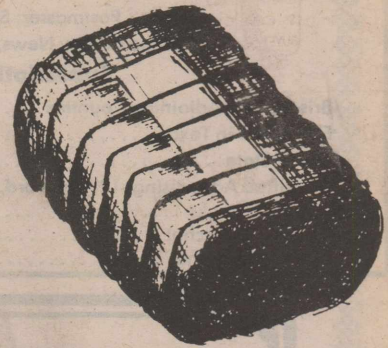


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Swisher Electric Names Youth Tour Winners

Melissa Woods of Silverton and Frank Rodriguez of Kress won all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D. C., by competing in a speech contest sponsored annually by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. The contest was held March 12 at Swisher Electric in Tulia.

Miss Woods, a sophomore in Silverton High School, is the 16-year-old daughter of Becky Woods. She is a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Future Homemakers of America and the National Honor Society. She also has her HAM radio license.

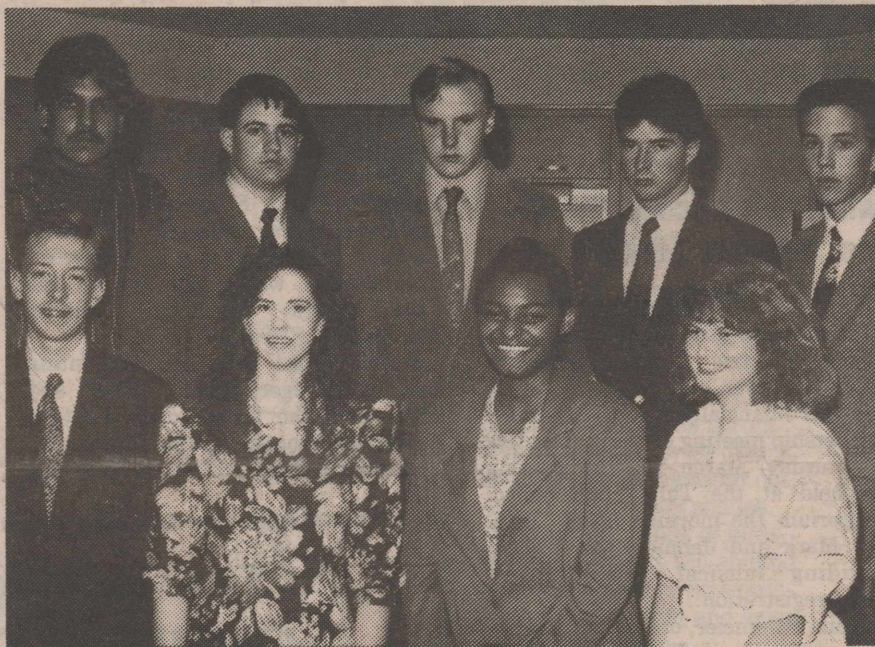
The topic Miss Woods chose was "The History of Rural Electrification—Past, Present and Future." She spoke of the many changes rural electrification has seen over the past 45 years; the high levels of power, usefulness and abundance electricity has reached today; and future possibilities for rural electrification, such as cleaner energy sources.

Rodriguez's speech was entitled, "A Story." He opened by saying, "In 1937 electricity was so much a part of life in urban and small town America that it was hard to remember what life had been like without it. But Electricity was not a part of life on most American farms."

He told the story of how Lyndon Johnson fought to bring electricity to his Texas Hill Country District.

The Youth Tour winners were among nine high school students from the area served by Swisher Electric Cooperative who competed in the speech contest.

Named as alternate in the contest was



Contestants taking part in the Youth Tour speech contest sponsored by Swisher Electric Cooperative were (front row, left to right) Scott Irlbeck, Tulia; Sheila Kirkpatrick, Tulia; Sherrie Hunter, Tulia; Melissa Woods-winner, Silverton; (back row) Frank Rodriguez-winner, Kress; Lance Smith, Silverton; Brent Wilhelm, Nazareth; Stephen Cavitt-alternate, Silverton; Shay Wallace, Tulia.

Stephen Cavitt of Silverton. Other contestants were Brent Wilhelm of Nazareth; Lance Smith of Silverton; and Sheila Kirkpatrick, Scott Irlbeck, Sherrie Hunter and Shay Wallace, all of Tulia.

Miss Woods and Rodriguez will leave on their trip June 6 and will return home June 18. The trip begins in Lewisville, where about 70 youth from cooperatives all over Texas will meet. From Lewisville, they will travel by chartered bus to Washington.

In Washington, the students will visit their U. S. Congressman, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court building and visit the White House.

The youth also will get to tour the more memorable Washington, D. C. sights, including the Smithsonian Institution, the most popular memorials and monuments, and to witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Judges for the contest were Millie Reynolds, K. G. Vaughn and R. W. Shackelford. Mrs. Reynolds has been active in Toastmasters in Amarillo, Canyon and Tulia. Vaughn, owner of Vaughn Company in Tulia, is a past president of the Tulia Toastmasters Club and achieved Toastmasters International ATM certification.

Shackelford, who is now retired, was general manager of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative for 35 years.

Freshman Class to Sponsor Volleyball Tournament Soon

Silverton High School's freshman class will be sponsoring a Volleyball Tournament April 4-5-6. This is the class fund-raiser for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Entry fee is \$36.00. There will be brackets for women's, men's and mixed teams.

To enter, call Clyde Parham, 823-2321, or Braden Towe, 823-2482.

The class will appreciate your support.

Official Little League Registration is Mar. 26

Official Little League registration will be held Tuesday, March 26, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Each child should bring a copy of his or her birth certificate and an entrance fee of \$10.00 for the first child in each family and \$5.00 for each additional child.

Adult officers will be elected after the registration.

Response Has Been Good to Call For Permanent Markers

Response to the attempt to put permanent monuments on all unmarked or temporarily marked graves in the Silverton Cemetery has been very good.

The Silverton Cemetery Association appreciates all the families who have purchased monuments of any type and those who have furnished information for other graves.

Approximately 150 of the small 12"x6"x6" granite monuments selling for \$22.00 each have been or soon will be placed. Many more graves still need permanent markers. If you would like to purchase one of these small ones, or if you have information on a grave needing one, please contact Carolyn Lowrey or Clifton Stodghill. The current price may be available only for one more month. Plans are to turn in another order around April 1. Please make your contact before that date.

Historical Commission Still Accepting Material for Book

The Briscoe County Historical Commission still is accepting histories, pictures and military information and pictures for the new history book to be published soon.

The history books need to be sold now. The number of books sold will determine how many books the commission will be able to have printed.

This book is for everyone. It will be much better if ALL histories are turned in. Everyone and every history is important to the history of this area, from the youngsters to the oldsters.

If you plan to buy a book, please do so now. The book will be much like the first volume. The cost is \$64.35, tax included. Any member of the BCHC will help you in any way they can.

School to Dismiss Early on March 28

School will dismiss early on Thursday, March 28, and will remain closed Friday and Monday for the Easter break.

Classes will dismiss and buses will run at 1:30 p.m.

Pate-Stored Grain Not Eligible For Price-Support Loans

Any grains put into storage in the Pate Grain Company Code 8-7624 at Silverton, Texas will not be eligible for price-support loans during the period this facility is suspended from the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Briscoe Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office said today.

Suspension action was taken by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Commodity Office at Kansas City due to unsatisfactory conditions found.

All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



Supply Sergeant Royce Combs notified his girlfriend and she, in turn, called his parents to tell them that he was on his way home last week. He was to be back at Shaw AFB on Thursday, March 14.

Joe Mercer told the Briscoe County News that his grandson, Jett Mercer, is back at his base in San Antonio, after having been deployed to a hospital in England for the duration of the Persian Gulf war.

The last we heard, Lynn Frizzell still had not heard from his son, Jamie.

We also heard that David Schott's return home had been frozen, and that he was being kept in the Middle East for an indefinite period.

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OBITUARIES**MERL O'NEAL**

Funeral services for Merl D. O'Neal, 89, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, with the Rev. Bryan Donahoo, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. O'Neal died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 14, at Plains Heritage Nursing Home in Plainview following a lengthy illness.

She was born March 13, 1902 in Texas and married Dearwood O'Neal January 22, 1922, in Hale County. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Rock Creek Quilting Club. Her husband died in 1964.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Martin of Silverton, Doris Brown of Throckmorton and Chestina Kitchens of Plainview; a sister, Lavora Fisk of Pottsville, Arkansas; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Kitchens, Mike Martin, Tony Watkins, Roy Bach, Gary Martin and Kyle Jones.

