



We have a copy of the petition to keep the Goodnight buffalo herd in this area of Texas at the News Office. If you haven't signed one and would like to do so, come by in the next day or two.

Briscoe County Commissioners met Monday, November 25, and approved the appointment of William (Bill) Smith as acting County Attorney for the remainder of this year. Smith was sworn in by County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams for the remainder of this term. He won the office of County Attorney in the General Election by a write-in vote.

We are going to be making some changes in the way we set type at the Briscoe County News this week. A man is coming from Hamlin to make the installation and get us started. We'll probably be pretty disorganized for a while, and things may look a little different. This is an attempt to upgrade and make things better.

Bear with us while we are learning the new system and preparing for the Christmas edition.

Varsity Teams In Floydada Tournament

Silverton's varsity Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in a tournament at Floydada this week, beginning in the first round with the teams from Smyer who are taking Chillicothe's place.

The Lady Owls will be playing at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Owls at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday).

Other teams in the tournament are Lorenzo, Hale Center, Spur, Clarendon, Ralls and Floydada.

JV Teams in Tourney At Tulia This Week

Silverton's JV teams will be playing in a tournament at Tulia this week.

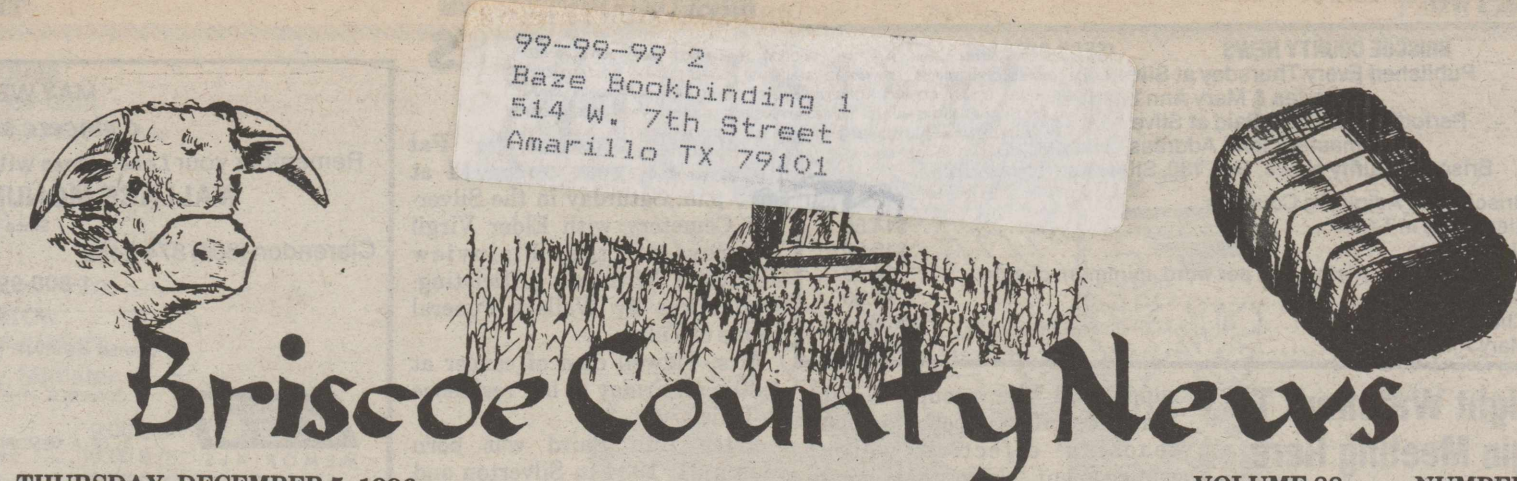
The Owls will have their first game with Boys Ranch at 5:20 p.m. today (Thursday) and the Lady Owls will play their first game with Tulia at 6:40.

The other teams in the boys division are Dimmitt, Tulia 9th, Floydada, Nazareth, Hart and Tulia. Entered in the girls division are Dimmitt, Hart, Friona, Tulia 9th, Nazareth and Lockney.

PIP Demonstration To Be December 10

There will be a PIP demonstration during halftime of the Lady Owl game with Clarendon here Tuesday, December 10.

Please be present to see the ball handling exhibition by these young people.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996

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WTAMU Mascot Heads Buffalo Drive



Thomas Lee Perkins and Doug Cherry have been busy putting up the Christmas decorations in Silverton this week.

Briscoe County News Photo

Time to Write Your Letters to Santa Claus

It's time for the kids to write their letters to Santa, and if they'll bring or send them to the Briscoe County News or mail them to the North Pole, they'll be used in the December 19 issue of the newspaper.

The letters will be forwarded to the North Pole in plenty of time for Santa to fill their orders before Christmas.

School Yearbooks On Sale Next Week

The 1996-97 Silverton School yearbook will be on sale here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 11-13.

If you would like to order an annual, please contact Brian Weaver, sponsor, at the school

Public Invited to Attend Public Hearing

The public is invited to attend the hearing for the School Report Card (Academic Excellence Indicator System) for Silverton ISD. This hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on December 12 in the school board room.

A copy of the School Report Card will be attached to the report cards and sent home with each student at the end of this semester in December.

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

(823-2476) or a member of the annual staff.

Caprock Jamboree Goes On Stage Again Saturday, Dec. 7

Saturday, December 7, the Caprock Jamboree will be presenting new talent to its loyal fans. "Grand Ole Country," Lottie Luna and Gracie will be coming from towns around the Panhandle.

Returning to the show will be Pam Landis, Carolyn Priddy, The Half-Price Band, and the Hester Ladies & Friends.

The hamburger supper will be prepared this month by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce and will begin serving at 6:00 p.m.

The show begins at 7:00 p.m., but for those who can't get enough music from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m., a "jam session" is held beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Make your plans to attend the show and support the Silverton Chamber of Commerce by eating at the hamburger supper.

Bring a folding chair if you have one, but if you don't have a chair to bring, one will be provided for you.

Driver Safety Course Will Be Offered Soon

A Driver Safety Course will be held in Clarendon on Saturday, December 14, 1996. The course will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 103 of the Administration Building. Cost of the course is \$25.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10 percent discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace.

