

Brown Trial Gets Change of Venue

A state district judge has granted a change of venue in the murder trial of Cynthia Brown, who is accused in the May 2 shooting death of her husband, 37-year-old Michael Trent Brown.

District Judge Randy Hollums on Monday granted a motion for a change of venue, which was filed by Brown's attorney, Bill Kelly of Canyon. Kelly said he filed the motion because of the limited pool of jurors in Briscoe County.

"We can't get a fair trial in Briscoe County because it's such a small county, and everybody knows everybody," Kelly said.

District Attorney Becky McPherson, who is prosecuting the case, said she did not contest the motion. Mrs. McPherson said she agreed with Kelly

School to Admit Senior Citizens Without Charge

Beginning immediately, a school policy change will be implemented and this will see senior citizens who live on fixed incomes admitted to all Silverton ISD activities free of charge. This includes ballgames.

Admission for high school ballgames is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Admission for junior high games is \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students.

WEATHER

DECEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

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that it would be difficult to pick a jury that did not know the witnesses and the Brown family.

Mrs. McPherson said Hollums will designate a new venue for the trial by next week.

Cynthia Brown, 41, who lived southwest of Silverton, is charged with shooting her husband in the head with a rifle. The victim died a few hours later.

Emergency dispatchers told police they received a call at 6:56 p.m. on May 2 from a woman who said she had just shot her husband, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety said

Christmas Decorations To Be Judged Dec. 22

Briscoe County Activities Association is sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest, and the homes will be judged on the evening of Tuesday, December 22.

BCAA asks that everyone turn their lights on that night.

Briscoe County Sheriff Richard Roehr went to Mrs. Brown's house, and she directed him to where her husband was lying in a field near the couple's home, Roehr said.

Mrs. Brown, still armed, fled the scene in her car with lawenforcement officers in pursuit, the DPS spokesman said. DPS troopers spotted the woman and followed her to Floyd County.

She stopped her car on a county road between Lockney and Floydada, put the gun to her chest and held DPS negotiators, the Silverton City Marshal and a Texas Ranger at bay for about two hours, the DPS spokeswoman said.

Christmas Music Program Dec. 17

Silverton students in grades kindergarten through six will be presented in a Christmas music program beginning at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 17, in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Robin Boedeker will direct the

Final '92 Wheat Deficiency Payments Issued

Checks totalling \$255,000.00 were mailed December 14 by the Briscoe County ASCS office to eligible wheat farmers in the county, according to Earlyne Hutsell, CED.

These were final 1992 Wheat Deficiency payments made to Briscoe County farmers participating in the '92 Wheat Program.

The final deficiency rate was 81c per bushel. Including the advance payments made earlier this year, total 1992 wheat deficiency payments for Briscoe County amounted to \$418,714.00.

Buyers' Club to Meet on Dec. 22

There will be an important meeting of the Silverton Buyers' Club Tuesday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the courtroom.

Go Owls
And Owlettes



The snow turned the home of Mae Tennison into a Christmas snowscape Sunday, with an accumulation estimated at six inches. This brought the snow so far to a total of 18 inches, much above normal for this early in the season, and since November 22 there has been a total of 2.66 inches of precipitation, mostly melt from the snows.

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• OBITUARIES

M. G. REYNOLDS

Funeral services for M. G. Reynolds, 82, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at the First Baptist Church in Samnorwood with the Rev. D. J. Lewis, pastor of First Baptist Church in Erick, Oklahoma, and the Rev. Dean Deiver, pastor,

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Mr. Reynolds died Tuesday, December 8.

Born in Ravenna, he had lived in Samnorwood for the past 47 years. He married Berniece Sims in 1931 at Sayre, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Duane Reynolds of Silverton, Jerry and Darrell Reynolds, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Kenneth Reynolds and Tilbert Reynolds, both of California; two sisters, Bea Boyer and Estelle Starkey, both of Shamrock; five grandchildren, including Darrell Reynolds of Silverton and Jan Reynolds Williams of Amarillo, and four great-grandchildren, including Daryl-Ann and Jesse Reynolds of Silverton and Cheyenne Williams of Amarillo.

Pallbearers were Ronald Carter, Billy Connors, Buster Gipson, Kenneth Martindale, Johnny Oldham, Danny Pritchard, B. A. (Nig) Purkey and Noah Stice.

OVA E. McPHERSON

Graveside services for Ova Elizabeth McPherson, 85, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Sunday in the Silverton Cemetery with Elder Jim Jackson of the Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada officiating. Burial arrangements were made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McPherson died Saturday, December 12, at Lockney General Hospital

Born December 15, 1906 in Indian Territory (Oklahoma), she married H. H. McPherson in October 1948 in Plainview. He died January 10, 1980.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and a long-time Silverton resident. For the past several years, she had resided at the Lockney Care Center.

