



Walter Arnd is my local authority on the wild hogs that inhabit the breaks of Briscoe County. He probably encounters them as much as anyone, and has probably butchered and eaten as many of them as anyone else I know.

I was visiting with Walter the other day, and he was telling about coming upon a tiny sow and a litter of the tiniest pigs he had ever seen. He talked like you could hold a couple of them in your hand, as far as size goes, but he said when they saw him they all scattered like leaves in the wind.

We had been discussing the cattle and the availability of suitable grazing for them during this extremely dry time, and Walter said that his ranch was luckier than some locations last year and received heavier rainfall amounts than Silverton on several occasions. He said they also received one bad hailstorm that missed town.

Apparently the underground moisture has been sufficient to get the grasses off and growing this spring, and Walter says his cattle are doing well.

When we skipped from the cattle subject to the hog subject, I realized that the hogs actually compete with the cattle for the grasses, as Walter says this is the main staple in their diet. He says they also dine on the pears of the prickly cactus, acorns, mesquite beans, etc. Then he continued to say that he had butchered hogs that had remainders of cottontail rabbits and snakes in them. He says the hogs have cut down on the snake population, killing and eating rattlesnakes, prairie racers and other species. He observes that the snakebites don't seem to affect the hogs.

He said the wild hogs love turkey eggs, water in which corn has soaked and will dig several inches below the ground's surface to find hidden food. He says the hogs will actually eat from a carcass, if they find one.

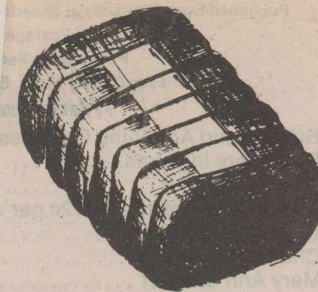
Before the conversation ended, Walter dropped in a quick note about how amazing it is that the scavengers (buzzards and such) find something for their next meal as quickly as they do after it becomes available. He says it seems like they know in just a few minutes, and must have a really good sense of smell.

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If you like to feed hummingbirds, you need to get your feeder filled. I didn't have mine ready, and I glanced out the other day just in time to catch one trying to "eat off an empty table" outside my bedroom window.

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Caprock Jamboree To Celebrate Seventh Anniversary Saturday Night

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Taken

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by flooding, hail and high winds which occurred from May 25 through June 5, 1995, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency in Silverton, or the main office in Tulia, Ross W. James, Ag Credit Manager, said today.

Briscoe County is one of seven in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickmah eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the storms. James said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," James said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds

from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 15, 1996, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," James said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U. S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U. S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office is open from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and Ross James, Ag Credit Manager, will be available in Silverton on Thursdays from 9:30 to 12:00 or on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the main office in Tulia.

To Senior Parents and All Other High School Parents:

A PROJECT GRADUATION meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the high school board room. Time is growing short for planning this event, and all willing hands are needed to insure that the party is a success. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of these meetings, your presence and input would be appreciated.

SENIOR PARENTS especially are encouraged to attend after you have dug through your family photos. Pictures from babyhood through the present (YOU choose the ages you wish to include) are needed in order to put together a presentation for the graduation ceremony. Please choose three to four pictures of your senior to include and bring them to the

meeting.

If you are unable to bring your pictures to the meeting, take them to the courthouse to Betty Stephens or Mary Jo Brannon during the day. Your promptness in completing this and delivering your contribution will allow time to create a special visual tribute to the Senior Class of 1996!

Weevil Recall Group To Discuss Election

There will be a meeting of the High Plains Weevil Recall Organization at 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

The group will be discussing the Weevil Recall Election.

Cotton farmers are invited to attend this meeting.

Saturday, May 4, will mark the seventh anniversary of the monthly Caprock Jamboree, which is held at 7:00 p.m. the first Saturday night of each month at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Since its beginning in May 1989, the Jamboree has made a lot of changes. The show was first held at Caprock Canyons State Park, then under the Shelter on the Courthouse lawn in Silverton, and finally moved into its permanent home at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton.

A very special show has been planned for Saturday. Along with cash door prizes of \$25, \$50 and \$100, a drawing will be held for a Jam Box that plays CDs and tapes.

Returning to the show by special request will be previous "Band of the Month" winners David Aycock of Lubbock, Weldon Allard of Amarillo and Cory Williams of Kress.

A new group from Lubbock that is part of the "Sweet Adelines," a national group, will be performing for the first time on the Jamboree stage. They are called "According to Us."

The Silverton Boy Scout Troop will be serving mesquite-grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Scouts have prepared the meal for the anniversary show every year. Make your plans to show support for this very worthwhile organization by purchasing a hamburger plate for \$4.00.

