

Jeremy Holt

Jeremy Holt Named Six-Man Player of Week

Jeremy Holt, runningback for the Silverton Owl football team, was named the Six-Man Player of the Week by the sportswriters of the Amarillo Daily News for her performance in the game against Whitharral played here last Friday night. His teammate, Trey Ziegler, received an honorable mention for his performance in the game. Ziegler rushed for 164 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries.

Jeremy rushed for 174 yards on 23 carries, caught three passes for 33 yards, kicked two PATs and ran for another and intercepted a pass. He was a busy young man in the game, as usual.

"He's strong and extremely quick. He catches the ball real well and we throw to him a lot," said Coach Larry Mantle. "I've been coaching for 26 years and he's probably in the top five of the runningbacks that I've coached. I thought that we could run the ball against Whitharral. By keeping the ball on the ground, we felt like we could wear them down."

Before the Lazbuddie game, Jeremy was listed as a leader in three categories in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. He was leading the scoring with 161 points, was second in receiving with 482 yards, and had rushed for 527 yards.

Ziegler was also listed in the Avalanche-Journal for being one of the South Plains' top scorers.

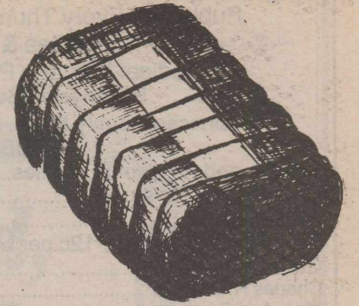
If the opponents "double team" Jeremy, the ball goes to Ziegler and he's likely to go all the way to the endzone. It's really almost a no-win situation for the Owl opponents; they can stop Jeremy on some of the plays, but they can't keep him out of the endzone!

Senior Citizens To Have Party Nov. 4

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center at 6:00 p.m.



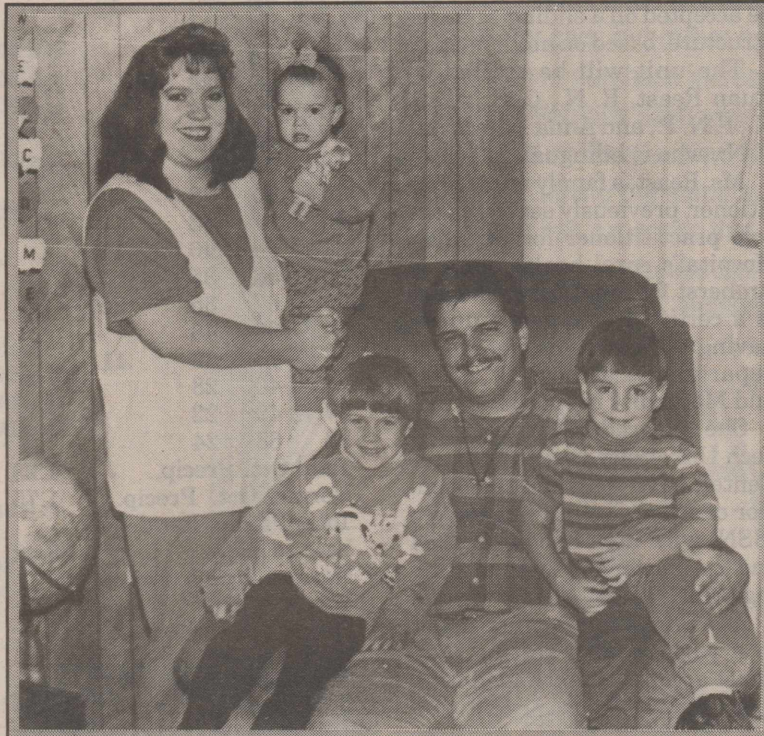
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The Rev. Jay Stinson, pastor of the Silverton United Methodist Church, is pictured with his wife, Michele, and their children, Molly, Nathan and Sarah. They recently moved here from Amherst.

Briscoe County News Photo

Stinson is Pastor Of Silverton Methodist Church

The Rev. Jay Stinson came to be pastor of the Silverton United Methodist Church in June of this year.

He was reared near Boston, Massachusetts, and attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky.

His wife, Michele, was reared in Amherst, Texas and also attended Asbury College where the couple met.

They moved here from Amherst where they were very

Courthouse Closed On Election Day

Briscoe County Courthouse will be closed Tuesday, November 4, due to Precinct 4 voting in the courtroom.

Although Betty Ann Stephens will be in her office as voter registrar, no motor vehicle transactions can be made on this day.

Please keep this in mind as you do your registration and title transactions.

Tuesday, November 4.

Those who have November birthdays will be guests of honor.

Hostesses will be those who had their birthdays celebrated in October.

Booher Family To Perform Saturday Night at Jamboree

The Booher Family of Yoncalla, Oregon will join a top lineup of performers Saturday night, November 1, at the Caprock Jamboree beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Having just completed six weeks of performances in Branson, Missouri, this talented family will be staying in this area and visiting friends before traveling to Tucson, Arizona for the Western Music Association Festival. They have performed twice before in Silverton and enjoy the friendliness of this area.

Other performers scheduled to appear are the Country Sounds, David Aycock of Lubbock and Tommy Stewart of Tulia.

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will be serving mesquite-grilled hamburgers beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There is no admission charge for this evening of family entertainment.

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

Pep Rally is Friday at 2:30

The Pep Rally Friday, October 31, will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the P. E. gym.

Amendments On Texas Ballot Tuesday, Nov. 4

Fourteen proposed amendments to the state constitution are on the ballot for voter consideration in the general election on Tuesday, November 4, including No. 8 which would allow the use of home equity as collateral for loans.