Survivors include two stepsons, Robert McPherson of Silverton and Gale McPherson of Lockney; one sister, Ruby Price of Bells; one brother, Talbert Barton of Mena, Arkansas; and several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were Clifton Stodghill,

Steve McPherson, Bobby McPherson, Riley Ziegler, Joe Richard Noland and Mike Reeves.

The family suggested memorials be made to the Silverton Cemetery Association.

DR. W. J. MANGOLD

Long-time Lockney physician and civic leader, Dr. William Johnson Mangold, sr., 73, died at 12:03 p.m. Friday, December 11, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney with the Rev. Ed Hull, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Lockney Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Dr. Mangold was born in Rio Vista on May 25, 1919, and married Martha Lucille Powell in Marietta, Oklahoma on April 24, 1942.

He lived in Meridian, graduating from Meridian High School, before moving to Gainesville. He was graduated from The University of Texas with a bachelor of science degree and attended Southwest Medical School in Dallas where he completed his medical training

medical training.

He moved to Lockney in 1952 to begin his medical practice.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, served as a test pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ

Two of his sons followed him into the medical profession, Dr. W. J. Mangold, jr. of Tucson and Dr. Gary Mangold of Lockney.

Other survivors include his wife; another son, Howard Mangold of San Antonio; one sister, Frances Straughn of Cleburne; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Hubert E. Frizzell, Claude Brown, Dub Hallmark, Dr. Kevin Stennett, Jeff Reecer, Dan Smith, Terry Ellison, Stan Payne and D. M. Cogdell, jr.

The family suggested memorials to the Lockney General Hospital new addition for interior furnishings.

ROSA LACKEY

Graveside services for Rosa Lackey, 88, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the Floydada Cemetery with the Rev. Howell Farnsworth, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial arrangements were by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lackey died Thursday, December 10, at Lockney Care Center.

She was born April 21, 1904 in Jack County and moved to Floyd County in 1916. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church at Cedar Hill.

She married W. E. Lackey on May 4,

1920 at Cedar Hill. He died February 11, 1985.

Survivors include three daughters, Bennie Golightly of Frisco, Wanda DuBois of Jewett, and Thada Fowler of Silverton; two sons, Lindsey Lackey of Lockney and Green Lackey of Floydada; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

MATTHEW RUDDELL

Graveside services for Matthew Ruddell, 5, of Floydada, were conducted in Floyd County Memorial Park. Memorial services were conducted at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock.

He died at 11:58 a.m. Saturday at University Medical Center in Lubbock from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Lorenzo.

He was born in Lubbock and moved to Floydada in 1992. He was a kindergarten student at A. B. Duncan Elementary School in Floydada.

His mother, Michelle Ruddell, is in charge of selling and renewing drivers' licenses in Silverton. She is recuperating at the home of her parents in Lubbock.

His father, Allen Ruddell, continues to receive treatment in intensive care at the Lubbock hospital.



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THEREDAY DECEMBED

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Briscoe County News

December 23, 1982—Dear Santa Claus, I want a B-B gun that shoots pellets and some rain galoshes. I want some wild rags, some shirts and a knife. Also, some cowboys and Indians. Wil T. Bomar . . . Dear Santa, I want some roller skates and a Tippytoe. I want a Barbie Doll, a computer and a bike. From Cecilia Castillo . . . Dear Santa, I want a three-wheeler and I want a dog, a motorcycle and a pac-man game but most of all I want some overalls. Zane Henderson . . Dear Santa, Happy Christmas! I like your wrapping. I like a

GI Joe, please. I will leave a surprise on the kitchen table. I love you! Michael Shane Hill . . . Dear Santa, I would like some roller skates, a doll set and a Barbie doll. Love, Jennifer Grimland . .

Dear Santa, I want a puppy that will not grow big. I would also like to have a Western Barbie and Dallas The Barbie Horse. Love, Monica Lynn Arnold.

December 14, 1972—Second ice storm of season hits Silverton . . . Services conducted for J. A. Ziegler . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen of Costa Mesa, California are on their annual pre-Christmas visit to Texas and are houseguests of Mrs. Arthur Arnold at the ranch east of Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray McWilliams are parents of a son, Edwin Dee . . . M. F. Clemmer named to new position with Kaiser Steel Corporation ...

December 6, 1962—Van Breedlove makes all-district as linebacker . . . Owlettes sweep Kress Tournament . . Mrs. H. E. Fowler is 500th telephone subscriber . . . Kings Manor Home for Older Adults to have open house . Mrs. Alice Simpson undergoes first surgery at age 95 . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance were in Amherst to attend the funeral of Mrs. Luther Caraway Monday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens to celebrate golden anniversary . . . Appreciation Tea honors Mrs. Louise Vaughan . . . Troy Burson is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital . . . J. K. Bean is a patient in Swisher County Hospital.