Admission is free. Bring a folding chair, if you have one, but if you can't bring a chair, one will be provided for you.

No Local Elections To Be Held This Year

There will be no elections for Silverton ISD board of directors or Silverton city council this year.

Only the incumbents whose terms were expiring this year filed for places on the ballots, and under a new law enacted by the last session of the legislature, these candidates are declared to be elected and returned to their seats if they would not have been opposed on the ballots.

Community to Join in Praying For Rain

People of Silverton and the surrounding area are invited to join together at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Shelter on the Courthouse lawn to pray for rain.

This prayer service is being organized by Jess Little, pastor, and members of the First Baptist Church.

Tickets on Sale Now For Athletic Banquet

Tickets are on sale at Silverton High School for the 1996 Athletic Banquet to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria on Saturday, May 11.

Nielson's Restaurant will be catering the meal which consists of ribeye steaks, baked potato, corn on the cob, green beans, gourmet salad, cheese rolls, dessert and iced tea. Tickets are \$6.25 and need to be purchased at the school on or before May 9.

Silverton Booster Club will provide the meals for all junior high and high school athletes.

Parents, grandparents and friends of the athletes are invited to join the group for an exciting night to show your support for the athletes.

Cemetery Association To Have Annual Meeting Here May 7

Silverton Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 7, in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. Preparation of the mailout begins at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting will follow at 8:00 p.m.

This year the terms of board members Carrie Dickerson and Bryan Burson are expiring. Two other members also will need to be elected to fill the two-year terms left by the loss of Virgil Crow and Jewell Lyon. They were faithful leaders and workers who served the Cemetery Association well.

Anyone with family members buried in the Silverton Cemetery is considered a member of the Association, and is urged to attend.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.

—Thomas Fuller

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Cortlandt Ingram

Ingram Placed First in Fiddling Contest At Bob Wills Day

Cortlandt Ingram of Tribune, Kansas placed first in his division of the fiddling contest for the

fifth consecutive year at Turkey's Bob Wills Day Saturday, April 20. He was named reserve champion in the grand championship division, placing second behind to Ricky Bren of Midland, fiddle player for Jody Nix's band.

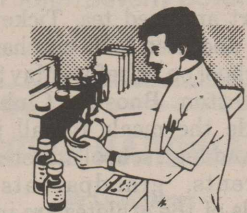
Ingram, 17, has competed in fiddle-playing contests from Idaho to Arkansas, beginning at the age of 12.

He was the Rocky Mountain Junior Champion at 13, placed first at Ruidoso, New Mexico in 1995, placed first at Paducah, Texas in 1994, second at the Walnut Valley Festival at Winfield, Kansas in September 1994.

On March 11, 1995, Ingram on the fiddle, along with family members: father, Eddie, on upright bass; grandparents, Dewayne and Theoma Ingram of Tribune, Kansas, on guitars; and a friend, Barry Patton of Winfield, Kansas, on bones, gave a concert at Southwestern College in Winfield. They also play for a variety of events from tea parties to gun fights.

Ingram enjoys attending and playing at fiddlers' conventions, and Bob Wills Day is one of his favorite fiddling events.

He, his grandparents, Dewayne and Theoma Ingram, and great-grandmother, Luella McDonald of Tribune, Kansas spent from Friday night through Sunday morning with Violet Thomas in Silverton.



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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7.

Those who have birthdays in May will be honored. Those who were honored in April will host the party this month.

Reese Air Show is Set for May 18-19

The Department of Defense's Aerial Demonstration Team schedule has been finalized for the 1996 air show season and Colonel Randy C. Gelwix, commander of the 64th Flying Training Wing is pleased to announce that the wing will host the base's annual air show and community appreciation day during a two-day event Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, 1996, at Reese Air Force Base.

The U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds, aerial demonstration team; the U. S. Army Golden Knights parachute demonstration team, and the U. S. Air Force Academy "Wings of Blue" cadet parachute team, will be the featured attractions. The "Wings of Blue" will perform both days. On Sunday, May 19, the Thunderbirds and the Golden Knights will leave Reese to put on a Sunday show at McConnell AFB, Kansas.

For those who are fond of watching the Department of Defense's aerial demonstration teams perform, the Thunderbirds, Golden Knights and the Navy's Blue Angels will make a total of 14 additional appearances at locations within a day's drive of Reese AFB.

Texas Cattle Group Seeks Ways To Defend Producers

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has given a federal advisory group a list of things government should do to protect cattle producers in the marketplace from a modern-day "Beef Trust," dominated by a handful of powerful beef-packing conglomerates.

In testimony submitted to the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration in Washington, D. C., TSCRA President Chaunce O. Thompson, jr. of Breckenridge, Texas, explained why cattle producers are worried about the so-called concentration of major beef packers in the fed and non-fed beef slaughter markets.

