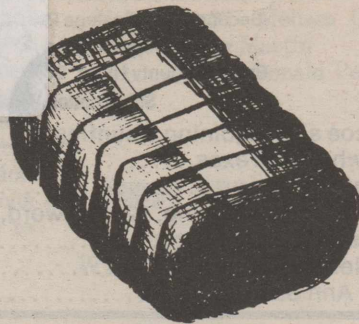


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All Around

The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



Someone told me the other day that the only people who don't make mistakes are the ones who never do anything. I always say that the mistakes in the newspaper are put there for those who love to discover the errors of others.

We had at least one terrible and unintentional error in last week's paper. One precious little Valentine, Sierra Juarez, had her grandparents omitted from the list. We hasten to say that she is the granddaughter of Mike and Estella Juarez, Robert and Sharon Montgomery.



Abel Asebedo told me that his sister, Marilyn Leal, had a breast biopsy last week. I know that all of Marilyn's friends and former classmates here will be praying that she got a good report and that she will be past this very soon.

Tom Brooks was here from Borger and stopped by the other day to request more "Looking Back" from the 1930's. We wish we could oblige, but we don't have many of the files from the thirties. We have 1925-26 and 1929-30 fiscal-year volumes and none older than these, even though newspapers were printed here before 1900. We don't know if they (1) didn't keep files, (2) took the files with them when they left, or (3) whether the files may have burned in a fire sometime. The old newspapers are part of an area's history, and I really wish we had them. All of the files we had were microfilmed at Texas Tech a few years ago, so they are saved permanently there.

Country Music Show Goes Onstage at Tulia Saturday Night

According to information received by O. B. Barnes, the Country Music Show goes onstage at the Tulia High School Auditorium Saturday, February 18. The show is free and will continue from 7:00 until 9:30 p.m.

The program will feature Frankie Kelly and Friends from Fayetteville, Arkansas. Kelly is a fiddle player that played with Bob Wills. Barnes is one of those who joins Kelly for his "jam" sessions.

Farm Loans Require Insurance Coverage

Any producer who anticipates applying for a farm loan from USDA must obtain at least Catastrophic (CAT) crop insurance coverage on all crops of economic significance. This coverage must be obtained before the sales closing date for the producer's particular crops. The requirement applies to both direct and guaranteed farm ownership, operation or emergency loans administered by the former Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) offices, now using the working name Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD).

This change is required by the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The Act also authorized the reorganization of

USDA, which combined the programs of the former ASCS and FCIC with the farm loan programs of FmHA, under the newly-created Consolidated Farm Services Agency (CFSA).

The sales closing dates are approaching quickly. It is crucial for applicants to contact their local CFSA office because once the deadline has passed and the loan applicant has crops without CAT coverage, they will likely have to wait until the following crop year to be eligible for loan assistance.

Further information about the coverage can be obtained from any local crop insurance agent or the CFSA (formerly ASCS) office. Questions regarding the loan requirement can be answered by the local RECD (formerly FmHA) office.



Rick Minyard was presented his Beads by Ernie Ebert, Coach Counselor, upon completion of the Woodbadge Leader Training course, during the District Boy Scout Awards Banquet in Plainview Friday Night.

Briscoe County News Photo by Beverly Minyard

Scout Troop Honored With Unit Awards

Boy Scout Troop 262 and Cub Scout Pack 262 were honored Friday evening during the annual District Boy Scout Awards Banquet held at McClung Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Both groups received recognition as Quality Units for 1994. All Troop and Den leaders were recognized and received lapel pins.

Larry Comer, Scoutmaster of Troop 262, received the Lloyd Woods Award in recognition of exceptional service to

youth and for outstanding service to youth through work on the unit level during 1994.

Rick Minyard, assistant Scoutmaster, was presented his Beads for completion of the Woodbadge Leader Training. This extensive training course involved several weekends at Camp Post working on leadership skills, and a year of work on his "Ticket," a written plan of action to accomplish goals set by him. This "Ticket" had to involve some form of service to the Scouting

Three Terms Expiring On Silverton ISD Board

There will be three terms expiring on the board of Silverton ISD, and three places on the ballot for the school board election to be held Saturday, May 6, 1995.

Candidates may sign up from February 20 through March 22, 1995.

Those whose terms are expiring this year are the regular full terms of Carolyn Lowrey, Jack Graham and Zane Mayfield.

Candidates who wish to have a place on the ballot may do so by making application at the school superintendent's office.

Win Lady Owls!



Larry Comer, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 262, received the Lloyd Woods Award during the annual District Boy Scout Awards Banquet Friday evening in Plainview.

Briscoe County News Photo by Beverly Minyard

program. A part of Minyard's ticket included the beginning of a Cub Scout program in Silverton, which he successfully completed in 1994.

The Beads and Woodbadge neckerchief were presented to Minyard by his Coach Counselor Ernie Ebert of Lubbock. Ebert was leader of the Beaver Patrol at Camp Post, and guided each of the Beaver Patrol members through the course and completion of their ticket.

Also honored at the banquet was Doug McDonough, husband of Brenda (Boling) McDonough and brother of Michelle Francis, who was inducted into the Scout Hall of Fame, the highest honor awarded to a past Scout leader.


Those attending the banquet included Larry Comer, Rick, Beverly, Ryan and Eric Minyard, Bill and Della Boling, all of Silverton, and Doug and Brenda McDonough of Beaumont.

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A Voice From the Country



Earl Cantwell
Gems & Allegorys

Don't save your breath when it's time to breathe a prayer of thanks, for prayer is the key in the hand of faith which unlocks heaven's storehouse . . . Concerning Prayer: (Haines) once said, "God respecteth not the arithmetic, how many they are, nor the rhetoric of our prayers, how neat they are, nor the geometry of our prayers, how long they are, but the divinity of our prayers, how heartsprung they are . . . Even little Bobby is closer to the truth than we are at times when he wound up his little prayer with these words: 'And Lord, please dear God, take good care of Yourself, because if something should happen to You, I'm sunk' . . ."

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talk about things of God proceeds from loose thinking about the same . . . Faith is a lens through which true Christians may see His path clear to the end—from goodness to richer goodness, from glory to glory, the last is through the opening door to heaven into the presence of the King . . . A child of God should preach the gospel at all times—and when necessary use words.

