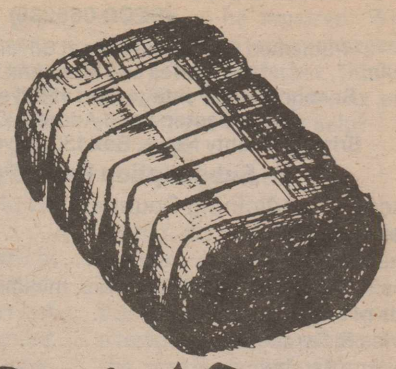




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## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted at this Time

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rainfall and flooding, high winds and hail April 29 through May 17, 1989 and May 29 through June 15, 1989, also range fires which occurred between March 1, 1989 and September 30, 1989 are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Floydada, Texas, FmHA County Supervisor Becky D. Via said today.

Floyd and Briscoe counties are two of thirty-one counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the above-

mentioned disasters.

Ms. 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 or \$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 July 17, 1990

but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly carry 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 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Connie Smith Seeking Election as County Justice of Peace

Connie Smith has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that she is a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1, subject to action of the Democratic Primary in March.

She made the following statement regarding her candidacy: "I was born to Cecil and Marie Purcell of Quitaque and attended the Quitaque Public Schools. In 1972, Lynn Smith and I were married and I moved to Silverton. We have two children, Jeff and Kristi, who attend the Silverton Public Schools.

"My experience in working with the public has been varied and rewarding. My employment has included being a teachers' aide, a school bus driver, and an all-encompassing worker for the Garvin Oil Company. I am also band leader for the Caprock Country Band. At the present time, I am the maintenance engineer for the county courthouse and grounds. I have always given each job 100% and this dedication will continue if I am elected your Justice of the Peace. My close proximity to the courthouse will assure my availability in order to perform the duties of the office that I am seeking.

"I am aware of the responsibility and requirements for a Justice of the Peace and feel I am fully qualified for the position.

"Your vote, support and influence in my behalf will be greatly appreciated," she added.

## Emergency Disaster Loans Available to Briscoe Farmers

According to Judge Jimmy Burson, the Division of Emergency Management of the Texas Department of Public Safety has notified him that Briscoe County farmers have been designated eligible for emergency disaster loans by the Secretary of Agriculture. Furthermore, the Secretary of Agriculture has notified the Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration to begin immediately to make emergency loans available to the eligible applicants in Briscoe

County.

Those producers suffering losses from excessive rainfall, flooding, high winds and/or hail April 29 through May 17 and May 29 through June 15, 1989 could be eligible, Judge Burson said.

The local Farmers Home Administration has the details on this program.

### Jimmy Burson Seeking Election as Judge

Jimmy Burson this week authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is seeking election as County Judge, an office to which he was appointed by the Commissioner's Court earlier this fall.

In making his statement, he said, "I have enjoyed very much serving as Briscoe County Judge, although it's been for just a very short time. The encouragement and support of the citizens of Briscoe County has been extremely helpful.

"If elected, I pledge to do my best for our citizens and to strive to make Briscoe County a better place to live.

"Your vote and support in the coming election will be greatly appreciated," he concluded.

### Today is Deadline For Greeting Page

Today (Thursday, December 14) is the deadline for placing your name on the Christmas Greeting Page.

Your donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally is donated to the Christmas Greeting Fund, and your name appears on a special page in the local newspaper wishing your friends a merry Christmas and stating that you have donated to help pay for the new stage curtains at the school.

If you haven't been contacted, you may have your name placed on the page by contacting Kim Mayfield.

### Christmas Program Is Tuesday Morning

On December 19, students in grades kindergarten through three will present their Christmas program at 10:15 in the Silverton School auditorium.



Pat Edwards, clerk in the Silverton Post Office, has built and installed a Santa Letter Box in which the children may mail their letters to Santa Claus. Pictured with Mrs. Edwards are Ryan and Eric Minyard, children of Rick and Beverly Minyard.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Silverton Student Wins National 4-H Animal Science Scholarship

Kristy Fogerson, 21, of Silverton has been awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the Wayne Feed Division of Continental Grain Company for her work in the 4-H program.

