



Congratulations are in order to the District Champion Lady Owls and Coach Joe Crabb and the District Champion Owls and Coach Donnie Dutton on the successful conclusion of your basketball seasons! Best wishes as you enter the state playoffs!

The paper hadn't even gone to press last week when the announcement was made of a change to our basketball district, which had been realigned for the next two years to include Nazareth, Groom, Hedley and Silverton. Nazareth has been returned to the district they played in this year, and Lakeview has been returned to our district.

Essentially, this preserves our present district with the exception of picking up Groom to take Samnorwood's place.

The Silverton Youth Group is working hard to raise money for their ski trip to Red River, New Mexico.

Tonight (Wednesday) they will be serving a Valentine brisket dinner at the showbarn, and Sunday they will be serving a baked potato luncheon with lots of toppings and dessert in the school cafeteria.

Price of admission is your donation to the youth group.

This is a nondenominational Christian youth group that meets here on Wednesday nights.

Baked Potato Dinner Planned Here Sunday

The Silverton Youth Group will be serving a Baked Potato Dinner Sunday, February 18, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

Baked potatoes, lots of toppings and dessert will be served. Your admission will be your donation to the Youth Group. The money raised will help defray the cost of their ski retreat to Red River, New Mexico.

You are invited to enjoy the fun and fellowship of eating with the Youth Group.

Youth Group Invites You to Brisket Meal Wednesday, Feb. 14

Silverton Youth Group cordially invites you and your sweetheart to a Valentine Brisket Dinner Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

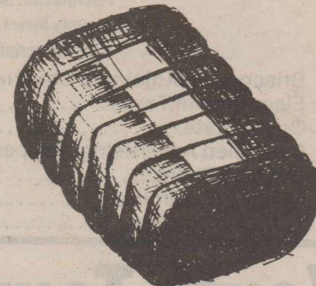
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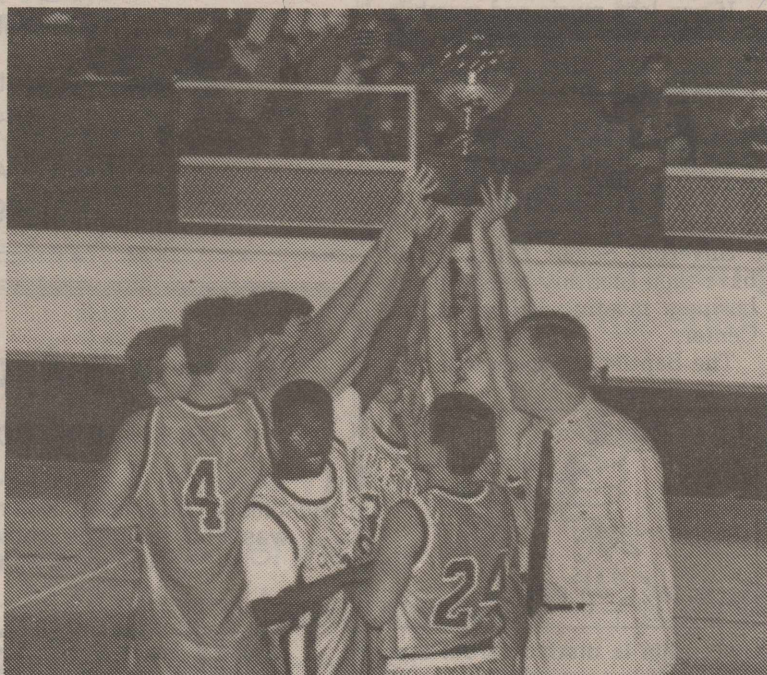
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Owls, Lady Owls Win Championships



The Silverton Lady Owls raised their trophy high as they completed their district schedule as the undefeated champions. They will go to their bi-district playoff game with Miami tonight (Thursday), with tipoff scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the Clarendon College Gym.

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The Silverton Owls and Coach Donnie Dutton paused for a moment of celebration after the conclusion of their game with Samnorwood last Friday night. The undefeated district champion Owls will enter the bi-district playoff on Thursday, February 22.

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Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls finished their regular-season schedules here Friday night, winning all their conference games and lengthening their winning streaks. The trophies were presented at the conclusion of their games with Samnorwood.

The Lady Owls will be going to their Bi-District game with Miami at Clarendon College tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. It is hoped that a good crowd of fans will be on hand to cheer the Lady Owls in this important game.

The Owls and Lady Owls had clinched the district championships before their games with Samnorwood, but it was the icing on the cake to accept the trophies as undefeated champions.

In the first game of the evening, the junior varsity Owls dropped their match to Samnorwood, but did a lot better than they had in their first meeting. The Eagles jumped out to a quick 22-4 lead over the Owls, but the Owls just kept hanging in there and had narrowed it to 19-30 before the

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Lady Owls in Bi-District Playoff Tonight

Silverton's Lady Owls have their bi-district playoff with Miami at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Clarendon College Gym.

The Miami girls finished their regular season in second place behind McLean, having lost to McLean both times they played, and own a season won-loss record of 7-19.

The Lady Owls have lost two close games to McLean this season, but haven't had occasion to play Miami.

It is hoped that a large crowd of fans will follow the Lady Owls to their bi-district game to help cheer them to another big victory tonight.

Absentee Balloting Opens Here Soon

Absentee balloting for both the Democratic and Republican Primaries will open February 21 and continue through March 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the office of Bess McWilliams, County & District Clerk, on each weekday that is not a holiday. You no longer have to give a reason for early voting.

If you are over 65 or will be out of town at the time of the primary elections, you can request a ballot by mail. Be sure to indicate whether you wish to vote in the Democratic or Republican Primary.

County Approved For Emergency Grazing

Briscoe County has been approved for emergency grazing of 1996 CRP acres. The intent of emergency grazing of CRP acreage is to alleviate livestock feed emergency when the growth and yield of hay and pasture have been reduced substantially because of a natural disaster.

Producers may graze CRP acreage from the date they are approved until March 31, 1996. The CRP annual rental payment will be reduced based on the approved rates received, but will not be less than 10% of the annual rental payment per acre grazed. All livestock will have to be removed from CRP acreage before April 1, 1996.

Participants must sign up before cattle are turned in. Additional information is available at the ASCS office.

Signup Period Growing Near

The time to sign up for places on the ballot for members of the board of trustees of Silverton Independent School District will be February 19 to March 20.

The school board election will be held May 4, in conjunction with the city general election.

If you are interested in offering yourself as a candidate for the school board, you need to go by the school administration office to complete the required forms to get a place on the ballot.

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Youth Tour Contest Is Open For Entries

An all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D. C. will be awarded to two area youth by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 30 years, Swisher Electric has sponsored students on the "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington, D. C.

The winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 8 at Swisher Electric in Tulia.

Any 14- to 19-year-old attending school in Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silverton or Olton is eligible to enter the contest.

Swisher Electric will have a representative visiting area high schools during the week of February 19-23 to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest. Those interested, who do not hear more

about the contest through their school, should contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia, at 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344.

Deadline for receiving entry forms is March 27.

The 1996 Youth Tour is scheduled June 6-18. The winners of Swisher Electric's speech contest will travel to Denton, where they will join other young people from all over Texas for the trip to Washington.

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

The youth will also get to tour the more memorable Washington, D. C. sights including the Smithsonian Institution, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, the FBI headquarters, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Vietnam memorials, and more.

Bursons Headline Cowboy-Poet Event Held In Amarillo Last Week

Cowboy poetry and music, featuring the father and son duo, Johnnie and Jimmy Burson, opened the monthly Cowboy Poets' Breakfast Saturday morning at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo.

These headliners are well known throughout the area: Johnnie for his cowboy poetry which reflects a long and colorful ranching background, and his son, Jimmy, who is the Briscoe County Judge and a noted western swing musician and

vocalist.

The elder Burson was born in 1918 to a pioneer ranching family and acquired a love for horses, cattle, cowboy poetry and is still working at all three on the original family ranch. His booklet, "Ranch Romance," contains many of his poems including the titled one which says of hard work and distasteful tasks, "... This is that romantic ranch life you've always read about."

Destined to be county judge,

Jimmy Burson was born in 1949 on the same ranch which he operates today. Although married and the father of three grown daughters, he still manages to make several personal appearances each year where he sings, plays guitar and fiddle in Bob Wills western swing style.

Jimmy has appeared at social functions of every description plus Bob Wills Day celebrations, Caprock Jamborees, the Cowboy Symposiums in Lubbock and Ruidoso, New Mexico, ten days in Branson, Missouri, and last year went to Russia as a western swing musician on a concert tour featuring American musicians.

The father and son make for some of the best cowboy entertainment anywhere, and the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association and the Big Texan Steak Ranch were fortunate to have this talented duo appear at their monthly breakfast.

Speed Limit Rises to 70 on State Highways

All U. S. and state highways in the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Childress District were posted at 70 mph by Friday, February 9, completing the third phase of the speed limit change.

The only remaining roadways that have not yet seen a speed limit increase are farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads. Increased speed limit signs will be posted on those roads by May 9, 1996, completing the fourth and final phase of the speed limit increase. However, based on

safety surveys done by TxDOT, some farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads may not be posted at 70 mph.

Signs for the first phase, which included all interstate highways and continuous four-lane divided highways, were erected on December 8, 1995.

Phase two included undivided highways of four or more lanes. Because there is a limited number of these highways in the area, they were included with phase three.

In Texas, a 1963 law set the maximum speed limit at 70 mph day/65 mph night for passenger vehicles (60/55-mph for trucks) on the state highway system. The law was in place when the 1974 federally-mandated 55-mph limit went into effect. In late November 1995, when President Clinton signed a bill into law that repealed the national maximum speed limit, the 1963 law went back into effect.

Rowell is New Chamber Pres.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday in regular session with election of officers. W. D. Rowell was chosen to serve as president, and those selected to serve with him are John Francis, vice president; Gerald Smith, treasurer; Linda Kernell, secretary; Jeanetta Bradford, reporter; Jonetta Ziegler, membership chairperson.

Dues were set at \$25.00 a year per household or business.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 a.m. at the City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and promote the Chamber of Commerce.

Methodist Church to Have Special Service

Silverton United Methodist Church invites the community to join the congregation for a very special service on Sunday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m.

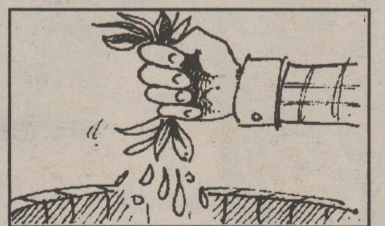
The service will feature music in the praise and worship style led by Dendy Williams of Floydada United Methodist Church.

If you love music and worship, you will find a blessing in this service, said the pastor, Rev. Kevin Swanson.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Fri.

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center.

The Baptist members will host the luncheon.



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LOOKING BACK

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February 13, 1986--Owl Varsity earns bi-district playoff berth... Carver Monroe entered St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday, expecting to undergo surgery on Wednesday... Eleven inches of snow blankets area... Services conducted here for Dorothy Marie Martin and in Lubbock for Carolyn Yancey Carlile... Jamie Frizzell to participate in Houston Rodeo calf scramble... Junior High Owls finish season with win at Lakeview...

February 12, 1976--Silverton Fire Chief Flute Hutsell was presented the Fireman of the Year award by Mayor Fred Mercer at the annual Fireman's Banquet here Saturday night... Playing their last games for the Owlettes and Owls Tuesday night were Seniors Suzette Fitzgerald, Randy Clay, Becky Francis, Ken Sarchet, Debra Strange, Brett Gill, Tammy Stephens and Kerri Arnold. Following tradition, the underclassmen threw the seniors in the showers following the game... Bringing home awards from the FBLA District Convention were Brett Gill, first place, Mr. FBLA; Suzette Fitzgerald, first place, Miss FBLA; Kerri Arnold, third, Miss FBLA; Ken Sarchet, third, bookkeeping; Jack Robertson, first, public speaking; Jim Wilson, second, public speaking; Susan Grabbe, Janette Reeves and Brenda Cantwell, first, spelling... Joe Self underwent back surgery at High Plains Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday...

February 17, 1966--House All-Stars to meet Channel 10 Tigers here. Sponsored by House Chevrolet, the team combines the talents of Jerry Nutt, Tommy Thornburg, Bobby Stephens, Bill Durham, Randall Eddleman, Stephen Jarnagin, J. E. Patton, Greg Towe and Jay Towe. Playing for the Channel 10 Tigers are members of the crew which keeps KFDA-TV on the air... Mrs. H. P. Rampley and Mrs. H. S. Crow were weekend visitors with relatives in Lubbock... Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Boling, parents of Jim and Bill Boling, have returned to Silverton and are at home on West Lone Star Street... Mrs. Shafe Weaver was a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last week... Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May, Van and Alvin were in Amarillo Saturday to attend a reception for her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denison, who were recently married in Salt Lake City, Utah... Janie Guest of Floydada and Bryan Schott spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty... Mr. and Mrs. Bud Couch and Diji of Amarillo were Sunday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams and Jim... Emmett Tomlin of Sheppard AFB spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn

Tomlin, Howard and Stanley...