The family suggested memorials be to the Silverton Cemetery Association.

ARTHUR A. (BILL) McINTYRE

Funeral services for Arthur A. (Bill) McIntyre were conducted Tuesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. with Charles Tatyrek officiating. Interment was in the Erick (Oklahoma) Cemetery, under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre.

Mr. McIntyre was born March 12, 1913 in Erick, Oklahoma and passed away March 17, 1991 in the Sayre Memorial Hospital at the age of 78 years and five days.

He was the son of William Horace

and Lillie McIntyre, who moved to Silverton in 1922. He then moved south of Erick in 1937 and later moved south of Sayre in 1941 to make his home where he farmed.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Opal.

He is survived by two sisters, Pauline Hooper of Springtown, Texas and Betty Jefferson of Erick, Oklahoma; three brothers, William McIntyre of Amarillo, Texas, Melvin McIntyre of Sweetwater, Oklahoma and Alvin McIntyre of Sayre, Oklahoma.

Swisher Electric Members Elect Directors At the March 16 Meeting in Tulia

One hundred forty-eight members of Swisher Electric Cooperative heard reports of lower cost of power and a good year financially at the 51st annual membership meeting of the cooperative on Saturday, March 16. The meeting was held at the Tulia High School Auditorium the morning of the 16th, with Mark and Jennie Lynn Hodges providing musical entertainment during registration.

Kalina Pohlmeier, one of the winners of the 1990 Youth Tour sponsored by Swisher Electric, thanked the members for sponsoring the contest and trip to Washington, D. C. and told some of the highlights of her trip. Amanda Tucker, the other Youth Tour winner sponsored by the cooperative, was unable to attend due to a track meet she was involved in, but sent word that she also wished to thank the members for sponsoring her on the trip.

Bob Bryant, general manager of the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, reported on the successful efforts of Golden Spread in reducing the cost of wholesale power to cooperative members. As a result of Golden Spread's intervention in rate cases between it and Southwestern Public Service Company, Swisher Electric and the other member cooperatives of Golden Spread have received rate refunds and lower cost of wholesale power. Charles Castleberry, general manager of Swisher Electric, said that members are paying about 20% less per KWH today than they were three years

ago.

In his manager's address, Castleberry discussed four main points. He noted that Swisher Electric has an excellent service reliability record, with a five-year average outage time of only 45 minutes per meter, per year. This is considerably less than the typical national average of 2-3 hours per meter, per year for most electric utilities. Castleberry also noted that the cooperative is sensitive to environmental concerns, and that it replaced its underground fuel storage tanks with new tanks equipped with leak detection monitors, over-flow protection valves and all the newest environmental protection and monitoring equipment requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Water Commission.

Castleberry also noted in his address that the cooperative is concerned about "line loss" that averages over 15 percent and that increased efforts are being made to better detect stopped and slow registering meters. Line loss is the difference between the amount of electricity purchased from the power supplier and the amount sold to the members. Castleberry concluded his report by noting the cooperative is marketing electric water heaters by offering incentive prices and by reviewing the statistical graphs printed in the annual report.

The members, plus 14 members represented by proxy, elected three members to the board of directors. Directors Guinn Fitzgerald and Jack Middleton were re-elected, and Gene Latham was elected as a new director. The election was conducted by the cooperative's attorney, Lucian Morehead of Plainview.

Barbie Word from the accounting firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss gave the independent auditor's report. Word noted that the cooperative had nearly \$26 million invested in

utility plant before depreciation, with a net utility plant value of \$14.8 million. Total assets and liabilities are valued at \$23.4 million respectively. Word noted that the cooperative had another good year financially in 1990, with net margins just under \$1.2 million. He noted that the cooperative was able to return just over \$24,000 in capital credits within the restrictions imposed by its mortgage agreements.

The meeting was adjourned by the drawing for 54 door prizes, plus a final prize of a microwave oven which was won by William C. Hochstein.

Following the meeting, 455 members and guests enjoyed a free noon meal of sliced brisket, German sausage and fried chicken in the Ezra Jones Cafeteria catered by Danny's Fins and Hens of Lubbock. Over a hundred pieces of fried chicken was leftover, which Swisher Electric donated to the Driskill Halfway House.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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March 5, 1981—Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hardin are parents of a daughter, Aileen Beth . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roger Younger are parents of a daughter, Tyra Paige . . . Older Workers Week to be observed March 8-14 . . . Junior showmen who will be entering Houston Livestock Show include

Sherry Clay, Tammy Clay, Kevin Brent Grabbe, David Gee, Roger Cantwell, Mark Patton, Russell Couch, John Segura and Walter Perkins . . . Mrs. Jord Hollingsworth has been a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital since last Friday . . . Kay and Ivy Brooks observe their 74th wedding anniversary . . .

March 11, 1971—Rev. Larry Wilson is new pastor of First Baptist Church . . . Merle McMurtry to present program on Indian crafts at meeting of L. O. A. Junior Study Club . . . Mrs. Bryant Eddleman became ill at her home here Monday morning and was transported to Swisher Memorial Hospital by ambulance . . . Earl James Minyard buried here Wednesday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg observe sixtieth wedding anniversary with family lunch in their home . . . Dinner

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and Avonna Sunday was A. H. Phillips of Amarillo . . .


March 2, 1961—Zenobia Self initiated into Alpha Chi national scholastic fraternity at Wayland Baptist College . . . Gay Lynn Callaway named to honor roll at West Texas State . . . Joy Morrison to marry Robert Caraway . . . Student Council officers elected were Robert Rhode, president; Larry Elms, treasurer; Bill Schott, vice-president; LaQuetta Chitty, secretary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson left with their flight instructor from Plainview by plane on Wednesday of last week for Florida . . . Mrs. W. A. McJimsey served a birthday dinner Sunday honoring Rev. G. A. Elrod on his 65th anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Olos Chitty spent Sunday afternoon in

Amarillo . . .

March 8, 1951—West Texas State Chapel is scene of marriage of Miss Julia Moreland and Mr. Billy Jess Cox . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ab Dunnagan to observe golden wedding anniversary here . . . John Earl Simpson of the Simpson Chevrolet Company is having sand and gravel placed on the ground preparatory to erecting a new garage building for his automobile dealership . . . Billy Self is home from Corpus Christi, where he has been receiving treatment at an army hospital . . . Roy Montague lost 160 acres of grass in a fire Sunday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Arnold are parents of a daughter, Malinda Sue . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arnold visited friends in Lockney and Floydada Sunday afternoon . . . Mrs. Doyle Stephens, who spent several days last week in Amarillo for medical treatment, was brought home Friday . . .

March 14, 1946—Home from the Navy is Willie A. Smithee, shipfitter 1/C, who served 26 months in the Pacific . . . Mrs. Eveliene G. Finley and John J. Kreiger married Sunday at the Baptist Church . . . Raymond L. Womack home after serving 20 months in the Asiatic-Pacific theater . . . The condition of Mayor Tom Bomar, who suffered a heart attack almost three weeks ago, is showing improvement this week but doctors have ordered him to remain in bed for 60 days . . . A new service station has been opened in Silverton at the old Panhandle station location on the highway. It will be operated by L. A. Hancock and L. E. Cozzen . . . Miss Carolyn Schott was married Friday, March 8, to J. Vaughter Self . . . Carl Dean Bomar arrived home Saturday for a leave, prior to reporting to New Orleans for his discharge. He has been in the Navy in the Pacific . . . Gwenlyn Paige celebrated her seventh birthday Wednesday afternoon with a little party for a few of her friends . . .

March 5, 1936—Another of the Briscoe County pioneers is gone. Cooper Wimberly, 75, a resident of this county since 1890, passed away February 27 . . . Mrs. Stuart Johnston, supervisor of the W. P. A. Archaeology project at Clarendon, has moved her men to ten miles south of Silverton where they have found an unusually rich fossil bed. A giant ground sloth, an unusually large wolf, a camel, the remains of horses as large as the modern horse are among the uncovered fossils. Mrs. Johnston says that these fossils are of the Pleistocene age and are at least a million years old. These fossil beds are located on land belonging to Mr. Mayfield and Mr. McDaniel . . . Mrs. Perry Thomas was hostess on Monday afternoon to members of the Presbyterian Aid Society . . . Datis Martin returned Tuesday from the Standifer Sanitarium, Turkey, where he underwent a tonsil operation Tuesday . . .