Dale Larson, Group President, World Milling Industries for Continental Grain, said, "4-Hers are demonstrated achievers, learning at a young age that success is based on hard work and perseverance. That is why we at Continental Grain Company are proud to support 4-H through college scholarships in animal science."

Miss Fogerson, one of four winners selected by the Cooperative Extension System, was presented with her award by the National 4-H Council.

Miss Fogerson, a senior at Texas A&M University, is majoring in animal science. She is the daughter of Stan and Lynda Fogerson of Silverton. She said, "Having grown up in a rural area, agriculture has always been a part of my life. I first chose animal science as a sixth grade student with a goal of



Kristy Fogerson

veterinary medicine. However, since I have been at Texas A&M, I have been exposed to many other career possibilities within the animal science field. My 4-H background in so many animal-related projects paved the way for an animal science career."



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**OBITUARIES**

**JIMMY S. STOCKTON**

Funeral services for Jimmy Sherrell Stockton, 31, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery, with arrangements by

Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stockton died Saturday, December 9.

Born in Matador April 10, 1958, he was a resident of Stafford. He was a former resident of Quitaque. He graduated from Texas Tech University and was a geologist with En-search Oil Company at Houston.

Survivors include his father, Freddy Stockton of Childress; grandmothers, Mattie Olivia Stockton of Quitaque and Lucille Eddleman of Silverton; two sisters, Paula Miller of Littlefield and Freda Hughes of Childress; two nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lyn Payne, Rodney Williams, Joel Dean Spray, Todd Reagan, Matt Bar-

rett and Buddy Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Junior Payne, Ronnie Carpenter and Neal Barrett.

The family requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

**WETA MAURINE HILL**

Funeral services for Weta Maurine Hill, 79, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton, with the Rev. Duane Knowlton, pastor, and the Rev. Earl Blair, district superintendent of United Methodist Churches in the Plainview District, officiating.

Burial will be in Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hill died Monday at Tulia Care Center.

Born in Hedley January 19, 1910, she was graduated from Clarendon High School and Clarendon Junior College before studying beauty culture in Amarillo. She worked many years as a beauty operator in Silverton.

She married Robert L. Hill in 1937 in Clarendon.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Order of the Eastern Star, in which she had served as Worthy Matron. She was a charter member of the March of Time Study Club and was a member of other civic organizations. She had served as Mother Advisor of the Rainbow Assembly for Girls.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bennett Haley.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Glenna Sue Reid of Midland; a son, Robert Haley Hill of Amarillo; three sisters, Lucille Davis of Canyon, Glenna Garrison of Tulia and Claudene Green of LaPine, Oregon; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Greg Hill, Michael Hill, Monroe Hill, Warren Reid, Bill Haley, Ralph Hill, Fred Hill, Walter Hill and Jim Wilson.

The family requested memorials be to the Silverton Cemetery Association or to Alzheimers Association, 1603 North Grandview, Odessa, Texas 79761 or to First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

**Camera Club to Have Christmas Party**

Caprock Camera Club will meet Thursday, December 14, for a Christmas party beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the First National Bank in Quitaque.

Families are welcome to attend; and each is asked to bring a covered dish. They will be shooting indoor Christmas scenes, so each is asked to bring

your loaded camera and flash. Don't forget to bring two prints and two slides for competition.

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# Looking Back

through the files of the  
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**December 20, 1979**—Bob Reid, 94, buried here Friday . . . Amy Lee Birdwell is one of some 250 Texas Christian University students who expect to complete degree requirements at the close of the fall semester. Miss Birdwell is expected to receive the bachelor of science degree in geology . . . Word was received Tuesday morning of the death of Bruce O. Gibson of Turkey . . . Mrs. Anthony Kingery underwent oral surgery for the removal of her wisdom teeth in Amarillo last Thursday . . . Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a 10-speed and infant seat, Candi and My First Bottle Baby. I have been pretty good. Thank you. I love you, DeLyn . . . Dear Santa, I want a gun and a bike. I love you, Santa. Jim Cogdell . . . Dear Santa, Please may I have a bicycle and a game called Malan and a new pair of shoes. I love you Santa Claus. Love, Julie Towe . . . Dear Santa, I want a gun and a bike and a football. Love, Joey Leal . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a gas station with an elevator. I'd like a surprise too. Thank you. Love, Casey Frizzell, age four . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll for Christmas. Love, Tonya Clardy . . .

