate fixed each week at the adjusted world price, the same procedure in effect for the past three years.

USDA also has set the 1990 program sign-up period from January 16 to April 13. And, while the estimated deficieny payment rate for 1990 is not expected until just before signup, it has been announced that 40 percent of the estimated payments will be made in advance.

Looking at supply and demand figures, PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, among others, suspects that the 12.5 percent ARP might not be the last word on 1990 acreage provisions. USDA has no authority to change the ARP figure after November 1, he notes, but other measures can be taken if the need arises.

As an example Johnson cites the recent "flexible ARP" offered wheat producers. The original ARP for wheat was five percent, but a later announcement permits growers to plant more acres. They can now elect to plant up to 105 percent of their acreage base and still remain in the program. However for each acre planted above a farm's original permitted acres (95 percent of the base) the farmer will forfeit deficiency payment eligibility on one acre. Thus a 105 percent of base could receive deficiency payments on no more than 85 percent of base.

This is the kind of acreage flexibility USDA wants to build into the 1990 farm bill, Johnson says, "and if it later appears that the carryover will fall below the. level perceived as needed to meet market demands, we may have to contend with a similar program proposal for cotton in 1990.

Would PCG support such an option?

"We're on record as favoring a 20 percent ARP instead of 12.5 percent," Johnson replies, "and

at this point any proposal to increase planted acreage would obviously conflict with that position. But should there be a drastic drop in the currently projected 3.3 million bale carryover I'm sure we'd want to take another look."

Full knowledge and understanding of potential effects on both agriculture and health should be a prerequisite to all legislative or regulatory actions in the state of Texas. That's the message in a prepared statement delivered November 16 by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, to a joint hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture and the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee. The hearing, at which virtually all Texas commodity groups and agribusiness interests were represented, was called at the behest of Senator Bill Sims of San Angelo "to put together a blueprint of what the Texas agricultural industry needs for the 1990's."

PCG further called on state legislators and regulatory bodies to use the state's scientific and economic expertise to arrive at an equitable cost-benefit ratio for each law or regulation that may be proposed. That ratio, the statement continued "as opposed to political or emotional appeal," should be given top consideration in judging the wisdom of state restrictions on agricultural production practices.

Especially in the area of agricultural chemicals, PCG stated, this procedure will result in more positive and more effective approaches to real or imagined problems. Cited among positive approaches deserving stronger state support were the Texas Pest Management Association, plow-up programs, existing and planned dispause boll weevil control programs. These and other producer-organized efforts, PCG advised, can greatly reduce chemical usage and at the same time improve production efficiency. They offer tremendous advantages, the statement argued, "over punitive, unreasonable chemical regulations often unrelated to scientifically proven needs or demonstrable benefits."

PCG also urged adequate and dependable state funding for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Texas research institutions and water conservation districts, stating that "their development and promotion of cost-cutting, yield-enhancing, research-conserving cultural practices have contributed greatly to Texas agriculture in the past and hold even greater promise for the future."

Among needs of agribusiness in Texas PCG singled out workers' compensation reform and full funding for the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

At the federal level the High Plains producer organization named as its top priority for 1990 a new farm program embodying **BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS**

the basic features of the 1985 Food Security Act. Specifically, PCG asked the Legislature to put the state's influence behind the marketing loan competitive pricing concept, the target price system of shoring up producer income, and non-recourse, tenmonth anniversary loans that can be extended an additional eight months when needed to ride out long periods of low market prices.

Over 50 witnesses appeared at the hearing, described by Sims as a step toward making agricultural people more pro-active in all matters affecting their inter-

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Drug Facts

*Drug traffickers earn \$90 billion per year in sales, while Americans spend \$60 billion per year in lost job productivity, accidents, treatment services and crimes related to drug abuse.

*Two-thirds of all high school seniors have tried some drug other than alcohol; of these, 10-15 percent will become chemically addicted.

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Asebedo, 24, took over the post on November 20. Jack Dickey, who was fire marshal for five years, retired in May and the city

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had been without a fire marshal since that time.

Asebedo, who has been with the Plainview Fire Department since 1986, was selected over several applicants, including individuals from Pampa and Amarillo as well as several officers currently employed by the Plainview fire and police departments.

Asebedo moved to Plainview from Briscoe County, where he had worked for the sheriff's department and had been a patrol officer at Lake Mackenzie.

A Silverton native, Asebedo is a graduate of Silverton High School. He is the son of Johnny and Mary Asebedo of Silverton.

He attended the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Amarillo, where he earned his law enforcement certification in 1983, his emergency medical technician certificate in 1984, and his



Roland Asebedo

hours in continuing education credits in law enforcement and firefighting.

He sees his promotion to fire marshal as a much-awaited career

"I'm planning on staying here a long time," Asebedo said. "I have been striving for this for a long time. I've worked in law enforcement and in the fire

department and now this gives me a chance to put them together. I get to put together all three things I like to do-law enforcement, firefighting and being a paramedic."

However, Asebedo will no longer be involved in "hands-on" firefighting, something he acknowledges he will miss.

"I won't be doing any actual firefighting anymore but I will be there at the scene assisting officers as a safety officer," he said. "I'll still have the opportunity to go out and ride on the ambulance and do those kinds of things."

