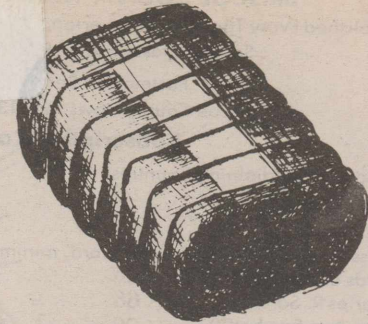
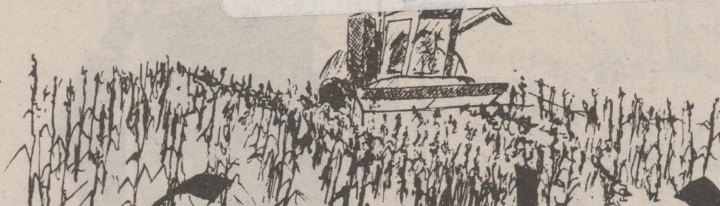


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Interchange Breakers Trip Off Swisher Electric Cooperative

Approximately 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, breakers at Swisher Electric Cooperative's Kress Interchange with Southwestern Public Service Company opened, dumping SEC's entire system. "Back-up relays tripped out the

totalizer breakers on the Kress Interchange transformers," Bob Gleason, SEC's manager of electric operations, explained. According to Gleason, the breakers automatically reset, so the outage probably didn't last

more than a minute. SEC had reached its highest electrical demand for the year, 60 megawatts, when the outage occurred.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., the same thing happened again. Gleason estimated this outage lasted 5-6 minutes. "From there on, things went downhill," Gleason said. High winds caused scattered outages, breaking power poles near Kaffir, Happy, Union Hill, and north of Tulia. Thursday morning, SEC knew of 14 broken poles, including two 69 KV transmission poles near Union Hill. Everything was back on by about 2:00 a.m. Thursday, except for scattered outages not known until later Thursday morning.

SEC customers were not alone. Southwestern Public Service customers in Kress, south of Tulia, and northeast of Plainview were likewise affected. A SEC rep likened the Kress Interchange totalizer breakers that tripped off to a circuit breaker in a customer's home that trips when the current exceeds the breaker's designed amperage rating. Late Thursday morning, SEC had not heard from SPS on precisely what caused SPS's breakers to trip.

Wheat Crop Fared Well Here

by Scott Strawn
Briscoe County Extension Agent

The 1993 Briscoe County wheat crop fared well despite hot dry spring weather.

Most of the test weights and yields across the county were average for the year. There were scattered reports of outstanding yields but the average was lowered due to wheat that suffered from hot dry windy weather that brought down test weights.

Traditionally prices fall during harvest due to futures speculations in Kansas City and Chicago. Some wheat was grazed out or hayed in the county which can serve as an alternative to the lower prices for grain.

Until U. S. exports and consumption exceed production, it can be safe to say that wheat will be a low-profit crop to produce in the future.

FmHA Expedites 502 Rural Housing Loans

"Loan services from the Farmers Home Administration will be expedited for the rural residents in the state of Texas," stated George Ellis, new State Director of the Texas Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). Ellis declared an all-out effort to review and process every completed Rural Housing Program loan application from throughout rural Texas.

In order to meet the tremendous housing needs of rural Texans by utilizing loan allocations that have been returned to Washington in years past, Ellis has set a deadline of August 1, 1993, for completion by all District Directors. Any assistance needed by a county or district office in order to meet this deadline will be provided by other district offices and by the state office in Temple.

Ellis said that he is implementing USDA Secretary Mike Espy's dedication to quality customer service.

"We want our applicants to regard us as partners, and we intend to treat rural Texans right.

Farmers, farm workers, rural residents of all walks of life have a right to the decency and dignity of quality shelter," Ellis said. If you have any questions about the Rural Housing Program section of FmHA, please contact the county office nearest you, or the district or state office.

Farmers Home Administration, as an Equal Opportunity Lender, makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approved lenders without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, marital status, and handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

Public Invited to Kite Demonstration

Silverton Scouts will be sponsoring a kite demonstration that will be open to the public at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, on the Johnson's lot south of the Show Barn.

The kite demonstration will be the same as has been presented in Plainview recently, and kites will be demonstrated and offered for sale.

Everyone who enjoys seeing the big, beautiful kites is invited to watch.