**December 18, 1969** — Guy Breedlove and Edwin May bagged an 11-point buck deer on the Frank Cobb Ranch north of Silverton. A 10-point buck was killed by Terry West that field dressed at 196 pounds . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney to be honored on golden wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sissney and family honored at going-away party . . . Owlettes win first, Owls earn second in basketball tournament held here. Named to the All-Tournament teams were Finas Ivory, Bob Hutsell, Evelyn Wood, Paula Birdwell and Charlie Weathered . . .

**December 10, 1959**—Haylake Club meets in the home of Eudean Crow . . . Rites held for Mrs. W. W. Martin, 67 . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with open house at their home at the Caprock Station . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Allard are parents of a daughter, Jo Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell are parents of a daughter, Brenda Kay . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dale Kitchens are parents of a daughter, Julie Ronette . . . Wade Steele underwent surgery in Plainview on Thursday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming and their son, Jack, are in Galveston this week where Jack is undergoing examination and tests at a clinic . . . Mrs. Bruce Eddleman has returned home after a two-week visit with her mother, Mrs. Callie Hulen, and other relatives in Phoenix . . .

**December 21, 1949**—Chosen as room mothers for the second grade are Mrs. Edwin Crass, Mrs. Gordon Montague, Mrs. Arnold Brown and Mrs. Carver Monroe. Chosen by the third grade are Mrs. Curtis Bingham,

Mrs. Dee McWilliams, Mrs. J. C. Jarnagin and Mrs. W. E. Schott . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Masey, a boy weighing six pounds . . . Allen Kellum visited his mother, Mrs. Lela Kellum, and granddaughter, Mrs. J. T. Wimberly, Friday in Frederick, Oklahoma . . . Those who enjoyed Christmas dinner and tree in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell, Lottie and Dwain Henderson, Ed Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn and Fayree . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old. Will you please bring me a football suit, an airplane and a surprise. Love, John Schott . . . Mrs. A. C.

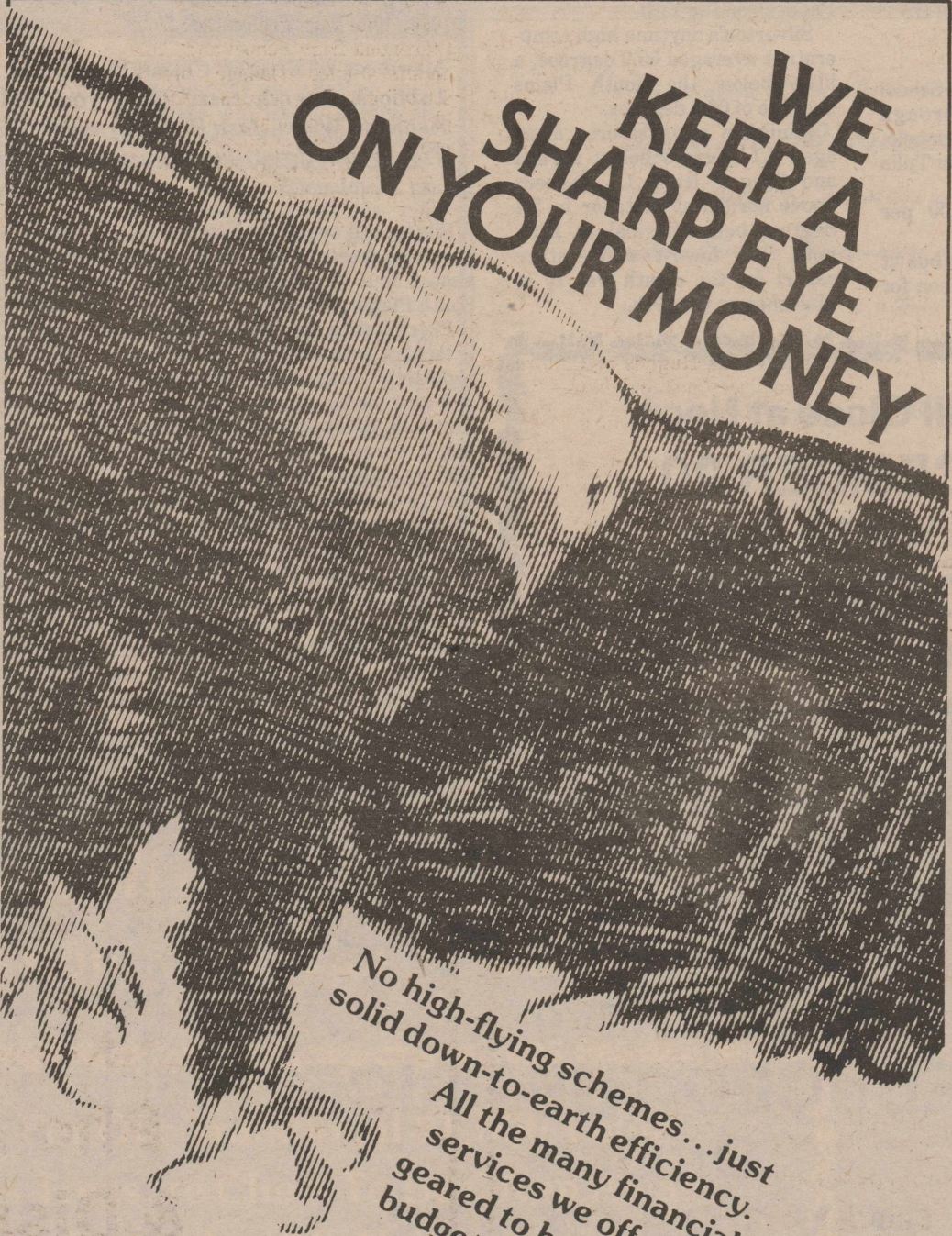
Arnold honored on 81st birthday . . . Claude Crossing Club meets with Mrs. Alton Steele . . .