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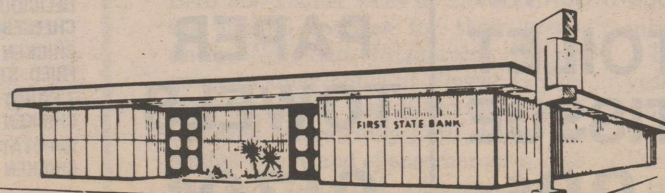
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- March 24—Chris Harrison, Raye Smith
- March 25—Sheila Reagan, Gary Martin, Karen Rice, Sunny Davis
- March 26—Amy Otis, Gordon Lowrey, Michelle Francis, Payton Estes
- March 27—Fred Minyard, Clay Schott, Marcus Hutsell, Kylie Green, Karlie Green

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- March 24—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West
- March 25—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitfill, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis
- March 26—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins

State Treasurer Lists \$90 Million in Unclaimed Property

State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison has announced that 110,000 Texans have \$90 million in lost or forgotten money that she hopes to return to the rightful owners.

These include Van Breedlove, Earnest C. Kiker, Frank Mercer, Walter Arnold, Martha Ann Wristen and William Brooks Wristen, Silverton, and A. E. Birdwell, D. M. Cogdell, jr., Reagan C./Mary L. Hinnant and Rex Johnson, Quitaque.

These names and about 110,000 others are printed in the 1991 version of the Texas Treasury Unclaimed Money Fund list that was published statewide on Sunday, March 3, in 30 Texas newspapers.

"It's the time of year when I can deliver good news to thousands of people across our state," said Mrs. Hutchison, Texas' chief investments and financial officer.

Mrs. Hutchison, who took office on January 2, said one of the highest priorities of her administration "is to reunite as many Texans as possible with their unclaimed or abandoned property."

The Treasury uses the statewide publication, a public service television campaign and other promotional methods to locate owners of unclaimed money and property.

The list includes the names of people owed \$50 or more with the largest account this year being about \$240,000. The owners of unclaimed safe deposit boxes and stock are listed regardless of value. Over the years, the Treasury has helped reunite more than 170,000 owners or heirs with unclaimed, lost or abandoned property.

Toll-free telephone lines have been set up for people whose names are on the list. For information, call 1-800-654-3463, or write The State Treasury, P. O. Box 17728, Austin, Texas 78760. The toll-free line opened at noon on Sunday, March 3, and from Monday, March 4, through Friday, April 5, the telephone hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Beginning Monday, April 8, the hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

"The Treasury staff stands ready, willing and able to help you submit a claim," Mrs. Hutchison said. "It's important to emphasize though, that there is no deadline to make a claim on these accounts. Your money or property will be waiting for you whenever you claim it."

During the first few weeks after the list is published, the toll-free line often is tied up with phone calls, said Sarah Marlow, director of the Treasury's Unclaimed Property division.

"If the line is busy, please try again. If you are asked to hold, please be patient," Mrs. Marlow said. "A Telephone operator will answer your call as soon as possible. The important thing to remember is that it is never too late to claim your money."

Accounts on the unclaimed property list range from checking and savings accounts to utility deposits, from oil royalties to stocks, Mrs. Hutchison said. Most accounts must be dormant from three to five years before they are turned over to the state. The Treasury acts as custodian until the unclaimed property is claimed by the rightful owner or heir.

Money that is not claimed by owners is used by the state for education and general state services such as highways and law enforcement. Last year, for

example, about \$55 million in revenue was turned over to the Foundation School Fund and the General Revenue Fund.

Childress Fire Dept. Hosting Texas Domino Championship

The Childress Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the third annual Official Texas State Championship Domino Tournament April 6, 1991.

Members of the fire department would greatly appreciate your participation in the tournament.

Persons interested in participating may receive information by contacting Childress Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 81, Childress, Texas 79201.

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Five John Deere Products Earn Award for Technological Innovation

Five John Deere agricultural products were among "The Agricultural Engineering 50" outstanding innovations awarded in product or systems technology—1990 by *Agricultural Engineering*, the magazine of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE).

Three of the products earning recognition are designed and manufactured at the John Deere Ottumwa Works, Ottumwa, Iowa. The other two are engineered and produced at the John Deere Des Moines Works, Ankeny, Iowa.

Each year "The AE50" recognizes innovations in technology that help farmers, processors, and equipment makers reduce costs, enhance quality, become more competitive, and improve profitability.

One of the Ottumwa Works award-winning products is the surface wrap attachment for the 435 and 535 round balers. It is an option that provides automatic wrapping of bales with a poly-filament mesh. Surface wrapped bales hold their shape and are protected from spoilage and weathering to better maintain the feeding value of the hay.

Another option for the 435 and 535 round balers also earned an award for John Deere and the Ottumwa Works. The bale push bar attachment improves baling speed and productivity by eliminating the need to back up to eject finished bales from the bale chamber. The push bar is mechanically linked to the hydraulic baler gate and requires no additional hydraulics or controls to operate.

Conditioning rolls over nine feet wide (110 inches) are key components of the third Ottumwa Works award-winning

product, the 1600 mower/conditioner. The urethane conditioner rolls in the 1600 are molded to intermesh very accurately. This maintains even crimping and conditioning action across the entire width of the roll. Accurate intermeshing, coupled with an easy-to-use clearance adjustment and added indentations in the rolls, helps operators set the conditioner to provide quality-boosting, rapid hay drying in a wide variety of crops and conditions.

The upper roll in the 1600 is lifted by a mechanical linkup when the machine is raised. This allows the operator to power out a plug or obstruction without leaving the tractor seat.

One of two Des Moines Works products that earned the award is a furrow opener for the John Deere 610 seeding tool. The new opener helps wheat growers and other cereal crop producers to do soil-conserving no-till planting in many soil types. The furrow opener also improves plant germination and vigor through accurately placing a narrow band of granular fertilizer between and below a split (paired) row of seeds.

The John Deere 600 series tandem disks also earned "The AE50" recognition. A new, cushioned, disk-blade middlebreaker cuts out the center balk of soil left by the two front disk gangs for a smooth soil profile across the entire working width of the 600 series disks. The disks offer an innovative hydraulic-motor-powered leveling mechanism. This option allows on-the-go fore-and-aft leveling from the tractor seat.

"The AE 50" award winners are judged by a panel of national engineering experts. The panel chooses

developments that innovatively apply technology and are likely to advance the efficiency and productivity of food and agricultural technology.

Winter Weather Was Drier, Slightly Cooler Than Normal

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the winter season months of December 1990, January and February 1991 were only slightly cooler than normal with average precipitation at most reporting stations.

Temperatures averaged 0.3 degree below normal and ranged from 1.0 degree above normal at Lubbock to 1.9 degrees below normal at Plainview. Average temperature in Silverton was 38.2 degrees, slightly below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 0.7 degree below normal and ranged from 0.6 degree above normal at Abernathy to 2.9 degrees below normal at Muleshoe. The highest temperature reported during the season was 81 at Jayton on December 13. Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 53.2 degrees, 1.2 degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged exactly normal and ranged from 1.9 degrees above normal at Matador to 2.2 degrees below normal at Plainview. The lowest temperatures of the season occurred just before Christmas with the lowest at nine degrees below zero at Muleshoe on the morning of December 24. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 23.1 degrees, two degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged exactly normal and ranged from 0.89 inch above normal at Snyder to 0.93 inch below normal at Silverton. December and February both averaged below normal precipitation but above normal averages in January made up for the mother months. Much of the precipitation was in the form of rain but some snow in January and late December combined to average just slightly over two inches for the season across the region.

Silverton's total precipitation for the winter months was 1.04 inches, including two inches of snow.

Soil temperature in Silverton on Tuesday, March 12, was 51 degrees.