December 1952—Patricia Jeanette Purvis to marry Mickey Dan Cornett in January ceremony . . . Lcdr. and Mrs. Riddell C. Hutsell of Honolulu, Hawaii are parents of a daughter, Cynthia Ann Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis will leave Sunday for Sulphur, Oklahoma, where they will spend the holidays visiting friends and taking mineral baths . . Last rites conducted for Mrs. Donna Patton, 89 . . . Last rites conducted for G. C. Boydston, 61 . . . Bale number 2886 reached at local gin . . . Mrs. O. T. Bundy will leave Thursday for Midland where she will join the Mast family, and all will go to Mission to spend Christmas with the Virgil Ballards . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer were business visitors in Lubbock Monday . .

December 17, 1942—Miss Pauline Bates became the bride of Mr. Orville Turner in wedding rites of impressive solemnity, with the double-ring ceremony read by T. G. Craft, pastor of the Methodist Church, Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock . . . Services conducted for Mrs. L. W. Kitchens . . . LaWanda Reid, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reid, fell while playing Friday and broke her collarbone . . . Mrs. George Kirk, Mrs. Ben Smith and Corky Kirk spent Thursday in Amarillo . . . Miss Geraldine Steele of Lubbock spent the weekend here with relatives . . Imogene Strange visited Ava Nell and Winona Brown on Saturday night. Earl Cantwell of Lubbock spent the weekend with his family

December 19, 1929-Noted squashes of P. D. Jasper returned from Panhandle-Plains Fair and Dallas Fair, South Texas Exposition and Cotton . . J. L. Shipley hurt in Palace . automobile wreck east of Tulia . . . Mrs. Jno. Burson and Mrs. True Burson were in Turkey on business Friday . . . Elmer Gilkeyson was in Amarillo on business Monday . . . Double birthday party held for R. L. Carter and J. R. Foust . . . Mr. and Mrs. Andy Isbell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Heritage Ruell . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mercer were Sunday visitors in the C. L. McWilliams home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Onar Cornett and Mmes. Freelan Bingham and Wade Welch were shopping in Plainview Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks were weekend visitors in the Jack Brooks home . . . Ginnings pass 5,000 at Quitaque.

February 18, 1928-Judge Wright secures state highway aid . . . Judge C. D. Wright announces for District Attorney . . . Dallas Davis received bad cut on the foot by disc harrow . . . D. L. Morgan and "Cotton" Rakes join Air Service . . . Mrs. Frances Dawson, who has been appointed by Commissioners' Court to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. R. M. Hill, who resigned as County Treasurer, was officially sworn in to office Thursday morning by County Clerk T. L. Anderson . . . Briscoe County Fair Association is perfected here with Albert Dickerson as president Milton Dudley was visiting on Grady Street Sunday . . . Mrs. J. L. Watters and granddaughter visited with Mrs. Dawson Thursday . . . The little folks of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crawford have been on the sick list . . . Little Charlsie Allard who has been very sick with chronic appendicitis and pneumonia is improving . . . Mrs. Barney Hancock of Tucumcari, New Mexico is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell Porter . . Quite a few of the Juniors are having a very nice time staying in with Mrs. Warren, due to the fact that he is teaching them how and when to study

their geometry . . . The farmers have been very busy this week sowing barley and oats ... February 25, 1926-J. Guy Whitacre goes with Burson Motor Company as sales manager . . . Col. R. G. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, expressed his surprise at the scenic grandeur of the Schott Cap, ten miles northeast of Silverton Tuesday, when he was here . .

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Go Owls, Owlettes!

Varsity Teams Take Pair of Wins From Hedley Here Tues.

Silverton's varsity teams earned a pair of victories over Hedley here on Tuesday night of last week.

The Red Owlettes led off the action and jumped out to a big lead over the Green Owlettes, leading 13-6 at the end of the first period, and being 21-15 ahead at the midway stop. They held a 33-20 lead at the end of three quarters, and in the fourth period the free-throw shooting of the Hedley girls almost brought them even with their counterparts from Silverton. The final score was 34-32.

Scoring for Silverton were Brandi Brunson, eight; Kami Martin and Leslee Weaks, six points each; Molly Bomar and Dedra Johnston, four points each; Christa Tucker and Aimee Francis, three points each.

The Red Owls earned a 78-51 victory over the Green Owls, after trailing 22-18 at the end of the first quarter during which a Hedley player had tossed in six consecutive three-pointers before the locals called time out and made defensive adjustments to neutralize his talents. By halftime, the Red team was in the lead 35-27 and they moved ahead 57-36 before the end of the third period. They finished with a 78-51 lead.