**December 7, 1939**—Five Silverton boys, Hank Brown, O. C. Rampley, Grady Martin, W. L. Perry and Johnnie Quillen, on All-District team . . . Hundreds pay last respects to wreck victims . . . Silverton decks out in holiday lights . . . Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baird left Wednesday noon to take W. C. Baird to Mason County for an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. Rhea . . . Robert Hill has bought the home of Mrs. F. B. Austin in the south part of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hill and family have moved into the house . . .

**December 14, 1939**—Mrs. W. Coffee, jr. was awarded a life membership in the Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist Church . . . Owls trounce Crosbyton in easy cage victory . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll and a washing machine set. I also want some candy and fruits. I want some dishes too. Your friend, Pauline Chitty . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves, a bow and arrow, and an Indian suite. Your friend, Don Burson . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me some roller skates. Will you please bring me a baby doll. I also want a blackboard and some candy and fruit. Your friend, LaRue Gilkeyson . . . Dear Santa, Please bring

me a BB gun, a pair of boxing gloves and some firecrackers. Your friend, Billy Joe Boling . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of roller skates, a doctor set, and a football suit. Your friend, Flunoy Hutsell . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please, Santa Claus, bring me a BB gun, snowshoes, bicycle, some candy, nuts and fruit. Love, William Alvie Francis . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a pair of house shoes, a set of dishes, a ring, necklace, lotion and a big ball. Bring me lots of candy, nuts and fruit. With love, Nelda Montague . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy.

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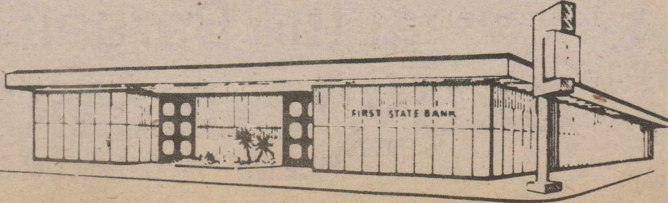


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**School to Dismiss Early on Tuesday**

Silverton Schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, for the Christmas holidays.

Classes will resume on January 2, 1990.

**Girl Scouts Now Accepting Donations**

Silverton's Girl Scouts are presently accepting donations from the public to be used in their scouting program here.

In exchange for your donation, they will give you a receipt which goes into a drawing for a turkey dinner for your family.

The prize will be awarded December 22, just in time for Christmas.

**Elementary Students To Attend Movie**

Silverton Elementary School grades kindergarten through five will attend the movie, "Prancer," at the theatre in Tulia on Monday, December 18.