February Weather Was Drier, Warmer Than Normal At South Plains Stations

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of February 1991 turned out to be warmer and drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged 4.4 degrees above normal and ranged from 6.5 degrees above normal at Paducah to 2.5 degrees above normal at Seminole. Silverton's temperatures averaged 45.5 degrees, which is 1.4 degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 5.5 degrees above normal and ranged from eight degrees above normal at Paducah to 1.6 degrees above normal at Seminole. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 79 and that occurred at Jayton on the 13th and Paducah on the 18th. Silverton's

maximum temperatures for the month averaged 62.6 degrees, slightly less than the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 3.3 degrees above normal, and ranged from 7.1 degrees above normal at Matador to 0.4 degree above normal at Muleshoe. The lowest temperature of the month was nine at Muleshoe on the 1st. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 28.4 degrees, 2.3 degrees less than the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.51 inch below normal and ranged from 0.02 inch below normal at Lubbock to 0.99 inch below normal at Jayton. Several stations recorded only a trace and Jayton nothing at all. Snow flurries amounted to only a trace of snow at a few northwestern and western counties. Most of the rain occurred as showers and a few thunderstorms on the 18th. In Lubbock there was no blowing dust recorded.

Silverton's precipitation for the month was .08 of an inch, .52 of an inch below the 45-year average. The lowest temperature of the month was 19 degrees which occurred on the 1st day. The highest temperature was 76 degrees on the 17th. The rainfall occurred on the 19th.

Soil temperature as of Tuesday, March 12, was 51 degrees.

Social Security In Briscoe County

by Mary Jane Shanes
Medicare Deductible,
Premium Increase

The Medicare medical insurance premium hospital insurance deductible, and certain other patient costs increased as of January 1, 1991.

The beneficiary share of the cost of Medicare is figured each year based on the increases in the cost of the program during the year before.

The basic medical insurance premium increased by \$1.30 - from \$28.60 to \$29.90. The Medicare medical insurance deductible increased - from \$75.00 to \$100.00.

The amount the patient pays for the Medicare hospital insurance deductible and coinsurance amounts increased as follows:

- from \$592 to \$628 for the first 60 days of inpatient care in a benefit period.

- from \$148 to \$157 a day for the 61st through the 90th day of inpatient care.

- from \$296 to \$314 a day for the 60 hospital reserve days.

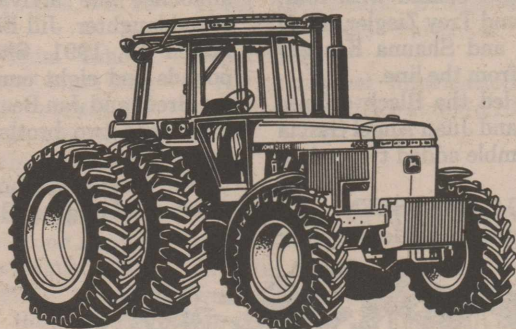
- from \$74 to \$78.50 for the 21st through the 100th day of care in a skilled nursing facility.

The monthly Medicare hospital insurance premium for people who are not insured under the Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Act increased from \$175 to \$77.

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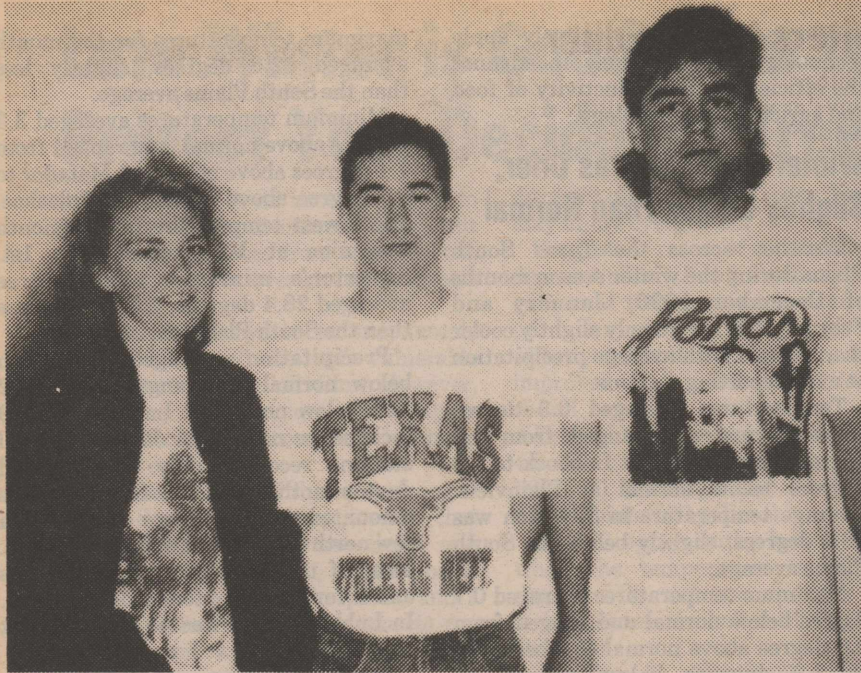
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Carrie Ann Grabbe was chosen as a member of the All-Star Cast and John Cavitt and Bradley Brunson received honorable mention for the All-Star Cast when Silverton's UIL One-Act Play was presented in competition last Friday evening. The play, "Louder I Can't Hear You," didn't advance, but the students and their director, Juannah Jennings, did a very good job of representing their school.

Briscoe County News Photo

Ted Kingery Planning to Return to Russia This Year

Ted Kingery spent three weeks last November in Russia, and is presently planning to return there later this year for another three weeks or more of christian service. He doesn't yet know exactly where in Russia he will be going, but he is hoping that his work this trip won't require as much traveling as he did last year.

Kingery and Tim Johnson of Odessa made up the team that worked together in 1990 teaching christian congregations, helping them to grow as christians so they could convert and teach others. These congregations had been organized by other christians like themselves. Some have their own church buildings and some are just now in the process of getting buildings for their congregations.

Some of the christian teaching is done in an environment of the study of the English language. Where this has been done, those expecting to teach classes of about twenty have found more than a hundred wanting to be in the class.

Kingery and Johnson spoke with the people either in English or through an interpreter. One day when Kingery didn't have an interpreter, he found some ladies who spoke Spanish as their second language with whom he was able to converse. "Their Spanish was a little rusty and mine was a little rusty, but we got along pretty well," Mr. Kingery said.

He added that he was well received as an American, and loved getting acquainted with some of the people of Russia. One of the problems he experienced in Russia was that he became ill and needed antibiotics and couldn't find them. He explained that these drugs aren't sold in but a couple of places in a large city, and they can be purchased only for "hard cash". The exchange for rubles and dollars is about 10 to 15 rubles per dollar, and some things can't be purchased for rubles.

Kingery also described the plight of some of his acquaintances in the Soviet Union who are needing to buy equipment for manufacturing. They have rubles, but they don't have dollars, and there just aren't any foreign countries that will take rubles in

exchange for the equipment.

Kingery said he found the Russian people hungry for the teachings of the bible.

Recently an acquaintance of his from Russia spent a few hours in Silverton. Kingery said that the man was overwhelmed by America, its stores, highways, parking lots and the people.

And what did Kingery enjoy most about the Soviet Union? "Definitely the people!" he said. He can't wait to go back there again!

PTA Update

The Campbell's Labels have been sent in and some balls and ropes will arrive soon. A big thanks to Jo Ann McFall for all the hard work she puts into this project, and to everyone for their contribution.

The PTA meeting originally scheduled for Thursday night was held March 11 when the video "Let's Talk Rock—Rising to the Challenge" was shown. There was a large crowd in attendance. Officers were elected and all March business taken care of.

New officers for the '91-'92 school year will be Dianne Donahoo, president; Wayne Nance, first vice-president (programs); Donna Estes, second vice-president (projects); Gail Wyatt, secretary-treasurer, and Rhenda Burson, reporter-parliamentarian. Good luck!

The date of the April meeting will be announced at a later date. This meeting will be to plan the Little Wrangler Rodeo, so plan to attend and get your name on the job you prefer. ALL PTA members are asked for assistance with this major project.

Coming events include Career Day, Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon, and Little Wrangler Rodeo. Watch for details.

Buckle Up!

Little Dribblers to Play Games on One Monday

Little Dribblers games originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, have been moved to Monday, March 25. All the workers and food assignments will remain the same.

This change was due to Interscholastic League competition on Tuesday, March 26, in which many of the players are involved.

Please mark this change on your calendar.

TEAMS HAVE IDENTICAL RECORDS AFTER FRIDAY

All of the Little Dribbler teams had identical 1-1 season records following Friday night's games, and there was excitement aplenty as the opening night losers played to avenge their losses.