Casey Frizzell led the scoring with 21 points and Frank Ramirez, jr. caged 16 points. Other scoring was by Robert Leal, nine; Lance Holt, eight; Stoney Hubbard, six; Matt Francis, Trent Smith, Michael Hill and Braden Towe, four points each, and Zane Henderson, two points. Russ Baird and Dewayne Juarez also saw action in the game.

The varsity teams played in a tournament at Cotton Center over the weekend, and Frank Ramirez, jr. was named Most Valuable Player of the boys division. Casey Frizzell and Christa Tucker were named to the All-Tournament teams. The Owls won first place in the tournament, and the

Owlettes brought home the secondplace trophy.

The Owlettes led off the action with the only loss of the tournament, a 31-34 decision to Three Way. Scoring was by Brandi Brunson, nine; Dedra Johnston, seven; Christa Tucker, six; Molly Bomar and Leslee Weaks, four points

Owlettes 4 10 21 31 Three Way 12 19 25 34

The Owls defeated Three Way in the first round, 63-47. Scoring was by Ramirez, 21; Frizzell, 20; Francis, eight; Hill and Henderson, four points each; Holt, Hubbard and Smith, two points each.

Owls 15 31 45 63 Three Way 13 21 31 47

The Owlettes defeated Trinity Christian 47-44 behind balanced scoring. Molly Bomar tossed in 11 points, Brandi Brunson and Christa Tucker rang up 10 points each. Dedra Johnston and Leslee Weaks rang up eight points each.

Owlettes 4 14 27 47 Trinity 15 23 35 44

The Owls earned an 86-47 decision over Trinity, leading all the way and extending their lead. Scoring was by Ramirez, 19; Hill, 17; Holt, 16; Towe, 10; Hubbard, eight; Frizzell and Smith, six points each; Francis, four points.

In the final round, the Owlettes defeated Cotton Center 46-42. Scoring was by Aimee Francis, 22; Christa Tucker, eight; Kami Martin and Leslee Weaks, four points each; Dedra Johnston, three; Brandi Brunson and Molly Bomar, two points each.

Owlettes 14 25 31 46 Cotton Center 3 15 26 42 The Owls finished with an 87-39 shellacking of Cotton Center. Scoring

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Lakeview Tourn.

points each.

Silverton's high school junior varsity teams will be in a tournament at Lakeview Friday and Saturday.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1992 Francis, six; Holt and Juarez, two

The teams hosted the teams from Kress Tuesday night, and will be traveling to Amherst Friday for games beginning at 5:00 p.m. This will conclude the games until after

Christmas, when they will travel to McLean on December 29 for a pair of

Games Friday will be at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. with Trinity Fellowship.

Saturday the winners of Friday's games will play at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The losers will play at 5:00 and

The other teams in the tournament are Alamo Catholic and Lakeview.

School to Make Up Snow Day

Silverton ISD has announced that one snow day will be made up on Monday, December 21. This had been scheduled to be the first day of the Christmas holiday, but since the school has had to close twice because of the weather, it was decided to make up one of the days then.

The school activity calendar shows the full two weeks as holidays, but Monday, December 21, the students and teachers will be required to be at school.

There will be no early dismissal either on Friday or Monday, and classes will be dismissed at the regular times both days.

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It's Santa Letter Time Once Again

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As in years past, letters can be mailed directly to the North Pole or mailed or taken to the Briscoe County News. All letters will reach the North Pole in time for Santa to fill as many Christmas wishes as possible.

Hunters Get Limit On First Day of Pheasant Season

Guests in the home of Travis McMinn the past weekend were Jerry McMinn, Danny Barker and Jimmy Self, all of Pilot Point. They came to hunt pheasants as guests of Wayne and Zane Henderson.

By noon Sunday, the group had their limit. The men from Pilot Point began their trip homeward as the snow began at noon Sunday.

Dwain and Shirley Henderson prepared breakfast for the hunters Saturday morning.



Items of Interest About SHS Ex-Students Contributed by Former Students

Class of 1983—Roland Asebedo, a graduate with the SHS Class of 1983, is fire marshal in Plainview. He and his wife, Angie, a warrant officer for the City of Plainview, enjoy fishing and camping.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a clipping from the *Houston Post* December 3. I wrote to the Editor to correct the pronunciation of "Quitaque" to "Kitty-Kway".

After quite a roller coaster ride, my paper has settled down to Monday arrival, although last week when you published a day early it came on Tuesday.

The October 1 issue arrived here October 10. The October 8 and 15 issues both arrived on the 23rd. The next issue arrived on Saturday. Since then Monday seems to be the day. This is acceptable but I think they could get here Saturday every time. How are Jeff and Fern doing over at Tyler, or

I certainly enjoy getting the local news and especially the temperature and rainfall column. Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription.