Citing a 1996 study on the subject by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Thompson said the four largest packers account for 82 percent of steer and heifer slaughter in 1994, versus 36 percent in 1980. They are now moving into the non-fed beef business, previously handled by small, regional family-run packers. Through vertical integration and coordination

VA Loan Regulation Limits Discount Points

According to Billye Kesler, Veterans County Service Officer for Briscoe County, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published a new regulation that limits to two the number of discount points that veterans may be charged by lenders when refinancing VA-guaranteed home loans.

Because VA became aware that some recent refinancings reflected unusually high discount points in relation to the interest rate charged, it moved January 25 to ask lenders to comply voluntarily with a two-point limitation while the regulation was developed, and it also ordered

arrangements, packers have reduced the role of livestock auction markets, where the terms of trade are openly visible to all.

"Concentration means fewer buyers and could create regional monopolies with less price competition and more difficulty in obtaining price information," he said, quoting a Texas A&M University report. This trend, accomplished in large part by mergers and acquisitions of existing plant capacity, comes at a time when many cattle producers have lost as much as 50 percent of their equity. A return to profitability for the cattle industry is not anticipated for at least two more years.

"TSCRA encourages all government agencies to insure that the production, processing, marketing and distribution of red meat is allowed to take place in a free, competitive and fair environment for all," Thompson said. If additional authority is needed to take corrective action, then those agencies are urged to ask Congress for that authority and funding.

TSCRA called on the Clinton Administration to provide more detailed information about beef sales, exports and imports, retail pricing and the interaction of beefpacking firms.

special loan review and disclosure steps.

The new discount points cap for interest-rate reduction refinancing loans was published in the February 28 Federal Register as an interim final rule. Although it is fully in effect, comments are being invited for 60 days, and VA may modify the regulation with a new final rule based on public comments. VA said it was bypassing several regulatory steps to protect veterans from being overcharged and to protect the interest of the government against overinflated loans and potential liability under the guaranty.

"In many of the cases detected by our loan guaranty officers, the high number of points added to the loan may be resulted in a new loan amount substantially in excess of the value of the property," VA Under-Secretary for Benefits R. J. Vogel said.

"As a result, those veterans could find, when trying to sell the property, that they may not be able to get a high enough sales price to pay off the loan balance. We urge veterans seeking interest reduction to do comparison shopping among lenders to obtain the best possible terms for their individual needs."

While the questionable loans may have reduced a veteran's interest rate and created a lower payment, the reduction was not as much as it would have been if a reasonable number of points had been charged.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing check for a subscription for Polly Jarrett and for myself.

Having been born in Briscoe County and lived there all my life with the exception of a short time two winters in Plainview, until I moved here two years ago, I look forward to getting the home news every Thursday.

Zoe Steele
Lubbock, Texas

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through the files of the
Briscoe County News

May 1, 1986-- Century of Progress Study Club hosted an awards breakfast for Silverton High School students who have made the honor roll during the past year. Attending, in addition to club members, were Melannie Daniels, Tonia Perkins, Kori Baird, Kristy Fogerson, Tara Nance, Juannah Woods and Donna Tomlin... Doc Minyard is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo... April rainfall totaled 1.60 inches... Mr. and Mrs. Thurman May are parents of a daughter, Kimberli Shalene... Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance have been visitors with Jesse Browning of Turkey, a patient at Hall County Hospital in Memphis... Penny Sue James will receive an associate in applied science degree in nursing at Amarillo College... Chosen as cheerleaders for next school year are Stacie Chappell, Kim Burson, Shannon Bingham, DeLyn Patton, Traci Tomlin and Julie Towe... Coy LaBaume, grandson of Ashel and Mildred McDaniel, received the sweepstakes award at the Floyd County Stock Show Banquet...

April 29, 1976--Fishing Rodeo to highlight opening of Lake Mackenzie... A spring thunderstorm which passed over Silverton late Monday afternoon and then apparently backed up or circled back over the area, dropped a large amount of hail and rain on this area. The rain report for Silverton was .40 of an inch, but the ground was white with marble-sized hail when the storm finally passed. In places the hail drifted like snow. A funnel cloud was reported southwest of Silverton, and the local alarm was sounded but no wind damage was reported... Mrs. Virgil Crow has been a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo... Silverton scheduled for Direct Distance Dialing May 15... Mrs. Earl Minyard has been a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo for the past two weeks...