David and Dianne Johnston's Blue Team defeated the Ramsey-Wade Purple Team 16-12 with a big second quarter in which they scored 10 points. Jared Holt and Jeremy Holt tied for scoring honors with eight points each.

Purple Team scores were made by David Donahoo, six, and Matt Martin, four.

In the second game, Barry Francis' Green Team breezed past Nancy and Ken Wood's Red Team 12-6. Nathan Francis led all scorers with eight points and Bert Garza, in addition to playing an outstanding defensive game, scored four points.

Scoring for the Red Team were Paul Donahoo, four, and Jay Arnold, two.

Twila Baldwin's Gray Team took a 24-14 victory over Larry Comer's Blue Team. Arnold Garza scored only one point in the first half, but came back to score 14 big points in the second half to lead all scorers. Zach Baldwin tossed in seven points, and Kenzie Burson and Billy Edwards rang up one point each from the line.

Blue Team scores were by Lupe Vargas, six; Trey Wyatt, four; Chris Justice and Jonathan Ivory, two points each.

In the final game of the evening, Barry Francis' Red Team took a 14-10 victory from Ken and Nancy Wood's Black Team. Brandon Sarchet led the Red Team scorers with five points, with Jared Francis right behind with four. Melissa Barraza and Trey Ziegler added two points each and Shauna Kingery tossed in a point from the line.

Lacy Brunson led the Black offense with five points, and Juan Angel Garcia and Anthony Gamble added two points each.

EXCITING GAMES SEEN

Some very exciting Little Dribbler

games were seen by those who attended the season openers Tuesday night of last week. With Casey Frizzell and Frank Ramirez, jr. as referees, the boys and girls showed off their skills.

Friday night's referees were Kirk Couch and Lyndell Ivory.

Ken and Nancy Wood's Red Team defeated David and Dianne Johnston's Blue Team 16-11 in the first game. Scoring for the Reds were Jay Arnold and Michael Calzadiaz who tossed in eight points each. Blue Team scores were made by Jared Holt, six, and Jeremy Holt, five. Jeremy shot the only three-point goal of the evening.

Dwight Ramsey, Gordon and Saundie Wade's Purple Team took a 20-12 victory over Barry Francis' Green Team. Scoring for the winners were David Donahoo, 13; Eddie Martinez, four, and Dara Ramsey, one point. Green Team scorers were Nathan Francis, nine; Bert Garza, two, and Jordan Sarchet, one point.

Larry Comer's Blue Team defeated Barry Francis' Red Team 21-6. Trey Wyatt led the Blue Team's offense with eight points. Adding points to the score were Lupe Vargas, three; Chris Justice, Amanda Cruz, Jonathan Ivory, Marshall McCammon and Miles Comer, two points each.

Scoring for the Red Team were Brandon Sarchet, four, and Melissa Barraza, two points.

Please remember to check the work assignment poster by the door each game night. If you are down to work you are expected either to fill your job or get someone to do it for you. If you don't fulfill your responsibility, someone else probably has to work double shifts. If you can't find someone to take your place in the concession stand, please call Bena Hester. If you can't find a replacement for yourself in the other jobs, please call Mary Ann Sarchet.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pickens are proud to announce the arrival of their first granddaughter. Jill Elizabeth was born March 13, 1991. She weighed seven pounds and eight ounces. Her parents are Brent and Jan Bean of Amarillo.

She has two brothers, Zachary and Drew.

Her great-grandmothers are Susie Autry and Margaret Gower.

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First Baptist Church Planning Spring Revival Services Soon

First Baptist Church invites you to join its members for Spring Revival Services March 24-29 at 7:00 each evening, Monday - Friday. Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, a light breakfast will be served followed by a devotional time.

Dr. Charles Jones, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Amarillo, will be preaching and Rev. Terry McAffrey, evangelist from Whitney, Texas, will be leading the music.

Dr. Jones graduated from Tahoka High School and after marrying Frances Murray in 1955, worked for Furr's Supermarkets for ten years. They are the parents of three children. After accepting God's call to preach, he earned BA, ThM and ThD degrees. Dr. Jones has been pastor of Second Baptist Church in Amarillo since August 1971, and has served on the board of trustees of High Plains Baptist Hospital, the

Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and as a trustee of Valley Baptist Academy.

Terry McAffrey, an ordained Southern Baptist Minister, attended Oklahoma Baptist University and received a degree in divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He served in full-time ministry for nine years before entering the field of evangelism. He and his wife, Kim, are the parents of two children.

All youth of the community especially are invited to attend on Wednesday evening.

Scout Court of Honor Set In Tulia Thursday Night

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will begin at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Scout House in Tulia.

Anyone interested in Boy Scouting is invited to attend.

Little More Than Year Remains for Getting Commercial Licenses

Little more than a year remains for drivers who operate commercial motor vehicles to get their newly-required commercial drivers licenses. If you drive vehicles with a GVRW over 26,000 pounds, haul placarded hazard materials, or transport 15 or more passengers you will be required to get a commercial driver license (CDL). You must get this new license by the expiration date of your current license or April 1, 1992, whichever comes first.

Northern Panhandle Wildlife Symposium Planned April 9

The Northern Panhandle Wildlife Symposium will be held Tuesday, April 9, 1991 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. Pre-registration is \$7.50, which includes a noon meal and is due by April 1.

Topics range from big game, water fowl, to predator management. The symposium is co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

For additional information contact the Extension office at 823-2131.

Mrs. Wayland (Flo) Fitzgerald has been a patient at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in the Lubbock for three weeks. She is improving, according to her family.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A couple of weeks ago the BCN was delivered bound up with two other pieces of mail from Texas to other people in Georgia. Since I had to separate it, I took time to "read someone else's mail". One was a newsletter from First Methodist in Plainview and the other a weekly newspaper from Crowell.

While both were intriguing the Crowell paper had an article, one of a historical series, about early exploration and settling of the area, and made mention of site approximately at location of present-day Silverton, and a reference to canyons where Lake Mackenzie is now.

Another bit of info that might be useful to those in charge of planning and promoting the big Briscoe County Celebration two years hence, Crowell is registering names of those who are willing to provide bed and breakfast just for the overflow expected to return to celebrate their county's special birthday this year.

Thanks for your vital voice in the affairs of Briscoe Co.

Jerry Sculley
1912 Lullwater Road
Albany, Georgia 31707

Dear Editor,

As you see I was the band director of Silverton H. S. 50 years ago — right after the man from Happy, Texas had gotten together a band of 25 coronets and trumpets and a bass drum. I had to change instrumentation to include some other brass, reeds, etc. We got along rather well and I enjoyed my time there. I've only been back once, about 1969.

I used to write a column in the weekly newspaper — Roy Hahn was editor — Mr. Tweety's Tweets. I taught school 35 years, 29 years here in Miami.

I was married in 1945 after 26 months in South Pacific — USNR.

My writing is terrible because I am legally blind with muscular degeneration. I also have a yearbook of 50 years ago. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,
Don W. Terry
441 S. W. 68 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33144

Harris Announces Relief From Set-Aside Cover Crop Rule For Texas Farmers

The Texas State ASC Committee has exempted Texas from the fifty percent cover crop requirement on Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) acres according to Jerry Harris, chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 required that half of the acreage set-aside under the commodity programs be planted to a cover crop. The legislation also allowed for the exemption of those areas determined to be arid by USDA.

The determination to exclude Texas was based on meteorological data that shows the line between non-arid and arid regions running from North Dakota through Texas. All states east of the line are not considered arid and must comply with the fifty percent cover requirement. Most states west of the line are not considered arid and must comply with the fifty percent cover requirement. Most states west of the line are considered arid and do not have to comply with the fifty percent cover requirement.

"Since this line runs through Texas, the Texas State ASC Committee determined to exclude all of the state from the fifty percent cover requirement," Harris said.

Ambulance Service Has Regular Monthly Meeting

Members of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service met Tuesday, March 5, for their regular monthly meeting. Those attending were James Edwards, Janice Hill, Norma Garcia, Emmett Tomlin, Diamond Williams, Rick Minyard, Della and Bill Boling.

The Ambulance Service will be welcoming new members who have just received certification as emergency medical technicians.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2.

Mrs. Hubbard is Lockney General Employee of Year

Kathi Hubbard of Silverton was among those recently honored at the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Mrs. Hubbard, a registered nurse, was presented the first annual Lockney General Hospital Employee of the Year award by Jeff Reecer, hospital administrator.