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A melange (medley) to motherhood . . . Abraham Lincoln was credited with the beautiful tribute, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother" . . . Other compliments follow . . . God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers (Jewish Proverb) . . . Heaven is at the feet of mothers (Persian Proverb) . . . An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy (Spanish Proverb) . . . He who takes the child by the hand takes the mother by the heart (Danish Proverb) . . . "I think it must be written somewhere that the virtues of the mothers shall be visited on their children as well as the sins of the fathers (Charles Dickens) . . . The sweetest sounds to mortal given, are heard in mother, home, and heaven . . . Most of all other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds, plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers, sisters,

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Museum Releases Historical Videotape

"The McMurtry Family of Texas" is being released for public viewing by the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

The video tells the story of one of Texas' most colorful families. Nine boys and three girls, children of James Langston McMurtry and Margaret Helen Skaggs McMurtry, were natives of Texas. In the late 1870's, the McMurtry and Williams families migrated to Texas from Missouri, settling in Denton County and later moving to a house and land obtained from Jerry Burnett at Tax Springs, near the present town of Archer City. One by one, the McMurtry boys left home and came to the Panhandle, working for the RO or JA ranches. In the 1950's, Southwest Cattle Raisers titled a story "McMurtry Means Beef." The video traces the breaking up of the large ranch holdings and the move to the suburbs of the third and fourth generation McMurtrys, who number 139 descendants today.

Introducing the film with excerpts from Larry McMurtry's essay "Take My Saddle from the Wall" is Charlie McMurtry, Ph.D., brother of Larry McMurtry. James McMurtry, son of Larry McMurtry and a nationally-recognized recording artist and composer, highlighted the film with original music. Appearing on the film to tell the family story are Hoyse McMurtry of Lubbock, Merle McMurtry of Plainview, the late Alfred McMurtry of Dallas and Jim Collins of McAllen.

This is the 14th in the series, "Native Sons and Daughters," and the 28th videotape produced by the Museum. These award-winning tapes document the social and economic history of the Texas Panhandle.

The film was funded by Jim Collins of McAllen and Nancy Collins Craig of Houston and dedicated to their mother, the late Laverne McMurtry Collins. Additional funding was provided by the Carson County Square House Museum and the Dodge Jones Foundation of Abilene.

The film may be purchased for

\$35.00 plus tax and shipping, or borrowed for only the cost of postage (\$3.50), from the Museum Store. For more information, call 806-537-3524 or write P. O. Box 276, Panhandle, TX 79068.

Extension Service to Have Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Briscoe County Extension Service will be held Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church in Silverton. All citizens, interested in the county and how the Extension Service aids the county, are invited to attend.

Program for the evening will include an update on the health facilities of the county, committee progress reports, the annual report of the Briscoe County Extension Service and dinner. The new County Extension Agent, Rebel Royall, will be present and this will be an excellent opportunity to welcome him to Briscoe County.

If you are interested in attending, please call the Extension Office at 823-2131, to make reservations.

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February 14, 1985—Playing for the Owlettes this year are Suzann Settle, Kim Burson, Julia Couch, Kori Baird, Melissa Stone, Tonette Miller, Lee Ann Durham, Alesha Patton, Shavonne Lowrey, Kristy Fogerson, Jeannita Stephens, DeLynn Fitzgerald and Kathy Brown . . . Gordon Montague, 69, taken by death . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jaye Turner of Mesquite were honored with an open house in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Francis and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance have returned from a mission tour in Mexico . . . Owls defeat Lakeview in triple overtime . . .

February 13, 1975—SHS to be represented by Danna Garvin in State Vocal Solo competition . . . Kelly Bomar and Jill Hutsell have been chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS. Ted Wilson and Julia Dickerson were selected as Students Most Likely to Succeed . . . Eighth grade teams defeat Memphis . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ziegler have been in Dallas to attend the funeral for his brother . . . Victor Weak's underwent an emergency appendectomy at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Mrs. Carl D. Baird and Russ visited Dawn Jasper Tuesday . . . Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes are parents of a son, Matthew Allen . . . John Turner was taken to the Lockney hospital by Silverton ambulance Saturday night . . . Dora Johnston honored on her 95th birthday anniversary . . .

February 18, 1965—The baby sitters are busy on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons when the L. O. A. Junior Study Club meets. There are a total of 34 children—and the number keeps increasing—among the young clubwomen. Only four of the 34 children are in school, and only one other will be starting school next fall. Eight of the children are in the diaper set, and only three of the members have no children . . . Allen Thomas, RMSA, has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study at the U. S. Naval School, Radioman, Class "A" Service School Command, USNTC, San Diego, California. He has reported to his new duty station at Point Mugu, California, where he will be working in communications and attending school at the Pacific Missile Range . . . G. W. Chappell has been elected president of the Silverton Young Farmers. Other officers will be Guinn Fitzgerald, vice-president; Joe Brannon, secretary-treasurer; John Fowler and Joe Bomar, publicity committee . . . Mrs. Gordon Alexander is guest of L. O. A. Study Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smalts and children, Janice Ragland and Mrs. J. E. Vaughan attended the annual family birthday dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Johnston in Hollis, Oklahoma February 7 . . . Albert Dickenson, jr. of Blue Springs, Missouri, has been a recent visitor with his mother, Mrs. Albert Dickenson, who returned home with him early last week for a visit with his family and with Mr. and Mrs. Klee Dickenson and family and other relatives . . . Rita Brown, Tena Williams, Pat Cagle, Tony Allison, Sandi Rhode, Camellia Comer and Johan Bull-Njaa inducted as new members of National Honor Society . . . Donna Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Welch, was a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo from Thursday through Sunday for treatment of a lung condition . . .

February 17, 1955—Silverton girls win district in basketball, boys lose . . . Roy Allard injured when horse fell on him . . . School building bond election expected soon . . . Joy Stodghill received the \$25.00 award Saturday in the You All Come Day program.

