



Many hearts have been saddened by the deaths that have taken place in the past few days. Among them are friends so true that they will never be replaced. They made such a warm and enduring place in our hearts that they will never be forgotten.

In addition to the local deaths, we have received word of the death of Kelly Braisher in Oklahoma City. She died of cancer early this week and her funeral services were scheduled Wednesday morning in Oklahoma City. She is a former coach of the Silverton Lady Owls.

Julie Wilkins Lowrey received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas A&M University at the commencement exercises December 15. She is the daughter of Tom and Paula Wilkins of Wellington, and is married to Frank Lowrey. She is employed in the intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

J. R. Steele attended the same commencement to see his daughter, Kim, receive her masters degree in business.

Cindy Talbot, wife of Ken Sarchet, received her bachelors degree in education and is teaching at Lakeview.

## Henderson Asks Election as Briscoe County Commissioner

Dwain Henderson has authorized the *Briscoe County News* to announce that he is a candidate for Briscoe County Commissioner of Precinct 3. In making his announcement, he made the following statement:

"I have filed for the March Democratic Primary for the position of County Commissioner of Precinct 3.

"The last several years I have served on the Silverton City Council, ASC-FSA County Committee and other organizations to try to help the taxpayers of Briscoe County.

"If elected, I will to the best of my ability, serve the people of Briscoe County, the City and Precinct 3. Your vote and influence in my behalf will be deeply appreciated."

## Congressman to be Here For Town Hall

Congressman Mac Thornberry will be in Silverton for a Town Hall Meeting to begin at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank.

Everyone is invited to meet with the Congressman at this time to discuss and hear about concerns for the future of the nation.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1996

# Sheep Referendum Date Has Been Set

Provided by Rebel L. Royall

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced procedures for a referendum on a proposed Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education and Information Order. The referendum will be conducted February 6, 1996.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, an agency in the marketing and regulatory programs mission area, has oversight and responsibility for federal research and promotion programs. AMS administrator Lon Hatamiya said all producers, feeders and importers who certify they were engaged in the production, feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products (except importers of raw wool only) between January 1 and December 31, 1994, are eligible to vote.

Voters may register and vote in person or request absentee ballots at Briscoe County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Absentee ballots must be requested from the county Extension office serving the county of voter residence, for individuals, or the county where the business headquarters is located, for corporations. Absentee ballot requests, filed in person or by mail, may be made between January 16 and January 26, 1996. Absentee ballots must be received in county Extension offices by the close of business on February 2.

The Farm Service Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will count ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate results.

For the order to go into effect, the proposal must be approved either by a simple majority of voters or by voters who account for two-thirds of the sheep and wool production represented in the referendum.

If approved, the program would be funded by mandatory assessments. Domestic producers and feeders would be assessed one cent per pound on sales of live sheep and two cents per pound on sales of greasy wool. Importers would be assessed one cent per

pound or the equivalent on imported degreased wool and wool products.

Details of the voting procedures are published in the December 15 Federal Register. Copies of the final referendum rules, the proposed order and additional information will be available at the Briscoe County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

## Wyatt to Speak At Banquet Here

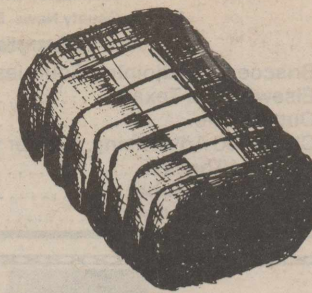
Kenneth Wyatt will be the guest speaker at the Silverton Chamber of Commerce banquet which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to hear this entertaining guest and enjoy the meal together. Rolls and meat are being furnished by the Chamber of Commerce, and everyone is asked to bring a dish for the potluck meal. There is no charge for admission.



HOOT-OUT CHAMPION OWLS—(left to right) Michael Reagan, Jared Francis, Jared Holt, Jay Arnold, Will Hester, Cory Chandler, Jon Ivory, Trey Wyatt, Cy Comer, Hector Martinez, Brandon Sarchet, Jeremy Holt, Jack Cherry.

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## Grimland is Candidate For Commissioner

Terry Grimland has authorized the *Briscoe County News* to announce that he is a candidate for Commissioner, Precinct 1. In making his announcement, he made the following statement:

"I look forward to the challenge of serving as Commissioner if I am elected. Your vote and support will be appreciated."

Grimland is a life-long resident of Briscoe County and served on the Silverton Independent School District board of trustees for nine years. He is self-employed in the welding business.



Bob Gleason

## Bob Gleason Retires From Swisher Electric

A retirement reception honoring Bob Gleason's 46-year career in the rural electrification field, 33 of them with Swisher Electric Cooperative, will be held from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 12, in the Willie Room of Swisher Electric Cooperative's office in Tulia.

Gleason began his career in his hometown of Council Grove, Kansas. Working summers for Flint Hills Electric Cooperative

led to a full-time job with a contractor hired by that co-op. He then went to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative in El Dorado, Kansas as construction crew chief for 10 years. On June 16, 1962, Gleason came to work at Swisher Electric Cooperative as manager of electric operations.

Gleason is one of a vanishing breed who saw the rural electrification program in its infancy during the late '40s and early '50s when people were happy just to get it.


Members of Swisher Electric and the public are welcome to join employees and colleagues at the reception honoring Bob Gleason.

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**EARL I. CANTWELL**

Funeral services for Earl I. Cantwell, 90, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ with Frank Duckworth officiating. Clark Johnson assisted.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cantwell died Thursday, January 4, 1996, at his residence.

Born in Comanche County, Texas December 12, 1905, Earl Cantwell was the sixth of the ten children of Stephen Lafayette and Mary Emiline Cantwell. The

Cantwell family arrived at Plainview from Nolan County, Texas in an immigrant car in November 1918. They came overland to Silverton in a wagon and a Model T Ford.

The Cantwell family was made up of devoted Christians and they immediately united with the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Earl Cantwell obeyed the Gospel call at Rock Creek in 1919 and was baptized in the nearby Mayfield tank. He was ordained to the ministry at Gunter, where he attended school, at the age of 16. He had preached his first sermon "as a boy in knee pants" at Rock Creek at the age of 14.

His life and ministry was centered around the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Several years ago he estimated that he had baptized 600, far fewer than he had buried. He baptized in stock tanks, rivers, creeks, lakes and baptistries. He once baptized an invalid in a bathtub.

He married Inetha Montague at Lockney on July 11, 1926. They lived for a time in Comanche County, and returned to Silverton December 30, 1929 to make their home on a farm 14 miles southwest of Silverton. They remained there until her death February 22, 1984.

He preached, carpentered and farmed during their marriage.

Earl Cantwell was a civic-minded man who believed that Christians should serve their communities, have contact with



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people and let their lights shine as they could never do by isolating themselves. His goal was to live in the world of humanity but not to be "of the world of sin."

He was a charter member of the Silverton Lions Club and served on the board of directors of the Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative at Tulia for 23 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Nina Martin of Silverton; a son, Elton Cantwell of Silverton; two sisters, Versie Woodard of McKinney and Verdie McLean of Lampasas; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dana Martin, Stan Martin, Roger Cantwell, Joe Zorger, Mark Burk, Jack Gaskins and Jesse Garcia.

The family requested that memorials be made to Hospice of the Plains.