February 16, 1956--Mrs. R. M. Hill is able to see following eye operation... Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brittan Parker are parents of a daughter, Opal Fern... Ware Fogerson of Fogerson Lumber Company and Glenn Lindsey, an employee, spent the early part of this week in Fort Worth where they attended a Frigidaire Appliance School... Clay Fowler, local postmaster, underwent surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday of last week... John Earl Simpson spent the weekend in Oklahoma City where he attended a business meeting of Chevrolet car dealers... The Ozark Quartet of Wichita Falls will appear at the Silverton PTA meeting Tuesday night... Mrs. Sybil Allard of Amarillo visited her father, Bill Watters, and other relatives Sunday and Monday... Rev. G. A. Elrod attended a pastors meeting in Floydada last Friday... Billy Don Stevenson, who has finished serving one term with the U. S. Navy and re-enlisted for another term, arrived home Tuesday evening for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson, his grandparents, Mrs. Minnie Stevenson and J. F. Cowsar, and other relatives. He returned to the States from Japan February 2, and will report for duty in Washington D. C. on March 14...

March 7, 1946--Sea plane crash claims life of John S. Long... Extra moisture for Briscoe worth \$10,000... Downtown building activity continues with Perry Thomas remodeling his building, putting in partitions and double doors to make new arrangements for his business and to get the opposite side ready for a new beauty shop to be announced next month... All 18 blocks of city streets are based and topping will start next week to complete the new surfacing... Mrs. L. D. Griffin, Dorothy McMurtry and Mrs. Dean Allard were shopping in Amarillo Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele and Jimmy and Mother Redin were visitors in the R. E. Brookshier home Sunday. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Deavenport and Joye Belle... Miss Elvira Mae Wesley and Mr. Lee Oscar Weeks exchanged wedding vows at the First Baptist Church in Tulia February 24... Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bomar and children were shopping in Floydada, Plainview and Tulia Saturday... Clovis Hill of West Texas State College was in Silverton over the weekend... Mrs. W. W. Douglas came home from the Plainview hospital Sunday afternoon...

February 13, 1936--Drivers' Licenses will be required soon... Silverton Post Office receives improvements... Services held last week for Mrs. H. C. Doak... Berle Fisch and Louie Kitchens called at the M. M. Edwards home Saturday night... Mr. and Mrs. Craft, Berton Hughes, Alma Ruth and Blanche Thompson went to Linguish Falls Sunday... R. D. Wheelock, who is attending

WTSTC at Canyon, spent the weekend in Silverton... Earl Simpson was in Plainview Monday on business... Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland of Kress visited friends and relatives here over the weekend... Weta Haley was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Buster Wilson, at Lockney Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Silas Ellis are the proud parents of a 9½-pound boy born February 11... Roy Bomar was in Weatherford

and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma over the weekend... Daphne Ferne Blackwell and Willene Bomar spent the weekend in Weatherford, Oklahoma with Delise Blackwell...

November 26, 1925--Thelma Nix, daughter of G. A. Nix, local blacksmith, left Silverton a little more than a year ago to go to Globe, Arizona where she had employment in a restaurant. Until last Saturday, Mr. Nix had

not heard from his daughter... Saturday night the Junior girls and part of the Seniors went to a slumber party at Miss Anna Burson's. Lunch was served at midnight and breakfast was served at nine. The girls present were Misses Dickerson, Pyeatt, Morgan, Bomar, Cloyd, Jackson, Crawford, Coffey, Frieze and Burson... Robert Crouthers of

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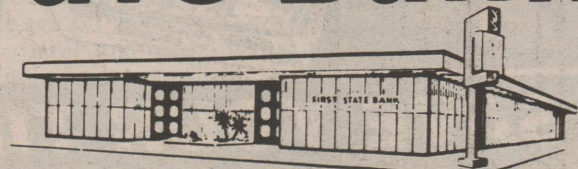
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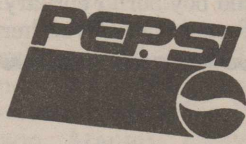


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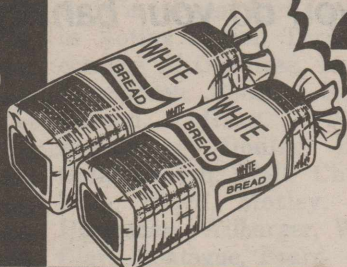
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JUNIOR VARSITY OWLS--(left to right) Coach Donnie Dutton, Donny Burson, Jared Francis, Jeremy Holt, Will Hester, Hector Martinez, Jason Cherry, Junior Castillo, Chris Justice. Photo by R Photography



EIGHTH GRADE OWLS--(left to right) Coach Donnie Dutton, Mickey Juarez, Charlie Bomar, Ryan Minyard, Nathan Francis, Daniel Reagan, Jordan Sarchet, Paul Segura, Vince Cruz. Photo by R Photography



EIGHTH GRADE LADY OWLS--(standing, left to right) Misti Mattheus, Julie Weaver, Coach Joe Crabb, Tyra Younger, Lisa Comer; (middle row) Heather Bowling, Sara Kirchoffner, D. D. White, Ana Pena, Vanessa Reyna; (first row) Lori Edwards, Dara Johnston, Kenda Wood, Kayla Davis. Photo by R Photography

School Library Has Drawing For Prizes



Also receiving T-shirts for being 100-Point Club students in the Accelerated Reader Program were (left to right) Jordan Sarchet, Junior Gonzales, Amanda Estes, Irene Gonzales, Jim Myers, Kimmie Blazier, Kylie Green and Destiny Ivory.

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Receiving T-shirts for being 100-Point Club students in the Accelerated Reader Program were (left to right) John Arnold, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Lauren Van Horn, Gid Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young and Bryn Mayfield.

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Students having tickets for 90% or 100% TOPS Reports who were the lucky winners of drawings included (back row, left to right) Lindsey Jennings, Vicki Van Horn, Kimmie Blazier, Nathan Francis; (middle row) Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Red Ivory, Brandi Rice, Irene Gonzales; (front row) Lauren Crabb, Clay Strange, Melonie Johnson. This was in conjunction with the Accelerated Reader Program. Not pictured is Christina Stephens.

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The Silverton School Library recently had a drawing for all students participating in the Accelerated Reader Program. Any student having tickets for 90% or 100% TOPS Reports were included. One winning ticket was drawn in each grade. These winners received a small candy box and heart-shaped sucker. The winners were:

- First Grade--Clay Strange
- Second Grade--Melonie Johnson
- Third Grade--Lauren Crabb
- Fourth Grade--Daryl-Ann Reynolds
- Fifth Grade--Red Ivory
- Sixth Grade--Brandi Rice
- Seventh Grade--Vicki Van Horn
- Eighth Grade--Nathan Francis
- Ninth Grade--Lindsey Jennings
- Tenth Grade--Irene Gonzales
- Eleventh Grade--Kimmie Blazier
- Twelfth Grade--Christina Stephens

A fluffy white Valentine Bear and Spalding Football were the grand prizes for the Valentine Draw. The winners were Danielle Ramirez in Third Grade and John Arnold in Fifth Grade.