Rock Creek Church to Have Singing School

Everyone in the community is extended an invitation to attend the Rock Creek Church of Christ Singing School July 19-24 at the church.

The Singing School will be held each day from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. and from 8:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Directing the school will be Virgil Scott, who also will be preaching at the Rock Creek Church on Sunday, July 18, and Sunday, July 25.

Methodist Church to Have Vacation Bible School Next Week

The Silverton Methodist Church will be having Vacation Bible School Monday-Friday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Classes are offered for children ages five through those who have completed the fifth grade.

Anyone who needs a ride can call the church between 5:30 and 6:00 each evening.

Special Immunization Clinic is Set July 24

A special clinic to administer immunizations to anyone will be conducted Saturday, July 24, 1993, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health Office, Tulia Courthouse Annex, 310 W. Broadway, Room 115. Walk-ins only.

Immunizations offered include Polio, DPT, Td, MMR, HIB for appropriate ages, and Hepatitis B for infants and high-risk adolescents.

For further information, call 995-3638.

Applications Being Accepted For State Trooper

The Texas Department of Public Safety is now accepting applications for the position of State Trooper. If you are interested in a rewarding career as a Texas State Trooper, and you are of good moral character, 20 years of age, have 60 hours of college or two years as a certified peace officer, or 24 months of military service, U. S. citizen, then you may contact your nearest Department of Public Safety office or any State Trooper for further information.

Be A Member Of The Silverton Chamber of Commerce!

Briscoe County 4-H Fashion Show is Monday Afternoon

The Briscoe County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Monday, July 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Shelter.

4-H'ers will be modeling garments they have constructed or purchased through their participation in the 4-H Clothing Project.

The public is invited to attend this special event.

New Smoking Policy Set For Courthouse

The Briscoe County Commissioner's Court has adopted a restricted smoking policy for the County Courthouse.

Under the new policy, each County Official will set smoking rules for the individual office.

Smoking will be prohibited in all other areas of the Courthouse.

Saturday is Family Night

Saturday night is Family Night at the Methodist Church.

Everyone is welcome to come, bring their favorite games and enjoy the fun.

WEATHER

JULY 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	92	67	.05
2	92	67	
3	86	69	
4	90	69	
5	99	72	
6	95	73	
7	99	68	
8	98	72	
9	97	71	
10	95	65	
11	94	64	
12	97	67	.32
13	84	65	.12
Total Precip. for July			.49
Normal Precip. for July			2.39
Total Precip. Year to Date			7.13
Normal Precip. Year to Date			12.95

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OBITUARIES

RHUEA KILE
 Graveside services for Rhuea Frances Kile, 81, were to be conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Brad Enloe, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call **995-3565** during the day, or call **823-2039 (Joe)** or **823-2498 (Dale)** after 7:00 p.m. They will pick up your vehicle in the morning, drive it to Tulia, make the repairs needed, and return it to you in the evening. Remember, we're just a phone call away!
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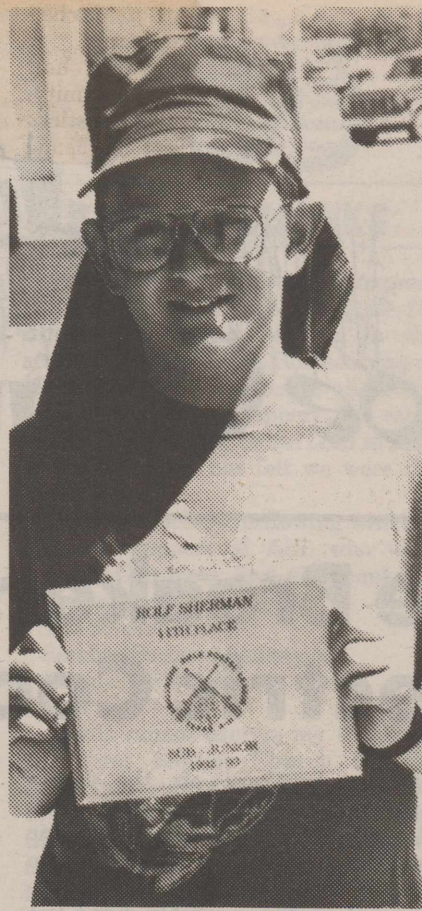
Interment was to be directed by Bratcher Funeral Home. Mrs. Kile died Sunday at Care Inn Nursing Home in Denison. She was born in Memphis November 8, 1911, and was a daughter of the late Gordon and Ora Alexander. Following the death of her first husband, Gatewood Lusk, she married Ben Kile, who died in 1986. She retired as deputy clerk of the Court of Domestic Affairs and moved to Denison from Amarillo in 1988. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Kile was preceded in death by two sisters, who died in infancy, and a brother, Donnell Alexander. She is survived by a son, Sam Lusk of Denison; a brother, Conrad Alexander of Houston, and six grandchildren.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 This time I simply wish to thank you for printing my poems in the past . . . and extend my best regards to all the good people in and around Silverton. As I felt while "touring" several of our cities and states and six countries in Europe during World War II, "Silverton" is STILL my "U.S.A." I shall always hold it and its citizens close to my heart.
 Yours sincerely,
 Loney Stout
 1609 N. Fairfield
 Amarillo, Texas 79107