**LANITA LOIS CANTWELL**

Funeral services for Lanita Lois Cantwell, 60, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ with Frank Duckworth officiating. Roland Hayes assisted with the service.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cantwell died at her home southwest of Silverton following a lengthy illness Friday.

Lanita Lois Fleming was born June 11, 1936 in Lampasas County and was the daughter of Melvin and Jewel Duzan Fleming. She attended schools in Austin and San Antonio and was graduated from Austin High School in 1952. She attended the University of Texas and Southwest Texas State College, and married Elton Cantwell in Austin on July 1, 1953.

Following their marriage, they moved into a home southwest of Silverton that had been built for them by Elton and Earl Cantwell. She was a full-time homemaker and mother. She was a member of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, and their church activities were the central force in the life of their family.

She was a charter member of Southwest Extension Homemakers Club.

Surviving are her husband; a son, Roger Cantwell of Lubbock; three daughters, Debbie Burk of Raton, New Mexico, Mary Chris Garcia of Richardson, and Brenda Gaskins of Stanton; one brother, Darrell Fleming of Amarillo; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Randy Cantwell, James Earl Cantwell, Louis Fleming, Fred Arnold, Stuart Bracken, John Francis and Worth Cantwell.

The family suggested memorials be to the Rock Creek Church of Christ Missionary Fund.

**SUE BERRY**

Services for Sue Mae Berry, 87, of Tulia were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven

Memorial Cemetery at Quitaque under direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Berry died Wednesday, January 3, 1996, at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born December 18, 1908, in Quitaque. She married Gene Berry on January 29, 1932, in Quitaque. She attended school in Quitaque and at CIA College in Denton and Texas Tech University. She was active in PTA, and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She had worked at the First National Bank in Quitaque, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Wylie E. Berry of Charlotte, North Carolina; two daughters, Jeanette Purgason of Excelsior Springs, Missouri and Carol Redditt of Edmond, Oklahoma; two sisters, Lucille Savage of Austin and Rena Schott of Silverton; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to Quitaque First Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

**H. A. CAGLE**

Funeral services for H. A. Cagle were conducted Saturday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Silverton United Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Kevin Swanson, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cagle died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, January 4, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo. He had been in failing health since suffering a stroke May 12, 1994.

He was born February 24, 1920 in Childress to John Robert and Lizzie Perkins Cagle. He was the youngest of seven children. His brothers, Marvin, Hollis, Gilce, Roscoe and Johnny, are deceased. His sister, Vetress Veale, lives in Yuba City, California.

He was drafted into the U. S. Army in 1942. He served with the 5th and 7th Army in Africa, England, France, Italy, Austria and Germany. He was discharged in 1945. In 1951, he was recalled during the Korean War. He was discharged in 1952. He held the

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Good Conduct Medal, European Medal, Seven Bronze Battle Stars, the Silver Star, and the Arrowhead for the D-Day Invasion.

In 1952, he moved his family from Childress to Silverton and established Silverton Auto Parts with his long-time friend and partner, James Mitchell. They later also established Garza Auto Parts in Post. He continued to work at the store until the day he was hospitalized.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and had served in the Silverton City Council for many years. He had been a member of the Silverton Lions Club and was a member of the Silverton United Methodist Church.

He married Varah McDonald in Childress on November 30, 1940. She died on February 23, 1976. In 1978 he married Josephine Johnston in Quitaque. She died in 1993.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Tommie Rice of Silverton; one granddaughter and her husband, Tammi and Wesley Stafford of Brownfield; one grandson and his wife, Neal and Gwen Edwards of Garden City, Kansas. He is also survived by two great-grandsons, Connor Stafford and Caden Edwards.

Pallbearers were Wayne Nance, Leon Lavy, L. B. Garvin, Charlie Parker, Tommy Davis, Dwain Henderson, H. B. (Doc) Simpson and Jerry Patton.

**WEATHER**

**JANUARY 24-HOUR READINGS**

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5	55	13	
6	24	14	
7	29	11	
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Normal Precip. in January			.65

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
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**January 9, 1986--** Norma Trevino, a senior in Silverton High School, has been selected to compete in the Olympia National Scholastic Typewriting Contest. . . The new 4-H and FFA stock trailer has been finished by the ag classes, under the supervision of their instructor, Stan Fogerson. Students who worked on the trailer are Neal Edwards, Jamie Frizzell, Rhett Montague, Todd Reagan, Scotty Harris, Joe Ted Edwards, Russell Simpson, Cal Brannon, Kori Baird, Shavonne Lowrey, Kristy Fogerson, Rena Castillo, DeLynn Fitzgerald, Norby Garcia, Robbie McWaters, Ricky Clardy, Brad West, Clay Schott, Santos Segura, Mitchell Clardy and Gabe Patino. . . John Earl Simpson is new Mackenzie Authority manager. . . New officers elected by the Silverton Fire Department are Emmett Tomlin, president; Anthony Kingery, treasurer; Fred Hill, secretary; James Edwards, fire chief; Lynn Frizzell and Perry Brunson, assistants. . . Services conducted for Mrs. Gwendolyn (Rosie) Dickerson, 71. . . Mrs. Letha Lanham joined her daughter, Mrs. Celene Allen, who is director of pharmacy at Plano General Hospital, for a trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Allen attended a seminar sponsored by the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and Mrs. Lanham enjoyed several tours and activities which had been arranged for the spouses of those attending the seminar, including a Mississippi River Cruise. . . The Owls and Owlettes will be traveling to Lakeview Friday night to open district action. Teams in the district this year are Lakeview, Valley, Hedley and Silverton. . .

**January 8, 1976--** Thousands of dollars worth of goods taken in burglaries of Hill Farm Supply, Bud's Grocery & Market, Mini Grocery. . . Mrs. Beulah Evans is a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia after a fall at her home in which she injured one of her kneecaps. . . Mrs. Dora Johnston, mother of Mrs. J. E. Vaughan, came home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smalts, David and Carol of Hereford were in Duke, Oklahoma Friday night to visit his mother, and they returned Mrs. Johnston home Saturday evening. . . Chester Roehr buried at Clarendon. . . Butch Brannon has received his license to practice as a vocational nurse after taking his LVN State Board examination in Austin. . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thomas went to Brady to get their sister, Mrs. Ida Mae Hardin, who was visiting in the home of her daughter. . . Miss Deborah Fay Boling and Victor Bradshaw Weaks exchanged wedding vows January 1 in a ceremony performed by Minister Ted Kingery. . . A double-ring

ceremony in the home of the bride's parents united in marriage Miss Cynthia Lynn Cross and Larry Douglas Comer on January 3. . . A lot of country and western music, a little bit of blue grass, some rock and roll and some good singing was enjoyed December 29 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith. Taking part were Bennie Brown and son, Josephine Johnston, David Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Purcell, Diane and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester, Ronnie and Ricky Hester, Grover Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith and Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Rags Riddell, Dara Garvin, Karen Childress and Jimmy Burson. . .