All students with 100 points or more were recognized. These students received "I'm An AR Star" T-shirt. Any student earning 100 points before the end of school also will receive a shirt.

The 100-point Club students are:

- Second Grade--Gid Mayfield
- Fourth Grade--Daryl-Ann Reynolds
- Fifth Grade--Bryn Mayfield, John Arnold, Kassie Strange, Lauren Van Horn, Jenny Young
- Sixth Grade--Amanda Estes, Junior Gonzales, Kylie Green
- Eighth Grade--Jordan Sarchet
- Ninth Grade--Destiny Ivory
- Tenth Grade--Miles Comer, Irene Gonzales
- Eleventh Grade--Kimmie Blazier, Jim Myers

Accelerated Reader High Point Boy and Girl honors for the first semester went to Bryn Mayfield in Fifth Grade and Junior Gonzales in Sixth Grade. Bryn received an angel watch for her efforts and Junior received a Super Bowl XXX commemorative football. All students are still receiving prizes from the treasure box and surprise envelopes when they reach the required number of points. These prizes have been purchased with profits from December's Book Fair.

"We are so proud of our Accelerated Readers!" said Librarian Shelley Brock. "Encourage your kids to keep up the good work!"



John Arnold and Danielle Ramirez were grand prize winners in the Valentine Drawing for outstanding participants in the Accelerated Reader Program.

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DISTRICT CHAMPION OWLS-(standing, left to right) Cory Chandler, Jay Arnold, Coach Donnie Dutton, Jack Cherry, Jared Holt, Jon Ivory; (first row) Arnold Garza, Trey Wyatt, Brandon Sarchet, Cy Comer.

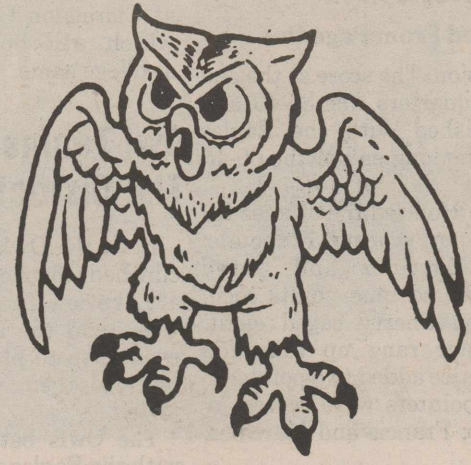
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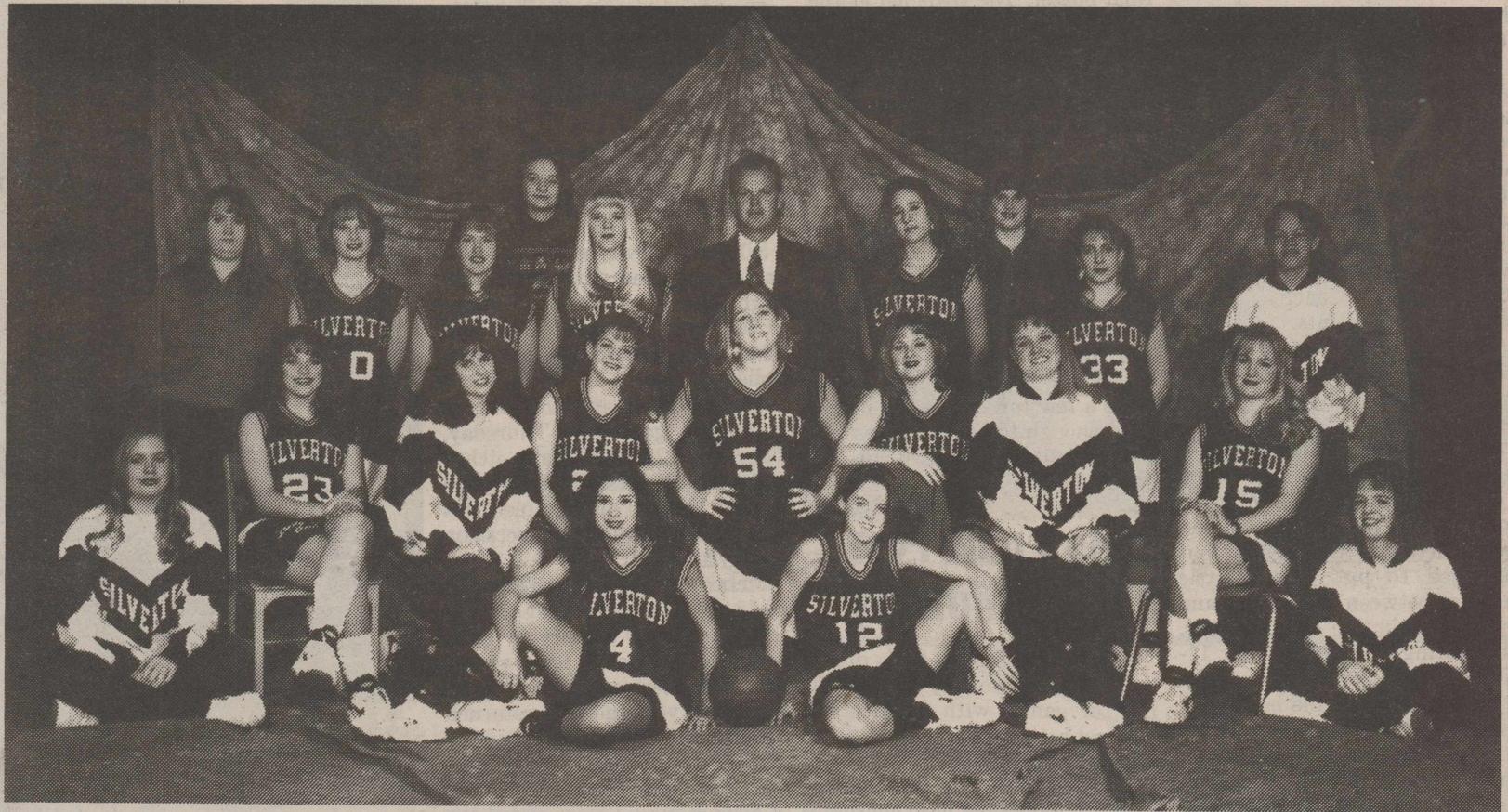
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DISTRICT CHAMPION LADY OWLS--(standing, left to right) Manager Heidi Tiffin, Shauna Kingery, Dara Ramsey, Manager Sara Vangraefschape, Michelle Warren, Coach Joe Crabb, Kenzie Burson, Manager Kara Kingery, Molly Brooks, Destiny Ivory; (seated, middle row) Dedra Johnston, Terri Chitwood, Lori Brannon, Lacy Brunson, Shannon Weaver, Lori Chandler, Molly Bomar; (seated, front row) Kimmie Blazier, Misty Wilkinson, Lindsey Weaks, Lindsey Jennings. Photo by R Photography

IN THEIR BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF

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intermission. The score at the end of three quarters was 35-49 and they finished with the Eagles owning the long end of the 60-45 score.