Mrs. Perry Thomas was a patient last week at Lockney General Hospital... Dayne Mayfield was the only Owl to qualify for Regional competition at the District 2-A track meet held at Shamrock last Thursday. Mayfield won first place in the discus with a throw of 141'10" and second in the shot with a put of 47'7 1/2"... Ken Sarchet was in Lubbock Saturday to compete in the Region 1-A science contest. He placed third in the District 2-A contest at Clarendon, but placed seventh at Lubbock, seven places ahead of the boy who won first in the district. Sarchet won first place in the District 2-A science contest last year... J. D. McGavock had tests run in Amarillo last week... Donna Lea Dudley to marry Clayton Dean Pigg... Twila Wood and Debra Roehr were contestants in the Bob Wills Day Queen contest held

in Turkey. Ronnette Kitchens was one of the ten finalists. She is a former Silverton resident...

April 28, 1966--Larry Comer won second place in the District 4-H Tractor Operator Contest. He was coached by Jimmy Myers and Joe Bob Watson, and Watson is planning to accompany Comer to the State Roundup... Joni Self and Kathy Self won second place, in the district with their Soil, Water and Range Conservation demonstration and also will compete at the State Roundup. They were coached by Leland Campsey... Silverton High School baseball team defeats Farwell to win first place in district... Crockett Grabbe won first place in the Regional Number Sense competition. His brother, Orlin, won third in the Regional Science Contest... The State 4-H Land Judging contest winners, Jimmy Burson, Buddy Comer and John Montague, are in Oklahoma City to participate in the National Land Judging Contest. The team is coached by Robert Rauch... Beneficial rains fall on Briscoe County... Third grade students listed on the honor roll were Able Asebedo, Deborah Boling, Scott Garvin, Sue Ann Monk, John Sharp, Mikel Griffin, Ruth Ann Cline, Julia Dickerson, Brenda Payne, Scott Hutsell, Joel Morris and Jill Hutsell... Elaine Boyles, Joni Self and Connie Dudley are attending the State Meeting of the Future Homemakers of America in San Antonio this week...

May 3, 1956--Six Silverton FFA boys completed requirements for the Lone Star Farmer Degree. They are Bill Stephens, Joe Brannon, Gerald Garvin, Deleath Peugh, Sam Turner and Jim Whitfill... Silverton FFA Land Judging Team will be competing in the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City. Team members are Jerry Frizzell, Ronald Ledbetter, Robert Hill and Carson Grabbe... The Good Gulf Service Station, under the management of Smokey and Tootie Alexander, opened for business on May 1... Rain Monday night brings .78 of an inch of moisture... Henry McWaters was honored with a dinner on his 80th birthday anniversary Sunday in the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters... The following Silverton High School students have an A in every subject: Susan Anderson, Dianne Fogerson, Norma Gamble, Joy Gatewood, Beverly Seaton, Mary Jane West, Kay Williams, freshmen; Sharon Eddleman, Leah Dare Kellum, Lawanda Reid, Zobie Self, Karla Weaver, Carson Grabbe, sophomores; Evelyn Crowell, senior... Ted Hancock visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hancock, in Lubbock over the weekend...

May 16, 1946--Thelma Gean Mercer is valedictorian of the graduating class with an average of 96.42, and Betty Nan Burson is salutatorian with an average of 95.95... Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new First

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Baptist Church will be held Tuesday, May 21... W. W. Douglas elected by write-in to the Silverton City Council... Bryan Strange in race for sheriff... Joan Clemmer is valedictorian of the eighth grade with an average of 93 and Donald Paige is salutatorian with an average of 91... Election Saturday to decide whether Wallace School will be consolidated with Silverton Independent School District...

W. Coffee, Jr. left Monday on a fishing trip to New Mexico... Mrs. L. H. McGowen moved into her new home in the east part of town on Wednesday... Lynn and Claudia B. Welch left for harvest Sunday morning... Carrie Dell Watters spent Saturday night with Ruby Sweeney... Mrs. Arnold Brown and Mrs. George Seaney were called to Erick, Oklahoma last week by the illness of their mother and sister... O.

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C. Rampley has been elected president of the Buffalo T-Club, a campus athletic organization at West Texas State College. To be eligible for membership, an athlete must have at least one varsity letter... Installation of a complete new set of fixtures at the First State Bank was started Tuesday. They are of the latest design and will give the bank a
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Seventh Annual Caprock Jamboree