**January 13, 1966--** Funeral services were conducted Monday at the First Baptist Church for Lewis Samuel Gilkeyson, 68, who died Saturday afternoon at the Lockney Hospital. . . Members of L. O. A. Junior Study Club planning to attend a federation workshop in Plainview Friday are Mrs. Ronald Dale Kitchens, Mrs. Randall Eddleman, Mrs. John Schott, Mrs. Charles Sarchet, Mrs. Richard Whitfill and Mrs. Bill Durham. . . Silverton members attending the meeting of Gamma Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma were Jessie Bomar, Ruth Baker, Jackie Mercer and Faye Rampley. . . Pat Northcutt is named a director of North State Bank in Amarillo. . . Mrs. Becky Hall is new Briscoe County Home Demonstration Agent. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch visited their father, Frank Fisch, at the Lockney Hospital Tuesday. . . Mrs. Bill Watters has recently spent several weeks in Amarillo with her sons, B. G., W. L. and R. W. Toler, while under a doctor's care. . . Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May, Van and Alvin, were her brothers and sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pinckard and daughters of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey and son of Spade; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bailey and daughters of Quitaque. . . An Eastern Star School of Instruction was held in Plainview Saturday. Frances Crass served as school organist and LaVerne Long was school secretary. Lillian Lindsey served as associate matron for the day session and as chaplain for the night session. Glen Lindsey was associate patron during the day session. Others attending the school were Eva Lee McWilliams, Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet, Lola Mae Stephens, Mae Bomar, Lula Bellinger, Donaleta Garrison, Carolyn Self, Rena Schott, Tin Schott and Pat Whitfill. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown spent New Year's Day in Canyon with Mrs. A. B. Buchanan, who is a dorm mother at Hudspeth Hall on the WTSU campus. . .

**January 12, 1956--** Silverton FFA Chapter Officers are Bill Stephens, president; Carl Gauntt, vice president; Gerald Garvin, sentinel; Jim Whitfill, secretary; Sam Turner, treasurer; Deleath Peugh, reporter; Robert Hill, parliamentarian. . . Glenda McWilliams had the misfortune

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of breaking the lens in her glasses while playing in a basketball tournament in Quitaque last Thursday. Dr. Black removed a piece of glass from the eyeball that evening. . . Archie Ray Martin is attending a John Deere tractor school in Waterloo, Iowa, this week. . . Mrs. R. E. Sweek transacted business in Quitaque Monday morning. . . Coach Frank Kimbrough of West Texas State College was guest speaker at the

annual football banquet last Thursday night. . . A Columbia, South Carolina man who flourished a hand grenade when a Richland County deputy went to arrest him, has been put under a peace bond with the stipulation that he attend church or Sunday School each Sunday with his family for a year. . . Mrs. Mabel Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Claudia B. Welch and children have recently returned from a visit

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with Mr. and Mrs. Olof McElmurry at Taft, California. . . A double-ring nuptial service recently united in marriage Dona Gale Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison, and Carl Wayne Gauntt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alexander Gauntt. . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams transacted business in Amarillo

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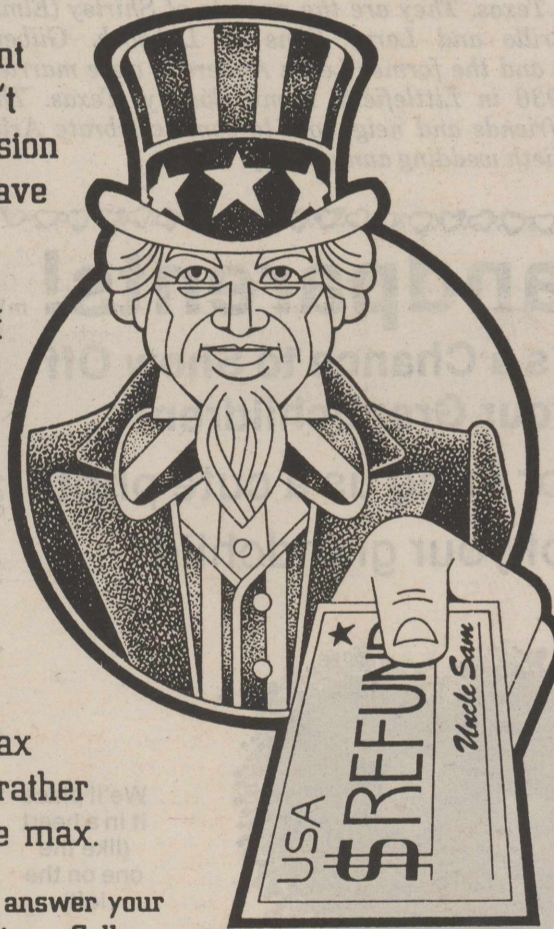
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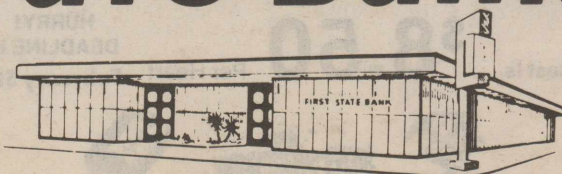
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### New Pastor at Baptist Church is Graduate Of Valley High School

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Jess, a graduate of Valley High School, received his bachelor of arts degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood. He has served as pastor of Lake Victor Baptist Church in Lampasas; Board Baptist Church in Comanche, and Lingleville Baptist Church in Lingleville. During his earlier ministry, he was a summer youth minister for South Georgia Street Baptist Church in Amarillo and First Baptist Church in Quitaque. He was licensed to the ministry in 1989 and was ordained in 1990.

Jess' parents are Jess and Linda Little. His father, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Quitaque, is presently pastor of Sunset Heights Baptist Church in Odessa. Jess enjoys snow skiing, hunting, bow hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, golf and softball.

Donna is a graduate of Perryton High School and Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. She has taught home economics and special education and has coached basketball. Several months ago she became a full-time homemaker and enjoys her time with daughters, Morgan, age two years, and Lauren, age nine weeks. Donna's dad was the late Don Ewing of Matador and her mother sings with the 3M's who have performed here several times.

Jess and Donna have expressed their excitement at being here and how much they feel at home in such a short time. Please make yourself known to this new family, and know that you are always welcome at First Baptist Church.

#### Happy Birthday To . . .

January 11--Townlii Ziegler, Rex Holt, Cy Comer, Melissa Woods, Janice Baker, Debra Grabbe

January 12--Cecilia Castillo, Jimmy Myers, Tomas Rampley

January 13--Mary Tom Burson, Cindy Reed, Dee Turner, Krista Hale, Leslie Burkart

January 14--Shanea' Lynn Russell, Kathy Kingery, Rena Schott, Ann Payne, Joshua Manning, Ralph Hill

January 15--Crystal Miller, Juan Ramirez, Janet Henderson

January 16--Sheryl Breedlove, Santos Garcia, jr., Ernest Garcia, Rusty Miller, Louise Vaughan  
 January 17--Aubri Renee Perry, Ashley Glenn, Matthew Hutsell, Beverly Minyard, Kent Carpenter, Jerry Cole Patton

(through marriage, divorce, any other reason)? Are you receiving Social Security benefits and you've moved this year?

If these are the kinds of situations that match your circumstances, this is the time of year you should be sure to talk to Social Security. It's a good time to do a reality check to make sure you are on top of your rights and responsibilities under Social Security.

Do you have a child who was born this year who doesn't have a Social Security number? The law requires you to list the Social Security number on your tax return for each dependent born before November 1, 1995, being claimed on your 1995 tax return. If you have a child born before November 1 who doesn't have a Social Security number, you should make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. Remember, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process a return without correct Social Security numbers for dependents.