Admission will be \$2.00 per student.

Students will depart by bus at 8:30 a.m. and return by noon for a sack lunch.

**No Moisture Fell Last Month at Many Reporting Stations**

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November 1989 was very dry, with most stations reporting no more than a trace of moisture. Temperatures were slightly above normal.

Temperatures averaged 0.5 degrees above normal and ranged from 2.4 degrees above normal at Lubbock to 2.4 degrees below normal at Dimmitt.

Maximum temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees above normal and ranged from 5.0 degrees above normal at Paducah to 0.6 degree above normal at Dimmitt. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 88 at Paducah on the 15th.

Silverton's daytime high temperature averaged 65.9 degrees, a little below the South Plains average of 66.4 degrees.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 1.4 degrees above normal at Matador to 5.4 degrees below normal at Dimmitt. The lowest temperature report for the month was 10 at Muleshoe on the 29th.



Members of Briscoe County 4-H Clubs who participated in the District 2 Food Show in Lubbock recently were (back row, left to right) Cecilia Castillo, Christina Stephens, Ashleigh Wyatt, Josh Brooks; (middle row) Kara Kingery, Brandon Sarchet, Briana Sperry, Trey Wyatt; (front) Jamie Fuston, Marshall McCammon and Shauna Kingery.

Silverton's overnight low temperature averaged 28.4 degrees, almost four degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation was almost totally lacking with only two stations reporting measurable amounts and another handful with traces. The area average was 0.73 inch below normal and ranged from 0.58 inch below normal at Leveland to 0.93 inch below normal at Crosbyton. The trace at Lubbock coupled with the trace for October marked the first time that city had had two consecutive months of less than 0.01 inch since November and December of 1973.

Silverton recorded no rainfall whatsoever during November, and the 45-year average for November in Briscoe County is .71 of an inch.

For the fall season months of September, October and November 1989, weather across the Texas South Plains was slightly cooler and on the dry side.

Temperatures averaged 0.4 degree below normal and ranged from 1.1 degrees above normal at Lubbock to 2.3 degrees below normal at Dimmitt.

Maximum temperatures averaged 1.2 degrees above normal and ranged from 2.8 degrees above normal at Lubbock to 1.1 degrees below normal at Matador. The highest report of the season was 102 at Paducah on September 5th and 6th as well as on October 2nd.

Silverton's average maximum temperature for the fall season was 73.8, a little below the South Plains average of 75.4.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.0 degrees below normal and ranged from 0.3 degree above normal at Floydada to 3.9 degrees below normal at Littlefield. The lowest report of the

season was 10 at Muleshoe on November 29th.

Silverton's overnight low average temperature for the fall was 42.3, just a little below the South Plains average of 43.2.

Precipitation averaged 2.22 inches below normal and ranged from 1.28 inches above normal at Floydada to 4.47 inches below normal at Post. Almost all of the precipitation fell during the second week of September, making that month above normal at most places. Rainfall was almost totally lacking for October and November, with several stations recording trace amounts or nothing at all.

During the fall season, Silverton received 5.35 inches of rainfall, 2.31 inches above the South Plains average. This was .40 of an inch above the 45-year

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# Looking Back

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**December 5, 1929**—A Christmas carnival has been prepared for the Haylake school Friday night by the Haylake faculty. A boxing match, negro minstrel and many side attractions are on the bill... Mrs. Kitty Skeen entertains for her daughters, Misses Maud Dee and Evalena... Miss Eunice Morris of Angelope and Mr. Sam Woods of Silverton were married last Sunday at Clovis, New Mexico... Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell and little daughter and Mrs. Vardell visited in the home of Mrs. Chappell's brother, J. J. Vardell... Mr. and Mrs. Edd Thomas have returned from a three-week trip into South Texas, near Kerrville. Mr. Thomas spent some time hunting and was rewarded for his efforts by getting three turkeys and one deer... Among the girlish faces that have been absent all fall and that graced old Silverton with vacation smiles last week were Miss Rheua Alexander, home from WTSTC in Canyon; also Misses Pearl Davis, Kathleen and Gladys Smithee, Evelyn Turner and Kate Thompson, all back from school in Canyon for Thanksgiving with parents and loved ones... Miss Bertha Thomas was home from her school in Lubbock, and Misses Helen Murphy, Maud Dean Burson and Mildred Cloyd from

average rainfall for Briscoe County for September, October and November which is 4.95 inches.

college in Amarillo... Miss Marguerite Dickenson, who teaches English in Canyon, was at her home with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickenson and family...