Yours sincerely, Conrad Alexander 1414 Sandy Springs Rd. #49 Houston, Texas 77042

Methodist Women Enjoy Luncheon at Quitaque Quail Lodge

Instead of the annual Christmas party, the United Methodist Women and the ladies of the church who helped make the stew dinner such a success, motored down to Quitaque Quail Lodge on Tuesday, December 8, for a lovely luncheon.

They were invited to tour the large six-bedroom lodge and grounds. It was beautifully decorated for Christmas, both upstairs and downstairs.

At 12:00 noon a delicious luncheon was served to the pastor's family, Brad, Holly and Rann Enloe, Doris Peugh, Josephine Anderson, Jewel Lowrey, Pauline Turner, Pauline Benefield, Polly Montague, Annell Davis, Zelma Mayfield and Jo Hamilton, and guests Dorothy Bomar and Norma Vaughan.

Smoking Gun on Maternal Smoking

A study published by the American Lung Association® found that children with asthma were 57 percent more

with asthma were of likely to have a mother or maternal care giver who smoked. After analyzing the data, researchers determined that mothers who smoke are doubling the risk their children will develop this common lung disease.

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Cantwell-Garcia Marriage Honored at Shower Read In Richardson

Miss Mary Chris Cantwell and Jesus Garcia were united in marriage on Saturday, December 12, at five o'clock in the afternoon at their home in Richardson, with Dr. Lamar Cooper performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell and is granddaughter of Earl Cantwell, all of Silverton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Garcia of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a two-piece tea-length suit of mauve floral designed with scalloped neckline and chiffon skirt.

Mrs. Lynette Martin Byrum served as matron of honor and Florentino Garcia, brother of the groom, served as best

Following the ceremony, a buffet dinner was enjoyed by all. Later in the evening the traditional wedding cake, a gift from the groom's sister, Maria Gallagos, was served by Celia Martin Syme, cousin of the bride, and Elena Garcia, sister of the groom.

The guests were registered by Cally Ann Burk, niece of the bride.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Garcia

Christmas and festive Mexican music was played throughout the evening. Guests were entertained by the group, Sky River, playing blue grass music, a gift from the Jewentino Garcia family. He is a nephew of the groom.

The couple will spend their honeymoon in Mexico during the Christmas holidays, where they will attend a traditional Mexican Fiesta in honor of their marriage, hosted by the groom's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowell

The Pioneer Room at First State Bank was the setting for a wedding shower for Will and Jennifer Rowell on Sunday afternoon, December 13. Approximately fifty guests were greeted by Elaine Forbes and Junis Hutsell and presented to the newlymarried couple.

Special guests included W. D. and Peggy Rowell, Donna Rowell and Connie Simpson, parents and sisters of the bridegroom; Tammi Edwards and Martha Estes, mother and grandmother

The refreshment table was draped with a forest green cloth and was centered with an Old World Santa encircled with a greenery wreath accented with gold ribbon. Crystal and Christmas appointments were used by Debra Grabbe to serve red strawberry Christmas punch, coffee and an assortment of Christmas cookies.

The guest registry was decorated with a Christmas sleigh, and the room was decorated with Christmas motifs

Out-of-town guests included Tammi Edwards, mother of the bride, Amarillo; Martha Estes, grandmother of the bride; Helen Vahue, Shirley Parrish, Stephanie Evans and Shelianna; Mitchell and Connie Simpson and Donna Rowell, all of

Hostesses were Elaine Forbes, Pat Rice, Raye Smith, Brenda Patton, Mary Lane Younger, Pat Lavy, Mary Asebedo, Sybil Martin, Bess McWilliams, Lee O'Neal, Junis Hutsell, Kathy Woodard, Ann West, Tina Nance, Rhenda Burson, Debra Grabbe, Janice Hill, Shirley Durham, Shirley Henderson and Carol Martin. Their gift to the couple was a Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner and the Santa centerpiece.



Light Up Holiday With Fire Safety

December's month-long festival of lights—Christmas trees and decorations and New Year's Eve fireworks—can become a time of tragedy if fire safety is forgotten, warns the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

"Sadly, we tend to overlook fire prevention during the holidays, which makes the loss to fires during December especially painful," said Executive Director Michael E. Hines. "Last Christmas season, five people died in fires involving accidents with Christmas trees. More than \$850,000 in property damage was caused by holiday-decoration fires."

Last December, 51 fires involved Christmas trees and another 13 fires involved holiday decorations, according to the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System operated by the commission to gather fire statistics from Texas fire departments. The most common cause of holiday fires were candles and electrical malfunctions, especially involving lamps and lights.

Fireworks were involved in 79 fires that caused property damage estimated at \$175,000 during December 1991 and January 1992, Hines added.