If you've changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason) and haven't made sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records, there may be problems posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

To get a replacement card, you usually need one identifying document.

#### Win Owls, Lady Owls!

## Coming And Goings

Ty and Shannon Fleming and their children, Cody and Holly, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Donald and Carlye Fleming. Others visiting in the Fleming home during the holidays were Michael Hill and Floyd and Jerry Perkins.

The Ashel McDaniel family had its Christmas get-together New Year's Eve in the home of Lucy McDaniel, and they appreciate being able to gather at Lucy's house.

Those present were Elaine and Jon LaBaume, Floydada; Nena and Gary Hunt, Clarendon; Charles and Kelli Childre of Dallas; Coy LaBaume, Plainview; Kayla and Johnny Lindley, Lakeview; Clint and Audra Hunt, Canyon; Anna Whitfill, Floydada.

## End-of-Year Reminder From Social Security

by Mary Jane Shanes  
 Social Security Manager  
 Plainview, Texas

Do you have a child born this year who doesn't have a Social Security number? Have you changed your name this year



Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Elms of Silverton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, February 4, 1996, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the home of their son, Larry A. Elms, 4605 18th, Lubbock, Texas. They are the parents of Shirley (Elms) Cates of Amarillo and Larry Elms of Lubbock. Gilbert Arlington Elms and the former Letha Anderson were married February 1, 1936 in Littlefield, Lamb County, Texas. The family invites friends and neighbors to come celebrate Arlie and Letha's sixtieth wedding anniversary.

# Grandparents!

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 Wed., Jan. 17, 1996  
 at the First State Bank  
 Community Room  
 500 Main Street  
 Silverton, Texas



The weighted average price received for cotton during the month of November dropped to 78.10 cents per pound based on monthly marketings of 2,606 million bales.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), the November 1995 marketings were significantly below the volume during the same month last year when over 4.3 million bales were marketed by growers.

The price received by growers in November 1994 averaged 68.9 cents while the November 1995 price averaged 6.7 cents higher at 75.6 cents per pound.

November's average price received reversed a three-month decline in prices received by growers that saw prices drop from around 86 cents in July to 75 cents during August, September and October.

The 75.6-cent price for November is not a large increase, but it is a move in the right direction for producers. Preliminary price information from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the month of December indicates an average price close to 76 cents.

With the addition of the November figures cumulative marketings for 1995 rose to 10.258 million bales, almost 3.3 million bales behind marketings

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The 78.1-cent weighted average price calculated through November remains well above the 72.9-cent target price that would trigger any type of deficiency payment on the 1995 crop. This will likely bring about a pay-back situation for producers who received 1995 advance deficiency payments.

Speculation about the size of the High Plains crop should slow down following the release of the next crop estimate by the United States Department of Agriculture on January 10. USDA's December estimate placed the High Plains crop at some 2.68 million bales.

With the majority of area cotton gins already finished for the year, the January estimate should prove fairly accurate. Whatever the outcome of the January estimate, one thing is certain: the 1995 crop will fall significantly short of the crops produced on the High Plains in 1993 and 1994.

Marketing and price figures quoted above were taken from the National Agricultural Statistics Service and are subject to revision.

**LOOKING BACK —  
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Monday...

**January 10, 1946--** Three prisoners being taken to Huntsville last Thursday night attempted to overpower Sheriff Jake Honea and Sheriff Lee Howard of Floydada and two of them were shot in the scuffle. They will recover from their wounds... About a ton of plaster fell from the portico ceiling at the west entrance to the courthouse Monday morning. Fortunately no one was standing in the danger zone at the time... A broken water pipe in the boiler room at the high school made a lot of youngsters happy Monday--it means another holiday, before school resumed classes after the Christmas recess... Work to start soon on Veterans Home in Silverton... Property owners eager for paving... Earl Brock and daughter, Mona, were in Plainview Tuesday... L. D. Griffin left Saturday to report back to Victorville, California... Mrs. C. C. Garrison left Wednesday of last week for Crosbyton to spend several days with her son, Keltz and family. Mrs. Keltz Garrison remained with the children... Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens and family were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt Sunday.

**January 9, 1936--** Owls play Floydada here Friday night. Starting lineup for Silverton's first string against Flomot Tuesday night was McDaniel, Burson, Martin, Gregg and Redin. The score was Silverton 18, Flomot 30... The Owls won both of their conference games last Thursday with Matador. The score was 24 for the Owls and 21 for the Matador first string. The second string won with a score of

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23 to 19. Joe Burson was high point man for the Owls... Good snow falls over Silverton trade territory... Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele and Mrs. Joe Mercer attended the funeral of little Frankie Beth Busby at Lockney Wednesday... Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hill buy out "Dew Drop Inn" cafe from Mr. and Mrs. James Patton... J. B. Porter is able to be up and about after a short spell of cold... Jno. Burson has returned from Troy, Colorado for a visit with home folks... Editor Boyle wrote: "Josephine Daniel thinks little boys are never happy unless they are chasing something--a cat, a girl or a ball. That's why, when a boy grows up, he so often mistakes his love of pursuit for love of a woman"... Berle Fisch is staying with his grandfather

and is attending school at South Plains...

**November 5, 1925--** Jim Whiteley, a prominent wheat farmer southwest of town, by a deal which he closed about two weeks ago with Ernest Fowler, became secretary-manager of circles No. 1 and 2 of the Lockney Mutual Aid Association... Texas cotton farmers are facing heavy losses on the balance of the present crop if they continue to snap the cotton instead of picking it... The Francis school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of about 30 pupils... Manley Woods, who has been caretaker for the Courthouse and grounds for the past three years, has taken the agency for the J. R. Watkins Products in Briscoe County... Alton Steele recently shot a mammoth owl, crippling it in the wing and now has it in

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captivity. The owl is one of the largest ever seen in this section and measures approximately five feet from tip to tip of wings... Ed Blakney, brother of Pete, local gin man, was seriously injured Wednesday night when he was crushed by the cotton press at the gin... Grand Jury returns 12 indictments... Miss Carabel Biffle entertained delightfully Friday night with a halloween party. Guests included Misses Fry, Christopher, Anna Lee Anderson, Reba Brown, Lois Berry, Maud Dean Burson, Marie Dodson, Bess Grigg, Bertha Mae Stevenson and Helen Fort; Mmes. Walter Lee Bain, Hugh Lusk, Dick Cowart, Clarence Anderson, Elmer Allard, Wood Hardcastle, Clyde Todd, Neil Crawford, Emmett Puckett, H. D. Norris, Ike McClendon and Tony Burson...

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# Owls, Lady Mats Win Hoot-Out

Weather wreaked havoc on the Hoot-Out this year, but most of the teams just kept playing on until the final champions, the Motley County Lady Matadors and the Silvertown Owls, were crowned.

All of the first-round games were played Thursday as scheduled, the winners being Hedley, Trinity, Kress and Silvertown in the boys division and Hedley, Motley, McLean and Silvertown in the girls division.

Weather brought about forfeits from Hedley and McLean on Friday, moving the Motley and Silvertown girls into the championship game which was played Friday. Kress and Silvertown played in the semi-final game Friday night, and the Owls beat Trinity in the championship game Saturday afternoon.

Valley and Patton Springs played in the boys consolation finals, with Patton emerging as the winner. The girls' consolation game was played by Trinity and Patton, with Patton as the trophy winner. Hedley defeated Kress boys for third place.