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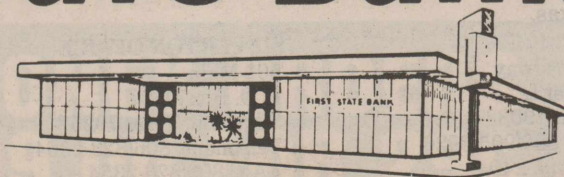
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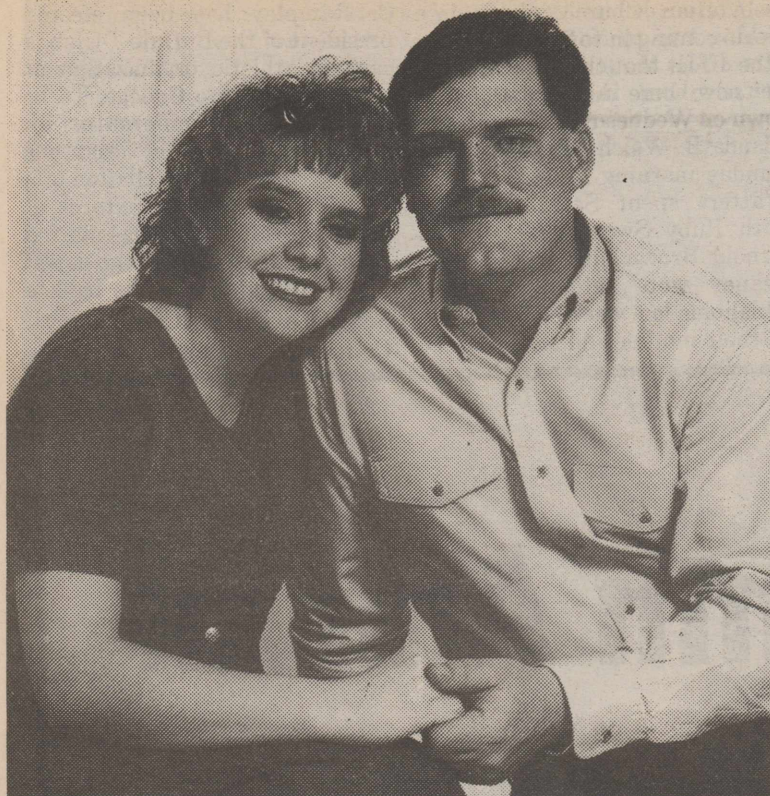
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Heather Dianne Kitchens of Abilene, formerly of Silverton, and Chad Mitchell Davis, Abilene, plan to marry June 1 at Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene. The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe and Carolyn Kitchens of Silverton and Robert and Rockette Jones of Merkel. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Billy and Pat Davis of Abilene. Miss Kitchens is a graduate of Pampa High School and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger. She is employed by Shahan and Erwin, attorneys-at-law, Abilene. Her fiance is a graduate of Wylie High School and is employed by Schlinder Elevator in Abilene.

Mrs. Bain Honored At Layette Shower

Stacy Robertson Bain of Gallup, New Mexico, Mary Plainview was guest of honor at a baby shower Saturday, April 27 in the home of Shirley Reynolds. Guests were greeted by Mary Grantham.

Special guests were Mrs. Pauline Benefield of Silverton, grandmother of the honoree; Mrs. Peggy Bain, Stacy's mother-in-law. Other special guests were Allison and Brook Robertson of Floydada and Wilma Manning of Lubbock; also Susan Moffit and her two sons of Plainview and Rene Morris of Lubbock. Allison Tipton and her daughter, Abby, of Lubbock, and Jan Williams and her daughters, Cheyenne and Sydney of Amarillo, joined the other Silverton guests.

There was a beautiful array of gifts and guests who enjoyed visiting with Stacy and one another.

Hostesses were LaVern Kingery, Annette Roehr of

Gallup, New Mexico, Mary Grantham, Tina Davis, Patsy Davis, Mary John Harris, LaNell Hill, Sylvia Hill, Lois Walker, Jan Williams and Shirley Reynolds. Their gifts to the honoree were a baby swing and the centerpiece which contained a fluffy white bear, flowers, baby spoon, socks and a pacifier - all attractively arranged in a basket. Stacy was presented with a corsage made of baby socks, baby spoon and thermometer.

Guests were served cookies, punch, nuts and mints by LaVern Kingery.

Birthday Dinner Honors Bailey Hill

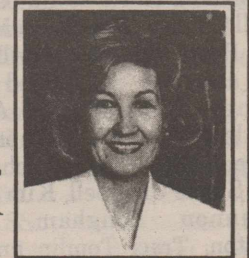
A birthday dinner honoring Bailey Hill on his 82nd birthday was held Sunday, April 28, in their home.

Those present were a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Pitts of Amarillo, nieces, Mrs. Betty Long and Mrs. Anita Walls, both of Hale Center, his son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Janice Hill, and Betty Olive. Nadyne Childress came for a visit in the afternoon.

Robbie and Wayne Cartrite of Dumas, Lina Whittington of Quitaque, Neil and Sybil King spent a long weekend in Colorado Springs. It snowed while they were there.



CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
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LVN Testing Dates Set in Clarendon

Clarendon College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program has selected dates for its pre-entrance examination. Due to limited enrollment, candidates submitting applications must choose one of the following testing dates: Wednesday, May 22; Thursday, May 23, or Friday, May 24. The test will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. in the Courson RFO Center, located on the main campus. A personal interview will be conducted in the afternoon. Cost of the test is \$15.

For more information concerning the program or test, please contact Vicki Moore at 806-874-3571.

Happy Birthday To . . .

- May 2--Marcalyn Lee Gregg, Kristi Smith, Cory Bryn Burk
- May 3--Cole Garrison, Sharon Simpson, Ty Lee Gregg
- May 4--Katy Henderson, Joy Stodghill, Ann West, Nathan Francis, Haley Michelle Beesinger
- May 5--Roger Harrison
- May 6--Christina Stephens, Lallie Patton
- May 7--Corrine Bean, Jason Gamble, Mary Davis, Jerry Miller
- May 8--Krista Ziegler, Russell Kennedy, Elzora Gallington, Mitchell Roehr

Happy Anniversary To . . .

- May 5--Mr. and Mrs. Clay Schott
- May 6--Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Braddock, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate
- May 7--Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Schott

Keeping Tabs on Sex Offenders

We've all heard the story: An individual moves into a neighborhood. Weeks, months or years later, a woman is raped or a child is molested on the block. Then it turns out the guilty party has been convicted of a similar crime in another town or state, served time in prison and relocated, only to attack another victim. It is estimated that 40 percent of convicted sex offenders will repeat their crimes.

Texas and 46 other states have moved forward aggressively to address this problem by creating registries and community notification systems. Society needs to know where these predators are at all times.

But state initiatives, valuable as they are, track sex offenders only within the individual states. There is no national registry. There is no formal network through which law enforcement agencies can communicate with each other about known sex offenders.

As a result, a convicted rapist or child molester can move to Texas from a state with a similar registry and disappear off the law enforcement radar screen. Texas authorities have no way of knowing the predator's past offenses. This ability to move from one state to the next unremarked and unmonitored has provided tens of thousands of sex offenders with the opportunity to commit yet more deviant acts.

Last week legislation was introduced to close off this immense law enforcement loophole by creating a national computer registry that will track convicted sex offenders for 10 years after they are released from prison.

The bill would:

- * Require all sexual offenders to register with the FBI for 10 years following their release from prison, drawing on state registries;
- * Authorize the FBI to register and track offenders living in states with no registry program;
- * Require the FBI to ensure that local authorities are notified every time a sexual offender moves into or out of their jurisdiction;
- * Allow private and community organizations access to the sexual offender files through their local law enforcement agencies;
- * Preserve state authority in determining whether (or how) the public at large will be notified of the presence of sexual offenders in a community;
- * Provide penalties for those who fail to register.

These measures will provide a tracking program nationwide -- and help to arm communities with knowledge that can make them safer, less threatening places to live.

One of the ultimate responsibilities of government is the protection of its citizens, especially its youngest and most vulnerable. This measure does not seek to impose additional punishment on sexual offenders. But it does aim to provide society at large with an element of self-defense that it does not enjoy now.

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—Will Rogers

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Stacked Deck Against The Quail Population

by Rebel L. Royall
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Like to quail hunt? Like quail for dinner? Has the number of quail on your favorite hunting place decreased in the last few years? Ever wondered why? A recent article written by Dale Rollins, Ph. D., points to some possible reasons for their decline. This article was published in the April 25, 1996 *Livestock Weekly*, and I pulled out a few highlights I thought Briscoe Countians might be interested in.

Beginning in May, Bobwhites will begin laying and incubating eggs. In most cases, fewer than one out of five eggs laid will hatch. The rest will wind up being eaten by racoons, skunks, feral dogs, bullsnakes, crows or other predators.

Predators also take their toll on adult birds who are incubating their nest. A study recently done in Missouri found that quail nestings were seven times more vulnerable to predation than those not nesting.

The quail hen lays an average of 14 eggs. Those eggs must be incubated for 23 days. The quail must avoid predators for a minimum of six consecutive weeks, during this incubation time and during the time of early chick life.

Quail attempt to compensate by re-nesting when a nest is destroyed. Quail re-nest as many as four times during the laying season. Some lay in prickly pear, perhaps attempting to defer predators. Studies have shown that birds who use this tactic have more hatch success.

There are many factors that have led to quail decline and predator upswing. Some of these include: the loss of a fur market, the Conservation Reserve Program, deer feeders, dry weather, and yes, even low cattle prices. Dale Rollins said, "I suspect that varmints have to consider the last 10 years as the good ol' days."

How do we put conditions back in the quail's favor? Rollins says "there are two alternatives for decreasing nest loss. (1) A passive approach that enhances the quantity/quantity of nesting habitat, or (2) an active approach to controlling varmint numbers."