Jeremy Holt led the offense for the Owls by scoring 12 points. Hector Martinez and Jared Francis scored nine points each, and Jason Cherry caged eight. Will Hester rang up four and Chris Justice added two points.

Three pointers were scored by Holt, two; Francis and Martinez, one each.

The Lady Owls (29-8) held big leads at the ends of each quarter, and all twelve players took part in the game. Quarter scores were: 16-2, 26-10, 47-12, 72-20.

Dara Ramsey led the offense with 14 points to her credit, while Lacy Brunson got 12 and Dedra Johnston tossed in 11 points. Also scoring were Molly Bomar and Lindsey Weaks, eight points each; Lori Brannon, seven; Shannon Weaver, four; Michelle Warren and Shauna Kingery, three points each; Misty Wilkinson, two points.

Three pointers were scored by Ramsey, four; Johnston, three; Weaks, two; Kingery and Brannon, one each.

The Lady Owls have won their last eight games straight.

The Owls (30-4) held a slim one-point lead at the end of the first two quarters of their game, but managed to put just a little distance between themselves and the Eagles in the final periods. The scoring by quarters was: 11-10, 26-25, 45-39, 62-53.

Trey Wyatt had the hot hands and burned the baskets with 23 points. Jack Cherry caged 14 and Jared Francis put up 10 points. Adding to the score were Brandon Sarchet, seven; Arnold Garza and Jon Ivory, four points each.

Three pointers were scored by Cherry, Wyatt and Sarchet.

The Owls, who have won their

last 20 games in a row, will be playing a warm-up game with Clarendon at 5:00 p.m. Saturday at Clarendon College in a game which will be preliminary to a college game.

Owl Teams Clinch The District Titles

Both the Owls and Lady Owls clinched district championships at Lakeview Tuesday night of last week, and the Lady Owls didn't even have to play to do it. They received their victory on a 2-0 forfeit.

The Owls battled to the wire with the Eagles who, even though they've lost all of their district games, don't give up until the final buzzer. The Owls led at the end of each quarter: 17-9, 30-26, 48-38, 70-62.

Four players scored in double figures for the Owls, led by their big man, Jack Cherry, who put 18 points on the board. Brandon Sarchet caged 16; Trey Wyatt, 14, and Jared Holt, 10. Adding to the score were Arnold Garza, six; Cory Chandler, four; Jay Arnold, two points.

Three pointers were hit by Sarchet, four, and Chandler, one.

It wasn't one of their best games, with the Owls creating quite a few turnovers, but it was good enough to win and preserve their unbeaten streak at 19 games.

Owls Lose Two Games Monday

The Owls and Lady Owls drove to Childress Monday to play a pair of games with Chillicothe, and lost both of them.

The Lady Owls came close in their game, dropping their match 41-42, to a tall hard-charging group of girls who also won their district this year.

Lacy Brunson and Dedra Johnston led the offense by scoring 10 points each. Lori Brannon scored nine; Dara

Ramsey, five; Shannon Weaver, four; Molly Bomar, two, and Michelle Warren, one point.

The Lady Owls led at the end of the first quarter, 12-7, but had fallen behind 16-20 before the intermission. They were back into a 28-26 lead by the end of three quarters, and went on to drop the match by a point.

The Owls didn't fare quite as well in their game, dropping it 61-78. At the intermission the Owls trailed 22-26, and after three quarters they were behind 38-49.

Jack Cherry led the offense by scoring 20 points. Trey Wyatt rang up 11 and Cory Chandler caged 10. Adding to the score were Brandon Sarchet, eight; Jared Holt, seven; Arnold Garza, three; Jay Arnold and Cy Comer, one point each.

Three pointers were scored in the games by Cherry, four; Johnston and Sarchet, two each; Wyatt and Weaver, one each.

Owls Have Practice Game Saturday

Silverton's Owls have a practice game scheduled with Clarendon High School at Clarendon College at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. This will take place before a Clarendon College game.

The Owls will advance to their bi-district game on Thursday, February 22, to play either McLean or Lefors. The Owls have beaten McLean three times this season, but haven't had occasion to play Lefors.

McLean has a season record of 10-11, 1-3, and defeated Lefors in the three-team district in their first meeting. Lefors had a player that had been injured earlier in the school year that has returned to action in basketball and he seemed to have helped the team beat McLean in the second round of district play. Lefors ended the regular season 4-15, 1-3. Miami is the district winner.

The McLean-Lefors playoff was to take place Tuesday night.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 19--Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Ranch Beans, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 20--Beef & Cheese Nacho, Hot Sauce, Tossed Salad, Corn, Crackers, Sweet Roll, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 21--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 22--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Feb. 23--Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Salad, Fries, Fruit, Milk
BREAKFAST

Monday, Feb. 19--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 20--Ham & Cheese Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 21--Biscuit, Gravy, Milk, Juice



SEVENTH GRADE LADY OWLS--(clockwise, beginning left) Catherine Reyna, Taylor Griffin, Coach Joe Crabb, Katy Hester, Brooke Garvin, Rachel Vangraefscheppe, Erica Edwards.
Photo by R Photography



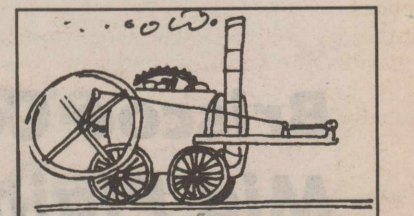
SEVENTH GRADE OWLS--(left to right) Coach Donnie Dutton, Tyler Young, Vance Chandler, Isaiah Ivory, Adrian Ramirez, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Isaac Garcia, Martin Younger.
Photo by R Photography

Thursday, Feb. 22--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday, Feb. 23--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk

of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

During the fall semester, 23 percent of LCU's students were named to the Dean's List. This percentage has increased dramatically from years past due to a new emphasis on campus toward academics. The administration has developed programs over the last two years to help students in completing their academic responsibilities. LCU has designed the Academic Support Center, Early Warning System and University Studies to help students to become successful independent learners.