The Lady Owls took a 57-35 decision over Patton Springs in the first round of the tournament, with Lacy Brunson leading the way offensively by burning the baskets with a big 27 points. Adding to the score were Dedra Johnston, eight points, including two three pointers; Lori Brannon, seven, counting a three pointer; Michelle Warren, four; Shannon Weaver, Shauna Kingery and Dara Ramsey, one three pointer each; Molly Bomar, two points.

The Lady Owls trailed by a point, 9-10, at the end of the first quarter, but had moved into a 24-15 lead by the midway stop. They led 46-21 at the end of three quarters and went on to take the 57-35 decision.

The Owls also played Patton Springs in the first round, taking a 72-45 victory. The Owls led at the end of each quarter: 23-6, 46-21, 61-34, 72-45.

Jack Cherry led the scoring with 21 points, including three three pointers. Also scoring in double figures were Brandon Sarchet, 14, with four three pointers, and Jared Holt with 13. Adding points to the score were Trey Wyatt, five; Cory Chandler, Jeremy Holt, Jon Ivory and Cy Comer, four points each (Chandler and Jeremy Holt canned three pointers); Jay Arnold, two; Hector Martinez, one point.

The Lady Owls and Lady Matadors received their second-round games on forfeits, and played their championship game Friday. Molly Bomar led the scoring with 12 points, with Lacy Brunson right behind her with 11. Also scoring for the Lady Owls were Dedra Johnston, eight; Kenzie Burson, seven; Shauna Kingery, four; Lori Brannon, Shannon Weaver and Dara Ramsey, three points each; Michelle Warren, two points. Three pointers were scored by Dedra, two; Shannon and Dara, one each.

The Lady Owls (13-6) led at the end of the first two quarters, 18-7 at the first stop and 32-25 at the intermission. By the end of three

quarters, they had fallen behind 41-43 and they went on to drop the match 53-54 in a very heart-breaking finish.

The Owls defeated Kress Friday night after playing to a first-quarter 14-14 tie. They had moved into a 38-29 lead before the intermission, and led 59-43 at the end of three quarters. They finished with an 83-66 advantage.

Jack Cherry had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a big 33 points. Also scoring in double figures were Trey Wyatt, 13; Brandon Sarchet, 12; Jared Holt, 10. Adding to the score were Cory Chandler, nine; Jay Arnold, three; Jon Ivory, two; Cy Comer, one point. Three pointers were scored by Cherry, four; Sarchet, three; Wyatt, two.

After trailing by a point, 9-10, at the end of the first quarter of the championship game, the Owls (16-4) were never headed and went on to defeat Trinity 67-47. The Owls also led 26-17 at the end of the second quarter and 47-35 at the halfway point.

Brandon Sarchet led the offense in this game by lighting the boards with 21 points. In balanced scoring, Trey Wyatt contributed nine; Jack Cherry, Jared Holt and Cory Chandler got eight points each; Jay Arnold, seven; Jon Ivory, four, and Cy Comer, three. Three pointers were scored by Sarchet, four; Wyatt, one.

As of the end of the tournament, the Owls had won their last ten games in a row.

## S-Club Basketball Concession Stand Work Schedule 1996

This is the work schedule to be used when the basketball games continue in January. If you are unable to work on the assigned date and time, PLEASE find someone to take your place. Those available for substitutions are the Chandlers, Holts and Arnolds.

If you are unable to find someone to take your place, please call Clyde Parham at 823-2476 on the day of the game.

Monday, January 15--4:00-6:00--David, Dianne & Dedra Johnston; Juannah & Lindsey Jennings

6:00-Close--Wade, Mary Jo & Lori Brannon; Jimmy, Rhenda & Kenzie Burson

Tuesday, January 16, 4:00-6:30--Brad, JonEtta & Trey Ziegler; John, Gail & Trey Wyatt

6:30-Close--Mikel, Liz & Taylor Griffin; Lane, Paula & Brooke Garvin

Tuesday, January 23, 5:00-6:30--Dwight, Anita & Dara Ramsey; Cindy, Larry & Cy Comer



Michelle Warren rings up two points for the Lady Owls in their game with Valley last week.

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## Owl Teams Win Three Games From Valley Here

Silvertown's Junior Varsity Lady Owls, Varsity Lady Owls and Owls all earned big victories over the Valley Patriots here last Tuesday night.

The action was led off by the

high-flying JV Lady Owls who held huge leads at the end of each quarter: 16-4, 30-6, 54-13 and 70-13. Three of the girls scored in double figures, led by the hot hands of Misty Wilkinson, who poured 20 points into the baskets. Lori Chandler added 13 and Lindsey Jennings rang up 10 for the Lady Owls.

Adding to the score were Lindsey Weaks, nine, including a three pointer; Destiny Ivory, eight; Molly Brooks and Teri Chitwood, four points each; Kimmie Blazier, two points.

The Lady Owls have a 9-1 record this season, with only the one-point loss to Trinity to mar their record.

The Varsity Lady Owls, who stood 12-5 for the season following this game with Valley played their second game in a row without their tall post, Lacy Brunson, who had missed workout due to a Christmas holiday vacation. The team started slowly, but built up steam and finished with a flourish with all team members taking part in the action.

The Lady Owls led at the end of each quarter: 10-6, 16-15, 30-2 and 51-35.

Kenzie Burson led the offense by scoring 13 points. Molly Bomar tossed 12 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Dedra Johnston, nine points, including a three pointer; Shannon Weaver and Michelle Warren, six points each; Lori Brannon, three; Dara Ramsey, two points.

The Varsity Owls, 13-4, also started slowly and had to come from behind a 16-19 first-quarter deficit to emerge victorious. They



Dedra Johnston goes inside for a basket for the Lady Owls against Valley.

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6:30-Close--Tim, Sherry & Misty Mattheus; Cynthia, Tyra & Martin Younger

Friday, January 26, 6:30-Close--Rick, Beverly & Ryan Minyard; David, Sheila & Daniel Reagan

Friday, February 9, 5:00-6:30--

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Third Grade-Joshua Manning  
Fourth Grade-Payton Estes, Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Danielle Netro, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Fifth Grade-John Arnold, Bryn Mayfield, Jenny Young

Sixth Grade-Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Kylie Green, Amy Maciel

Seventh Grade-Vance Chandler, Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Eighth Grade-Nathan Francis, Daniel Reagan, Jordan Sarchet

Ninth Grade-Josh Breedlove, Lindsey Jennings, Matt Martin, Misty Wilkinson

Tenth Grade-Shauna Kingery, Michelle Warren

Eleventh Grade-Brandon Sarchet

Twelfth Grade-Molly Bomar, Lori Brannon, Cy Comer, Dedra Johnston, Vanessa Martin, Christina Stephens, Shannon Weaver

### FIRST SEMESTER

First Grade-Zakkary Perkins, Ory Johnson, Dusty Burson, Keifer Dutton, Ami Dunn, E. J. Ivory, Vincent Martinez, Clay Strange, Drew Reed

Second Grade-Ethan Long, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Third Grade-Joshua Manning  
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Fifth Grade-John Arnold, Bryn Mayfield, Lauren VanHorn, Jenny Young

Sixth Grade-Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Kurby Garvin, Kylie Green, Amy Maciel