A concerted effort to do both might make a difference to quail in our area. If you like quail watching, quail hunting or quail eating, you might want to start working toward re-shuffling the deck now. In not too many years, those quail might be gone for good. Just food for thought.

LOOKING BACK—

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greatly improved appearance...

April 30, 1936--Chas. McEwin has announced that on account of business elsewhere, he is selling his Grocery and Market and leaving as soon as possible... The prolonged drouth in this section of the country was broken or at least badly bent when from half an inch to an inch of rain fell over the weekend... First Grade honor roll included Jane White, Wayne White, Marie Dudley, Travis Ellis, Archie Ray Martin, Roy Dean Seaney, Orville Turner, Ray Cash... Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Finley White is claiming the credit for the rain. He has a straw hat that does the trick. He says the minute he puts it on the clouds begin to gather. I had a pair of white shoes once that had the same power over the elements"... The Antelope Flat Senior Sunday School Class enjoyed a marshmallow toast and "weeny" roast on Mexican Creek Wednesday evening. Those attending were Misses Anna Graves, Hazel Marie Merrill, Gussie Marie Bullock, Margaret Edens, Emma Bullock, Sudie Waldrop; Messrs. Raymond Waldrop, Hugh Sanders, Milton Sanders, Steve Edens, Leon Sanders, O. B. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Graves and children... Billy Wayne Garvin, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garvin, swallowed some gasoline last week. He has been quite ill but was improved some Tuesday... Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel, Mrs. Lola Stanifer, Bud McGowin and Mrs. Nina Martin returned Saturday from Pyote where they attended the funeral of Nig Parker. Mrs. Parker returned with them to make her future home... Mrs. J. L. Stodghill of Munday visited with her nieces, Mrs. Leon Hill, Mrs. Pete Chitty and Myrtle Shaw, Sunday...

January 28, 1926--Pete Blakney's home burned Friday night... R. E. Douglas announces for County Clerk... R. M. Hill and Mrs. Alma Cloyd were quietly married here last Sunday evening at the Methodist parsonage. While the wedding came as a surprise to many, intimate friends had been expecting it for some time. Mr. Hill is a prominent citizen of Silverton and active in the business and religious life of the community, being at present president of the school board and chairman of the Methodist Board of Stewards. Mrs. Hill is equally as popular and well known and is now County Treasurer. Friends of the couple gave them an old time shivaree Sunday night and they report that the "young" bridegroom, blushing in the most approved manner, said that the treats were on him. Mr. Hill is building a modern seven-room home on his place northeast of town and construction will be rushed as the weather permits... Rev. Henderlite and his family

arrived last week and will be moving into the comfortable Presbyterian parsonage on Saturday. He will be pastor of the

Presbyterian Church... All reports coming in to Silverton are to the effect that the snow which has fallen here during the past

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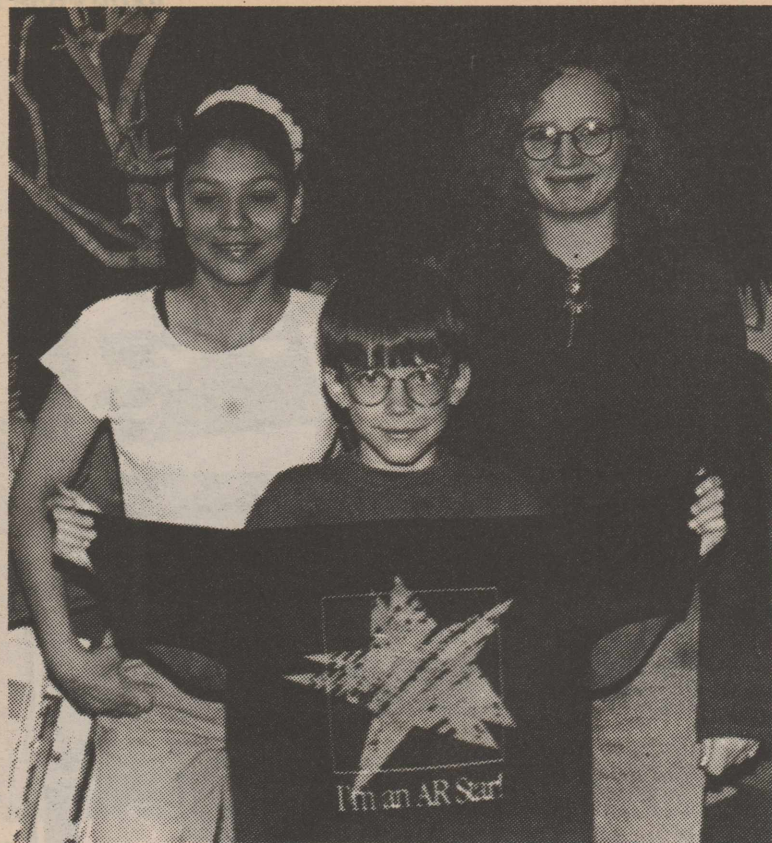
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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Little League Baseball Signup is May 6

Sign-up for Little League baseball will be held Monday, May 6, in the school cafeteria from 3:00 until 6:00. Boys and girls, ages 6-12, who will be playing baseball will need to sign-up at this time.