This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc. For more information, please contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

and Wildlife Department officials and hope that it will make an impact. The buffalo's home is in the Texas Panhandle, and we need to do what we can to make sure that it stays that way."

Charlie has been succeeded as the West Texas A&M University mascot by Thunder (Lollipop), Thunder II (Buford), Thunder III (Max), Thunder IV (B. J., the offspring of Buford and Lollipop), Thunder V (Ladee) and the University's current mascot, Thunder VI (Sadee).

Col. Charles Goodnight made history with his cattle drives. West Texas A&M University's buffalo mascot, Thunder VI (nicknamed Sadee, pronounced SAYdee), hopes to save a piece of history with her petition drive.

That piece of history is the Goodnight Herd, kinsman of WTAMU's first mascot, Charlie, who was purchased from and named for the colonel in 1922. The herd has been wandering the JA Ranch, but now, according to ranch and state officials, it's time for the herd to move on to greener pastures. Their new stomping grounds may be Caprock Canyons State Park or a state park outside the Texas Panhandle. State officials are expected to make a decision within the month.

"It would be a shame to relocate the buffalo outside the Texas Panhandle," Dr. Gary Nall, WTAMU professor of history and Panhandle-Plains Historical Society board member, said. "This is their natural habitat, and the buffalo have been part of the history of this region for centuries."

Representatives from the WTAMU Student Senate and various other student organizations will staff a table and collect signatures in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons Area. Petitions are also available in the Office of Communication Services, Old Main 238, and the Office of Student Services, JBK 116, on the WTAMU campus; West Texas Western Stores, Westgate Mall in Amarillo and 1206 23rd Street in Canyon; the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum, 2601 I-40 East in Amarillo; Quarter Horse Outfitters, Westgate Mall in Amarillo, and the Cowboy Cafe, 1410 Highway 60 in Canyon.

In addition, the petitions are available at several locations in Silverton, including Briscoe County News.

"We want to collect at least 1922 signatures in honor of the year WT adopted the buffalo as its mascot," Bart Wyatt, Student Senate president and senior ag business and economics major from Lipscomb, said. "We plan to mail the petition to Texas Parks

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Weight Watchers To Begin Meeting Here

Losing weight safely and effectively will soon be easier than ever for residents of Silverton as Weight Watchers begins signing up members to attend weekly community group meetings. Community group meetings offer the same Weight Watchers program that has helped members achieve their weight-loss goals for more than 30 years, the difference is that meetings are held at convenient community locations such as churches, schools and civic associations rather than at traditional Weight Watchers centers. By offering meetings in these locations, members can participate in the Weight Watchers program without a commute to a distant city or suburb.

At the meeting Weight Watchers will introduce the new Freedom Plan, a bold new weight loss plan that requires no food scales, features larger portions and gives members the option to "take the weekends off." With the

support of the group, Weight Watchers offers a behavior plan, teaching effective weight management skills that create positive lifestyle habits, and a recommended activity plan that helps members burn more calories.

"Members of our community groups not only learn how to lose weight and change habits, they also have fun while they are doing it," said Area Director Sheila Falk. "What could be better than creating an extended family where you can share in the success of your peers and benefit from their tips and words of encouragement? Through the years, we've learned that community groups actually help members achieve great success while having fun at the same time."

Currently, more than 40 community group meetings take place on a weekly basis in towns from Perryton to Brownwood in West Texas, and from Orange to Del Rio in South Texas. New groups are offered in six-, eight- and ten-week sessions (depending on the size of the group enrolling) with a cost of \$79 per person. Once a community group is established in an area, meetings will continue to be held as long as interest remains high.

Those wishing to start their New Years resolution now can call 1-800-651-6000 to find out about community group meetings in Silverton.

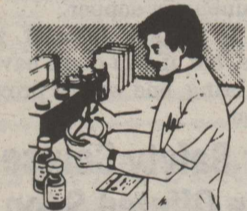
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OBITUARIES

PAT TIDWELL

Graveside services for Pat Tidwell, 62, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the Silverton Cemetery with Elder Virgil Lowrey of the Plainview Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial was by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Tidwell died of cancer at 4:30 p.m. Friday at her residence in Tulia.

Patsy Ann Baird was born March 31, 1934 in Silverton and married Carl L. (Pee Wee) Tidwell June 3, 1950 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died April 14, 1991 in Tulia.

She grew up in Silverton and attended school here, and moved to Tulia in 1979. She was a homemaker and a Jehovah's Witness.

Surviving are two daughters, Lee Ann Holt of Tulia and Patti Bufkin of Benjamin; her mother, Lucille Baird of Tulia; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo or the Tulia Love Fund.

BESSIE McMURRY

Services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 25, for Bessie McMurry, 82, at the Morrison Funeral Memorial Chapel in Dumas with the Rev. Vince Kolb of First Presbyterian Church officiating.

Burial was in the Dumas Cemetery.

Mrs. McMurry was born in Flomot. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. She had been a Moore County resident since 1938. She had worked for over 25 years at the ticket offices of the Star and Evelyn theaters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dyke McMurry, in 1984.

Survivors include several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Charlie Parker was her nephew and Mildred McDaniel and Annie Mae Smith were her nieces.

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LOOKING BACK

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Briscoe County News

December 4, 1986—Christmas Jubilee to open holiday season . . . Varsity Owlettes are Kim Burson, Suzann Settle, Julie Towe, Tracy Tomlin, Tara Nance, Julia Couch, Penni Fogerson, Jeannita Stephens, Gena Myers, Keeley Burson, Tonnette Miller and DeLyn Patton . . . Junior High Owlettes are Gwen Clardy, Christy Nease, Julie Graham, Aimee Francis, Genie Lavy, Carrie Ann Grabbe and Amy Ramsey . . . Mike Juarez underwent an emergency appendectomy at Lockney General Hospital Monday morning . . . Junior High Owls are Lyndell Ivory, Jeffrey Grimland, Jeff Smith, Langdon Reagan, Kirk Couch, Brian Martin, Robby Weaks, Bradley Brunson, Wayne Henderson, Bryan Breedlove and Stan Gamble . . . Norma Jean Trevino to marry Cipriano Garcia . . .