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
 Thank you so much for the fine picture and article you did in your paper for the Sunshine Girls in regard to the Flomot Homecoming. We got so many compliments and were so blessed. Keep up the good work! Thanks again!
 The Sunshine Girls
 Sandra (Barham) Leutwyler
 Connie McDonald



Rolf Sherman

Two From County Compete in 4-H State Rifle League

Rolf Sherman, son of Tommy and June Sherman, and Will Hester, son of Rick and Bena Hester, recently both competed in the State Smallbore Postal Rifle League. The league consisted of shooting targets with a .22 caliber rifle in the positions of standing, kneeling and prone, according to Briscoe County Extension Agent Scott Strawn. The top three targets and scores were then mailed to the state 4-H office to be tabulated with the others from across the state. Rolf received 11th place and a plaque with a score of 633 and Will received a patch for participating. There were 75 4-H'ers entered in this age division. For more information about the 4-H shooting sports programs, call Scott Strawn at 823-2131.

Senior Citizens to Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center. Hosting the luncheon will be members of the Assembly of God.

Rep Sarpalius' Mobile Office to Be Here July 23

U. S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be at the courthouse in Silverton on Friday, July 23, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. The mobile office allows the congressman to bring his office's services directly to his constituents. "I have always believed that to be an effective public servant you have to go to the people and hear their wants and needs," Sarpalius said. "I was elected not just to represent you, but to serve you. That's why I have this mobile office." The mobile office will be traveling to each town in the district on a periodic basis. For more information, contact Doug Dodson, Community Representative, at 806-371-8844.

William D. Wood is Partner in Law Firm

William D. Wood, son of Angela (Angie) Wood-Wilson of Richmond, Texas and the late Willie D. (Billy) Wood, was made a partner in the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski earlier this year. Wood is a graduate of the University of Houston and has been with the firm since his graduation. Wood is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Ethel) Wood, Briscoe County pioneers and is the nephew of Clayton Wood of Dell City. The late Billy Wood grew up on the family farm located north of Silverton and was a graduate of Silverton High School in 1944. He had a masters degree from Texas Tech and worked for many years for Arthur Anderson & Company of Houston and was stationed in Guatamala running their office there when he met and married Angie. Billy was forced to return to the States because of ill health. He is buried at Silverton.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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July 21, 1983—A tree at the Ware Fogerson home was struck by lightning Thursday of last week during an electrical storm that raked the area. In addition, a plate glass window was broken and the television, refrigerator and electrical system in the home were knocked out. Almost no beneficial moisture resulted from the storm, and the area is still in great need of rain . . . Rev. Ron Ledbetter to conduct revival services at First Baptist Church here . . . Funeral services conducted for G. Mayfield and DeLila Ann Ayres . . .

Connie Rowell, bride-elect of Mitchell Simpson, is shower honoree here . . .

July 19, 1973—Damaging hail storm rakes Rock Creek community, leaving cotton crop looking like sticks on the farms of J. E. Patton, Claude Allison, Datis Martin, Loyd May, Guinn Fitzgerald and Lenton Lanham. The Rock Creek Church of Christ received roof damage . . . Commercial cucumbers being harvested here every other day . . . Tisa Haberer to marry Gene Whitfill . . . Debra Overman to wed Paul Quintin Montague . . . Miss Janinne Pigg becomes Mrs. Bill Brooks in formal garden wedding at the home of the bride's parents . . . Mary Jo Thomas and Wade Brannon repeat wedding vows in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon . . .

July 11, 1963—Riley Harris, Guinn

Turner and Orville Turner to receive Lone Star Farmer degrees . . . Silverton Scouts who are attending camp at Tres Ritos are Rick Martin, Cletus Grady, jr., Gary Gene Grady, Donald Dee Weast, Gary Whitfill, Mike Long, Jay Long, Roy Len Long, Darrell Long, Bill Strange, Robert Fowler, John Montague, Mitchell McDaniel, Buddy Comer, Larry Comer, Joe Mercer, Crockett Grabbe, Darrell Muckleroy and Yater Muckleroy . . . J. E. Minyard, Ruth Ann, Margaret and Marilyn, Kathy Hughes and Connie Dudley attended the fireworks display in Amarillo on the Fourth of July . . . Sam Brown, a student at Baylor University, spent the holidays here . . . Joe Self is attending a speech workshop for high school students at West Texas State College . . . E. B. Lytle and Darlene of

Morton spent last week here with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stephens . . .

July 16, 1953—Dr. Sedgwick is home from Plainview hospital . . . Cpl. Jim Howard called to active duty . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt entertain REA directors . . . Mr. and Mrs. Riely Yates and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell and Leroy went to Anadarko, Oklahoma on Sunday to visit relatives . . . Mrs. Bailey Hill was a recent visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamilton, at Abilene . . . Gay Lyn Callaway was a patient in the Lockney hospital from Saturday until Tuesday . . .

July 22, 1943—Lt. and Mrs. Ted Reid and Virginia returned Monday from Bonham. They spent the weekend with their son and brother, Cadet J. W. Reid, jr., who is stationed at Jones Field. Cadet Reid is now in primary training and is classified as a pilot . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisch . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strange visited Mr. and Mrs. Odis Strange in Amarillo. Teresa Crass, who has spent two weeks in Amarillo, returned home with them . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bingham were married July 13, 1953, and that accounts for the big family get-together they had at their home Sunday. They were celebrating their Golden Wedding . . . R. M. Hill and Lillie B. Brooks went to Childress Friday where they visited the Hoyt Hills for several days . . . Mrs. John Arnold gave one of her readings and a song to the pioneers at the Tulia Picnic Saturday. Mrs. Arnold, the former Gertrude Braidfoot, gave the reading "Early Days" and sang her composition "Bluebirds and Blue Bonnets" . . .

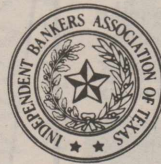
December 9, 1926—Engineers say Denver will be throwing dirt next week . . . Ida farmer makes success of potatoes in neighboring county . . . Texas farmers were paid \$40,747,400 for the 20,498 cars of 1926 grain marketed through the Fort Worth grain exchange, it was revealed here tonight in figures given out by exchange officials . . . Perry Thomas has returned from where he has been working at the carpenter's trade for several months . . . Watson Douglas and wife were in town shopping Friday . . . H. M. Bowers was having a Quitting Business Sale at his ready-to-wear store . . .

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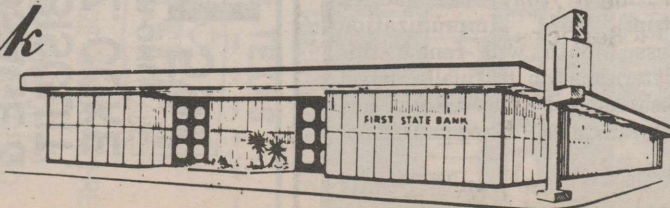
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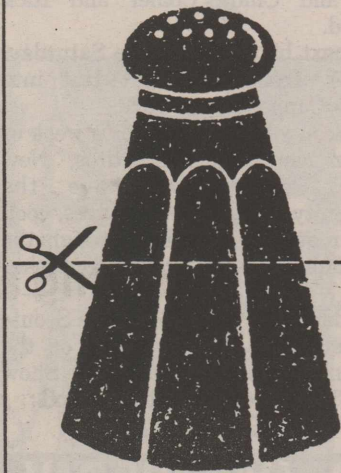
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EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent
Home Economics

In the midst of summer, many parents are faced with the old "I'm bored" statement from their children. One suggestion is for them to read something. Although this is a good idea, just suggesting it usually is not enough to produce results. Parents may have to do a little work to get their children to read. The reward for the effort is more than just filling a few empty hours. It can help to introduce children to a new way of enjoying life and also help their education.