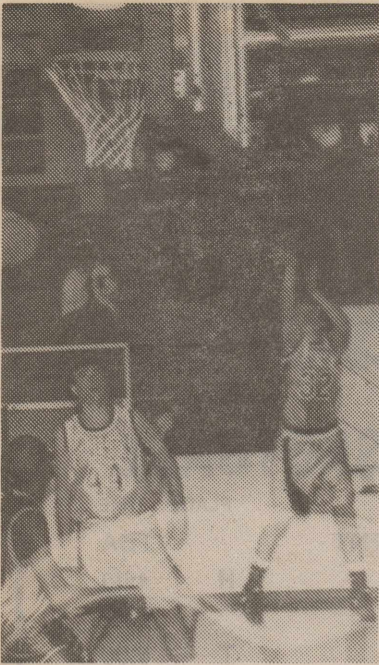
Seventh Grade-Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Eighth Grade-Nathan Francis, Daniel Reagan, Jordan Sarchet

Ninth Grade-Misty Wilkinson  
Tenth Grade-Shauna Kingery, Michelle Warren

Eleventh Grade-Brandon Sarchet

Twelfth Grade-Molly Bomar, Lori Brannon, Dedra Johnston, Vanessa Martin, Christina Stephens, Shannon Weaver



Cory Chandler puts a three pointer into the basket for the Owls in their game with Valley last week.

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led at the end of each of the other quarters: 34-31, 57-45, 83-60. All of the players, including four freshmen, took part in the game.

After scoring only 10 points in the first half, Jack Cherry came alive in the second half and burned the baskets with a total of 29 points. Trey Wyatt, who scored only six in the first half, came through with a big 25-point effort for the Owls.

Also scoring in double figures were two freshmen, Jay Arnold, 11, in one of his better games, and Cory Chandler, 10, in probably his best game of the season. Adding points to the score were Brandon Sarchet, five; Jared Holt, two, and Jeremy Holt, one point.

Three pointers were scored by Cherry, Wyatt, Sarchet and Chandler.

Both the Owls and Lady Owls have a number of players who can step up and take charge and lead the team if need be. Some of the Owls didn't see action due to missing workout, but all of those suited up played in the game.

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 15--Fish Platter, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni and Cheese, Cornbread, Brownie, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 16--Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 17--Steak on a Bun, Salad, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 18--Fajitas, Salad, Ranch Beans, Fruit, Milk

Friday, Jan. 19--Chili Dog, Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

### BREAKFAST MENU

Jan. 15--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Jan. 16--Pancake, Syrup, Juice, Milk

Jan. 17--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk

Jan. 18--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Jan. 19--Muffin, Juice, Milk

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## 1995-1996 Basketball Schedules

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Jan. 11-13	LAZBUDDIE JV TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 12	McLEAN	T	6:30
Jan. 16	PATTON SPRINGS	H	4:00
Jan. 19	COTTON CENTER	T	4:00
Jan. 23	HEDLEY*	H	5:00
Jan. 26	LAKEVIEW*	H	6:30
Jan. 30	SAMNORWOOD*	T	5:00
Feb. 2	HEDLEY*	T	5:00
Feb. 6	LAKEVIEW*	T	6:30
Feb. 9	SAMNORWOOD*	H	5:00

GAME TIMES: Junior Varsity Girls, 4:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls, 6:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys, 5:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys, 7:30 p.m.



### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Jan. 11, 13	LOCKNEY TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 15	GROOM	H	4:00
Jan. 20	KRESS TOURNAMENT		TBA
Jan. 22	LAKEVIEW	T	5:00
Jan. 29	VALLEY	T	4:00

GAME TIMES: 7th Girls, 4:00 p.m.  
8th Girls, 6:00 p.m.

7th Boys, 5:00 p.m.  
8th Boys, 7:00 p.m.

**Lockney Shorthorn Shoot-Out  
Silverton Games Start  
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**Lazbuddie Junior  
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# Junior High Teams Take Four Games at Hedley

Silverton's Junior High teams of Owls and Lady Owls won a four-game series at Hedley Monday, with the Eighth Grade Owls struggling to hold onto a one-point victory in the last minute of the game. Daniel Reagan had tossed a long shot into the basket as the end of regulation time neared which gave the Owls their final advantage.

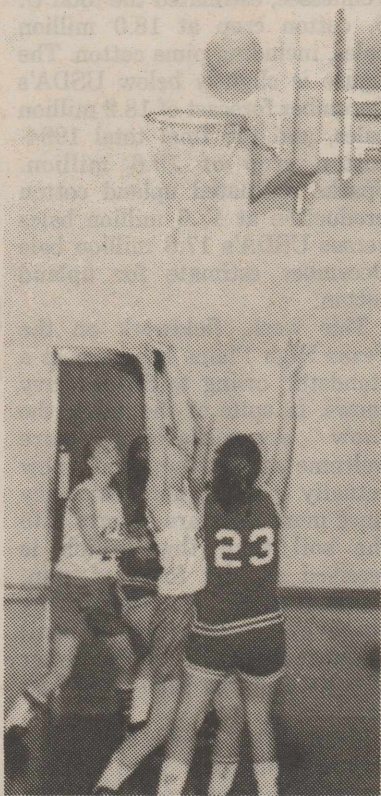
The action opened with the Seventh Grade Lady Owls (1-2) playing the first game they have had since way back in November, and the red Owls held the upperhand throughout most of this game. They led 7-6 at the first stop and were in a 12-12 tie at the intermission. They had moved ahead 18-12 by the end of three periods and went on to win the game 26-12.

Catherine Reyna caged eight points and Brooke Garvin added six to lead the offense. Also scoring were Vanessa Reyna, five; Misti Mattheus, Taylor Griffin and Lori Edwards, two points each; Diana Garza, one point.

The Junior High Lady Owls have been divided into two teams of ten players each which will be playing in a tournament at Lockney this weekend. Also playing for this team were Erica Edwards, Katy Hester and Vicki VanHorn.

Silverton's Seventh Grade Owls (6-0) romped and stomped in their usual fashion in their game, holding big leads at the end of each quarter: 20-3, 38-7, 56-13, 69-17.

Adrian Ramirez led the offense with a big 20-point effort, while Isaiah Ivory picked up 15 points and Vance Chandler lighted the



Dara Johnston was one of the scoring leaders for her team as they beat Hedley Monday.

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board with 12. Adding points to the score were Clint Ivory and Daniel Castillo, eight points each; Martin Younger, four; Isaac Garcia, two points. Tyler Young also played for this team.

The Eighth Grade Lady Owls (5-2) led at the end of each quarter and played to a 42-21 victory over the Green Owls of

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Hedley. They led 13-8 at the end of the first quarter and were ahead 25-12 at the midway stop. They held a 27-17 lead at the end of three quarters.

Sara Kirchoffner led the offense by scoring 14 points and Dara Johnston also scored in double figures with 11 points to her credit. Also scoring were Tyra Younger and Julie Weaver, four points each; Ana Pena, three; Kenda Wood, D. D. White, Lisa Comer, two points each. Three pointers were scored by Sara and Dara. Kayla Davis and Heather Bowling also played for this team.

Nathan Francis with 11 points and Daniel Reagan with 10 led the offense for the Eighth Grade Owls. Reagan dropped two three pointers into the basket during the game.