December 2, 1976—Silverton Volunteer firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt Friday, where a fire was contained in the bathroom . . . Don Garrison was named a member of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club for producing 6346.41 pounds of sorghum per acre in 1976 . . . Weather hearings postponed; people to vote on weather modification and control activities . . . Lori Francis House won top honors in the senior division of the district "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held in Lubbock Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance will be spending two months in Africa with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutton, missionaries . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bern May spent Thanksgiving in Denison with her brother and sisters and their families . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Sim Reeves are the parents of a son, Kellas Austin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner are parents of a daughter, Heather Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hester are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Adrienne . . .

December 1, 1966—Van May, Randy Hughes, Harvey Masey and Buddy Comer were named as members of the 2-A All-District football team . . . Debbie and Dudley McMinn spent the weekend with their father, Travis McMinn, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . . Danny Thompson was a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance honored on silver wedding anniversary . . . Mrs. T. G. Olive was a patient in Lockney General Hospital several days last week, and returned home Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean, Kyle, Brent and Casey spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Dunn and children at Lenorah . . . Mrs. H. C. Mercer was a patient in an Amarillo hospital early last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald have been business visitors in Ada, Oklahoma . . . Sandra Waters, a student at WTSU, spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dud Wat-

ters . . . J. R. Steele spent the holiday vacation in Dallas visiting a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Steele and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin, Rick and Lynette . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and Rhonda spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Mineral Wells with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Sweek, and other relatives . . .

December 27, 1956—Alonzo Barham, 50, of Flomot suffered a compound fracture of the left leg Saturday night when he was hit by a car while attempting to hitch a ride. The accident occurred on Highway 86, west of Silverton . . . J. C. Morton, 80, father of Mmes. Lee D. Bomar, Wayne Crawford and Don Alexander, passed away Monday, December 24 . . . President John H. Burson called the meeting to order and Eldon O'Neal led the Pledge, Motto and a few songs at the Senior 4-H meeting December 19 . . . Gene Hardin, L. E. Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Dean McWilliams, Patsy Jean Crass and Clayton Dale Elkins, students at Texas Tech, are spending the Christmas vacation here with their parents and friends . . . Shirley Elms, Janice and Janet Turner, Dwain Wilmeth, Patsy Brannon, Joe Wayne Brooks, Charles Wayne Mayfield, Mike Reid and Jimmy Baird, students at WTSC, are spending the Christmas vacation at home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dickerson are parents of a daughter, Julia Jane . . . Miss Bonnie Watters, a teacher in the public schools of Williams, Arizona, arrived here for the Christmas vacation Saturday. She is a guest of her father, Walter Watters, and her sisters, Mrs. Gene Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coleman spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver . . .

December 3, 1936—Mrs. Clifford Allard gave a birthday party Monday evening for Miss Tillie Gresham. Those attending were Misses Ona Blocker, Ruby Lee Dickerson, Vivian Burleson, Anna V. Burleson and Ruth Mercer; Messrs. Jim Cline, Garland Guest, Pat Pavlicek, Buster Allard, Virgil Garrison, J. R. Steele and the guest of honor . . . One person was taken to the hospital and three more were more or less bruised and shaken up when the 1936 Plymouth, driven by Raymond Witcher, overturned several times Sunday afternoon on the Floydada highway, near the Lakeview school house . . . Mrs. Bud McMinn, Mrs. Bailey Henderson and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan gave a birthday dinner Sunday for their father, Mr. Ed Vaughan, at the McMinn home . . . Frank Mercer, Howard and Jack Brown left Sunday for California . . . Red Diviney is driving a 1933 Ford V-8 . . . Carlton Gardner spent a few days with relatives in Vaughn, New Mexico last week . . .

December 2, 1926—Actual work will start on the Denver by January 1, says Clarity; road to be built as fast as possible; surveyors on ground . . . Briscoe County Hatchery installing 24,000-egg capacity incubator

here . . . Thelma Jean, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Arnold, was seriously scalded this week when she fell into a boiling pot of suds while watching her grandmother wash . . . School affiliation in jeopardy; PTA urges more home study . . . Rock Creek school dismissed for Thanksgiving both Thursday and Friday. Miss Virtie Allard spent the time in Silverton with Mrs. Walter Allard. Miss Smith visited her

sister, Alma Smith, at Canyon . . . Oran Turner, who is attending John Tarleton College, has returned home until after the holidays . . . High School honor roll: Ruth Brown, Mollie Edwards, Laurienna Summers, Violet Fish, Thomas Earl Daniel, Jack Wright, Elva Wright . . . The Junior Camp Fire Girls took their canned woggles, pickles, bacon and fruit and drove down the Clarendon road about five or six

miles. Then they hiked about a mile around a lake before they stopped to eat. They report an enjoyable trip . . .

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CANYON TENNIS TEAM LOSES IN FINALS-- Mark Brown, Wendy Bridenstein, Adrian Farris, Tara Van Doren, D'Ray Peeples, Sally Brown, D'Layne Peeples, Duane Stewart.

Canyon Area Tennis Team Does Well in Dallas Competition

The Canyon-area tennis team went all the way to the finals in Dallas before being beaten. Their record for the tournament was 17-1.

In their first match, they defeated Colorado Springs, 2-1.

Wendy Bridenstein-Duane Stewart def. John Shuble-Heather Felt, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; D'Layne Peeples-Mark Brown def. by Archie Cook-Susan Corey, 7-5, 6-3; Tara Van Doren-Adrian Farris def. Doug Kitch-Jenny Madden, 6-2, 6-2.

In the second round, Texas defeated Bakersfield, California,

3-0. Sally Brown-Adrian Farris def. Phil Branch-Mary Fugitt, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; Tara Van Doren-Duane Stewart def. Shea Ely-Imelda Glass, 6-1, 6-4; D'Ray Peeples-D'Layne Peeples def. Dave Butt-Shelly Northrup, 6-4, 6-0.

The third round saw Texas defeat Hawaii, 2-1.