There are a variety of ways to encourage children to read. One is to practice what you preach. By letting your children see you reading, you are showing them that reading is important. Remember, action speaks louder than words. Another idea is to read aloud to your children. Choose a "good time" to share a book. Get your children involved in the story by asking them questions about the story or how a certain character makes the child feel.

Taking a special "family" trip to a store for purchasing magazines or to a library also will help encourage a child to read. Going together to get library cards and becoming familiar with the library encourages children to model their parent's behavior. Make sure children have a special place in their bedroom for library and personal books. This gives added value to those "special books." It also helps keep track of the library books.

Most of all, remember, summer reading is an adventure and an escape from boredom. Share that adventure by helping your children to become involved in reading.

Boy Scout News

The Boy Scouts have been active this summer, first camping and canoeing at Camp Post as soon as school was out. In June, the boys camped and fished at Lake Mackenzie, hosting a hamburger cookout for their families complete with delicious dutch-oven cobblers.

The next morning those boys working on their cycling merit badges left from the Scout Hut, rode to four corners, the gin, down into the canyon, finishing at the Lake Mackenzie Marina for lunch. The boys braved unexpected rain and cold to ride the first of six required 25-mile rides. Participating were Cy Comer, Miles Comer, Heath Braddock, Jared Francis, Nathan Francis, Donny Burson, Lupe Vargas, Chris Justice, Will Hester and Ryan Minyard.

Following in SAG vehicles were Larry and Cindy Comer and Rick Minyard.

The next bike ride will be Saturday, July 31, from the Scout Hut into Caprock Canyons State Park.

The Scouts left Sunday for a week of summer camp at Tres Ritos, New Mexico, where they have the opportunity to earn merit badges, cook all their own meals, hike through the pines, and camp with Scouts from other areas.

Tuesday, July 27, at 6:00, the Scouts will host a kite demonstration on the Johnson's vacant lot south of the Show Barn. The public is invited to attend.

TODAY'S THE DAY
Stop Smoking.

American Heart Association

Tule Lake Golf Club News

In Tuesday's Ladies Playday, there were lots of winners and also lots of fun. Play of day was least shots in rough which was won by Sue Ward with four. Chip-ins were made by Gloria Bryan, Peggy Strange, Debbie Combest and Gaye Young. Birdies were made by Donna Malcom, Peggy Strange, Gaye Young, Debbie Combest, Sue George and Ka Wilfong. Low putts was won by Gloria Bryan with 29.

On Wednesday night in the Four Person Scramble, Doug Curry, Mikel Griffin and Teddy McCaslin won with 29. Second place went to Gary Younger, Dale Morris, Ray Ruiz and Donna Morris, with 31. Third place went to Brad Alcorn, Don Morris, Billy Joe Young and Joy Chapman, with 32.

You are invited to participate in both the Ladies Playday and the Wednesday Night Scramble.

July is Immunization Awareness Month

July has been proclaimed Immunization Awareness Month in Texas. Throughout this month, the Texas Department of Health and local health agencies will sponsor a variety of events to help educate communities about free or low-cost immunizations for children.

Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "We have tried to make it impossible for any Texas parent to plead ignorance as the reason his or her child is unimmunized. But ignorance is only one of the problems. Logistics—the geographic availability of vaccinations at sensible hours for working families—are still a problem."

By age two, only 30 percent of Texas children are fully immunized, half of the national average. Vaccinations are expected to cost about \$57 million, a fraction of the expense of treating the diseases.

Governor Ann Richards in April signed into law a childhood immunization bill that requires all Texas children, except those with a religious conflict or medical contraindication, to be immunized against contagious diseases such as measles, mumps and diphtheria. Doctors and hospitals will now be required to review children's immunization records. Families will be asked to pay for the administration of the vaccine. If the family is unable to pay the administrative fee, vaccines will be administered free of charge. State law already requires children to be immunized against diseases like measles, mumps, diphtheria, whooping cough and polio as soon as they enter school. But many children under age six have not been vaccinated.

"As a pediatrician, I have seen too much of the senseless tragedy associated with failure to vaccinate children against thoroughly preventable diseases," Dr. Smith said. "It is long past time for us to have all but wiped out such devastating disease as measles, yet within the past five years, more than 4,400 Texas children under five years of age have had the disease—including 14 who died from complications of measles."

"Let's hope that the added momentum of Immunization Awareness Month will renew this state's determination to finally defeat the diseases against which we have had vaccines for decades," the commissioner said.