Mildred Burson received the \$15.00 and Dave Ziegler was not present to receive his award. Ima Jo Bingham received the \$10.00 award . . . Billy Tennison, who will receive the bachelors degree from Howard Payne College in May, majoring in the science of chemistry, biology and physics, has been awarded a scholarship to Vanderbilt University. The scholarship includes tuition and a nice salary as well, while he pursues work toward the masters degree . . . Mrs. Florence Fogerson, Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson, Diane and Stanley spent the weekend in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day . . . John Henry Crow of Dallas underwent a gall bladder operation last Friday . . . The ladies of the Methodist Church met for a Valentine party and a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Robert

Ledbetter Monday, February 14 . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham, publishers of the *State Line Tribune*, Farwell, were featured in the January 20 issue of the *Publishers' Auxiliary*. Mrs. Graham is the former Jeanne Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley . . . Mrs. Oner Cornett recently had the misfortune of having a sewing needle embedded in her right hand . . . Mr. and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin attended the Panhandle Market Show at the Herring Hotel in Amarillo Sunday . . . Messrs. Carver Monroe, John Earl Simpson and Pascal Garrison are serving on a federal jury this week . . . Tony Allison, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allison, fell off the truck used for the regular Saturday afternoon drawing immediately after the drawing program was finished last Saturday, breaking

the large bone in his right arm . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jennings and son have moved here from Tulia, and he is operating Jennings Farm Store . . .

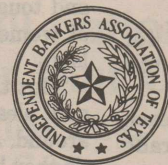
February 15, 1945—James L. Allred's outfit eliminated a Japanese paratroop force in the fight for the Philippines. He was in the first Seabee outfit to meet up with Jap paratroopers . . . Esdell Hutsell entered the Navy in September 1944. He is in the Naval Air Corps as Air Crewman and is stationed at Norman, Oklahoma. He is 17 years old and was licensed to preach in November 1943. He is a graduate of Silverton High School . . . A letter was received from Hollie Francis which told of Christmas and New Years Day in a

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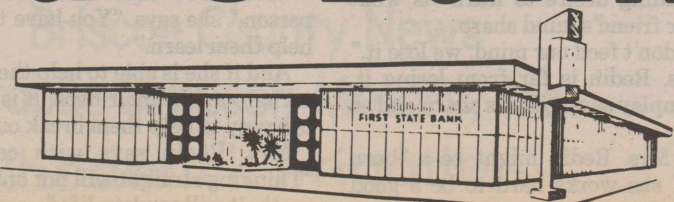
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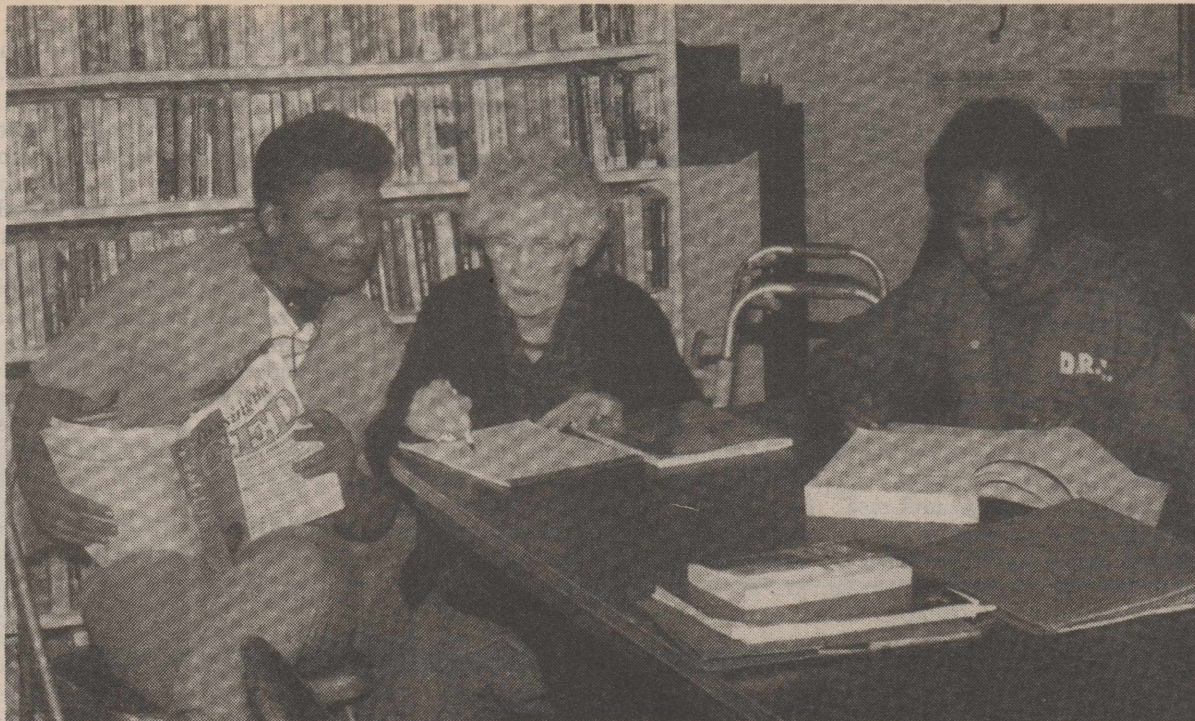


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Continuing To Teach—Winnie Redin assists Wanda Allen (left) and Darlene Sheffield in the Hale County Jail's adult education courses geared toward passing the GED.

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Educator Loves Every Minute of Teaching

At the age of 19, Winnie Redin knew what she wanted to do with her life.

And she is doing it 74 years later with the same conviction she had when she first started.

"She'd like to teach from now on," Harley Redin says of his mother.

Even though she "officially" retired from teaching in Silverton in 1970, Mrs. Redin, 93, can't keep away from the classroom. Last November, she came out of retirement once again and began volunteering her teaching skills to help women in the Hale County Jail work toward their general education degrees (GED).

Mrs. Redin and her co-teacher Jean Orr teach GED courses to the women inmates on Thursday and Friday mornings. The adult education classes are overseen by Region 17 in Lubbock.

Mrs. Redin is currently teaching geometry to her new students. It's a subject she loves because it's so "logical."

"They are so anxious to learn," Mrs. Redin says of her new pupils. "I enjoy every minute of it."

And she says even though she is teaching in a completely different environment than when she first started in a one-room schoolhouse where she taught all grades and all subjects, teaching is still as enjoyable as when she first started.

Her son believes her talent for teaching comes from the fact she considers herself a student also.

Mrs. Redin knew she wanted to teach because she loved her first grade teacher. From that moment on, "I knew what I wanted to do," she says.

During her own schooling, she earned a bachelor's and master's in education, and she has recently taken courses at Wayland Baptist University.

"She has a never-ending desire to learn," Redin says. "She is such an eager student herself. She has never stopped reading or exploring."

A long-time teaching associate of Mrs. Redin's, Faye Rampley, says this "never-ending desire to learn" is what keeps her friend's mind sharp.

"If we don't feed our mind, we lose it." And Mrs. Redin is far from losing it, Mrs. Rampley says. "She is sharp and so alert."