Also scoring were Paul Segura, six; Jordan Sarchet, four, and Vince Cruz, two points. Charlie Bomar, Ryan Minyard and Mickey Juarez are also on this team.

The Red Owls (6-0) took control of the game early and led most of the way, with a 12-6 advantage at the end of the first quarter and leading 20-14 at halftime. They continued to lead 31-26 at the end of three quarters.

The Green Owls came from behind in the fourth quarter and it looked like the Red Owls were on their way to their first loss of the season until Reagan shot a long two-pointer into the basket in the last minute to move the Owls back ahead. From this point to the final buzzer, the Owls had only to control the ball.

All four teams of red Owls will be playing in a tournament this weekend at Lockney. They host the teams from Groom on Monday night and will be going to

a tournament at Kress the following weekend.

## Junior Varsity in Lazbuddie Tourney

Silverton's Junior Varsity teams will be playing in the Lazbuddie JV Tournament this weekend. Both the Owls and Lady Owls will be playing Adrian at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, with the boys playing in the old gym and the girls playing in the new gym.

The other teams in the tournament are Farwell, Bovina, Boys Ranch, Lazbuddie Freshmen, Adrian, Silverton, Lazbuddie and Vega in the boys division, and Bovina, Farwell, Boys Ranch, Silverton, Vega, Farwell Freshmen, Lazbuddie and Adrian in the girls division.

Winners of Silverton's first games advance to play at 2:00 p.m. Friday, while the losers of the first games play at 11:00 a.m. Friday. The championship games are at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the new gym, and the consolation finals are at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the old gym. Third-place games are at 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the new gym.

## Junior High Teams Playing at Lockney

Silverton's Junior High teams will be playing in tournaments at

Lockney this weekend. Teams in the seventh grade brackets are Lockney, Silverton, Petersburg and Nazareth. In the eighth grade boys bracket are Lockney, Silverton, Petersburg and Nazareth, while the girls bracket includes Lockney, Silverton, Plainview and Petersburg.

In the seventh grade division, the first games will be at 3:30 and 4:45 p.m. Thursday with Lockney. In the eighth grade division, the first games will be at 2:15 and 6:00 p.m. Thursday with Lockney.

The championship games are at 5:15, 6:30, 7:45 and 9:00 p.m. Saturday. The consolation games are at 12:15, 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. Saturday, with the eighth grade boys and girls playing at the same time.

## Activities

Thursday, Jan. 11--Board Meeting, 7:00; JH Tourney Begins at Lockney; JV Tourney Begins at Lazbuddie

Friday, Jan. 12--McLean, there, 6:30

Monday, Jan. 15--Groom JH, there, 4:00

Tuesday, Jan. 16--Patton Springs, here, 4:00

Wednesday, Jan. 17--6th G/T Field Trip

Friday, Jan. 19--Cotton Center, there, 4:00

Saturday, Jan. 20--JH Tourney at Kress



Jordan Sarchet puts a shot into the basket as his team of Owls defeats Hedley.

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Nobody counterfeits pennies; only things of great value are counterfeited.

If Christianity were not counterfeited, it would be an insult; actually, indicating that Christianity is of very little value. Don't worry; there are counterfeits. This means we cannot afford to accept at face value every group in Christendom. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you..." (2 Peter 2:1).

Thus, it cannot be true that one church is as good as another. And the statement, "Just so you are sincere," can't be right either, for "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

No preacher should resent your checking out the Scripturalness of his message. Personally, I would be afraid and ashamed to resent it. Neither can I see that I have anything to lose. If someone can prove me wrong, he will be doing me a great favor. I don't want to hold to a counterfeit.

I have tested matters over and over until I am confident about my positions. Even so, I am ready to see them tested again and again in the light of the Bible. Neither do I claim to know everything. There are some things, however, I have come to be certain about. Some things I know and can prove.

Remember, ignorance does not excuse. As Jesus said, "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14).

Beaware of counterfeits. Search for and discover the genuine. "Seek and ye shall find" (Matthew 7:7b).

## Silverton Church of Christ

You are always welcome  
TED KINGERY, MINISTER

Sunday Class 9:00    Worship 10:00    Night 6:00  
Wednesday 7:00

## Sharp Says Lone Star Card Helps Texas In Shrinking The Food Stamp Rolls

"Texas led the nation in reducing food stamp rolls for the first eight months of the year," State Comptroller John Sharp announced.

"According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, national food stamp rolls declined by more than one million participants during the first eight months of this year," Sharp said. "Texas accounted for 15.6 percent of that drop, even though we had just under 10 percent of all food stamp recipients nationwide at the beginning of the year.

"These numbers show that we are obviously doing something right—and it's called the Lone Star card," Sharp said.

Sharp said that between January 1995—one month before the Lone Star card first went on-line in the Houston area—and August, the number of food stamp participants in Texas fell by 167,000, or 15.6 percent of the total national decline.

"The Texas food stamp rolls dropped five times more than those of California, the largest program in the country," Sharp said.

"This decline came before the Texas Legislature had implemented the sweeping welfare reforms passed during the last session and before whatever reforms ultimately come from the legislation currently pending in Congress."

Sharp also noted that the Texas decline was three times as steep as New York's, a state with a population and a food stamp program of comparable size.

"By contrast, Texas ranked right in the middle for personal income growth among the top 10 states, but we reduced our food stamp rolls by far more than any of the others," Sharp said. "The Lone Star card has given Texas a clear advantage in making the

food stamp program more efficient and fraud-free."

Sharp pointed out that two-thirds of the decline in Texas' food stamp rolls occurred in the Houston area, where the Lone Star card went on-line in February, and in the Metroplex, where it has been in operation since June. Other areas of the state have not been on-line long enough to measure.

"From February to August, the Lone Star card went on-line in the Houston area and in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex," Sharp said. "The nearly 400,000 households receiving food stamp benefits in these regions at the beginning of the year account for 40 percent of all food stamp cases in the state."

Sharp noted that the number of recipients receiving food stamp benefits fell at a faster rate in Houston, the first region where the Lone Star card was installed, than in the remainder of the state.

The new system, in operation in Houston since February, has contributed to a 6.7 percent drop in the food stamp rolls from January through August. Throughout the rest of the state, where the new system wasn't fully on-line during this period, the decline was 5.1 percent.

Sharp said that the strong Texas economy is a major reason for the state's declining food stamp rolls, but not the only one.

"Over the past year, personal income growth in Texas accounted for 7.3 percent of the nation's total," Sharp said. "Yet, the food stamp rolls have dropped by an even more dramatic 15.6 percent."

"The Lone Star card has clearly been a significant factor," Sharp said. "No longer do food stamp coupons get mailed to the wrong address, where thieves who raid mailboxes used to treat them like ready cash."

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney applauded the state's innovative new electronic benefits transfer system.

"The new card is making criminals think twice about trying to rip-off the food stamp program—and the taxpayers who support it," Laney said.

Grocery retailers in Texas have reported an increase in food stamp sales even as the number of participants has dropped, according to Joe Williams, executive director of the Gulf Coast Grocery Association of Texas.

"Those dishonest clients who never used their benefits in grocery stores to begin with have now been weeded out of the system," said Williams, who has closely tracked food stamp participation rates under the new electronic program.

Despite declining food stamp rolls, the Lone Star card has boosted food stamp sales in the

Houston and Dallas regions.