A Texas House and Senate Concurrent Resolution sponsored by Senator Judith Zaffirini was approved

in March by the Senate. It was carried by Representative Nancy McDonald and adopted by the House in May. The resolution noted the health problems associated with low immunization rates, resolved that the Texas Department of Health would review the development and implementation of a statewide immunization registry, and declared July Immunization Month in Texas.

For more information, contact Texas Department of Health, 995-3638, or go by the clinic at 310 West Broadway in Tulia.

Comings And Goings

Ronald Vaughan and son, Douglas, of Arlington recently spent a week with his parents, Ewing and Louise Vaughan. They came especially to drive Ewing to Lubbock to see a skin specialist. The family group spent the night with Helen and Clifford Youngquist and enjoyed hamburgers and homemade ice cream with Helen's family, Robert's family, Gaylon's family and Glenda's family. The rest of the week was spent with Ronald and Douglas catching up on work that needed to be done—things Ronald's parents could not do. Needless to say, his parents were grateful for the helping hands.

Donnie and Sandy Perkins have recently returned from a ten-day trip to Colorado and Wyoming. In Colorado Springs, they visited the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame, Garden of the Gods, Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings and Old Town. Cripple Creek was enjoying its annual Donkey Derby Days with wild donkey races and a street fair.

In Wyoming, they were guests of George and Beatrice Fry at Riverton. They went to Thermopolis Mineral Spa, Wind River Canyon, Fort Washakie

and Bogsden State Park.

Donnie and George enjoyed trout fishing in the Oregon Sluice and Pacific Creek on South Pass atop the Wind River Mountain Range. Donnie brought home a lot of nice fish. They also fished on the Wind River and caught a couple of big rainbow trout.

Jordan and Harrison Fry of Amarillo were visiting their grandparents and enjoyed a snowball fight on the mountain.

Devin Cantwell of Amarillo has been visiting his grandparents, Elton and Lanita Cantwell.

Happy Birthday to . . .

- July 15—Lydia Segura
- July 16—Shelly Harris, JoAnn Baker
- July 17—Vanessa Martin, Ima Nell Francis, Dena Roehr, Josh Breedlove, Doleta Boyce
- July 18—Caleb Francis, Devin Cantwell, Tres Jordan Ramirez
- July 19—Terry Bomar, Trey Wyatt, Eunice Townley
- July 20—Brenna Marie Syme, Sherry Matheus
- July 21—Pat Whitfill, Colby Self, Alisha Breedlove

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- July 15—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Segura
- July 18—Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Bean
- July 19—Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels
- July 20—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haertling

New Arrival

Jesse and Mary Chris Garcia are parents of a daughter, Angela Mercedes, born July 7. She weighed seven pounds and nine ounces.

The baby is the granddaughter of Elton and Lanita Cantwell of Silverton and Martin and Socorro Garcia of Monterrey, Mexico. Earl Cantwell is the great-grandfather.

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Can One Benefit Affect Another?

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

Here's a little Social Security quiz about the effect that one family member's benefit can have on another:

(1) If you receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits, will any dependent's benefits due your wife or husband reduce your monthly payment?

(2) Can benefits paid to your spouse or child reduce those paid to other family members who also receive benefits on your record?

(3) Will your current spouse lose any benefits because your ex-spouse also will be eligible for Social Security benefits on your record?

The answer to question one is "no." There are NO other Social Security benefits that reduce the amount of money we pay you if you worked and earned a retirement or disability benefit. If you are eligible for your own Social Security benefit, you will receive the full amount you are entitled to no matter how many other people receive benefits on your account.

The answer to question two is "yes." There is a limit to the amount of money that can be paid to all other family members on your Social Security record. The limit varies, but is generally equal to about 150 to 180 percent of your basic benefit. If the sum of benefits due your family exceeds this limit, the benefits to all family members, except yours, will be reduced proportionately.

The answer to question three is "no." Benefits payable to a divorced spouse who is 62 or older are not affected by the family limit provisions mentioned above. So any dependent's benefits due your ex-spouse will NOT reduce the payments made to your current spouse

or to any of your children who are receiving benefits. When you die, the same rule applies to widows benefits if your ex-spouse is 60 or older (50 or older, if disabled). Generally, if you are divorced and your ex-spouse is currently unmarried, she or he can receive benefits on your Social Security record (provided the other eligibility requirements are met) if you were married at least 10 years.