Mrs. Hubbard was commended for her professionalism and competency in her work as well as her dedication to the hospital.

A patriotic theme was used at the banquet and entertainment was provided by many talented Lockney individuals.

Those attending from Silverton were Phil and Kathi Hubbard.

Mrs. Hubbard is the daughter of Mildred Perkins and the late Bud Perkins.

Hunter Recognized For Being "Top Dawg" at Midland

Ross Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter of Midland, was one of 22 students at Midland Freshman High School awarded the honor of being "Top Dawg."

Students are selected by teachers based on academic achievement, behavioral expectations and school attendance, which makes them role models for their peers.

Hunter received this designation in geometry.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter of Flomot and Carrie Dickerson of Silverton.

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Late Winter is Good Time to Protect Your Deciduous Trees

Late winter is an excellent time to begin protecting deciduous fruit, nut and landscape trees from scale insects, aphids and other overwintering insects and eggs.

As winter draws to an end, insects grow weaker and are more vulnerable to the suffocating oil film. However, producers must be sure not to apply dormant oil after trees have begun to leaf out or bloom.

The main target of the oil spraying is scale. Scale are sucking insects that attach themselves to tree limbs and branches with smooth, tender bark. They drain sap from the plant, and a serious infestation of scale insects can weaken and kill branches or entire trees.

"Scale insects enclose themselves with a protective covering that makes it difficult to affect them with pesticides," according to Dr. John A. Lipe, Extension horticulturist. "Oil spray can kill the pests by covering them with a suffocating film."

Most fruit trees including peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines, apples and pears are subject to scale infestation. Pecans also benefit from an oil spray, although phylloxera insects are more of a problem than scale on pecan trees.

Numerous species of ornamental trees and shrubs also are subject to scale infestation and can benefit from a

dormant oil spray. This spray, however, may injure evergreens.

Suggested rates of application for dormant oil is 1.5 to 2.0 gallons per 100 gallons of water, or two to four ounces per one gallon of water. The effectiveness of pest control will be improved if an insecticide is added to the oil.

Labeled insecticides include Lorsban 4E (0.5-1 pint/100 gallons), Diazinon 50WP (1 pound/gallons) or Supracide 2E (1-2 pints/100 gallons).

The oil spray works best if applied when the temperature is above 55 degrees. Do not use the oils when temperatures are below 32 degrees or above 90.

The key to effectiveness with oil spraying is good coverage. Air sprayers are commonly used by commercial orchardists, but they are often marginal in spray volume and coverage. Higher volume handguns provide better oil coverage and should be used to spray trees known to have serious scale infestation.

Some trees may require a second oil spraying, but wait three weeks before spraying again.

If you have any questions, contact Curtis Preston, Briscoe County Extension Agent, at 823-2131.

Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative to Refund Capital Credits of \$858,000

The board of directors of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has received approval from the Rural Electrification Administration for the refund of 100% of the Capital Credits for the year of 1985. The decision was made by the board, pending approval of the REA, at their regular board meeting on January 15, 1991. The decision was based on the strong financial condition of the cooperative and a commitment by the board of directors to continue a tradition of refunding capital credits each year since 1980. After this year's payment, the total capital credits paid by the cooperative to the individual members will be approximately \$5,440,000.00.

Individual checks which total approximately \$858,000.00 will be mailed March 28th to the cooperative's members who had telephone service with the cooperative during the year of 1985. Members capital credits are based on net margins for the year and the total billing of the cooperative for services provided to the members. Each member who used telephone services provided by Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in 1985 will receive back in the form of a check approximately 52¢ for every dollar spent with the Cooperative in 1985.

The directors and employees of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. are very proud to be associated with the cooperative and appreciate the continuing support of the members.

Homestead Exemptions Reduce Tax Bills

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills in 1992 by taking advantage of partial exemptions for residence homesteads. Application forms are available locally at the Briscoe County Appraisal District office.

Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser for the district, informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to make a single, one-time only application for residence homestead exemptions.

Property owners who have never received a residence homestead

exemptions on the homes in which they were living on January 1, 1991, and those who became 65 or disabled during 1990 must apply this year to receive exemptions for 1991. Homeowners must file signed, completed applications at the appraisal district office by April 30.

A homeowner's principal residence and yard are considered the residence homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and improvements that have been made, such as a swimming pool, greenhouse or spa, as long as the owner uses them for residential purposes.

Mrs. Fleming said that a property must meet four tests set by law in order to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1; it must be designed or adapted for human residence; it must actually be used as a residence; and it must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for the exemption.

A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for a residence homestead exemption if it meets the four tests.

"A property owner can still qualify for the homestead exemption if part of the residence is rented out or used for other purposes, such as a home business," Mrs. Fleming said. "And the home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily, so long as he intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead elsewhere."

Texas law provides several types of homestead exemptions for homeowners, including two for school districts. The law provides a \$5,000 general school homestead exemption to all homeowners and an additional \$10,000 school exemption to those 65 or older or disabled.

The over-65 school exemption provides a special property tax "ceiling" for taxes. While the market value of an

elderly person's homestead may fluctuate with the market, the taxes due to the school district cannot increase from the amount levied the first year that person qualified for the over-65 exemption.

The ceiling is raised, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When that happens, the new improvement is taxed at its current market value and the school's current tax rate, and the taxes due are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

If the over-65 homeowner later dies, the surviving spouse may apply to retain the school tax ceiling provided the spouse was at least 55 years of age when the older spouse died.

An elderly homeowner who has not previously received the over-65 exemption must apply for the exemption before April 30. To qualify, the homeowner must be 65 or older on January 1, 1991.

Any taxing unit's governing body may grant an additional optional exemption on the homesteads of disabled or elderly residents, or both. Only school district taxes establish a ceiling on taxes, however.

Taxing units also may take official action to offer a local-option homestead exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. In 1991, any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead in the unit. No matter what percentage is adopted, the dollar amount for any homestead exemption must be at least \$5,000.

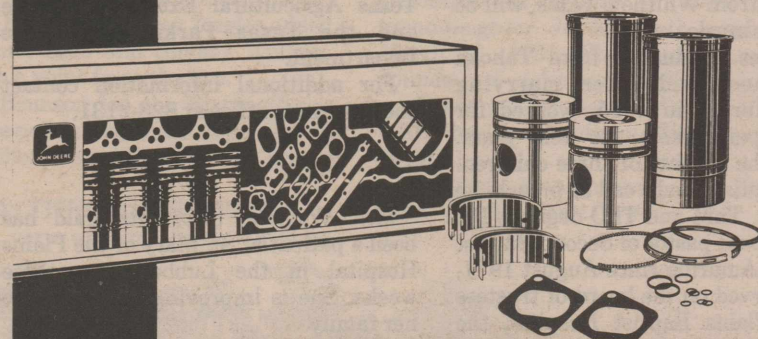
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Pascal Garrison, Rhenda Burson, Donaleta Garrison, Jimmy Burson, Tina Nance and Wayne Nance were among more than 300 people from 12 states attending a regional conference on rural community development with emphases on fund-raising and visioning March 11-13.

12 States Represented at Conference on Rural Community Development

Pascal Garrison, representing Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., and guests, Donaleta Garrison, Jimmy and Rhenda Burson, Wayne and Tina Nance, were among more than 300 people from 12 states attending a regional conference on rural community development with emphasis on fund-raising and visioning March 11-13.

The "Search for Solutions" conference attendees picked up information about innovative solutions to problems other rural communities have solved, heard presentations and spent time with groups of fellow participants from communities of similar size.

Speakers included well-known futurist Joel Barker who's "Vision Your Future" presentation kicked off the conference. Barker is founder and president of Infinity Limited, Inc., an internationally known consulting firm that invented the concept of "strategic exploration."

Dr. Larry Dunn, director of the Colorado Rural Revitalization Project, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, spoke to the group on the "Power of Community Leadership."

Dr. Beth Honadle, professor in the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, shared her ideas on "Bringing Vision to Reality."

"Marketing Your Community Programs to the Public Sector" was the topic for David Harrison, executive director of the Northwest Policy Center, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, who revealed a variety of methods to gain access to public sector funding sources.

James A. Robinson, president and CEO of the West Virginia University Foundation, Morgantown, West Virginia, discussed methods securing funding from the private sector in his presentation, "Marketing Your Community Programs to the Private Sector." Dr. Glen C. Pulver, professor emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, discussed "Economic Vision."