In Houston, after the Lone Star card went on-line, food stamp sales rose by \$4.5 million dollars from one month to the next, even though comparable benefits were issued for both months.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, sales increased by \$5.7 million from one month to the next. Retailers attributed this jump to a decrease in illegal trafficking of benefits.

The new Lone Star card system insures that no cash ever changes hands during a food stamp transaction. The card also documents all transactions on each account, streamlining the accounting process for grocers and bankers, and providing a tool for law enforcement authorities to track the illegal use of benefits.

Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients are allowed to withdraw cash from their accounts with the Lone Star card, a requirement imposed by Washington officials as a condition for granting Texas the necessary waivers from federal rules and regulations to conduct the successful experiment in welfare reform.

## TELCOT Report

### A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending Jan. 4

Consistent decline in U. S. upland cotton production this season has prompted USDA to announce a zero Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) for the 1996-97 season.

A zero set-aside also was in effect for the 1995-96 crop year, and growers were estimated to have planted around 16.4 million acres of cotton. However, grain and oilseed prices currently are more attractive than a year ago, suggesting less cotton could be planted in the new year.

In addition, USDA announced it will allow 1996-crop soybeans to be planted on cotton optional flexible base acres. Currently, 25 percent of base acres are considered flexible acreage. Of that amount, 10 percent can be planted to soybeans and still be considered planted acres to cotton under the program. This new ruling, combined with the current price attractiveness of soybeans and grains likely will result in a slight decrease in cotton production in some parts of the Delta and Southeast for the 1996-97 crop.

However, it must be noted that if a new farm bill is enacted in 1996, no set aside will be required as the ARP will be invalid.

Cotton traders and analysts are anxiously awaiting USDA's U. S. and World Supply/Demand Report to be released January 10. Many in the industry feel the next

report will bring news of a further decrease in the projected 1995-96 U. S. cotton crop.

In fact, analytical firm Sparks and Company of Memphis, Tennessee, estimated the total U. S. cotton crop at 18.0 million bales, including pima cotton. The figure is slightly below USDA's December forecast of 18.2 million bales, and the final total 1994-cotton crop of 19.6 million. Sparks estimated upland cotton production at 17.6 million bales versus USDA's 17.8 million bale December estimate for upland cotton.

This week, fieldwork on the Texas High Plains has been at a standstill, owing to fairly heavy snows. In spite of the delay, the snow accumulations were welcome as moisture from snow actually has higher efficiency since more moisture absorbs into the soil than that which is received in the form of rain. Consequently, knowledgeable observers assess the subsoil moisture situation to be better now than at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, predictably slow trading conditions were evident in many markets soon after the holiday period, and asking prices for most cotton were little altered pending fresh stimulus. However, sales of New York cotton futures picked up on January 4 to close at the highest level since December 15.

On the spot cotton scene, TELCOT sales soared to their highest daily level for the 1995-96 season with sales of 46,510 bales on January 4. For the four trading days ending January 4, sales on TELCOT totaled 85,390 bales, up considerably from 54,508 bales the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 73.01 to 74.77 cents per pound. Prices were higher than the previous week when prices ranged from 71.24 to 73.40 cents.

High cotton prices have required the U. S. to establish a special upland cotton import quota for the nineteenth time since early April 1995, according to USDA. The latest quota will allow the importation of enough cotton for one week's domestic mill use, roughly 96.25 million pounds (200,521 bales) of cotton through July 7.

The special import quota is triggered whenever average weekly prices for the lowest-priced U. S. cotton delivered to Northern Europe exceeds the Northern Europe cotton price by 1.25 cents per pound for 10 consecutive weeks.

Domestic mill interest in imports again is increasing especially now that the import period has been extended into July. This makes the importation of Southern Hemisphere new crop styles possible. The reason is the discount of prices. In most instances, Australian and Argentine styles now can be landed at a mill in the U. S. at prices substantially below what a

comparable U. S. style is being quoted. In the case of Argentine cotton, the cheaper freight rate and the burden of an expected record crop there is substantially widening its discount to U. S. Delta cotton.

In export news, USDA announced export sales of 1995-96 U. S. cotton increased a net 69,800 bales in the week ended December 28, down from the previous week's figure of 96,500 bales. Featured buyers were China, South Korea and Indonesia.

## Social Security Info Available on Internet

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Many thousands of Internet users across the Social Security Administration Internet server, Social Security Online, each week to find one of the largest collections of information and services offered by a government agency.

New documents and services are added regularly to Social Security Online. Internet users can now find:

★ Sixty years of Social Security history, with text and photos. (President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the original law August 14, 1935.)

★ A new Social Security Teachers Kit, a comprehensive package of teaching materials designed to equip the high school classroom teacher with the tools to teach Social Security to young people about to enter the workforce. Teachers can download and print the kit for their classes in virtually the same format as the printed original, which teachers also can order.

Besides these new offerings, Internet users can access a wide variety of Social Security information products, including:

★ Public statements by Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater.

★ Publications describing Social Security retirement, survivors and disability insurance, and Supplemental Security Income for low-income aged, blind or disabled people. Some are in Spanish as well as English.

★ Statistical tables about these programs.

★ Newsletters and other periodicals, including the Social Security Courier.

★ Legislative updates and press releases.

★ Actuarial reports on the status of the Social Security trust funds.

★ Frequently asked questions and answers.

★ Popular forms, such as the application for a Social Security card (SS-5) and the request form for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (7004)

★ A software program, ANYPIA, that lets you estimate your future Social Security benefits.

### Customer Notice

Pursuant to HB 2128 Section 3.455, GTE Southwest Incorporated and Contel of Texas, Inc. have filed tariffs with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to provide interim number portability to holders of certificates of convenience and necessity, certificates of operating authority, and service provider certificates of operating authority. These filings have been assigned Docket No. 14943 for GTE and Docket No. 14944 for Contel. Interim number portability will be provided utilizing remote call forwarding and DID at those services current tariff rates. Interim number portability is provided to allow customers to retain their telephone number if they change their provider of local telephone service within the same exchange.

Persons who wish to comment on these applications should notify the commission by March 22, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 tele-typewriter for the deaf.



**LIGHTHOUSE  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Brad & Daneille Snowden, Pastors  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Ted Kingery, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jess Craig Little, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Library Opens . . . . . 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S. . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
Kevin Swanson, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
FIRST MONDAY:  
United Methodist Men . . . . . 6:00 a.m.  
TUESDAY:  
United Meth. Women . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Practice . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
In-home Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
THIRD SATURDAY:  
Family Fun Night . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST  
MISSION**  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
SUNDAY:  
Mass . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class . . . . . 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
High . . . . . 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
SUNDAY:  
Worship Service . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

*Help Your  
House Of Worship;  
It Has Always  
Helped You*

If you have been attending your House of Worship for any length of time, you know you have been doing it for a reason. Just being there has helped you through many a crisis or sorrow in your life. You have benefited greatly from the inspiring sermons, and perhaps you have had an occasional talk with your clergyman about some problem. Now, if at all possible, you should do something in return. Whatever you are able to do, such as making phone calls, arranging a potluck dinner, helping with a cleanup project, etc., would be welcome. It will help you to repay all the blessings and guidance you have received there over the years.

*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord."  
— Deuteronomy 16:17*

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