The steam locomotive was invented by Richard Trevithick of Great Britain in 1804.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Feb. 15--Globe-News Spelling Bee, 2:15; Lady Owls Bi-District Ballgame vs. Miami, Clarendon, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17--Owls Warmup Game vs. Clarendon, Clarendon College, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21--Brenham Hog Sifting

Thursday, Feb. 22--All School Assembly: Reptile Show

Thursday-Wednesday, Feb. 22-28--Houston Livestock Show

Students Named To LCU Dean's List

Leslee Weaks has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1995.

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OBITUARIES

JOE GALLINGTON

Services for Joe D. Gallington, 79, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Matthew Veals of Tullia officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gallington died Friday, February 9, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 30, 1916 to Allen and Roda Gallington in Lockesburg, Arkansas. He married Elzora Scroggins on September 25, 1937. He and his family moved to Silverton in 1949, where he worked as a farmer until his health failed.

He was a member and deacon of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Quitaque for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Elzora; six daughters, Viola Black, Bertha Gallington and Edna Nelms, all of Dallas, Zeola Taylor of Quitaque, Irene Adams of Kansas City, Missouri and Virginia Clardy of Plainview; two sons, Ira (Skip) Gallington of Silverton and Dennis Gallington of Dallas; a grandson whom he reared, Carl Gallington of Dallas; one sister, Dorothy Baker of Silverton; one brother, Archie Gallington of Plainview; 34 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children.

Active pallbearers were Virgal Minyard, L. B. Ivory, Dewey Estes, Clarence Ivory, Finies Scoggins and James Edwards.

Honorary pallbearers were Carl Gallington, Clifford Clardy, Daryl Black, Eric Gallington, Leon Taylor and Milton Gallington.

MATTIE MAYFIELD

Services for Mattie Hancock Mayfield, 84, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 9, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kevin Swanson, pastor, and Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements by Wallace Funeral Home of Tullia.

Mrs. Mayfield died at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 8, at the Tullia Care Center where she had resided for several years.

She was born May 21, 1911 in Tullia. She married Roy Mayfield December 23, 1933 in Plainview. He died October 14, 1971. She was graduated from Tullia High School and attended St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Amarillo. She was a Presbyterian.

She had worked as a telephone operator and at Blanche's Beauty Shop.

Survivors include a son, Charles Wayne Mayfield of Silverton; a sister, Lucy McDaniel of Silverton; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Whitten, Miles Anderson, Zane Mayfield,

Dayne Mayfield, Mark Brooks, Kelly Brooks, Bryan Bounds and Lewis McDaniel.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Jean Brooks, in 1967.

CHESTER MAURICE FOUST

Funeral services for Chester Maurice Foust were conducted Monday, February 5, 1996 in Tucson, Arizona, with arrangements made by Evergreen Mortuary.

Mr. Foust passed away Thursday, February 1, 1996, in Tucson. He was born in 1910 in Sweetwater, Texas, and moved to Silverton in 1912. He remained here until 1940.

He lived in Farmington for 35 years before moving to Tucson. He proudly served his country during World War II, was an active member of the Elks Lodge, the First Baptist Church and the Boy Scouts of America, from whom he received their highest honor, the Silver Beaver award. Mr. Foust was employed by Southern Union Gas Company from 1959 until his retirement in 1975.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Eugenia Foust of the family home at 102 S. Sherwood Drive in Tucson; two sons, Jay R. Foust of Tucson and John A. Foust of Farmington; a brother, J. W. Foust of Amarillo; two sisters, Sue Carroll of Austin and Lola Fern Gregory of Clovis, New Mexico; four grandchildren, John, jr., Joseph and Jacob Foust and Amy Harding.

He was a kind and loving man who will be greatly missed by his family. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Farming Boys and Girls Club, P. O. Box 2491.

South Plains Temps Near Normal in 1996

Temperatures across the Texas South Plains during the month of January 1996 were near normal.

Temperatures averaged 0 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.5 degrees above normal at Morton to minus 2.1 degrees below normal at Plainview. Silverton's temperatures averaged 36.4, which was two degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 1.9 degrees above normal and ranged from 4.3 degrees above normal at Abernathy to 0.1 degrees below normal at Plainview. The highest temperature reported during the month was 80 degrees at Paducah on the 17th. Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 52.9 degrees, about a degree below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged two degrees below normal and ranged from 0.2 degrees above normal at Morton to 4.2 degrees below normal at Plainview. The lowest temperature reported during the month was five degrees at Dimmitt on the 31st. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged

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19.8 degrees, which was about three degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.41 inch below normal and ranged from 0.81 below normal at Jayton to 0.21 inch above normal at Post. Silverton's precipitation totaled 0.10, which was 0.06 below the South Plains average.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	29	7	
2	20	10	.05
3	15	2	.07
4	17	2	
5	41	16	
6	56	24	
7	71	25	
8	77	33	
9	78	30	
10	76	30	
11	70	22	
12	54	21	
13	62	23	
Total Precip. in February			.12
Total Precip. in 1996			.22
Normal Precip. in February			.60
Normal Precip.			
Year to Date			1.25

Silverton Student Named to Dean's List

Rose Braddock from Silverton has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1995 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.

"We are pleased to announce the list of students who have worked very diligently to achieve an outstanding grade point average at SPC for the fall semester," said Dr. James Taylor, vice president for academic and student affairs. "They should be very proud of the hard work they have accomplished. We at South Plains are certainly very proud of these students."

Happy Birthday To . . .

February 15--Charles Francis, Michael Reagan, Stan Gamble, Gary Weeks, Angie Lewis

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

February 17--Riley Ziegler, Vanessa Reyna, Patto Lowrance

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

February 19--Tyler Keith Ellison, Glenn Smith, Amy Jasper, Cathey Weeks, Carlye Fleming

February 20--Anne McJimsey, Corey Kennedy, Iwana Monroe, Kaitlin Daye McWaters

February 21--Melissa Ortiz, Tyra Younger, Mary Martin

Happy Anniversary To . . .

February 17--Mr. and Mrs.

John Wyatt

February 20--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith

Celebrates Birthday

Derrick Smith celebrated his second birthday Sunday afternoon, February 11. Those who helped him celebrate were his grandparents, great-grandparents and several cousins and friends.

His special "Power Ranger" cake, ice cream and punch were served by his parents, Jeff and Sonya Smith.

Social Security and The American Family

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Families in the nineties come in all shapes and sizes. Two parents. Single parents. Some families have grandparents raising grandchildren. A growing number of families depend on two incomes to provide the necessities of life. The absence or disability of a parent can cause a hardship for the family. Social Security benefits may be the answer that helps keep the family together, regardless of the shape or size of your family.