Search for Solutions, the cornerstone of the Community Relations program of Pioneer, began in November 1985 with a series of conferences on rural health care, rural economic development and rural education. Phase II of the program, a series of regional conferences, of which this was one, started in November 1988. The goal of each conference is to help provide community leaders from rural America with some of the tools needed to improve their quality of life.

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Pioneer earmarks a portion of its pre-tax profits for efforts such as Search for Solutions to help fulfill what the company identifies as its responsibility as a corporate citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaskins, Holly Beth and Daniel were in Silverton for the funeral services for their great-uncle, Wayland Fitzgerald. Before going to their home at Flower Grove, they stopped to visit Elton and Lanita Cantwell where Holly Beth shared her birthday cake and opened her gifts. She was four years old. She and Daniel visited the Rick Minyard family in the afternoon.

Owls, Owlettes Place Third in Groom Relays

Silverton's Owls and Owlettes finished in third place in the Groom Relays last Saturday, the Owls earning 98 points and the Owlettes capturing 66 points.

The Junior High Owls scored eight points to finish sixth, and the Junior High Owlettes earned 36 points to finish in fourth place.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

Shot—1. Bradley Brunson (40-2)
Discus—2. Brian West (125-7)
400 Relay—1. Lyndell Ivory, Brunson, Brian Martin, Stephen Cavitt (46.73)
300 Hurdles—2. Brunson (44.63)
100—1. Cavitt (12.04)
110 meter Hurdles—1. Brunson (17.81)
200 Dash—2. Cavitt (24.60)
800 meter Dash—4. Lance Holt

800 meter Dash—4. Lance Holt; 5. Ivory

3200—6. Braden Towe
1200 meter Run—3. Zeb Holt
400 meter Dash—4. Zeb Holt
110 meter Hurdles—1. Julie Graham (18.16); 2. Kami Martin (19.62); 3. Christa Tucker (20.27)

1600 Relay—2. Christa Tucker, Aimee Francis, Monica Arnold, Julie Graham (4:52.2)

300 meter Hurdles—4. Aimee Francis
Discus—4. Aimee Francis
200 meter Dash—5. Monica Arnold
800 meter Run—4. Patricia Patino
100 meter Dash—3. Holly Nance; 4. Leslee Weaks; 5. Lori Brannon

High Jump—4. Brandi Brunson; 5. Molly Bomar

Sprint Relay—4. Lori Brannon, Leslee Weaks, Molly Bomar, Holly Nance

800 Relay—4. Kara Kingery, Brandi Brunson, Molly Bomar, Leslee Weaks

Motley Centennial Musical Jamboree Set

A "kick-off" Motley County Centennial celebration will be Saturday night, March 30, with a Musical Jamboree at the Motley County High School auditorium in Matador.

Bands from South Plains College in Levelland, Brownfield, Plainview, Silverton, Spur and Lockney will begin the entertainment at 7:00 p.m. Country-western, jazz, blue grass and gospel music will be featured.

There is no admission charge. "Feed" buckets will be passed for donations to help defray expenses. The Motley County 4-H Clubs will have a concession with good food available in the school cafeteria.

Come enjoy this good entertainment and help Motley County have a resounding success at this Centennial Kick Off Jamboree.

Army Private in Training Exercise for Alaskan Defense

Army Private Eric E. Scoggins has participated in Arctic Warrior 91, a training exercise for the defense of Alaska.

It provided an arctic environment for a major land battle between two large conventional forces in the state's interior, air-to-ground operations in support of the land battle, and air intercept operations.

The exercise is conducted every other year to train Alaska-based forces to employ and sustain combat units.

Scoggins is a food service specialist at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

He is the son of Finies and Henrietta Scoggins of Quitaque. He is a 1988 graduate of Valley High School.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell") submitted an application on January 4, 1991 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting that the central office-based PBX/type service market be declared subject to significant competition pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule §23.27. If this proposal is approved, Southwestern Bell intends to provide service to this market segment via its PLEXAR-Custom service, which provides for contractual rates and charges to be based on an individual customer-specific basis.

PLEXAR-Custom is a central office-based service which provides switched voice and/or data communications similar to a customer-premises PBX. PLEXAR-Custom service is currently being provided on an individual customer-specific basis via Southwestern Bell's Customer Specific Pricing Plan Tariff for central office-based telecommunications systems of 200 stations or more. If Southwestern Bell's application is approved, the PLEXAR-Custom service tariff will be revised to also include central office-based telecommunications systems which require between 75 and 200 stations.

Centrex and Plexar-II services are currently priced according to a standard tariff regardless of the customer's geographic location in the state. If this application is approved, customers needing 75 to 200 stations will be able to obtain this service priced on an individual customer-specific basis rather than under a standard tariffed rate.

Southwestern Bell's application proposes that the service market for PBX/type systems of 75 stations up to 200 stations be declared subject to significant competition statewide in all of the exchange areas served by Southwestern Bell and in which the central office capability to provide the service exists and/or can readily be made available.

Persons who wish to intervene, protest, or comment on this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by June 21, 1991 at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. You may also call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf. Please refer to this matter in all correspondence as Docket No. 9960.

 Southwestern Bell Telephone

LITTLE DRIBBLERS SCHEDULE, WORKERS

TIME	GRADE	TEAM	GATE WORKER	CONCESSION STAND WORKERS	BOOKKEEPER	CLOCK KEEPER	RULES ENFORCERS	CONCESSION STAND FOOD BROWNIES	RICE KRISPIES
FRIDAY, MARCH 22									
5:00	3-4	Green vs. Purple	Tammie Edwards	Diane Johnston, Cathey Weeks	D. McCammon	Juannah Jennings	Tom Justice	Beverly Minyard	Rosa Vargas
6:00	3-4	Navy vs. Red	Anita Ramsey	Erma Reyna, Diane Donahoo, Estella Garza	Mary Ann Sarchet	Twila Baldwin	John Wyatt	JonEtta Ziegler	Darrah McCammon
7:00	5-6	Gray vs. Black	JonEtta Ziegler	Janinne Brooks, Cindy Comer	Gail Wyatt	Rick Hester	Bill Brooks		
8:00	5-6	Blue vs. Red	Marsha Brunson	Twila Baldwin, Nancy Wood	Sheila Reagan	Jimmy Burson	Ken Wood		
MONDAY, MARCH 25									
5:00	3-4	Navy vs. Purple	Cathey Weeks	Michelle Francis, Jimmie Estes	Mary Ann Sarchet	Mike Juarez	Gary Weeks	Paula Bomar	Saundie Wade
5:45	3-4	Green vs. Red	Saundie Wade	Paula Bomar, Diana Ivory, Mary Castillo	Gloria Wood	Gary Weeks	David Johnston	Janet Justice	Euphemia Barraza
6:30	5-6	Gray vs. Blue	Janinne Brooks	Debra Smith, Mickey Smith	Cynthia Younger	Dwight Ramsey	Bill Brooks		
7:15	5-6	Black vs. Red	Rhenda Burson	Marsha Brunson, Perry Brunson	Jean Mayfield	John Wyatt	Jimmy Burson		
FRIDAY, MARCH 29									
5:00	3-4	Red vs. Purple	Debbie Holt	Frances Gamble, Darrah McCammon	Anita Ramsey	Dewey Estes	David Holt	Vici Baird	Deb Burson
6:00	3-4	Green vs. Navy	Pat Arnold	Paula Bomar, Vici Baird, Brenda Klein	Cathey Weeks	Gary Weeks	Dee Arnold	Michelle Francis	Debbie Holt
7:00	5-6	Black vs. Blue	Phil Mayfield	Rhenda Burson, Jimmy Burson	Mary Ann Sarchet	Barry Francis	Ken Sarchet		
8:00	5-6	Red vs. Gray	Nancy Wood	Mike Juarez, Estella Juarez	Gail Wyatt	Mickey Smith	Eloy Reyna		
TUESDAY, APRIL 2									
5:00	3-4	Red vs. Green	Gail Wyatt	Barbara Edwards, Saundie Wade	Mary Ann Sarchet	Diane Johnston	Roger Younger	Anita Ramsey	Pat Arnold
5:45	3-4	Purple vs. Navy	Dewey Estes	B. Minyard, Jonann Sarchet, Rosa Vargas	Deb Burson	Tom Burson	Dee Arnold	Tammie Edwards	Nora Cruz
6:30	5-6	Blue vs. Red	Debbie Holt	Jean Mayfield, Phil Mayfield, Brenda Klein	Rhenda Burson	Jimmy Burson	David Reagan		
7:15	5-6	Gray vs. Black	JonEtta Ziegler	Pat Arnold, Bill Brooks	Janinne Brooks	Brad Ziegler	Juan Barraza		
TUESDAY, APRIL 9									
5:00	3-4	Navy vs. Green	Saundie Wade	Brian Donahoo, Diane Donahoo	Ramona Martin	Juannah Jennings	Gary Weeks	Erma Reyna	Debra Smith
5:45	3-4	Purple vs. Red	Debbie Holt	Lydia Segura, M. Francis, Euphemia Barraza	Beverly Minyard	Rick Minyard	David Holt	Sheila Reagan	Gloria Wood
6:30	5-6	Black vs. Red	Vici Baird	Sheila Reagan, Janet Justice	Jean Mayfield	Tom Justice	Phil Mayfield		
7:15	5-6	Gray vs. Blue	Brad Ziegler	Kathy Kingery, Anthony Kingery	Mary Ann Sarchet	Perry Brunson	John Wyatt		
FRIDAY, APRIL 12									
5:00	3-4	Purple vs. Green	Tammie Edwards	Frances Gamble, Cathey Weeks	Diane Johnston	Gary Weeks	Mike Juarez	Frances Gamble	Ramona Martin
6:00	3-4	Navy vs. Red	Cindy Comer	A. Ramsey, Cynthia Younger, Maria Castillo	Michelle Francis	Dewey Estes	Rick Minyard	Barbara Edwards	Gail Wyatt
7:00	5-6	Gray vs. Red	Jimmie Estes	Estella Juarez, Mike Juarez	Gail Wyatt	Tom Burson	Dewey Estes		
8:00	5-6	Black vs. Blue	Frances Edwards	Vici Baird, Janinne Brooks	Mary Ann Sarchet	Ken Sarchet	Barry Francis		