The cost will be \$20.00 for the first child and \$15.00 for each additional child in the family. Entry fees will be due at the sign-up.

The Little League will be accepting donations to help with the cost of baseball equipment. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Colleen Reed or Melissa Estes.

Youth Delegate To Speak Here May 8

Jennifer Gray, a senior in Spade High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gray of Spade, will be guest speaker for the Silverton Youth Group Wednesday night, May 8.

She is the youth delegate from the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church to the World Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

- Mon., May 6--Lasagna, Salad, Crackers, Krispie Treat, Milk
- Tues., May 7--Chalupa, Salad, Corn, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
- Wed., May 8--Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Thurs., May 9--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Au Gratin Potatoes, Hot Roll, Syrup, Butter, Milk
- Fri., May 10--Corn Dog, Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

BREAKFAST

- Monday--Biscuit, Gravy, Milk, Juice
- Tuesday--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk
- Wednesday--Pancake, Syrup, Milk, Juice
- Thursday--Cinnamon Toast, Milk, Juice
- Friday--Sausage, Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thurs., May 2--TAAS Social Studies, Grade 8; Elementary Buddy Day, 12:30½ Bike-a-thon, 4:00

Fri., May 3--TAAS Science, Grade 8; FBLA Outing; Early Out, 1:00 p.m.

Tues, May 7--FFA Banquet, 7:00; Rock Creek Senior Luncheon

Wed., May 8--Algebra I End-of-Course Test

Thurs., May 9--Biology I End-of-Course Test; Board Meeting, 8:00

Fri., May 10--Area FFA Convention, Amarillo; Early Out, 1:00

Sat., May 11--Athletic Banquet, 7:00

Disabled? Cash Benefits While You Work

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

If you are receiving Social Security disability insurance benefits or disability payments under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program and attempt to work, you may be able to earn some money while continuing to receive benefits. The rules are designed to make it easier for disability beneficiaries to test their ability to work on a permanent basis without losing their benefits in the attempt.

If you receive Social Security disability insurance benefits, you are generally entitled to 12 months of work during which your earnings will not affect your benefits. This includes a trial work period of nine months while you test your ability to work on a regular basis and a three-month grace period before benefits stop.

A trial work month is any month in which your earnings are more than \$200. If you are working in your own business or profession, the trial work period would be any month in which

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your earnings are more than \$200 or you spend more than 40 hours in your business. The trial work months need not be in a row, but they must take place within a 60-month period to be considered part of a trial work period.

At the end of the nine months of trial work, we review the work to see if it was substantial. Generally, if average monthly earnings are \$500 or more, the work is considered "substantial gainful activity," the measure we use to determine if you can work. The amount of earnings used to determine substantial gainful activity increases annually for the blind, periodically for the non-blind disabled.

In addition, Social Security provides for a 36-month period of entitlement to benefits following a successful trial work period. For any month you cannot work, or if your earnings drop below \$500, your benefits can be started up again without a new application, disability determination, or waiting period. All you have to do is notify the Social Security office that your earnings have dropped below \$500.

Under SSI, cash benefits also continue, but a different work test applies. As your earnings go up, your SSI checks go down and eventually stop. Some earnings are not counted in figuring whether a person qualifies for SSI. First, we exclude \$20 of income of any kind; then we exclude \$65 of earned income, and one half of the amount of earnings you have over \$65, for a total exclusion of \$85 if your only income is earnings.

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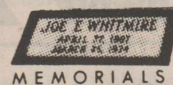
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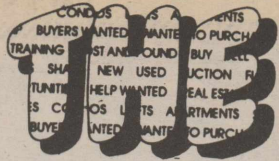
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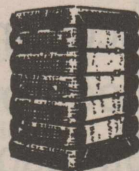
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We wish to express appreciation to all who assisted in Jewell's care in the past few months—the EMS, Briscoe County Clinic staff, and those who extended their help even in the smallest way. Most of all, thanks for your prayers.

May God bless each of you.
The Rhoderick family

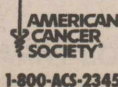
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Quotations should be submitted to the main office just south of Lake Mackenzie or mailed to Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, Texas 79257.

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Persons who wish to intervene or comment on this filing should notify the Commission by June 21, 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 Public Information Office at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