Here's an example to help you understand how all this works:

John is 65 years old and receives \$700 each month in retirement benefits. His 51-year-old wife and their 15-year-old daughter also receive benefits on John's record. Normally they'd be due \$350 each (dependents receive up to one-half of the record holder's amount). But due to the family-limit provisions, the benefits payable to the whole family are \$1,050. John is paid his \$700 benefit each month and his wife and daughter share the remainder—or \$175 each. John was married before for more than 10 years. His 65-year-old ex-wife, who never remarried, is due a wife's benefit of \$350.

Power-of-Attorney Agreements, Joint Accounts Not Enough

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

When a person who gets Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks is unable to manage benefits in his or her own best interest, the Social Security Administration appoints a representative payee to assume these responsibilities. In these cases, the Social Security or SSI benefits are sent directly to the representative payee. The payee takes care of using funds for the personal care and well-being of the

beneficiary and agrees to report certain changes in the beneficiary's circumstances that could affect the continuing eligibility to receive benefits.

Social Security representatives often come across situations where family members have worked out other agreements for handling the benefit checks of a family member. Joint bank accounts and power-of-attorney agreements are common methods used to allow one member of a family to control funds belonging to another family member.

Such common practices are, however, not acceptable ways of managing Social Security benefits. While joint bank accounts and powers-of-attorney may be convenient ways to pay bills, they do not provide for the responsibility and accountability that Social Security requires.

If the beneficiary is unable to manage benefits, applying to be the representative payee is the most appropriate step for a responsible family member to take. A payee will be appointed only if medical and other evidence establishes that the

beneficiary cannot manage his or her own finances because of severe mental or physical limitations.

Another misconception Social Security representatives run into is the belief that legal guardianship is a sufficient basis for managing someone else's benefits. If a Social Security or SSI beneficiary has a legal guardian, the legal guardian or a close family member should apply to be the representative payee. The accounting that a guardian makes to the court does not cover all of the aspects of responsibility required from a representative payee.

For more information about becoming a representative payee, call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ask for the free booklet, *A Guide For Representative Payees*.

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Early enrollment figures from the High Plains indicate 91 percent of the effective cotton base acreage in the area was signed up for the 1993 cotton program, according to Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

The Lubbock-based producer organization expects total cotton plantings to be slightly higher than 1992 due to the 2.5 percent decrease in the Acreage Reduction Program for cotton in 1993. Early estimates place cotton acreage near 3.28 million acres, although several hundred thousand acres are expected eventually to fail because of scattered dry conditions on the High Plains.

PCG officials stress that the figures are still "preliminary" and that several counties are not yet through compiling firm acreage figures. Now that the area's crop has been established, the big question remains how many acres will be taken to harvest.

"Speculation about the eventual size of the 1993 crop here on the High Plains is still exactly that, speculation," says Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of the 37-year-old grower organization. "The variability that we have with this crop makes it very difficult to get an idea about its eventual size."

Beneficial rains did fall across much

of the South Plains area, bringing from one-half to five inches of much-needed moisture to a sizeable area. Dry conditions, however, still exist in southern, western and far eastern parts of the High Plains.

A table showing the percent of cotton acres enrolled in the 1993 cotton program by county reflects that Briscoe County has effective base acres of 43,250, with 85% acres enrolled. The 1993 intended plantings were 36,000 acres.

Texas Cotton Producers, Inc. (TCP) has been officially certified as the cotton grower organization which will carry out boll weevil eradication in the state of Texas. The announcement was made at a TCP Board meeting held in Austin Wednesday, July 7, reports Donald A. Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

TCP represents cotton growers in the state through its nine member organizations of which PCG is one. TCP petitioned the Commissioner of Agriculture for certification as the group to develop and formulate the eradication plan under a provision of the boll weevil eradication law which went into effect June 1.