Local Volunteer Recognized For Service to Cotton Group

Dorothy Johnson was recognized during an awards program at the 1991 National Cotton Council annual meeting for her individual efforts to promote the "Grown and Made in the U. S. A. — It Matters" campaign.

The award presented to Mrs. Johnson was a state flag made of 100% U. S. cotton which symbolized the significance of cotton to the economic health of Texas as well as the nation as a whole. The presentation was the highlight of the National Cotton Women's Committee Rally on February 10 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

As "Grown and Made in the U. S. A." volunteers, Mrs. Johnson and her peers take part in civic activities which encourage the American public to buy goods manufactured in America from domestically produced cotton. These women also urge retailers to increase the availability of U. S. cotton merchandise in stores nationwide.

"Much of our program is based on education of the American consumer," she said. "Surprisingly few shoppers make it a point to note where the item they are purchasing is manufactured. We simply show them where to look and explain why it is important to select merchandise that is made in the U. S. A."


"If every American were to buy just one \$25 apparel item per year that is made in the U. S. instead of an imported item, we would save approximately 100,000 fiber, textile and apparel related jobs each year," she said. "The purchase of American made cotton textiles and garments can contribute significantly to the economic well being of the nation."

Organized in 1986, the "Grown and Made in the U. S. A. — It Matters" campaign is jointly sponsored by Cotton Incorporated, The National Cotton Council and The Cotton Foundation through a grant from Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company. The volunteer group which is comprised of several hundred women across the Cotton Belt, celebrated its fifth anniversary during the National Cotton Council's annual meeting last month. In commemoration of this significant event, a large cake decorated with the campaign emblem was presented as a

surprise to the group of 250 people attending the rally.

Those wishing to learn more about the "Grown and Made in the U. S. A. — It Matters" campaign may contact Mrs. Johnson at Johnson's Gin Company in Silverton or The National Cotton Council at 1919 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

A Voice From the Country



Earl Cantwell
Gems & Allegorys

If we tell a child nothing about right living, we have no reason to complain if he goes wrong. It is not his fault; it is our neglect . . . A true proverb: You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who could never repay you . . . He that would live in peace and ease must not speak all he knows nor judge all he sees . . . Your town will be a delightful place to live if you are a delightful person to live by . . . People live lonely lives because they build walls instead of bridges . . . When life seems just a dreary grind, and all things seem fated to annoy, say something nice to someone else and watch the world light up with joy . . . Did you ever step outside yourself to watch yourself pass by, to try to see how you look to yourself when no one else was nigh? Did you see the faults that others see when they look with critical eye, or were you so blinded by love of self you saw only perfection pass by . . . Now let us all so live that even the undertaker will be sorry.

Sin is first appealing, then appalling, first alluring, then alienating, first deceiving then damning. It promises life and produces death. It is the most disappointing thing in the world. We need to beware of even the little sins, for a very small leak will sink a great

ship . . . When things go wrong, don't go with them.

A boy came home from school one day with a note from the teacher saying she had to punish him for swearing. His father took him aside and asked, "Well, son, what about it?" The boy answered, "I have nothing to say, Dad; I deserved it. She heard me say what she said she did and called me to her office." "Then what happened?" "She asked me where I had learned such language, but I didn't give you away, Dad. I blamed it on the parrot."

Gossip is the A-bomb of the soul. Its radioactive influence poisons anyone it touches. Homes and hearts have been broken by its evildoers. Lives have lost their lustre by the tarnishing power of gossip . . . A gossip is one who puts two and two together and gets "Whee!" . . . We have become mature persons when keeping a secret gives us more pleasure than passing it on . . . When a little bird tells you something, don't repeat it until you have found out whether the little bird is "cuckoo" . . . Remember a gossip will tell on you also.

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 - Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 - Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:
 - Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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 - Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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 - Baptist Women 9:30 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY:
 - Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.
 - Acteens, G.A.s, Mission
 - Friends, R.A.s 7:00 p.m.
- SECOND SATURDAYS:
 - Baptist Men 7:00 a.m.

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Lee Roark, Pastor

- SUNDAY:
 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 - Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 - Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY:
 - United Meth. Women 9:30 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY:
 - Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.

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- SUNDAY:
 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 - Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 - Training Union 5:00 p.m.
 - Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:
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 - Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.

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- THURSDAY:
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 - Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:
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 And humming insects will abound,
 A scene of beauty, where no words
 Do justice to each sight and sound
 Incorporated in the plan,
 Or could describe each living thing
 That signifies God's love for man,
 When nature comes alive in spring.

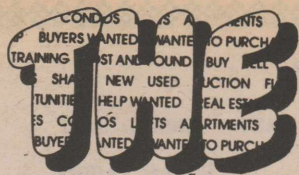
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The family of Wayland Fitzgerald would like to extend grateful appreciation to you for all the kind deeds that have been done for them during his illness and death. The ones that sat up at the hospital, those who sent beautiful flowers, and the food that was brought during his illness and after his death are appreciated very much. Bro. Earl, Bryan Donahoo, Lee Roark and J. D. Nance offered their special prayers. Memorials were received to the ambulance fund, Heart Fund, Senior Citizens, Rock Creek Church of Christ and Cemetery association. The comforting cards and words of encouragement meant a lot to all of us. Grumpy loved you all.

- In christian love,
Flo Fitzgerald
Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald
and family
Betty and Norvell Breedlove
and family
Shirley and Bill Durham
and family

We would like to thank everyone for helping us out at the time of Mother's death and especially we want to thank the ladies of the church who served the noon meal and everyone who sent flowers or food or called.

- The Children of Myrl O'Neal
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Dear friends,
I would like once again to thank everyone for your concern for me when I had to go back to the hospital the second time. Your calls, visits, cards, prayers and food brought to our home is appreciated. Special thanks to J. C. Fowler for taking me to Tulia. May God bless you for your concern.

In christian love,
Duane Reynolds

A special thanks to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, Quitaque Fire Department, Tulia Fire Department, Briscoe County law enforcement and each and everyone who helped contain the fire east of town on March 5.

How grateful we are to live in a community of caring friends and neighbors.

Carl and Dorothy Bomar
Mary Burson

A thank you to all who fought the fire at our house. You did a super job. I know there are some special people I owe thanks to, but can't call names as I don't know who you are. Also to all who offered help, called to check on us, and prayed for us.

Thanks again,
Stan, Waynelle and Kirk

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