While Mrs. Redin might be a "born teacher," she works hard to be a good teacher.

Although she "retired" in 1970, the

parallel lines of education and her retired life contradicted the geometry theorem which states "no two parallel lines will intersect if they are in the same plane."

The parallel lines intersected at least "two or three" times because "we would be short a teacher, and we would persuade her to come back," Mrs. Rampley said.

But it doesn't take long to "persuade" Mrs. Redin to teach.

She says her resolution at the age of 19 is still as strong as when she first made it. "I'll do it as long as they will let me," she says, referring to her GED work in the jail.

She recently received a note from one of her students. It was decorated with colorful butterflies and roses. She admires her student's work: "Now that is something I could never do," she says softly in a wishful tone. "I never could draw well."

In the card, the student praised her and promised the new start to life Mrs. Redin has helped her with will not be wasted.

She's glad she's reaching her students, but admits she was a bit apprehensive before she began working in the jail.

"I was so surprised. Before I went in, I imagined the women to be middle-aged and tough," referring to the stereotype of women who are in trouble with the law.

"But they are all so young, beautiful and pleasant. They are so nice to be around. And I keep asking myself, 'Why do they have to be out there?'"

"Women can do anything they want these days," she says with a hint of excitement in her voice, imagining the possibilities for her present students. "They can do or be anything."

Throughout her teaching years, she says she picked up a few successful methods to help relate to her students and be a better teacher, but her main teaching theorem includes personal involvement with her students.

"You have to be interested in the person," she says. "You have to want to help them learn."

And if she is able to help them make a turnaround in their lives, it is a box she is happy to help them break out of.

Mrs. Redin says with conviction, "Thinking straight will not only work in math, it will work in life."

LOOKING BACK--

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frozen foxhole in Germany near the Rhine . . . Silverton takes three games from Happy . . . Larnce McCain is now back in the States. He was flown back from Pearl Harbor to a Naval Hospital in San Diego. Larnce has been in the hospital for some time with an arm trouble . . . Pfc. Rex Dickerson writes that he is in the Philippines . . . First Lieut. Faires P. Wade, who was reported missing in action in Germany, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to cards received from him by his wife, the former Katherine Norrid . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "I have been building a few cigarettes at home on a rolling machine. It is a pretty good little cigarette that I turn out too, with its printed wrapper and its super excellent flavor. I am working day and night on it . . . You can really tell what kind of a man a man really is, if you are smoking this special cigarette. Offer your pack, and a lot of them will finger every cigarette trying to find the biggest one . . . Big argument last week out in the Haylake community about chicken feed and sacks and so forth. Seems that Mrs. Strickland and Stanton Crow and Mr. Bean kinda locked horns on a big problem. They buy mash in a plain sack for \$3.40 and in a pretty flowered sack for \$3.50. There is a refund of ten cents on each of the sacks that are returned. Mrs. Strickland says that the pretty sack costs a dime—but the deep-thinking boys say 20c. Who is right?" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen have bought the Emery Mills house and are moving there this week . . . Nash Blasengame and Cleat Miller spent last week touring Arizona and New Mexico . . . Mrs. Bill Hardin was taken to the Plainview Hospital and has undergone a major operation . . .

April 3, 1925—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield have moved into their new home on the Mayfield place six miles west of town . . . Dr. J. J. Breaker is having the interior of his office on the south side of the square completely remodeled and redecorated. New wall paper is being put up and the wood work will be painted as will all his office furniture . . . Twelve or fifteen Cherokee Indians were camped in the tourists camp ground this week. They were on their way from the state of Washington to Tulsa, Oklahoma . . . It is estimated that fully 100 people visited Tule Canyon last Sunday . . . Pupils of the fourth and fifth grades were given a picnic Saturday by their teachers, Winnie Joiner and Marie Dodson. They went by truck to the

Claude crossing in the canyon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Max Crawford announce the arrival of a fine 12-pound daughter, Marjorie Belle . . . Eck Bomar's little girl, who has been sick with the flu and tonsillitis, is greatly improved . . . Perry Thomas and Sam Thompson have been at Quitaque for the past few weeks, where they have been building some houses for L. E. and W. A. Graham . . . The old Haylake school house is being repaired with a view of using it for the remainder of the school term . . . Champ Blackwell has begun actual construction work on a modern up-to-date filling station on Main Street south of the Tourist Garage . . .

Ten Years of Art Remembered at Square House Museum Exhibit

Ever since it opened in 1967, the Square House Museum in Panhandle has been featuring the works of regional artists in a series of temporary exhibitions. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Museum's founding in 1965, a special exhibition of 30 works by 30 of these talented artists who have shown at the Museum during the last 10 years has been put together. Many of the works are in the Museum's permanent collection, gifts of the artists. Others have been borrowed for this show, either from the artists themselves or from the owners of the works.

Decade Retrospective is an exceptionally varied and interesting collection of art. About half of the works are paintings, but four different media are included. There are oil paintings by Ann Crouch, Don Ray, Doris Smith, Marie McCubbin, Marlin Adams, Len Slesick, Rodney Nichols and LaNelle Poling. Adrienne Burruss, the late Viola Coffee, and Martha Jacobs are represented by watercolor paintings. Ben Konis, Amy Winton, Beth Thomas and Karen Wiseman paint in pastels; and there are acrylic paintings by Wally Criswell and Laura Fields. The photographic art is represented by Jim Jordan, Scott Hyde and Louise Daniel. There are prints by J. D. Challenger and Tom Panger, and a silkscreen by Robert McKenzie. Pam Eimon, Ben McCaulley and Kyle Singleton drawings are part of this show. Wooden sculpture by John Christopher White, paper sculpture by Gerald Sanders, ceramic sculpture by Ann Allen, and a replicated prehistoric pot by Alvin Lynn add a three-dimensional aspect to this fascinating exhibition.

The public is invited to a reception in honor of these 30 artists. It will be held in the Square House on Sunday, February 26, from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. This also is the last day of the show, which seems appropriate for a retrospective exhibition.

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by Kay Schubert

Couple Celebrates 66 Years of Marriage

Oner and Elsie Cornett were pleasantly surprised Sunday, February 12, when their children and grandchildren came to help them celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. They all attended services at the Silverton Church of Christ, and later they traveled to Tulia where reservations had been made at the El Camino Restaurant for the noon meal.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Cornett, Tyler and Mackenzie, Mrs. Mike Cornett, all of Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McPherson, Taber, Jade and Blythe, Wolforth; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Patton, Cole and Cody, Lockney; Dr. and Mrs. John Cornett, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton, Silverton.

EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Fat and Your Diet

Fat is everywhere. It's in the news, the grocery store and in the food we eat. It is up to each of us to monitor our fat intake in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. With fat in the news and on the new food labels, it is sometimes difficult to determine how much is in our food or even how much fat we can have in our food and still be healthy.

For a healthy diet, the diet and health report of the National Research Council recommends reducing fat to no more than 30% of your total daily caloric intake. This means that if you consume 2,000 calories a day, no more than 650 calories (30%) should come from fat. To determine how many calories come from fat: multiply the fat grams per serving times nine, this will give you the "fat calories" in your food. For example: One serving of crackers has 150 calories and five grams of fat; multiply five (grams of fat) times nine (fat calories); this equals 45 (calories from fat); 30% of the calories are from fat, thus falling in the 30% recommendation.

For a healthy diet you do not have to eat foods which contribute only 30% or less fat calories. The key is to balance the portions and not eat all high-fat foods. Balance and variety are the keys to having a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Overweight: The Who, What and Why?

During the past 20 years, the prevalence of overweight Americans has greatly increased. This has had a definite impact on the health of each of us. Studies show that 44 million Americans are overweight, and that dieters are spending an average of \$30 billion a year on commercial weight loss programs. In Texas 35% of adult women and 50% of adult men are overweight.

For adults, body shape ("apple" or "pear") as well as weight is important to

health. The classic "apple," who has excess fat in the abdomen, is believed to be at a greater health risk than the "pear" shaped individual who has more fat in the hips and thighs.

Being overweight is associated with a variety of adverse health conditions including elevated serum cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, gall bladder disease, gout, certain types of cancers and breathing problems. The basic mechanism of being overweight involves an imbalance of caloric intake and energy expenditure. However, it is more than just a lack of willpower. A combination of genetic, environmental, cultural, socioeconomic and physiological factors are believed to contribute to this condition.

Decisions to lose weight are motivated by a variety of factors: the desire to improve self-image, reduce disease risk, or to improve overall health. The look for the 90's is lean, but now we have the added pressure also to fit.

Youth Have Stock Entered in Houston Livestock Show

Fifteen Silverton FFA members and eighteen Briscoe County 4-H members have stock entered in show-ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show February 17 through March 4 at the Astrohall.

The FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show or the open show, which attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, who are primarily professional breeders and ranchers. Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Market barrows have been entered by FFA members Jeremiah Brooks, Molly Brooks, Donny Burson, Jack Cherry, Jared Francis, Nathan Francis, Anthony Gamble, David Gamble, Will Hester, Kristi Smith, Heidi Tiffin, Michelle Warren, Leland Wood, Trey Wyatt and Trey Ziegler.

Market steers have been entered by 4-H members Jeremiah Brooks, Brandi Brunson, Lacy Brunson, Donny Burson, Kenda Wood, Leland Wood and Monty Wood. Beef heifers have been entered by Briscoe County 4-Hers Jeremiah Brooks, Molly Brooks, Kenzie Burson, Tessa Kelley, George Pigg, Briana Sperry, Kenda Wood, Leland Wood and Monty Wood. Market barrows have been entered by 4-Hers Andrew Francis, Caleb Francis, Crystal Price, Christina Stephens, Julie Weaver and Shannon Weaver.

Representing 900 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 14,000 entries this year. A variety of animals is shown in the junior division.

"Our junior show is the highlight of our livestock exhibition, placing an emphasis on education, supervised instruction and fair competition," said Don Jobs, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant general manager.

Running pigs take to the track during the pig racing event February 17-March

5 in Astrohall Plaza at 10:00 a.m., noon and 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Also, three spectacular acts will highlight the 1995 Wild West Show, held in the Astroarena. Shows are held February 21-March 5. Another fun family feature will be the petting zoos, with three locations for young and old alike to enjoy. Petting zoos are located in the Astroarena South Annex, in Astrohall Plaza and at the Astrohall/Astroarena divider street.

Children of all ages will be able to enjoy elephant and pony rides, a new addition to Astrohall Plaza. For a cost of \$2.00 per person, anyone can take a ride on an elephant through Astrohall Plaza or ride a beautiful Welsh pony. Photographs of your ride also will be available. Elephant and pony rides are available Monday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The daily show parade returns this year. This colorful attraction features the famous Clydesdale horses, fire trucks, Astroworld singers and dancers, a train, music and about 100 youngsters, rounded up each day from the Show grounds, riding on floats, fire trucks and the train. The parade forms outside the south entrance of the Astrohall and travels throughout the complex. The daily Show parade starts at 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and at 3:00

p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

All net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provide funds for scholarships and research projects throughout the state. Currently, more than 1,500 students receive some form of Show-sponsored financial assistance. Since the first scholarship was given in 1957, more than 11,500 awards have been presented to Texas youth at a cost exceeding \$35 million.

Ticket prices are \$10 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association sponsored events), the livestock show, the carnival and the rodeo. Tickets are available at the Astrodome Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Sears, Foley's, Blockbuster Music, Fiesta and Drug Emporium locations.