In addition to naming Asebedo to the post, city officials also reshuffled some of the duties among police officers and firefighters so that the fire marshal also will be the training officer for both units.

"After I'm settled in, I'll be the training director for the fire department and the police department," he explained. "I'll be setting up classes, some of which I will be teaching myself and some of which I will be bringing in people.

But Asebedo's duties also will include those traditionally assigned to fire marshals.

"I'll be doing all the investigations," he said. "I'll be getting help from the police department but basically the investigations will be done through the fire marshal's office. I'll be doing everything from structural fires to bomb threats. arson and that kind of thing. I'll be doing building inspections and inspecting fire hazards and that kind of thing."

Having come from the ranks of the fire department, Asebedo feels good about the working relationship he already has established with other firefight-

"I know what they are talking about whenever they come in and feel like there was something suspicious about a fire," he said. "Someone else might have come in and questioned them because they didn't know them, but I've worked beside these guys. I know that some of them have over 20 years of experience and they know what they are talking

However, he admits that he was concerned about how some of his friends in the fire department might react to his promotion.

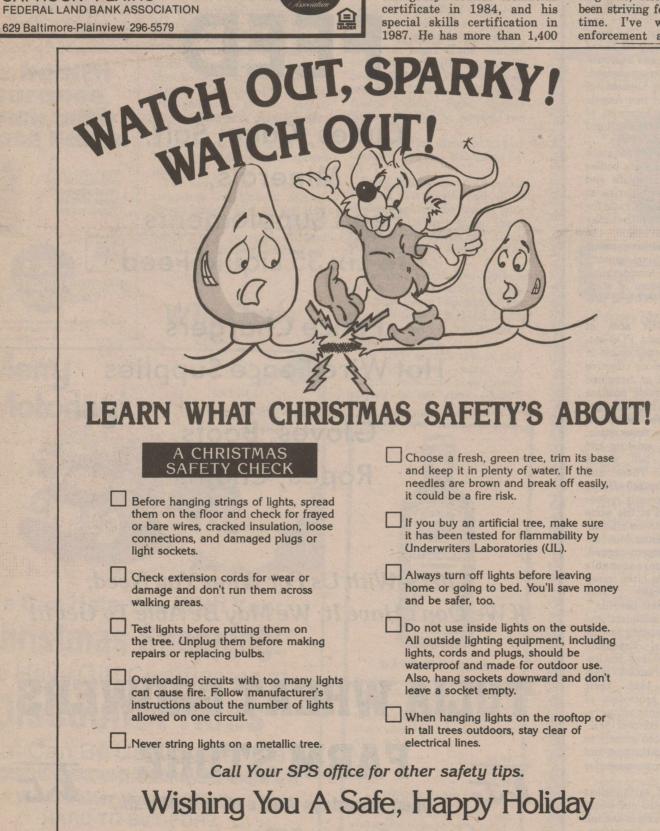
"I thought it might be difficult, but everyone has been real good about it," he said. "Everyone has been real helpful and have been working with me.'

However, some of his firehouse buddies have kidded him about his new responsibilities.

"Sure, they tease me, but it's all in fun," he said. "We're all close around here. We live together. We're like brothers around here. so they are going to tease me for a while."



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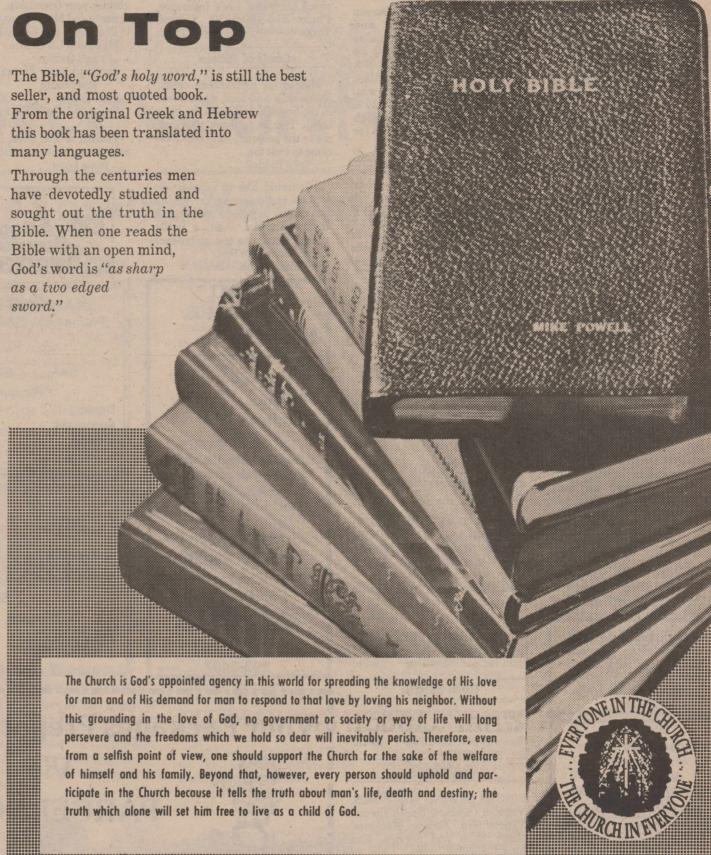
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