The Commission on Fire Protection recommends the following steps to prevent holiday fires.

(1) Keep natural trees well watered and moist.

Natural trees used as decorations in the home are twice as likely as artificial trees to be involved in fires, according to fire statistics. Natural trees require special care.

Heaters dry the air, which dries natural trees. Use a humidifier to replace air moisture.

Water the tree daily. Letting the water supply run out even once can keep the tree from drawing any more water through the trunk.

As the tree dries, don't leave lights on for extended times. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.

(2) Avoid candles, and assign "candle watchers."

Fire statistics show that candles caused half of the holiday-decoration fires last year. The best option is to replace wax candles with battery-operated candlesticks.

If wax candles are used, be sure someone is in the room whenever the candles are burning. Put out all candles before going to sleep or leaving the

(3) Assign "light watchers".

Faulty or unattended electrical lights caused half of the Christmas tree fires in 1991, according to fire statistics. Be

sure someone is at home and awake whenever decorative lights are on. Turn off lights before going to sleep.

(4) Avoid the common hazards of

fireworks.

About two-thirds of all fires caused by fireworks were grass, tree or brush fires; however, building fires caused by fireworks destroyed property valued at \$100,000. The safest option is to avoid all fireworks.

Set off fireworks in open areas clear

of grass and trees. Do not use fireworks in windy or dry weather. Check with the local fire department to see if fireworks are legal in your area.

(5) Remember home fire safety.

Be sure there are working smoke alarms near all bedrooms. Give smoke alarms as gifts to those who don't have smoke alarms or who need to replace old smoke alarms.

Don't leave cooking unattended. Plan and practice an emergency exit drill in the home.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection is a state agency involved in numerous aspects of fire protection. Through the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System, the commission collected fire information during 1991 from 350 Texas fire departments, representing about 75 percent of the state's population.

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December 23—Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison

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December 19—Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill

December 20—Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Garcia

December 21—Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters

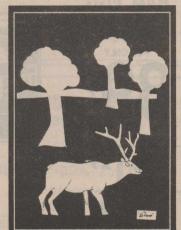
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The 1992 High Plains crop is well on its way to being off the stalk and in the gin yard according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

PCG estimates that the crop is now at least 75-percent harvested and that a week of favorable conditions could easily allow the remainder of the crop to be harvested. Rain in southern parts of the area during the past week has kept some producers out of the field completely and has delayed others for at least a couple of days.

How much cotton the area crop will produce is still an unknown at this time. Most industry estimates for the area are still below the USDA estimate of 1.51 million bales; however, the size of the crop is changing everyday as more cotton makes its way to gin yards around the area.

"The numbers we have been able to put together indicate a crop below the USDA estimate," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Few people have been able to get an accurate estimate of the crop because of the unique circumstances around which this crop was produced."

The December USDA estimate, released Thursday, left expectations for the size of the crop in districts 1-N and 1-S unchanged. Districts 1-N and 1-S are often used as a measuring stick for the 25-county area known as the Texas High Plains.

In contrast to the USDA estimate, preliminary figures on how much cotton is expected to be classed in the Lubbock and Lamesa cotton classing offices continue to indicate a crop slightly over 1.235 million bales, considerably lower than the USDA estimate of 1.51 million bales.

Some adjustment, however, must be made in the classing office figures to allow for a difference in the average weight of those bales. This adjustment is necessary since the estimate reflects the actual number of bales to be received from area gins. These bales, known as "running bales", tend to vary in weight both above and below the 480 pound figure used to compute statistical bales.

Applying the necessary conversion factor moves the classing office estimates up to 1.27 million bales. An additional 100,000 bales can then be added to account for gins in the area that send their cotton to classing offices other than Lubbock or Lamesa. This brings the total to 1.37 million bales, still 140,000 bales below the USDA estimate. Most trade estimates place the crop approximately 100,000 bales below the USDA figure.

Calculations to figure the 1992 Deficiency Payment continue to indicate that the maximum payment rate will be paid to producers on the 1992 crop according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

CHRISTMAS SEALS. THE #1 HOPE FOR THE #3 KILLER: LUNG DISEASE.



Put them everywhere.

Texas taxpayers mugged by prison costs

By JOHN SHARP

In the past six years, Texas voters have approved \$1.5 billion in bonds to pay for new prisons, the largest prison expansion program in United States history. When these latest cells are completed, the Texas prison system will dwarf the corrections facilities of entire nations—in fact, of every western nation but one: our own.

And it's still not enough.

Astonishingly, according to some estimates, Texas will still be more than 28,000 prison beds short after the current construction is complete. To build those additional prisons and operate them for just one year would cost an additional \$1.1 billion. We're spending \$877.4 million to run our prisons this year—four times what we're spending on textbooks for our public school students. And by 1996 prison operating costs are expected to grow to more than \$1.2 billion—the fastest growing item in our state budget.