Almost all cotton producers will be affected by significant changes in the Texas Agricultural Code coming up for adoption in the new year. The new rules and regulations for pesticide application include new recertification requirements for private applicators, the category which covers over 160,000 Texas farmers.

"We would encourage all producers to familiarize themselves with how these changes will affect them," commented Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Federal law requires the Environmental Protection Agency to classify each use of a pesticide as either restricted or general. The state may impose further restrictions classifying a pesticide as state-limited-use.

Anyone can purchase or apply a general use pesticide. A certified applicator license is required for a person to purchase or apply a restricted-use or a state-limited-use pesticide. Examples of pesticides commonly used by producers that require the user to be licensed are Timek, Counter, Thimet, 2,4-D, arsenic acid, Paraquat, to name a few.

The old Texas pesticide laws allowed private applicators to be certified for life with no continuing education requirements. However, the 1989 Legislature made several changes in the private applicator laws.

Proposed amendments to chapter seven of the T.A.C. published in the Texas Register provides that private applicators, as well as commercial and non-commercial applicators, must meet certain recertification requirements including continuing education.

Initial tests for issuance of a private applicator's license include general pesticide application, laws and regulations, and license-use categories. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service runs a private applicator training program to help in preparing for these tests.

To recertify, a private applicator must obtain 20 continuing education credits including at least two credits in laws and regulations and one credit in integrated pest management. A minimum of four credits must be obtained in the last full calendar year of the recertification period.

How this applies to individual producers already holding certificates depends on whether that certificate was issued before or after January 10, 1989. In any event, anyone wishing to continue to use restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides will need to comply with the new rules and be prepared for a little ongoing education.

Education activity will be organized or supported by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Enforcement of pesticide laws both at the dealer and applicator levels will be handled by TDA.

Another proposed amendment adds five herbicides to the state-limited-use pesticide list so that only licensed applicators will be allowed to apply these products. The five are hexazinone, triclopyr, bromacil, prometon, diuron, and are marketed under the names Velpar, Grazon, Hyvar, Pramitol, and Karmex,

respectively.

PCG strongly urges growers to check on their individual applicator status by contacting either TDA or TAEX or by attending the meeting being organized by TDA on December 20. This meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the TAEX Center auditorium, FM 1294 north of Lubbock airport.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- December 14—Zoe Steele, Gabriel Patino, J. L. West
- December 15—Heather Kitchens, Scott Davis, Aaron Younger, Gloria Wood
- December 16—Jim Ellis, Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard
- December 17 — Ruth Ann Scrivner, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Roger Younger, Carol Davis, Guinn Fitzgerald
- December 18—Bobby Joe Ed-

wards, jr., Dorothy Fulbright  
December 19—John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

- December 17—Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney
- December 18—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin
- December 19—Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill
- December 20—Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Garcia



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## Insecticide Ear Tags Need to be Removed

Ranchers who used insecticide ear tags for horn fly and ear tick control this past spring and summer should remove the old tags now.

"Tags that have been used four to five months on an animal will not emit sufficient insecticide to adequately control fly population," said Curtis Preston, Briscoe County Extension Agent.

During the past three fly seasons, use of pyrethroid impregnated ear tags has created a statewide problem with horn fly resistance to the insecticide.

As ranchers work with their cattle this winter, they should remove the old tags.

Preston said the ear-tag system for fly control exerts a constant selection pressure on the pest population and results in killing the weakest and most susceptible pests. Other pests that have the genetic ability to survive a sub-lethal dose of insecticide become parents for the next generation. Within a two-year period, this selection process can develop a pest population highly resistant to all labeled chemicals of the pyrethroid type.

The producers may get a false impression that the old ear tags are still killing flies, since populations naturally decrease in the fall as flies enter overwintering quarters.

The old tag is not helping with control but is silently adding to

selection pressure, thus making the surviving population more resistant to the target insecticide.

Fewer hours of daylight in the fall and cooler weather are environmental factors that induce pest diapause. Horn flies spend the winter months in the soil as a diapaused pupa.