Bridenstein-Stewart def. Fred Shaw-Barbara Powers, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 7-5; Peeples-Brown def. by Raymond Yozi-Cindy Kam, 6-2, 7-5; Van Doren-Farris def. Gordon Ako-Kim Kam, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

In the semifinals, Texas defeated Salem, Oregon, 2-1.

S. Brown-Farris def. Darren Hawkins-Debbie O'Grady, 6-4, 6-2; Van Doren-Stewart def. Tina

Rogers-Craig Horn, 7-5, 6-2; Peeples-Peeple def. by Kim Marshall-Gary Wheeler, 5-7, 7-5, 1-2 (retired).

In the finals, Texas lost 0-3 to Phoenix, Arizona.

S. Brown-Farris def. by Mark Morter-Dian Boan, 6-4, 6-2; Van Doren-Stewart def. by Brady Borger-Linda Potter, 6-4, 6-2; Peeples-Peeples def. by Bob Foly-Dale Foly, 6-3, 6-3.

Happy Birthday To ...

December 5--Anita Ramsey
December 6--Ethan Long, Robert Cole Burson, Donaleta Garrison, Perry Brunson, Rosemary Perkins, Roy Wood, Leland Wood, Annie Grabbe, Carol Braddock

December 7--Jamie Frizzell, Dee McWilliams, Michael Rampley, Joshua Wade Bounds

December 8--Brandy Nicole Gamble, Norby Garcia

December 9--Danielle Netro
December 10--Fay Perkins, Manuel Aguilar, Tim Mattheus, Brenda Harris

December 11--Dock Wallace, Kori Bailey

Happy Anniversary To

December 7--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff George, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reynolds

December 8--Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald

December 11--Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell

PTA Delegates Vote For Tougher Health, Safety Standards

Proponents and opponents lined the aisles during the second general session of Texas PTA's 87th Annual Convention to speak on the burning of hazardous and toxic wastes and tires in cement kilns. When all was said, the 1,500 voting delegates agreed to support a resolution and four legislative positions presented by Cockrell Hill Elementary School, DeSota. The positions support: (1) cement kilns burning hazardous and toxic wastes and/or tires abiding by the same uniform, strick standards as commercial hazardous waste incinerators, (2) public participation in the permit and permit renewal process, (3) strict protective standards in order to have an environment safe for children, and (4) labeling of all products derived from facilities burning hazardous and toxic wastes and/or tires.

Now, Texas PTA can utilize its 800,000 member support and resources to protect the health of all children. PTA members are concerned that children are unduly exposed to toxins and airborne contaminants since Texas now ranks number one in the nation in harmful emissions to air, land and water according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Texas is also home to a cement kiln process that burns the largest amounts of hazardous waste in the nation.

Texas PTA, established in 1909, is the largest child-advocacy organization in the

state. Its affiliation with National PTA makes it the oldest and largest child-advocacy organization in the nation. PTA continues to fulfill its mission to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, assist parents in developing skills they need to raise and protect their children and encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Caprock Home Center Makes Wholesale Supply Changes

Randy and Alana Powell, owners of Caprock Home Center, 126 Main Street, Quitaque, recently changed their store's source of supply for merchandise. After more than 10 years with Sentry Wholesale, the Powells are becoming members of Hardware Wholesalers, Inc. (HWI).

HWI is a full-line wholesaler of hardware and building material products to more than 3,400 stores in North America.

"We're very excited about this," commented Powell. "It's more than just a name change. With our new affiliation, we'll be able to give our neighbors an even better selection at very competitive prices and have the ability to order thousands of items not previously available to us."

Caprock Home Center has been operated by the Powells for the past 13 years. They offer lumber, hardware, electrical, plumbing, paints, tools, appliances and appliance service. Many new items already have started arriving at the store. See the tabloid insert in this newspaper for more information.

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Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 9-- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn, Bread Stix, Marshmallow Treat, Milk

Tuesday, December 10-- Burrito & Cheese, Hot Sauce, Ranch Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

Wednesday, December 11-- Beef & Vegetable Soup, Tosted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, December 12-- Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Pumpkin Dessert, Fruit, Milk

Friday, December 13-- Chili Dog, Potatoes, Fruit, Jello, Milk
BREAKFAST

Monday--Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk

Tuesday--Sweet Roll, Juice, Milk

Wednesday--Biscuit, Gravy, Juice, Milk

Thursday--Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday--Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 5--Texas A&M Rep. to talk to Juniors, Seniors

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 5-7--Floydada Varsity Tournament; Tulia JV Tournament

Monday, Dec. 9--JH Intrasquad Games, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10--Clarendon, here, 4:00; PIP Demonstration

Thursday, Dec. 12--Board Meeting, Public Hearing, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 12-14--Lockney Varsity Tournament

Sunday, Dec. 15--Robin & Mary Ann's Recital, 2:00 p.m.

Farm Bureau Awards Presented at Meeting

Awards for County Farm Bureau public relations and membership were presented during Texas Farm Bureau's 63rd convention.

Cooke, Colorado, Frio, Gonzales and Lampasas County were recognized as being "Superior" in their public relations effort.

Judged to have done an outstanding job during 1996 in public relations activities, including media coverage and the use of organizational newsletters were Bandera, Dawson, Menard, McLennan, Bosque, Houston, Cherokee, Washington, Fayette, Guadalupe, Lavaca and San Patricio Counties.

Recognition was given to counties showing the largest gain in membership, the highest renewal percentage, the largest number of new members and the longest continuous gain.

Winners in the largest gain category were Harris, Denton, Grayson, Kaufman, McLennan,

Collin, Guadalupe, Brazoria, Henderson and Cooke Counties.

Recognized for the longest continuous gain were DeWitt, 47 years; Karnes, 42 years; Franklin, 16 years; Cooke, 15 years; Erath, 10 years; Live Oak, 10 years; Delta, eight years; Falls, eight years; San Patricio, eight years; Guadalupe, seven years, and Henderson, seven years.

Cited for the highest renewal percentage were Swisher, Mason, Briscoe, Archer, Lavaca, Floyd, Sabine, Fayette, Hill and Comal.