I don't know about you or your loved ones, but none of this spending has made my family feel any safer.

Criminal justice experts tell us that one of every four Texans will be the victim of a violent crime at some point during our lives. But even those of us lucky enough to avoid becoming part of that statistic are being mugged by the price tag of our prison system.

One of the driving forces behind recent Texas prison spending is the Ruiz lawsuit. On June 29, 1972, inmate David Ruiz filed a handwritten petition in federal district court, claiming unconstitutional conditions in the Texas prison system, where he was serving his second term after some 30 arrests. After more than 20 years and a series of sweeping reforms, parties to the Ruiz case are said to be close to signing what might be the final settle-

ment to the most far-reaching and massive prisoners' rights suit in U.S. history

But this habitual criminal from Austin—now serving a life term for aggra-

vated robbery with a deadly weapon—has left us a legacy for which we will be charged for decades to come.

Although there is little doubt that state prisons needed to be restructured, the reforms stemming from Ruiz have cost Texans billions of dollars. Probably most significant is the 1985 agreement that forced the state to reduce the overall prison population by 5,000 inmates and imposed a 95-percent-ofcapacity cap. Despite the nearly 52,000 prison beds we've approved in the past six years, this cap and other factors have helped push the overcrowding crisis out into our county jails, where more than 17,000 state prisoners are awaiting space in state penitentiaries. This year alone, the total cost of state payments to local counties will be \$113

million—and will still fall an estimated \$100 million short.

Meanwhile, in the last 10 years, the length of the average prison sentence handed down in Texas courtrooms has gone up by 51 percent, but the average prison sentence actually served has gone down by almost 30 percent. We are cycling convicts out to make room for new arrivals—a direct result of stricter judicial sentencing and political pressure on public officials to "get tough" on crime.

No one is suggesting that we shouldn't provide enough prison space for the dangerous and predatory criminals among us. Texas communities have a fundamental right to the best protection we can offer, a fundamental right to know that we will be tough with brutal felons by taking them off our streets and keeping them off.

But the notion that our resources are infinite and that we can pour them into prisons without short-changing important economic and educational programs—programs that might ultimately reduce the Texas crime rate—is misguided. Now that Texas has earned a reputation for being the best at building prisons, it's time to build a reputation for making sure our young people don't wind up in them.

Texas Crime, Texas Justice demonstrates that the staggering costs of our prison system have done little to make Texans feel safer. We hope the report will serve as a catalyst in the coming weeks for law enforcement experts and ordinary Texans alike to refocus the public debate over crime and our criminal justice system.

Behind all the statistics and numbers and economic analysis, there are real Texans who have been victimized—first by criminals, then by the criminal justice system and then again by the runaway costs of our massive prison system. Finding the right balance between the competing demands for increased public safety—and leaner

government—is one of the greatest challenges facing us today.★



Texas Crime, Texas Justice, a major report by State Comptroller John Sharp, gathers in one place, for the first time, a detailed analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Texas criminal justice system. This article is the second in a four-part series summarizing the Comptroller's findings. (For a copy of Texas Crime, Texas Justice, phone toll-free 1-800-531-5441 and ask for Extension 5-0332. In Austin, call 475-0332.)

Cheesecake Squares With Lemon Sauce



If impromptu dinner invitations are your style, try preparing this incredibly easy, yet elegant dessert.

CHEESECAKE SQUARES WITH LEMON SAUCE (Makes 6 to 9 servings)

- 11/4 cups graham cracker
- crumbs 4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle® Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 eggs
 4 cup ReaLemon® Lemon
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Preheat oven to 300°. Combine crumbs, sugar and margarine; press firmly on bottom of 8-inch square baking pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and ReaLemon® brand; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until center is set. Cool. Chill. Serve with warm Golden Lemon Sauce. Garnish with fresh fruit if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

Golden Lemon Sauce: In heavy saucepan, combine ½ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and dash salt. Add ½ cup water, ¼ cup ReaLemon® brand and 1 egg yolk; mix well. Over medium heat, cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat; add 1 tablespoon margarine or butter and yellow food coloring if desired. Stir until well blended. Cool slightly. Refrigerate leftovers. (Makes about 1 cup)

Tip: For easy clean-up and cutting of squares, line pan with aluminum foil, extending foil over ends of pan. Lift from pan; fold down foil. Cut into squares.