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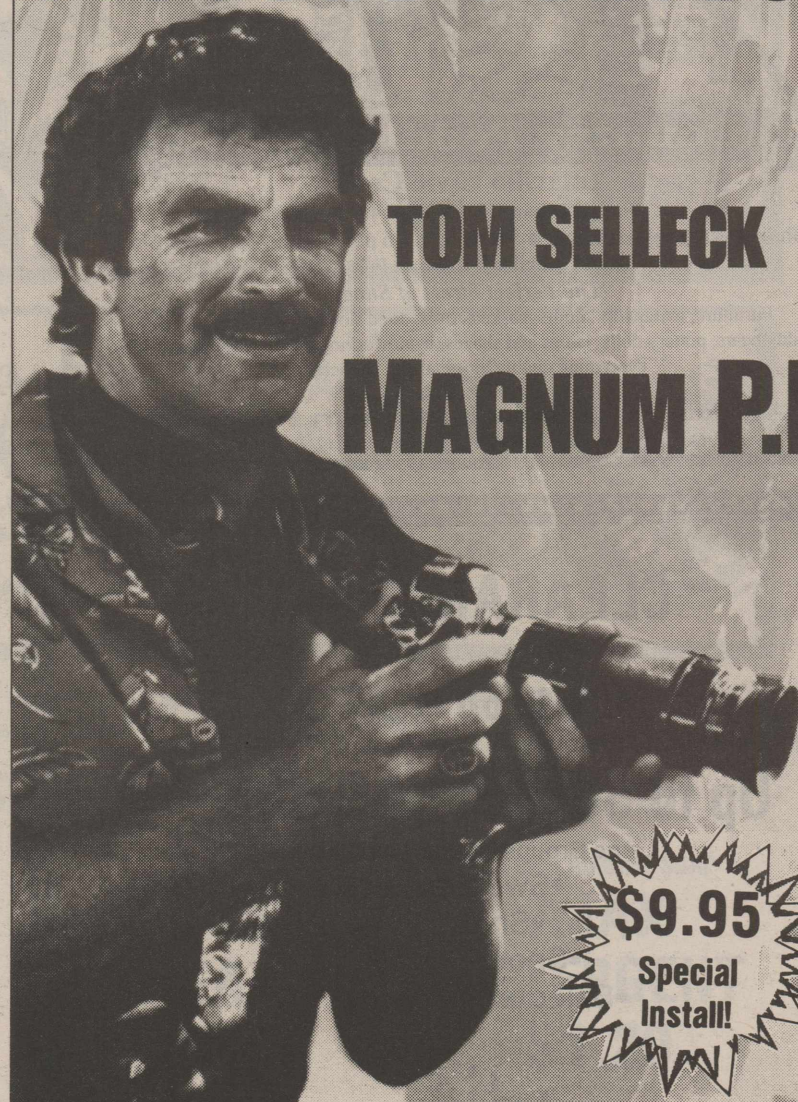
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Owls, Lady Owls Defeat Lakeview

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls defeated Lakeview, sweeping the last of the four-game conference series here Tuesday night of last week. The Lady Eagles didn't make much of a game of it, and all twelve of the Lady Owls played. The starting team included the three seniors, Holly Nance, Leslee Weaks and Brandi Brunson, who were playing in their last home game.

Dedra Johnston had a hot hand for the three pointers, and rang up four of them along with a two pointer to earn individual honors with 14 points. Brandi Brunson and Leslee Weaks added 10 points each. Adding to the score were Shauna Kingery, eight; Holly Nance, seven, including a three pointer; Lacy Brunson and Shannon Weaver, five points each, with Shannon getting a three pointer; Kenzie Burson

and Michelle Warren, four points each; Lori Brannon, two points.

The Lady Owls led at the end of each quarter: 28-10, 46-12, 57-18, 69-27.

The Owls trailed during most of their game, but popped up on top in the last two or three minutes of the game. Scores at the ends of the quarters were: 9-16, 28-31, 40-46, 60-55.

Jack Cherry burned the baskets with 32 big points to lead the Owl offense. Cy Comer also scored in double figures with 10. Adding to the score were Trey Wyatt, six; Brandon Sarchet, Zeb Holt and Arnold Garza, four points each.

Since the Owls have no senior players, they will return all their players next season in addition to being joined by a good crop of freshmen. Zeb Holt and Cy Comer are the team's two juniors, and both players enjoyed a lot of time on the court Tuesday night.

Owls Finish Season With Samnorwood

Silverton's Owls completed their season at Samnorwood Friday night by absorbing a 62-99 loss at the hands of the Eagles. The Owls played much better than they did in their first game with Samnorwood, trailing by eight points at the end of the first quarter instead of being behind 17-3 as was the case in the first game. At halftime the Owls trailed 28-36, but a shower of three pointers by the Eagles in the third quarter put the game out of reach.

The Lady Owls easily defeated the Lady Eagles, 72-48, with all players getting into the action. The Silverton girls will be entering the playoffs, extending their season.

Scores at the ends of the quarters were: 23-8, 44-18, 66-33, 72-48. Dedra Johnston hit six three pointers and made a total of 27 points to lead the Red Birds. Shannon Weaver threw four three pointers into the baskets and totaled 15 points. Adding to the score were Lacy Brunson, nine; Brandi Brunson and Lori Brannon, six points each; Leslee Weaks, four; Molly Brooks and Michelle Warren, two points each, and Shauna Kingery, one point.

Jack Cherry led the Owl offense by scoring 16 points, and Brandon Sarchet hit three three-pointers and got a total of 15 points. Cy Comer also scored in double figures with 10 points. Trey Wyatt hit a three pointer and a total of nine points. Adding to the score were Arnold Garza, six; Zeb Holt, four, and Jon Ivory, two points. All of the players took part in the action.

The Owl team is made up of two juniors, Cy Comer and Zeb Holt; three sophomores, Arnold Garza, Jon Ivory and Brandon Sarchet; and six freshmen, Jack Cherry, Trey Wyatt, Jared Francis, Leland Wood, Will Hester and Hector Martinez.

Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 20--Lasagne, Tossed Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 21--Ham and Cheese on a Bun, Onion Rings, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 22--Beef and Vegetable Soup, Toasted Sandwich, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 23--Beef Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Pinto Beans, Corn Rounds, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

Friday, Feb. 24--Chili Dog, Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

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Monday--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk

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Thursday--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Friday--Oatmeal Muffin, Juice, Milk

Silverton School Honor Roll

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First Grade--Sage Brannon, Seth Donahoo, Jacob Francis, Ethan Long, Douglas Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Kambra Ponder, Tanner Young

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Fourth Grade--Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Lauren VanHorn, Jenny Young

Fifth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Kurby Garvin, Kylie Green, Amy Maciel, Refugio Martinez, Matt Strange

Sixth Grade--Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin

Seventh Grade--Nathan Francis, Jordan Sarchet

Eighth Grade--David Donahoo, Misty Wilkinson

Ninth Grade--Shauna Kingery, Michelle Warren

Tenth Grade--Brandon Sarchet

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Friday, Feb. 17--Girls Bi-District B-Ball

Tuesday, Feb. 21--PTA Meeting; Girls Area B-Ball; Well Baby Clinic

Thursday, Feb. 23--Dental Health Program, K-5, 10:00

Friday, Feb. 24--Girls Regional B-Ball

Friday-Tuesday, Feb. 23-28--Houston Stock Show

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Experience spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas." That's what folks 55 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when several hundred will enjoy the annual Spring Fling during April says Ronda Alexander, Briscoe County Extension Agent- Family & Consumer Sciences.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, four weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose:

- Spring Fling I-April 4-7
- Spring Flint II-April 11-14
- Spring Fling III-April 18-21
- Spring Fling IV-April 25-28

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn leather working, oil painting, woodworking, stained glass and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Boat rides and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games are popular activities.