Counties with the largest number of new members were Collin, Harris, McLennan, Grayson, Denton, Bexar, Ellis, Jefferson, Brazoria and Kaufman.

Texas Farm Bureau finished fiscal year 1996 (Oct. 31) with 307,560 members. TFB is the largest general farm organization in Texas.

Coming And Goings

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests in the home of Lucy McDaniel included Lewis and Gene McDaniel of Hereford; Ashel and Mildred McDaniel, Silverton; Gary and Nena Hunt, Clarendon; Kayla and Kortni Lindley, Lakeview; Coy LaBaume, Plainview; Ruby and Dale McWaters, both of Silverton.

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Owl and Lady Owl Basketball

Silverton's varsity Owls moved into a 5-0 season record at Hart Tuesday night of last week as they defeated the Longhorns 64-52. Fans were nervous as they watched the Hart players raining three pointers into the basket, but the Owls just kept playing their game and earned the win.

The score was knotted at 14-14 at the end of the first quarter, but the Owls had moved out in front 28-18 before the halfway point. They led 42-31 at the three-quarter stop, and went on to take the victory.

Trey Wyatt burned the baskets with a huge 30-point effort, while his teammate Jack Cherry, put 15 points on the board. Also scoring were Brandon Sarchet, seven; Jared Holt, five; Jeremy Holt, three; Jon Ivory and Leland Wood, two points each.

Three-point shots were scored by Jeremy Holt, Cherry, Wyatt and Sarchet.

It was another good team effort for the Owls.

The varsity Lady Owls played well and led throughout the game behind the outstanding offensive

effort of Lacy Brunson, who scored 28 points. When Brunson got in foul trouble late in the game, her teammates were unable to hold off the charging Longhorn ladies.

The Lady Owls held a 16-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, and had moved into a 32-26 advantage at the midway stop. They continued to lead 40-34 at the end of three quarters.

Adding to the score were Michelle Warren, nine; Dara Ramsey, who was in action for

the first time this year after rehabilitating an injury, seven points; Sara Kirchoffner, four, and Shauna Kingery, two points. Three pointers were hit by Ramsey (2) and Kirchoffner.

The junior varsity Lady Owls dropped their game 31-36. They trailed at the end of each quarter: 7-13, 17-20, 23-30.

Kimmie Blazier led the scoring with 11 points. Also scoring were Dara Johnston, nine, including a three pointer; Lisa Comer, seven; Sharyl McMurtrey, four.

The junior varsity Owls dropped their match 38-47. They trailed 4-5 at the first stop and were behind 13-24 at halftime. They held the short end of the 24-36



Michelle Warren grabs a rebound for the Lady Owls as her teammates Lacy Brunson and Shauna Kingery prepare to assist.

Briscoe County News Photo

three-quarter score. This was the first game the JV Owls had lost, and their record is now 3-1. They finished the game with four players after Francis and Hester fouled out.

Nathan Francis led the offense with 18 points while Jordan Sarchet rang up 15. Will Hester put in three points and Bert Garza rounded out the score with two points. Sarchet got three three pointers.



Trey Wyatt led the Owls with steals, breakaway layups and points as the Owls beat the Longhorns last week at Hart.

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Griffin hit a three-point shot. The Eighth Grade Owls raced to victory behind the scoring of Adrian Ramirez, 20 points, and Isaiah Ivory, 11. Also scoring were Clint Ivory, eight; Daniel Castillo, seven; Issac Garcia, six; Martin Younger, two points. The Owls led at the end of each quarter: 15-5, 27-17, 41-25, 54-37.

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Intrasquad Games Planned Here Monday

Due to an error in scheduling, the Junior High teams have no opponent for Monday, December 9. There will be intrasquad games, featuring the Red vs. the White, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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The Junior Varsity Owls followed a shot to get the rebound (if there was one) in their game at Hart last week.

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Junior High Teams Split Games Monday

Silverton's Junior High teams hosted the teams from Claude



Sharyl McMurtrey rang up a shot for the Junior Varsity Lady Owls.

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Monday afternoon, and split the four games with each school winning twice.

The Seventh Grade Lady Owls led off with a big 36-16 victory. They had led 7-6 at the end of the first quarter and had moved into a 23-10 halftime advantage. They extended their lead to 30-10 before the three-quarter stop, and went on to take the game.

Amanda Estes led the offense by caging 15 points. Chelsey Cherry tossed 10 points into the baskets and Kurby Garvin added seven points.

The Seventh Grade Owls dropped their first game of the season 34-42 in a double-overtime thriller. The Owls got off to a very slow start and trailed 4-17 at the end of the first quarter. By halftime, they had narrowed the deficit to 13-19. They trailed by just two points, 19-21, at the three-quarter mark and went on to finish regulation play with the score knotted at 29-29. There was a 34-34 tie at the end of the first overtime, but the Owls were unable to score in the second overtime. In the meantime, there were fouls by Andrew Francis, Jimmy Castillo and J. R. Gonzalez.

Francis led the offense with a big 18-point effort. Also scoring were Gonzalez and Matt Strange, six points each, and Castillo, four points.

The Eighth Grade Lady Owls trailed all the way in their game: 2-11, 9-18, 14-26, 23-33.

Kendra Rhoderick led the scoring with six points. Also scoring were Brooke Garvin and Julie Weaver, five points each; Cathryn Reyna, four, and Taylor

Customer Notice!

Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Plains or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to implement rates, terms, and conditions for new, optional service offerings which allow customers to better control outgoing, as well as incoming, calls to/from their telephones. These new optional services include: **CALLER ID SERVICES** and **CUSTOM LOCAL AREA SIGNALING SERVICES** (simply referred to as "CLASS Services"). This request has been assigned Tariff Control Number 16643. These new services will be available to all residential and business customers where technical facilities permit, excluding pay telephone services.

Caller ID Services:

Calling Number Delivery is an optional service which allows subscribers to see the phone number of most calls before they answer the phone on a customer provided display unit.

Anonymous Call Rejection is an optional service which permits a subscriber to automatically reject calls from callers who have "blocked" the delivery of their number.