Fall fly tag removal is just a good management practice to reduce additional resistance to the list of insecticides.

When insect pests become resistant to an insecticide class, the economic incentive for future use of that compound is greatly reduced, according to Preston.

Christy McWaters hosted a slumber party for seven of her friends at the home of her grandparents, Joe and Ruby McWaters, Friday night. Mrs. McWaters said they thoroughly enjoyed having the girls, and would like to thank them for coming.

## New Arrival

Brian and Traci Bounds of Cypress are parents of a daughter, Bailey Jordan, born December 1 in Houston. She weighed seven pounds and seven ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bounds of Lorena.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Mattye Mayfield of Silverton and B. F. Bounds of Waco.

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Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government, a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants of the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

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P185/75R14 .....	\$61.00
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P205/75R14 .....	\$65.00
P205/75R15 .....	\$66.00
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## FERC Decision Favorable to SPS

A recent order from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) supports a court decision upholding Southwestern Public Service Company's (SPS) treatment of investment tax credits for its wholesale customers, including rural electric cooperatives.

"This order finally brings to a conclusion a case filed back in 1980 by SPS to adjust rates charged to some of its wholesale customers," said Gary Gibson, SPS vice president of marketing. "This decision will not change rates currently being billed. It acknowledges SPS's past proper treatment of these tax credits and will be reflected in two pending wholesale cases before the FERC."

Initially involved were those wholesale customers whose rates were directly affected. In 1982, SPS's rural electric cooperative customers intervened. Later during the case, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, which now represents 11 of 16 cooperatives served by SPS, continued to challenge SPS's treatment of these tax credits, prompting a long-running legal battle and regulatory process.

In March 1988, the U. S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado, upheld the company's treatment of the tax credits prior to 1983 and sent the case back to FERC for resolution.

Investment tax credits were created by Congress in 1971 to encourage creation of jobs and expansion by American industry and continued until the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The credits allowed companies like SPS to reduce their federal income tax payments by a percentage of their investment in new plant and equipment.

In 1983, the FERC changed the way in which SPS could record the credits to its earnings. It also ordered the company to retroactively restate its financial results as if the FERC-preferred method

## SOCIAL SECURITY IN BRISCOE COUNTY

by Mary Jane Shanes

### The Donnelly-Archer Amend-

ment had been in place since 1972. The appeals court said the retroactive portion of the FERC's order was improper.

On November 22, 1989, the FERC issued its final order, in compliance with the court's ruling. SPS last week completed its analysis of the FERC's order.

The FERC's decision preserves the rate-making treatment used by SPS prior to 1983. The decision also established the guidelines for future rate-making practices.

"Both SPS and the wholesale customers it serves have been involved in this legal entanglement for the past few years," Gibson said. "With this final decision by FERC, we hope to put this matter behind us and continue our efforts to provide competitive electric service to the cooperatives and other wholesale customers as we have for many years."

ment repeals the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 and restores the Medicare benefit levels to those available prior to January 1, 1989.

The Part B premium for 1990 is \$28.60 per month. Because the law was repealed after Social Security had updated the records for January check, the January 3 check (and some later months as well) will have the higher amount withheld. At this time, our best estimate is that the higher amount will be withheld for four months and that payments made on May 3 will be correct. Social Security will automatically refund any money in a separate refund check.

During 1989, \$4.00 of the monthly premium was for catastrophic coverage. This money WILL NOT be refunded. It was used to help pay for the coverage in effect that year.

As of January 1, 1990, this repeal eliminates the controversial income tax surcharge. No one has to pay this premium surcharge. If you have already paid the surtax with your estimated taxes when you file your tax return, IRS will refund or give you a credit. When you

receive your tax forms there will be a line (line 23 of the 1040A) asking for the Medicare premium. This is because the tax forms were printed before Congress changed the law. The IRS says you should leave those lines blank when you are filling in your 1040 or 1040A. (Questions about individual tax returns should be referred to IRS.)

Everyone who has Medicare is still covered. Only the catastrophic health insurance part of Medicare was dropped. Regular Medicare benefits will continue, and you can still use your Medicare card. The Medicare coverage will be returned to the coverage that was available prior to January 1, 1989. A letter will be sent from Medicare giving you information about what was changed. Also a Medicare handbook with more detailed information about the program should be received some time in March or April.