Let's take a case in point. Bruce and Carol are living the American dream. Both have successful careers, own their home—with a mortgage, of course—two children and two cars. But what happens if either Bruce or Carol suffers an injury or illness so severe that he/she could not work? The family would be eligible for Social Security disability insurance benefits. If either parent becomes disabled, the other parent (if he/she is not working) and their children under 18 could receive monthly disability benefits. The monthly family maximum payment could be as much as 150 percent of the disabled parent's benefit.

Suppose Bruce's disability causes his death? If Carol, a young widow with two young children, stops work to take care of the children, she will be able to count on Social Security for:

★ monthly Social Security benefits until the younger child reaches age 16, or

★ monthly benefits that will continue indefinitely if either child is disabled before age 22.

Each child can count on Social Security for:

★ monthly benefits until he or she reaches age 18 (or until age 19 if a full-time student in grade 12 or below), or

★ monthly benefits that can continue into adulthood if he or she is disabled and the disability begins before age 22.

Typically, Carol and each of Bruce's children in her care will receive 75 percent of the benefit amount for which Bruce was eligible. The total amount they will receive is subject to a monthly limit that is generally 150 percent of the amount for which Bruce was eligible.

For more information about benefits for families with young children who have a deceased, disabled, or retired parent, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the factsheet Social Security Benefits for Children (Publication No. 05-10085). You can call for an appointment or to speak to a service representative between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on business days. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month so, if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. Whenever you call, have your Social Security number handy.

If you have a touch-tone phone, recorded information and services are available after 7:00 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our toll-free "TTY" number, 1-800-325-0778, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on business days.

If you are a working man, you probably know that you can get Social Security benefits based on your work when you retire or if you become disabled. You may also know that your survivors could get benefits on your Social Security record if you died.

But if you are married and your wife works, did you know that you may be able to get benefits on her record under certain circumstances? Social Security can pay benefits to a man on his wife's record when she retires, becomes disabled, or dies, as long as she has paid enough Social Security to qualify, and he is not entitled to a higher benefit on his own Social Security record.

Fewer men than women receive these spouse benefits because they are more likely to be working and earning over the annual earnings limits for Social Security beneficiaries. (In 1996, the limit is \$8,280 for beneficiaries under 65, \$11,520 for beneficiaries 65-69, and does not apply to beneficiaries 70 or older.) However, the protection is there for those who need to take advantage of it.

If your wife receives Social Security benefits because she is retired or disabled, you can qualify for payments on her record if you are age 62 or if you are any age and have a child in your care who is under age 16 or disabled before age 22.

If your wife is deceased, you can get benefits on her record at age 60, at age 50 if you are disabled, or at any age if you care for her child who is under age 16 or disabled before age 22.

Even if you are divorced, you may qualify for benefits on your ex-wife's record if she receives Social Security retirement or disability benefits. You must be at least 62 years old, not remarried, and your marriage to her must have lasted at least 10 years. You can even get benefits on her record if she just qualifies for Social Security benefits but has not yet retired, as long as you have been divorced for at least two years.

USDA Identifies Water Needs of Rural Texas

"President Clinton's Water 2000 initiative has had a big impact in Texas," said George Ellis, State Director for USDA's Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD). "In the last three years, we have provided loans and grants totaling \$172.8 million to 274 Texas communities serving more than 180,500 Texas households. In addition, we have completed a six-month assessment of the state's most pressing safe drinking water investment needs."

The Administration's Water 2000 aims to deliver safe drinking water to the estimated one million rural Americans currently living without water piped directly into their homes. The assessment results show that the state's rural communities have come a long way in solving their safe drinking water problems over the past quarter century, but there are still a lot of gaps to fill. "According to the results, the 68 Texas communities with the most pressing needs require a combined investment of \$122.1 million to reach approximately 65,000 households that still have critical drinking water quality or dependability problems," said Ellis. The Water 2000 initiative assessment was conducted by USDA's Texas-based personnel, together with state and local government agencies, and non-profit organizations including the Texas Rural Water Association.

USDA loans and grants have been a primary funding source for rural communities seeking to improve their water and sewer systems necessary for health and economic development. The USDA, under Water 2000, has begun to target its loans and grants to rural communities with the nation's most pressing water and waste water problems. The USDA's water and sewer loan program, in its 55-year history, has loaned out \$14 billion nationwide.

Wally Beyer, Washington-based Administrator of the RUS, said that Texas rural water and sewer projects had \$34.9 million in loan funds and \$21.1 million in grant funds available in fiscal year (FY) 1995 from this federal source. Approximately 60 percent of those obligated funds were invested in safe drinking water projects. According to Beyer, based on funding cuts recently approved by the Congress and signed into law, Texas will lose approximately \$12.1 million in loans and \$7.6 million in grants for water projects in FY 1996, which started on October 1, 1995.

"These cuts will hurt rural Texas communities that need to invest in very basic community drinking water improvements for their residents," Beyer said. "At the level of funding the Congress has provided for 1996, it will take at least 10 years to solve Texas'

most critical rural drinking water problems identified in the just-completed Water 2000 assessment."

The USDA has funded several projects in all regions of the nation under the guidelines of Water 2000. "Almost without exception, urban and suburban residents I speak with are surprised, concerned, even startled to learn that such a large group of Americans—larger than the combined populations of Wyoming and Vermont—still live without something the great majority of us considers so absolutely basic," Beyer stated. "The problem is not isolated to any particular part of the country," he said. "We see it even in middle America, in New England, and within 100 miles of our nation's capital."

According to 1990 Census data and reports from state and local agencies involved in building, operating and monitoring drinking water systems, at least 400,000 households nationally have no in-house water supply, or suffer from such severe quality and dependability problems that their in-house water is seldom if ever drinkable. Those Census numbers show that 26,028 of these households (approximately 70,000 people) are located in Texas.