CLASS Services:

Automatic Recall permits a customer to automatically redial the telephone number of the most recently completed unblocked incoming call or call attempt by dialing an activation code. If the redialed number is busy, the called number will be monitored by the Cooperative's equipment for a specified number of minutes in an attempt to establish the call.

Automatic Callback permits a customer to automatically redial the last outgoing telephone number dialed. If the redialed number is busy, the customer may dial an activation code and the called number will be monitored for a specified number of minutes in an attempt to establish the call.

Selective Call Rejection permits a customer to block an incoming call and/or calls from a maximum of eight (8) specified telephone numbers and functions as a screening service for the customer.

Selective Call Forwarding permits a customer to forward incoming calls from a maximum of eight (8) specified telephone numbers only.

Selective Call Acceptance permits a customer to receive incoming calls from a specific list of telephone numbers only.

Customer Originated Trace permits the customer to initiate an attempted trace of the last completed incoming call immediately after the call is terminated. If the trace is successfully completed, the customer receives an announcement instructing the customer to contact the Cooperative's business office for further assistance. Information regarding the traced call is made available **ONLY** to the Cooperative and then, upon completion of required paperwork, to the proper legal authorities for possible action. **The Cooperative is not authorized to release information about the traced call to the customer.**

In association with the deployment of Caller ID Services, "per-call blocking" and "per-line blocking" will be automatically available, free of charge, to all Mid-Plains customers. "Blocking" prevents the caller's number from appearing on the Caller ID display unit. Any customer who wishes to block his or her number on a per-call basis, simply needs to press *67 on their touch-tone phone, or dial 1167 on their rotary phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking automatically blocks a customer's number on every call without the need to press *67 or dial 1167. If a customer selects per-line blocking, he or she can unblock their number, free of charge, on a single call by dialing *82 or 1182 on their phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking will be automatically reactivated at the end of this single "unblocked" call. Per-line blocking will be offered at no charge to anyone, upon receipt by the PUC of written certification of the customer of a compelling need for per-line blocking. Mid-Plains will be sending each customer a postage prepaid per-line blocking request before Caller ID will be offered. All requests for per-line blocking will automatically be granted free of charge. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID to have per-call or per-line blocking. Per-call or per-line blocking will display a message such as "private" or "anonymous" on the Caller ID display unit. Blocking will not be provided on calls from payphones.

The proposed effective date for the new services is January 15, 1997 for the Bean, Cleta, Elkins, Goodnight, Gurley, Kress, Redmon, Silvertown, Umbarger, and Vigo Park exchanges. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Cooperative is \$12,940 for the first year of service. The following rates have been proposed for these new services.

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| Automatic Recall | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| Automatic Callback | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| Selective Call Rejection | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| Selective Call Forwarding | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| Selective Call Acceptance | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| Customer Originated Trace, Per Successful Trace | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 |

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the PUC as soon as possible, but no later than January 5, 1997. A request to intervene, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs at (512) 936-7120. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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Healthy Economy, Children's Health Go Hand in Hand

There is a serious lack of health care access for many of the state's children, and it has a critical impact on our economy.

A clear picture of this problem emerged recently during a Texas Business Symposium on Children's Health, which brought together business leaders and state officials at the Capitol to discuss this important topic. The House Committee on Public Health, chaired by Representative Hugo Berlanga, is studying ways to increase access to health care for children and will issue recommendations for consideration by the 1997 Texas Legislature.

There are up to 1.3 million children under age 18 without health insurance in Texas. This population accounts for one of every four children in the state. They are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, which is the state-administered health insurance program for indigent, disabled and elderly populations.

Instead, the profile shows that 86 percent of uninsured Texas children have at least one working parent. These children typically live in two-parent households in which the working parents often have employee-only health insurance. Surprisingly, one-fourth of uninsured children come from families with incomes above \$35,000.

This is a problem Texans cannot afford to ignore.

As one corporate executive stated at the symposium: "This situation has a direct impact on our business' bottom line and our overall economy. We are already paying for the uninsured children through higher insurance premiums, higher taxes, and lost worker productivity."

Higher taxes result from charity care provided to uninsured children in public clinics and hospitals. In 1993, for example, the 12 largest hospital districts in the state provided approximately \$100 million in uncompensated services to children under age 18. Families with uninsured children are five times more likely to use an expensive alternative, such as the hospital emergency room, than families whose children are insured. The costs of this uncompensated care are shifted to local property taxpayers, including businesses, and to insured patients. Businesses providing health insurance coverage to their employees experience significant increases in their premiums due to this cost-shifting.

There are other components to the economics of providing health care coverage to children. Since uninsured children miss more days of school than those with insurance, they have fewer learning opportunities. Of course, these students will one day be part of our workforce. We will depend on this human capital—their ideas, labor, knowledge and problem-solving skills. These students

need to be healthy and in the classroom learning.

A related problem is that parents often must stay home for their sick children. Texans missed 550,000 days of work last year to care for sick children, ages 5-12, who were uninsured. This resulted in lost wages for many of those parents and lost productivity for their employers.

Small business owners are at a competitive disadvantage when they cannot offer affordable health insurance coverage for dependents. These businesses have more trouble not only recruiting workers but also keeping them.

During the business symposium, one employer pointed out that small business owners care deeply about their workers and the benefits they can or cannot offer. This employer stressed that the defining issue is affordability.

The business leaders who participated in the symposium discussed a number of possible solutions to the problem of uninsured children. Among the strategies suggested were using business tax credits as an incentive for employers to provide dependent insurance coverage; creating flexibility and relief from certain state and federal mandates; emphasizing school-based health delivery concepts; pooling available state funds to increase purchasing power; and securing foundation grants to partially underwrite a program.

Texas must also improve existing public programs that cover children's health care needs. By reducing administrative costs and leveraging additional federal dollars that are available to the state of Texas, we can invest our tax dollars more wisely.

Parents should not have to jump through endless bureaucratic hoops to access care for their children. Instead, Texas should identify opportunities to streamline processes, especially for children with special health care needs who suffer from illnesses such as cancer or cystic fibrosis.