A special "Tie One On" theme featuring scarves, ties and belts will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. Thursday's theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

Spring Fling '95! Are you 55 or older? Then it's for you! Each week is limited to 165 participants at a nominal fee. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call the Extension office today at 823-2131.

Recruiter is Veteran of Ten Years Abroad

Staff Sgt. John T. Dunlosky, a recent arrival at the U. S. Army's Recruiting Station at 200 Westgate Parkway, Suite G-4, in Amarillo, is a veteran of some ten years as an infantryman, serving in Germany, Korea and Panama.

Dunlosky graduated in 1982 from Howland High School, Warren, Ohio, and attended Youngstown State University before going into the Army in 1984. In 1989 he married a hometown girl, Ann, and they have two small children, four-year-old Brittany and one-year-old Courtney. Dunlosky's parents, John and Sandy Dunlosky, still live in Warren.

Dunlosky's primary assignment at the Amarillo Recruiting Station is to meet and talk with students at Canyon, Happy, Kress, Silverton and Tulia high schools. He has full details of the nearly three hundred different career training fields offered by the Army, most of which are open to both young men and women. He also can discuss the popular money-for-college plans which can pay qualified recruits from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for college expenses after completion of enlistments of two- to four-years.

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Proposals for Major Changes to USDA Have Been Submitted

"The Clinton Administration's goal is to 'right-size' the government through reorganization, which will save Texas taxpayers millions of dollars," said George Ellis, Acting State Director of the Rural Economic and Community Development Service (RECDS), formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). "More importantly, reorganization will greatly improve our services to our citizens and taxpayers."

Texas RECDS State Office submitted the State Reorganization Plan to the National Office in Washington, D. C. the middle of last month, as required by

the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, which was passed by Congress. A final approval should be received by February 15, 1995.

The Texas Reorganization Plan was developed with participation of all levels of personnel within RECDS and Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), as well as the sister agencies of the former ASCS and the former Soil Conservation Service (SCS), now named the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). "Participation is the key since the success of reorganization is linked to decentralized authority to local offices," said Ellis.

The former FmHA will be divided into two different agencies: CFSA and RECDS. CFSA will consist of the farm credit service of the former FmHA and the farm commodity services of the former Agricultural Stabilization and

Conservation Service (ASCS).

RECDS will consist of the Single Family Housing, Multi-Family Housing, Community Facilities, Water and Waste, and Community and Business Programs of the former FmHA and programs from the former USDA Cooperative Service. The rural electric and telephone programs of the former Rural Electric Administration (REA) will be a part of RECDS at the national level and will coordinate services at the state level.

As former USDA Secretary Mike Espy announced on November 28, 1994, only two former FmHA offices will close in Texas due to reorganization: the County Offices located in Rockwall and Conroe. The Rockwall area will be serviced out of Bonham for CFSA and McKinney for RECDS. The Conroe area will be serviced out of Liberty for CFSA and Huntsville for RECDS.

Both CFSA and RECDS will be co-located in Local Service Centers. These Service Centers will house several related USDA agencies in which the personnel will be cross-trained. CFSA and RECDS representatives will travel to the various Service Centers in order to be closer to each customer. The Service Centers will provide the following one-stop services: farm commodities, farm credit, crop insurance, rural housing, rural economic development, and conservation services.

"We look forward to a quick approval from Washington and a quick implementation of our Plan," said Ellis. "We anticipate better, faster and more complete USDA service at a lower cost."

OBITUARIES

JUANITA CATHERINE FONDY

Funeral services for Juanita Catherine (Skeen) Fondy, 82, will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the Silverton United Methodist Church. Officiating will be the interim pastor, Rev. Ed Norris.

Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements finalized by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fondy died in Denver, Colorado Sunday.

She was born January 22, 1913 to Ples and Catherine Willhoyte Skeen, Briscoe County pioneers who operated a Hereford ranch here from about 1888 to 1927.

The family moved to Lubbock in

1931, and she married Joe Bailey Fondy there December 25, 1931.

Mr. Fondy preceded her in death August 24, 1984. She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Vera Byers, Eva Lena May and Maude Dee Stout, and two brothers, Chester Skeen and Leroy Skeen.

Surviving are three sons, Ted Fondy of Denver, Colorado, Pat Fondy of Colden, Colorado and Mike Fondy of San Francisco, California; two daughters, Carolyn Tucker of Dallas and Betty Ritchey of Somerset, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

JUDY ANN BINGHAM

Graveside services for Judy Ann Bingham, 47, of Paris, Texas will be conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Friday. Rev. Bryan Donahoo, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Arrangements are being made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Ms. Bingham died Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris, Texas.

Born in Tulia October 16, 1947, she was the daughter of Ben and Ima Jo Bingham. She attended Silverton Schools and was graduated from Kress High School. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Kirkpatrick of Lovington, New Mexico and Joni Laster of Paris, Texas; two sons, Gene Clayton of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Trey Laster of Paris, Texas; her father and stepmother, Ben and Bobbie Bingham of Wylie; one brother, Benny R. Bingham of Eules; two grandchildren, Breely Kirkpatrick and Stetson Kirkpatrick, both of Lovington, New Mexico.

4-H Youth to Compete In Calf Scrambles

Silverton 4-H members who will be taking part in calf scrambles during the 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will include Leland Wood, 15-year-old son of Ken and Nancy Wood; Kenda Wood, 13-year-old daughter of Ken and Nancy Wood; Molly Brooks, 14-year-old daughter of Bill and Janinne Brooks, and Donny Burson, 14-year-old son of Tom and Deb Burson. All of the Silverton youth will be in scrambles on March 4.



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A great big thank you and hug to everyone who has called, sent cards and brought food while I have been home. We couldn't make it without the prayers, love and support of our friends. My mother made the remark that I was lucky to live in such a caring community. I couldn't agree more!

Love,
Darrell, Dianne,
Daryl-Ann and Jesse

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
This letter is aimed to remind you folks in Silverton what a FINE bunch you really are, and what I felt and observed while we were there for the funeral of our Dad and Grandpa, Ewing Vaughan.

Back in the early 1960's I had the privilege to live there for seven years until we moved to Arlington at the end of 1968. Even though we have the same neighbors as always, often when we have been called out of town suddenly because of death in the family, we return to find out our neighbors had loss also but neither of us knew about the other.