Corn Board to Have Elections for Seats

Provided by Rebel L. Royall
Briscoe County Extension Agent

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) announced that it will hold elections in five of its eight voting regions to elect five board members where current members' seats are expiring. The election will be conducted by voting regions. There is one seat open for election in Voting Region Two which consists of Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hartley and Parmer counties; there is one seat open for election in Voting Region Three which consists of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Briscoe, Collingworth, Hall, Childress, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Foard, Archer, Baylor, Knox, King, Dickens, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Young, Jack, Wise, Throckmorton, Parker, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fishes, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Somervell, Comanche, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Glasscock, and Midland; there is one seat open for election in Voting

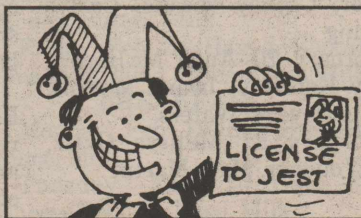
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Region Four which consists of Dallam; there is one seat open for election in Voting Region Five which consists of Sherman, Randall, Hansford, Moore, Potter, and Swisher; and there is one seat open for election in Voting Region Seven which consists of Bexar, Guadalupe, Wilson, Gonzales, Karnes, De Witt, Lavaca, Colorado, Bee, Goliad, Victoria, Jackson, Wharton, Brazoria, Harris, Matagorda, Ford Bend, Liberty, Orange, Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, Calhoun, San Patricio, Refugio, Aransas, Nueces, and Kleberg.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of corn, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (April 22, 1996) has been a producer of corn or has caused corn to be produced for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers that pay the corn assessment. Any person qualified to vote is also qualified to seek nomination for election to the board as a director. However, qualified persons must reside within the TCPB voting region wherein they seek nomination. Nomination applications must be submitted to the TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters in this election. Nomination forms are available at each county agent office in the 112 counties listed above in the five voting regions where elections are to occur, or they can be requested by mail directly from the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. If you request a nomination form by mail from TCPB, please include your county of residence.

Nomination forms will be publicly available from county agent offices or by mail from the TCPB office starting February 15, 1996. For a nomination form to be valid, it must be signed by an eligible applicant for nomination and ten other eligible voters and must be mailed to the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, with a postmark date of no later than March 15, 1996. Nomination applications with a postmark date later than March 15, 1996, will not be valid. Nomination applicants must reside in a county within a TCPB voting region where they seek nomination.

The TCPB is a research and promotion program for corn funded by a uniform corn checkoff, collected on a refund basis, from corn producers in every county of Texas. This election in five of the TCPB eight voting regions is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.



In the 1600's, jesters were licensed.

TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending Feb. 8

The U. S. cotton outlook for 1995-96 was highlighted this week by an upward revision in exports which offset a downward adjustment in mill use. USDA shifted 200,000 bales from U. S. domestic demand to U. S. exports in its February Supply/Demand Report, leaving ending stocks at 3.0 million bales.

USDA revised exports upward three percent to 7.2 million bales, reflecting additional sales to China and an increased pace of shipments. However, U. S. mill use was lowered two percent to 10.5 million bales as sluggish consumer demand for textile products continues to adversely impact cotton consumption.

The world supply/demand report included no major changes, with cuts to production balanced by cuts to domestic use. The world cotton production forecast of 88.6 million bales was down one percent, with smaller crops estimated for India, Paraguay and Egypt. World cotton consumption was projected at 85.7 million bales, also down nearly one percent, reflecting downward revisions for the U. S., Egypt and Japan.

Also, National Cotton Council (NCC) mill consumption figures concur with USDA's assessment of decreasing domestic mill use, although U. S. mill consumption in December fared better than most analysts expected. U. S. textile mills in December used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 10.2 million bales, down only six percent from November's revised figure of 10.3 million, NCC said.

NCC Economist Jess Barr said the annualized figure may have been slightly above expectations, partly reflecting changes to the U. S. Commerce Department's seasonal adjustment factors. He said the decline in December cotton use partly reflected seasonal mill downtime. "There were some extended holiday closures over Christmas as well as the fact that some of the mills have reduced their work week," he said.

Meanwhile, cotton export business remains subdued following the recent surge in prices, with most attention still focused on competing cheaper growths. "Small quantities of off-grade and high-micronaire cotton continue to be traded, but business is mostly slow," one trader commented. "It seems as if a lot of the spinners who were pretty short cotton supplies have covered over the past couple of weeks with foreign growths," he added.

However, strong export sales figures for the week ended February 1 surprised most traders, as USDA announced export sales of 1996-97 U. S. cotton increased a net 28,900 bales. One trader expressed

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surprise at the relatively high level of exports given the current market prizes. "It shows me the market broke a few cents, and we were able to sell more cotton," he said.

Despite new sales of 1995-96 U. S. cotton totaling 126,600 bales in the week ending February 1, net sales actually decreased 50,500 due to cancellations which included 105,000 bales previously sold to China. According to one trader, further cancellations from a range of buyers are possible if cotton prices move sharply in either direction. A drop in the market could cause buyers to hand back cotton bought at higher prices and re-cover with cheaper U. S. cotton or from cheaper overseas sources.

In spot cotton news, sales of cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ending February 8 totaled 4,876 bales, down from the previous week's figure of 45,874 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 74.21 to 78.68 cents per pound.

On the home front, experts say Mother Nature favored West Texas cotton producers this winter with freezing temperatures that are expected to have killed off a large portion of boll weevils. James Leser, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said the latest winter cold snap probably killed all but 10 to 15 percent of the weevils in the High Plains area. "I'm cautiously optimistic," Leser said. "This is the best cold period we have gone through since the 1989-90 winter."

Roger Haldenby, program coordinator for the High Plains boll weevil control program, said warm winter weather the past few seasons caused the boll weevil population to soar. "This is a cold spell we have been needing for five years," Haldenby said. "Because of these five mild winters in a row, we have seen an increase in boll weevils."

LOOKING BACK—

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Crouthers Cash Store is announcing a big special sale in this issue of the News . . . J. F. Cowsar of Knox County, who has bought a lease on the P. A. Jones place, arrived here Monday with his household effects . . . Miss Jessie Cox, who has been living with the A. A. Turner family, was married to Mr. Hillard Sanders of Amarillo, Tuesday . . . A big birthday dinner for J. C. Kendrick was had at his home Sunday and the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kendrick and Grandpa Shipley, all from Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Northcutt and little granddaughter, Margie, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Northcutt and family, Miss Bertha Mae Stevenson, Mr. Bert Northcutt, Mr. Jas. M. Boyer, Mr. Willie Floyd Kendrick and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Kendrick . . .

**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.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
SUNDAY:
Mass 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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Junior & Senior
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**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
SUNDAY:
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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Sincere thanks for the prayers, food, flowers, calls, cards and visits after the passing of our precious Mother and Grandmother. Your love and concern makes Silverton very special to us. We can't thank our ambulance service enough-Connie and Janice are the greatest. Thanks to Lou Younger, Peaches Minyard and Emmett Tomlin for helping out.

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Wayne, Joni and family

Political Calendar

The following candidates have announced their intentions to run for office in Briscoe County, Texas:

COMMISSIONER, Precinct 1
Aaron Younger, Re-election (D)
Terry Grimland (R)

COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3
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Richard (Dick) Roehr, Re-election (D)
Jerry Beck (D)
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CITY OF SILVERTON
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Silverton will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on February 23, 1996 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs; the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at the public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jerry Patton, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance.

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