We must also make sure children access preventive services, such as immunizations and screenings, so they can stay engaged in the important business of being children—learning and playing.

The symposium participants emphasized that a partnership of businesses, government and community groups will be essential to resolve the problem of uninsured children. The parents of these children must also have a central role in dealing with the issues.

The problem of children's lack of access to health care coverage will not disappear if we ignore it. The number of children in the U.S. with employment-based coverage dropped from 65 to 57 percent between 1988 and 1993. More than 900,000 children lost employer-based health coverage in 1993 alone. This trend is not likely to improve on its own.

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TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending November 28, 1996

The market seesawed in preholiday trading, but even with Thanksgiving playing on market watchers' minds, thoughts still strayed toward export figures and the world crop situation.

One market analyst said it is easy to look at current projections for U. S. ending stocks, at 4.9 million bales, and world ending stocks at 36.8 million, and forecast a big price decline. "But that does not take into account the amount of cotton available to buyers and the shortage of quality cotton outside the U. S.," he said.

Many analysts have said foreign stocks quickly are being committed for export, thus the U. S. could be the only remaining supplies of large amounts of good quality, easily accessible cotton. Still, some said that current prices remain too high for buyers to be attracted to the market. "The market is too high for any business," an analyst said. "The U. S. prices need to be two to three cents lower to build export sales, but producers are not anxious to sell until prices rise," he added.

Meanwhile, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) has lowered its estimate of 1996-97 world cotton production to 86.0 million bales, from an estimate of 86.6 million released on October 25. ICAC's figure is still well below USDA's current world production estimate of 87.2 million bales. Some in the industry believe the committee's downward revision of its world crop projection reflects smaller stocks overseas. The crop problems in Pakistan and other cotton growing nations could give U. S. growers some advantages since foreign buyers might turn to the U. S. for their cotton needs.

Additionally, there has been some talk of delayed cotton shipments from the Central Asian countries. With the problem of timely delivery, mills likely will be turning to a supplier who will ship materials on time.

"The U. S. has the possibility to be the main supplier in the world," the analyst said. "This time of year, mills tend to go to a more reliable source for their cotton, like the U. S. and West Africa. They probably will come to the U. S. for dependable delivery even though it is not the cheapest cotton in the world market."

Meanwhile, USDA reported export sales of 1996-97 U. S. cotton increased a net 117,400 bales in the week ending November 21, up from the previous week's total of 95,000 bales. Featured buyers were China, Indonesia, South Korea and Mexico.

Overall, field activities are on schedule according to data released by USDA. As of November 24, approximately 82 percent of the crop had been harvested across

the Cotton Belt, which is the same as this time last year and equal to the five-year average. The Delta region is nearly finished harvesting for the season. Quality-wise, the southern Delta has a high average micronaire, while the northern section falls mostly into the premium range. The Southeastern U. S. is 85 percent picked, and the grades have been surprisingly good considering the amount of bad weather the area had to endure. Harvest continues in Texas where 69 percent of the cotton is out of the fields. The quality of Texas cotton has been exceptional, especially in

West Texas where the season's crop has been almost entirely high grades.

Although production in the Southwest will be lower due to disappointing crops in Oklahoma and the Rolling Plains of Texas, the West Texas crop is doing very well. In fact, West Texas may see a record average yield this year despite early problems with the dryland crop, a Texas cotton expert said. According to the analyst, some West Texas crops have an excellent change of making approximately 575 pounds per acre. Record yields, however, do not mean record production.

The drought in the spring that resulted in the loss of thousands of acres of cotton lessened the potential for higher production. All in all, the West Texas crop, which accounts for most of the state's production, appears to be an excellent one, surpassing most expectations.

TELCOT sales seemed to be virtually unaffected by the holiday as sales were brisk. In fact, a rally in the market November 27 triggered the largest daily volume of the season so far on the TELCOT system, 51,780 bales. Sales on TELCOT for the four trading days ended November 27 totaled

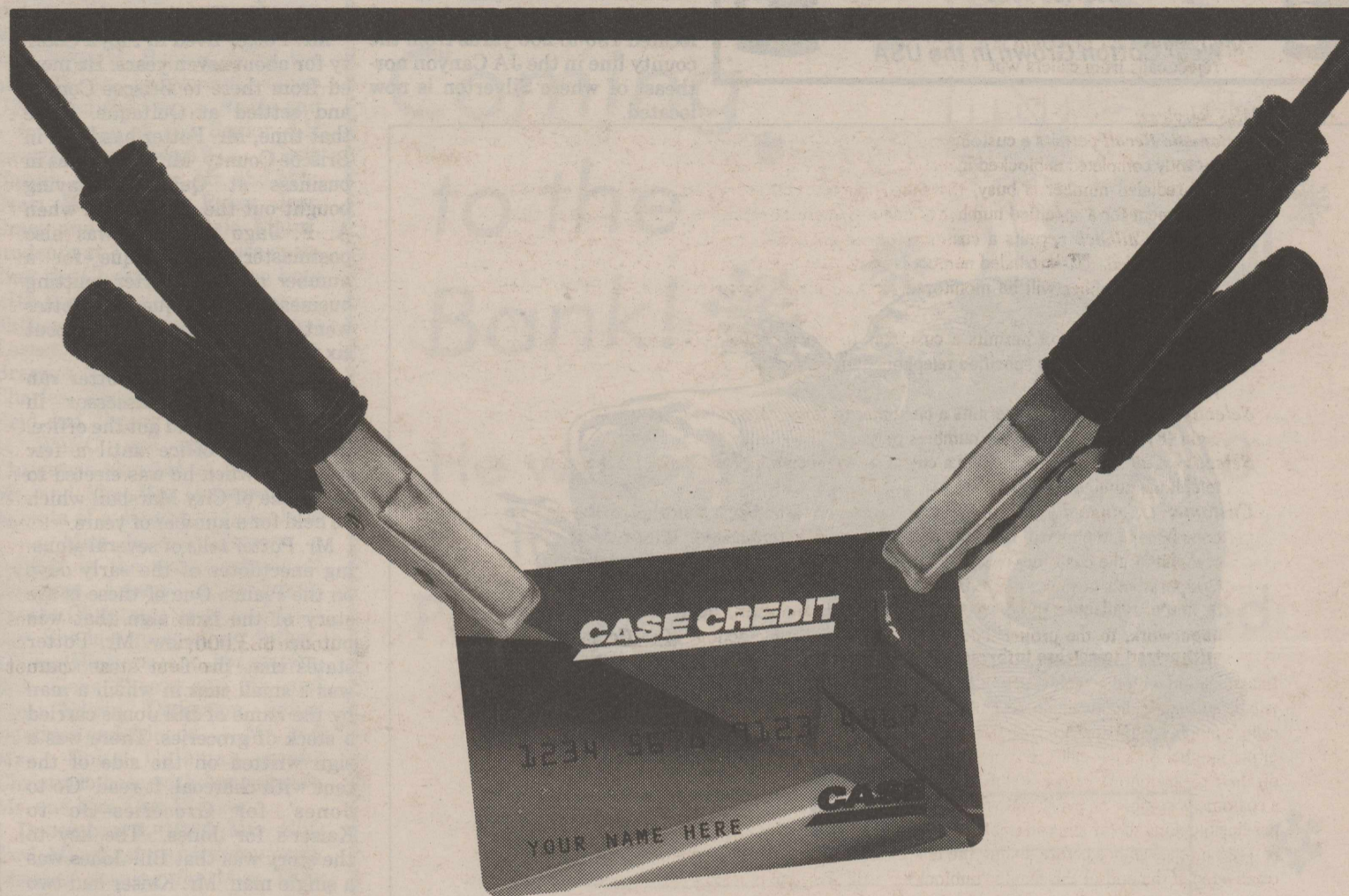
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From the Briscoe County News
Issue of June 18, 1936