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Social Security In Briscoe County

by Mary Jane Shanes Social Security Manager Plainview, Texas

Social Security Provides Family Benefits

More than 12 million people—almost one-third of all Social Security beneficiaries—receive over \$5.2 billion each month in dependents or survivors benefits based on the earnings records of workers who have retired, become

States, Canada, Mexico.

disabled, or died. Yet, many of these beneficiaries, and other potential beneficiaries, may not be aware of the full scope of family protection provided by the Social Security program. Still others haven't stopped to consider the impact of such benefits on their own financial well-being.

Among these 12 million beneficiaries are five million family members whose benefits began when a family breadwinner retired or became disabled. Additionally, there are more than seven million men, women and children who receive monthly Social Security benefits because a household breadwinner has died.

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Wives and husbands may qualify for dependents benefits if they are:

★62 or older;

*any age and carying for the worker's child(ren) who are under age 16 and disabled; and

*divorced spouses 62 or older are also eligible if the marriage had lasted 10 years or more. Benefits paid to a former spouse do not reduce the amount payable to the current spouse and family.

Widows and widowers may be eligible for survivors benefits if they are:

★60 or older, or

*any age and caring for the worker's child(ren) who are under age 16 or disabled, or

★60 or older and divorced from the worker, if the marriage had lasted 10 years or more, or

★50 or older and disabled.

Parents may be eligible for dependents benefits if:

★ they are age 62 or older and were being supported by the worker.

You can get an estimate of your Social Security benefits and those of your family by calling Social Security's toll-free telephone number and asking for a form SSA-7004 (Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement). The estimate will include

the benefits you can expect at retirement or if you become disabled and unable to work. It also shows what your family can expect if you retire, become disabled, or die.

If you are a family member applying for Social Security benefits you will need to provide the worker's Social Security number and your own Social Security number and birth certificate. Other documents may be required, depending on the type of benefit. If you don't have all the documents you need, Social Security can help you get them.

Social Security can help you get them.

To apply for benefits or request a benefit estimate, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, business days between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or stop by any Social Security office.

If you're thinking about retiring and signing up for Social Security anytime soon, some of the best advice I can give you is contained in the old Boy Scout motto: "Be Prepared." I realize that the prospect of retiring and then dealing with a big government agency like Social Security can be overwhelming, but you should know that those of us who work at the Plainview Social Security office understand your apprehension and are here to help.

If there is comfort in numbers, you might like to know that about 4.5 million people sign up for Social Security benefits every year. And for almost everyone, the process is relatively simple and straightforward. Here are some tips that will help make sure the same is true for you.

1) Learn as much as you can about Social Security ahead of time. Call or visit our office and ask for free copies of one or both of these publications: "Understanding Social Security," (Publication No. 05-10024), which provides a general overview of all Social Security programs; or "Retirement," (Publication No. 05-10035), which tells you everything you need to know about Social Security retirement benefits.

2) Find out how much you'll get from Social Security ahead of time so you can make better plans for the future. To do this, just call or visit our office and ask for a "Request For Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement," (Form 7004). About three weeks after you send in the form (it asks a few simple "identifying" questions), you will receive a statement that lists your earnings as shown in our files and that provides an estimate of your retirement benefits. (Disability and survivors estimates are also provided.) Check the earnings statement and if you note any discrepancies with your own records, let us know and we'll help you correct

3) Gather the documents you'll need to file for benefits. You'll need to have a certified copy of your birth certificate and W-2 forms for last year (or your tax return if you're self-employed). If you were in the military, bring your discharge papers. If your wife and children also are filing for benefits, bring their birth certificates and Social Security numbers. If you want direct deposit, bring your checking or savings account information.

If you follow this advice, in other words, if you will "be prepared," signing up for Social Security should be a simple and easy process.

You can get the booklets and the benefit estimate request form mentioned above by calling our office at Plainview or by calling Social Security's toll-free number: 1-800-772-1213, business days between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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We would like to thank each one of you that have blessed us with your prayers, visits, food, phone calls, cards and other expressions of sympathy since the death of our mom. God has blessed us in all ways

J. C. and Thada Fowler Clayton Fowler

We want to thank our loved ones and friends for helping us celebrate our anniversary, with your visits, calls, cards and gifts. You made everything beautiful. All was very much appreciated.

Our love, **Buck and Violet** THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1992

I want to take this way to thank each and every one for the help you gave me before and after Ott passed away.

I want to thank you for your prayers, the beautiful flowers, phone calls, cards and the food, and the Baptist Church ladies for the letter. It helped. I want to thank my daughter, Millie, for all the help she has given me over the months she stayed with me and helped me, and my wonderful sons, Donnie, Jim and Jerry, for all their help. I'm so proud of

Thanks to Kathi; she went without sleep to help and was so good. God bless her. I thank Fay, Judy Miller and James. You are so good. You helped us at home and taking him in the ambulance. And Janice; she is wonderful, and Pat and Dal and thanks to Sylvia Fogerson. She is a good friend and neighbor.

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