For more information about these benefits or to file a claim, call 1-800-2345-SSA.

Dear Bob Bullock:

I took my grandfather's wheelchair in to be repaired. When I picked it up, they charged me tax. My grandfather thinks we shouldn't have to pay tax on the repair cost. Can you help?

J. B.  
Nacogdoches

Dear J. B.:

Your grandfather is right. Wheelchairs are exempt from sales tax, and so are repairs to exempt items. In other words, the repair shop should not have collected tax on the repair. If you paid the tax, the repair shop should refund it to you. If they have any questions, have them call us toll-free at 1-800-252-5555.

Dear Bob Bullock:

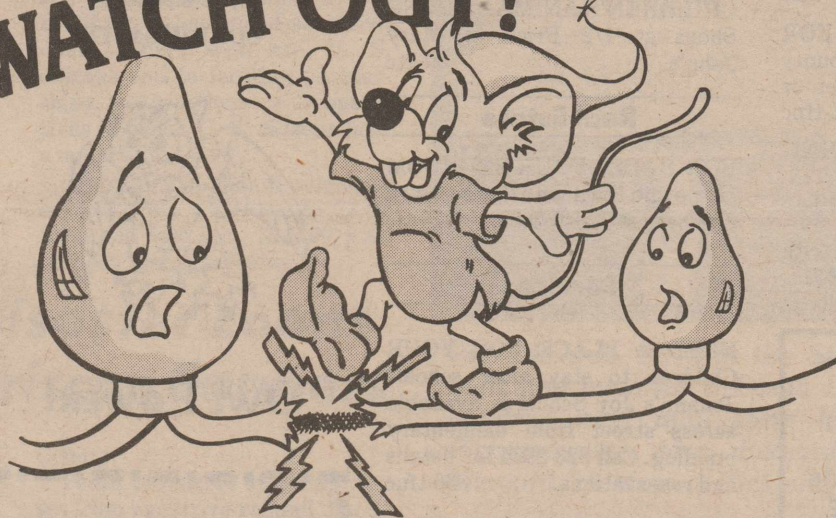
Can I rely on information I receive from your office over the telephone?

Dear P. T.:

Yes, you can. But be sure to get the name of the person you talk to and write down your question and the answer you receive. Remember also that things change from time to time. Give us a call periodically for the most up-to-date information.

## Go Owls

# WATCH OUT, SPARKY! WATCH OUT!



## LEARN WHAT CHRISTMAS SAFETY'S ABOUT!

### A CHRISTMAS SAFETY CHECK

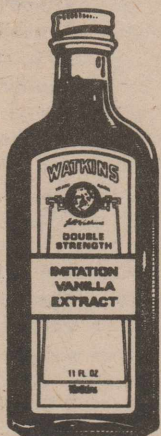
- Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections, and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Check extension cords for wear or damage and don't run them across walking areas.
- Test lights before putting them on the tree. Unplug them before making repairs or replacing bulbs.
- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines.

Call Your SPS office for other safety tips.

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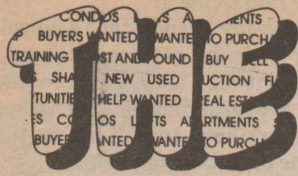
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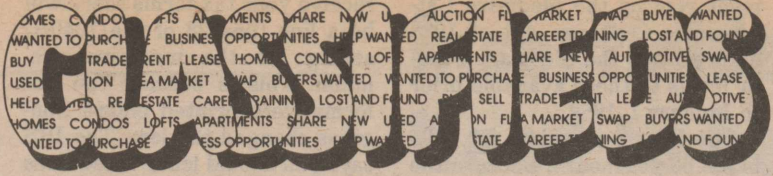
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Dear Santa Claus, Come by and see what Mrs. Santa has at the top of her Christmas list! Relax and have a cup of coffee while we wrap up your shopping for you. Hutsell Jewelry, 823-2277. Hours 10-6, Monday through Saturday. 49-1tc

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JIMMY BURSON

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BESS McWILLIAMS

[Re-election]

FOR TREASURER, Briscoe County, Texas:

JANICE HILL

[Re-election]

FOR COMMISSIONER, Briscoe County Precinct 4:

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