Just imagine Briscoe County with only one house in the whole county. With all the remainder of the country a broad desolate prairie with only a few herds of antelope and mustang ponies to break the monotony of the vast stretches of dry brown prairie. And moreover that house was only a cabin made of cedar logs and located 150 to 200 yards from the county line in the JA Canyon northeast of where Silverton is now located.

This is a rather dull looking picture compared with what Briscoe County is now, but that is the scene that M. C. Potter met when he came to Floyd County in 1886.

Mr. Potter made the trip from San Saba County in the year 1886. He came through in a wagon, the trip requiring twelve days and being full of hardships. On the trip he saw very few houses after he left Abilene, and when he got to Floyd County there were only four houses in the County. In the adjoining counties there were, in most instances, even fewer houses, there being only one in Briscoe, as has been mentioned. This cabin was the home of Mr. Hickman and family.

Mr. Potter lived in Floyd County for about seven years. He moved from there to Briscoe County and settled at Quitaque. Since that time, Mr. Potter has lived in Briscoe County. Mr. Potter was in business at Quitaque, having bought out the Jago estate when A. F. Jago died. He was also postmaster at Quitaque for a number of years. After quitting business in Quitaque Mr. Potter went back to the farm for about six years.

Ten years ago Mr. Potter ran for County Tax Assessor in Briscoe County and got the office. He held the office until a few years ago when he was elected to the office of City Marshall which he held for a number of years.

Mr. Potter tells of several amusing anecdotes of the early days on the Plains. One of these is the story of the first sign that was put up in Plainview. Mr. Potter states that the first store there was a small tent in which a man by the name of Bill Jones carried a stock of groceries. There was a sign written on the side of the tent with charcoal. It read "Go to Jones' for Groceries--Go to Kaiser's for Jones." The key to the story was that Bill Jones was a single man. Mr. Kaiser had two very good looking daughters and it was not all unusual to find Mr. Jones at the Kaiser home entertaining the girls while his store took care of itself. Any time anyone came to the store for groceries and did not find Jones they got what they wanted and paid for it if they could make the change, and if not left a bill stating what they had taken. It seems that it was a very hard matter for Jones to keep his mind on the groceries.

Water was hauled from his camp to dig the first well in Floyd County. Up to this time all the water they had used at the camps had to be hauled from some other place. During the time that Mr. Potter had lived at this place in Floyd County, he had to ride 25 miles to get his mail, and he says that his nearest neighbor was at Plainview which was eighteen miles from his camp. There was only one family there.

Some people think we have severe winters on the Plains now, but the winters are mild compared to those he went through when he first came to the county. He gives details of the winter of 1887-88 which he says was one of the most severe that he

remembers. He was camped with a ranch outfit south of Lubbock on January 14, 1888 when a big storm blew up. The only house they knew of was a store on the head of the Yellowhouse Canyon, 12 miles from where they were camped. The snow was blowing and they could not see more than one hundred yards ahead of them. There was one man in the party who said he could lead them to the store and after traveling against the blowing storm almost all day they saw the store which came into view when they were not more than one hundred yards from it. Mr. Potter says that the Mill Iron Ranch had somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000 head of cattle in the Dixie pasture that winter and that in the spring they rounded up only about 2,000.

In the early days, Colorado City, on the T & P, 200 miles south, was the nearest railway station and fifteen days were required for the trip. Big Spring was the center of the cattle industry and many herds were made up there. In 1888, Mr. Potter was put in charge of a herd of 7,000 head to bring north. This is said to have been the largest single herd ever driven into this country.

Mr. Potter is the only man living who was employed on the X Bar L Ranch, with the possible exception of the manager of the ranch, who was an Irishman and who went back to Ireland several years ago. Practically all of the men were Irishmen and had come directly from Ireland to Texas. Very few of the men who lived in this section of the country at the time when Mr. Potter came are still living. One of the old settlers, J. E. (Frank) Leonard was here and visited Mr. Potter a short time ago.



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The icicles adorn the trees
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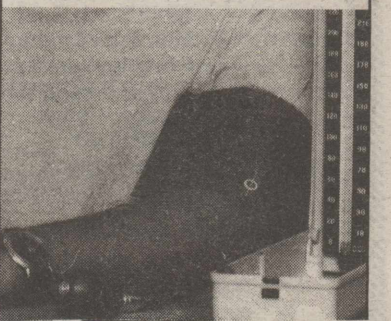
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