Texas has over six million base acres

1993 Enrollment Figures, Preliminary
Texas High Plains

County	1993 Effective Base acres	1993 % Acres Enrolled	1993 Intended Plantings
Bailey	114,175	80.0	92,593
Borden	30,700	94.2	28,896
Briscoe	43,250	85.0	36,000
Castro	85,147	92.6	52,152
Cochran	145,781	93.9	126,358
Crosby	304,032	91.0	225,675
Dawson	264,332	98.6	255,000
Deaf Smith	6,465	80.4	4,203
Dickens	47,335	74.0	31,173
Floyd	203,151	98.3	181,455
Gaines	367,313	99.0	367,311
Garza	43,000	95.0	38,800
Hale	242,513	98.0	179,000
Hockley	265,957	98.1	247,858
Howard	94,592	99.0	90,223
Lamb	178,000	94.0	160,000
Lubbock	297,774	90.4	266,126
Lynn	276,393	98.0	253,582
Martin	122,746	94.0	115,946
Midland	33,735	72.0	24,583
Motley	46,352	82.0	32,458
Parmer	69,544	72.0	51,482
Swisher	61,000	99.0	56,425
Terry	275,247	98.0	250,777
Yoakum	148,128	96.0	148,128
Total/Ave	3,766,662	90.9	3,316,204

Acreage figures are preliminary and/or estimates.

of cotton. More than half this acreage is either in, or protected by, the High Plains boll weevil suppression program, operated by PCG since 1964.

"Farmers in all regions of the state, apart from the High Plains area and far West Texas, report very heavy infestations of this damaging insect," says Johnson, "but the PCG program continues to keep the weevil from invading High Plains cotton."

Creating the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will give cotton growers in the rest of Texas a chance to rid themselves of this pest, Johnson adds. An eradication program will not have any immediate impact on PCG's program.

Before any eradication operations can start, TCP must create a Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, adopt a final plan, conduct grower referenda to confirm participation, conduct Board elections for the Foundation and finally conduct a second grower referendum of affected cotton growers to authorize collection of assessments to pay for the program. Because of specific provisions in the boll weevil law, cotton growers in the PCG area cannot be asked to pay toward eradication in other areas.

Other items discussed at the TCP meeting included federal crop insurance, North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and classing office fees.

Crop insurance reform proposals are entangled in House and Senate budget reconciliation packages. Comments Johnson, "TCP favors NAFTA in principle but subject to 'fiber forward' being used as rule of origin for cotton products."

Johnson added USDA will lower the fees charged to cotton growers for 1993 cotton classification services from \$1.92 per bale to \$1.87. An additional five-cent per-bale discount will continue to be offered to gins and producer agents who voluntarily provide centralized billing and collection services. In line with budgetary restraints and the demands for increased efficiency it is likely that USDA classing office Texas locations will be reduced in a few years.

South Plains Weather
Warmer, Drier Than
Normal During June

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of June 1993 turned out to be slightly warmer than normal with below-normal precipitation.

Temperatures averaged 0.3 degree above normal and ranged from 2.0 degrees above normal at Olton to 1.7 degree below normal at Lamesa. Silverton's average temperature was 74.7 degrees, just about two degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 0.2 degree above normal and ranged from 2.9 degrees above normal at Levelland to 1.8 degrees below normal at Lamesa. The highest temperature report of the month was 104 at Spur on the third and at Levelland on the 30th. Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 88.8 degrees, about two degrees below the South Plains average, and the highest temperature recorded here was 99 on the 29th.

Minimum temperatures averaged 0.4 degree below normal and ranged from 2.4 degrees above normal at Olton to 1.5 degrees below normal at Lamesa. The lowest temperature of the month was 45 at Littlefield on the 9th and Dimmitt on the 11th. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 60.6 degrees, again about two degrees below the South Plains average. The lowest temperature of the month here was 50 degrees on the 10th.

Precipitation was 1.43 inches below normal for the area but ranged from 1.09 inches above normal at Lubbock to 3.07 inches below normal at Silverton. Much of the above-normal total at Lubbock occurred late on the last day of the month.

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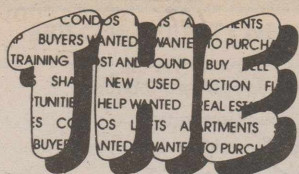
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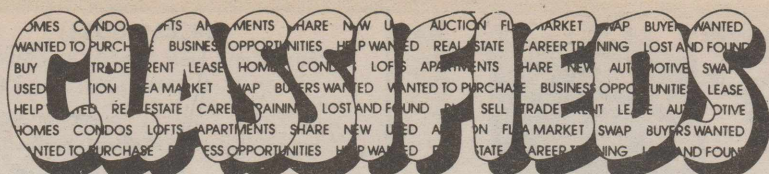
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The Sonshine Girls
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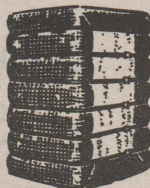
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