In Silverton the word of one of the community dying is everyone's concern. The family friends and church activated concern as I've never seen.

I want to thank each one of you, and I won't mention names because I wouldn't want to leave anyone out. Even if we didn't see you, we knew Christ's people were there in so many ways.

I just want YOU to know you are the VERY BEST. Our entire family shares the same sentiments as we and we wanted you to know we appreciated every prayer, phone call, the food and

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the preparers, the visits, the hugs, the service and the pastor for his visits in the home and hospital, the flowers and the ladies who worked around the clock to provide them, the men at the funeral home, and most of all everyone's sweet spirit.

All these acts of love may be a custom in Silverton; however if you didn't grow up in Silverton, and have lived a lot of your adult life elsewhere, you have no way to compare. It's different in larger cities. People in the cities are nice too; I'm just saying it's different in a small community and I may be prejudiced, but Silverton, to me, has the most sincere and concerned people to be found anywhere. Christ's love just seems to flow through you. And again I want to THANK YOU for being a part of our family; we really appreciate you. We are truly blessed.

Yours in Christ,
Annette
Ronald and Annette Vaughan
and family

4-H's Show Animals at Fort Worth Show

Eight Briscoe County 4-H's exhibited animals recently in the Fort Worth Livestock Show.

In the Junior Swine Show, Julie Weaver and Ryan Minyard exhibited their Hampshires and Eric Minyard exhibited his Yorkshire.

In the Junior Steer Show, Leland Wood placed eighth with his European steer and made the sale. Jeremiah Brooks placed eleventh with his Polled Hereford, and Molly Brooks exhibited her Hereford steer.

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TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending February 9

U. S. cotton growers will substantially increase acreage in 1995, according to the National Cotton Council's (NCC) annual planted acreage intentions survey released February 3, suggesting that production will be at a second consecutive record level.

Total acreage will increase from 1994's 13.7 million acres to 15.6 million, according to the report. Upland cotton will account for the bulk of the acreage.

Growers in the Southwest region plan to boost upland planted area by 12.7 percent to 6,547 million acres. Texas expects to increase planted area by 13 percent, while Oklahoma anticipates a smaller rise.

"A zero percent ARP, strong prices and a gold rush fever return to acreage in the Southeast, made for anybody's guess as to what actual plantings will be," one analyst said. In fact, the NCC survey includes only those growers involved in cotton production for at least one year and does not include growers planting their first crop. This leaves a substantial amount of room for the estimate to be below the USDA's March planting intentions report.

The bears have been getting their way more frequently in cotton futures as there seems to be an array of items that cumulatively carry some bearish weight. First of all, talk of late has indicated that cotton from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) of the former Soviet Union is soon expected to flow more freely.

Also, the availability of cotton worldwide does not seem quite as tight as it did a few weeks ago. Pakistan has made the most notable reappearance, though some of the bulls contend their offers are of lesser qualities at prices that remain high. Pakistan has begun offering prompt shipment of raw cotton this week for the first time in almost a year, but buying interest has been low, traders in Osaka said.

Some traders believe Pakistan's unexpected overture, which followed the government's announcement to allow duty-free exports, may be

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temporary due to Pakistan's outlook for low production. USDA's February estimate for Pakistan's cotton crop is 6.0 million bales while its projected consumption is pegged at 6.3 million bales.

Nervousness still exists over the U.S./Chinese trade negotiations, and that has underscored the bearish tone for cotton as well. The grain markets were under pressure as a result of industry concern that the GSM-102 export credits to China may be impacted by the trade sanctions. That led to worries among cotton industry observers who have felt, until now, that commodities would be sheltered from any adverse effects.

Some analysts maintain the belief that cotton will not be substantially impacted. A great deal of China's economy depends on cotton, and the country has little choice but to import it from the U. S. this season as it is the only volume seller in the world market. In fact, U. S. export registrations to China now have reached nearly two million bales for the season.

Locally, much of the Texas High Plains will need up to eight inches of moisture to bring the soil profile to field capacity by cotton planting time, according to an annual survey conducted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Pre-planting irrigation or precipitation will be needed to replenish soil moisture throughout the 15-county district. Subsoil moisture at planting time is usually an accurate barometer of eventual crop yields.

TELCOT electronic cotton marketing services will not be offered to cotton producers in the Southeastern U. S. Cotton production in the Southeast has increased dramatically in recent years forcing producers to search for an effective and proven cotton marketing system. Meanwhile, spot market sales of cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ending February 9 totaled 3,005 bales, down from the previous week's total of 8,334. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 76.59 to 81.92 cents per pound.

USDA announced export sales of

1994-95 U. S. cotton increased a net 54,700 bales in the week ended February 2, down from the previous week's figure of 89,300 bales. Featured buyers were Brazil, Hong Kong and Pakistan.

USDA's supply and demand report for 1994-95 cotton, released February 9, left U. S. production unchanged from the previous month at 19.7 million bales; however, U. S. export projections were raised from 9.2 million bales to 9.6 million.

Happy Birthday To . . .

February 16—Dora Bullock, Jane Self, James Alan Patton, Greg Garcia, Katy Hester, Genie Lavy, Brent Brannon, Zeb Holt

February 17—Riley Ziegler, Vanessa Reyna, Patti Whittington

February 18—Tomiko Hutsell, Craig Patton, Bill Boling, Molly Riddle, Amy Minyard, Grace Vaughan

February 19—Tyler Keith Ellison, Glenn Smith, David Kellum, Amy Jasper, Cathey Weaks, Carlye Fleming

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February 20—Anne McJimsey, Korey Kennedy, Iwana Monroe, Kaitlin Daye McWaters

February 21—Melissa Garcia, Tyra Younger, Mary Martin

February 22—Donald Perkins, David Schott

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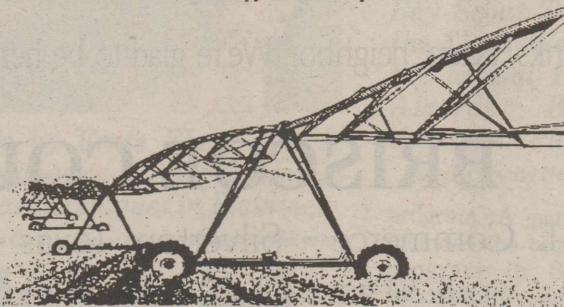
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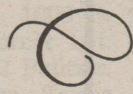
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