Ballot language calls for a simple "For" or "Against" vote.

Early voting will continue through Halloween (Friday, October 31) in the office of County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams.

Polling places will be the same as usual, with the exception of Precinct 4, which will be voting in the county courtroom of the courthouse in Silverton. That voting place has been moved permanently. The courthouse will be closed on election day, but the doors will be open to admit voters.

The other voting places are: Precinct 1--City Hall, Silverton; Precinct 2--Community Center, Quitaque; Precinct 3--Pioneer Room at First State Bank; Precinct 5--Office, Lake Mackenzie; Precinct 6--City Hall, Quitaque.

The constitutional questions are the only issues on the ballot.

This will be the blackout pep rally.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Silvertown School art students who received awards in the Texas Caprock Arts Festival were (left to right) Andy Bullock, first place; Trey Ziegler, second; Daisy Martinez, third; Terry Davis, honorable mention.

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Flu Shots, Screenings Will Be Available in Silverton Nov. 10

Calley Payne
 Briscoe County Extension Agent

A variety of health-related services will be available at the Silverton School on Monday, November 10. Flu shots and children's immunizations will be provided by the Texas Department of Health from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 or less, based on ability to pay. If you are on Medicare or Medicaid, it will cover the cost. Be sure to bring your Medicare or Medicaid card.

In addition, Swisher Memorial Hospital Home Health will be providing blood pressure and blood sugar screening from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Briscoe County Extension Service also will have information available on several health subjects.

Make plans to take advantage of these services while they are available locally. 44-2tc

St. Mary Mobile Health Clinic is Coming to Silverton in November

A new mobile health clinic will be making weekly stops in Silverton beginning in early November.

The newest outreach effort of the Mobile Services Department

of St. Mary Hospital, the unique 36-foot unit will offer primary-care medical services to the residents of the Silverton area every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church, Second and Pulitzer.

The totally self-contained unit includes an exam room, laboratory and testing equipment and will offer all types of preventive services and primary health care.

The unit will offer treatment for both acute and chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, hyper-

tension, sore throat, cough and bronchitis. Other services to be offered include annual exams for women and pap tests, sick children visits and well-baby checks, immunizations and hearing, vision and pulmonary (lung) function testing.

"The focus of this unit will be to provide primary care in the rural areas of West Texas where access to routine medical care is limited," said Juanema Christensen, mobile services coordinator at St. Mary Hospital.

Services will be provided for all age groups, and all patients will be accepted on a sliding-scale fee structure, based on ability to pay.

The unit will be staffed by Ruan Reast, R. N., C. S., M. S. N., F. N. P., and Anna Miralez, L. V. N., who is bilingual.

Ms. Reast, a family nurse practitioner, previously served as the solo practitioner for St. Mary Hospital's rural health clinic in Amherst for four years. She also is a certified emergency nurse, having worked in the emergency departments at both St. Mary and Methodist hospitals.

She is a graduate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, having earned the bachelor of science in nursing degree (BSN) with high honors in 1984 and the master of science in nursing (MSN) in 1993.

As a family nurse practitioner in a rural health setting, Ms. Reast accepts an expanded nursing role. A nurse practitioner is a licensed R. N. who has completed a formal program of study beyond the basic role, which includes science and clinical experience in the management of health care across the continuum of care.

Upon certification, the nurse practitioner--under medical supervision--may assume primary responsibility in a specialty area. Ms. Reast's specialty, in family care, is particularly suited to the rural setting, allowing her to treat patients ranging in age from infants to senior adults.

"The nurse practitioner is allowed to do many of the things a physician does, but does them from a nurse's perspective," she explained. "This includes managing chronic illnesses such as diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as notifying the physician when the patient needs a change in treatment."

With the mobile health unit, Ms. Reast will work under the supervision of the project's medical director, Susan Davis, M. D., a Lubbock internist. She will maintain daily contact with Dr. Davis by telephone and fax.

"In acute emergency cases, Dr. Davis can issue a direct physician order or request the patient be transported to the hospital via ambulance or helicopter," Reast said.

Although the unit will not be in service until early November, appointments are now being accepted by calling the St. Mary Mobile Services office at 1-800-388-6266. Walk-ins also will be accepted.

WEATHER

OCTOBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	93	53	
2	92	58	
3	88	56	
4	89	55	.29
5	87	55	
6	84	58	
7	76	57	.09
8	76	60	.19
9	76	54	
10	73	51	
11	75	63	.07
12	70	51	.17
13	69	36	
14	64	35	
15	69	36	
16	74	37	
17	68	39	
18	69	36	
19	85	38	
20	71	42	
21	53	46	.11
22	58	35	
23	67	35	.20
24	68	48	
25	73	36	.11
26	40	28	
27	49	22	
28	68	24	
Total Oct. Precip.			1.23
Normal Oct. Precip.			1.75
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			28.42
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			19.82

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE FOR ELECTION PRECINCT 4

Notice is hereby given that the polling place for Briscoe County Election Precinct #4 has been changed from D&K Manufacturing to the County Courtroom of the Briscoe County Courthouse. This action is by order of the Commissioners Court on September 8, 1997 and is effective for all General and Special Elections conducted by Briscoe County beginning with the General Election on November 4, 1997.

/s/ Jimmy Burson
 County Judge 44-2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of L. D. Griffin, Deceased, were issued on October 28, 1997, in Cause No. 1388, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Mikel D. Griffin.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Mikel D. Griffin, Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas; the post office address is:

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 Attorney at Law
 P. O. Box S
 Tulia, Texas 79088

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 28th day of October, 1997.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
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October 29, 1987--Kelli LaBaume was chosen as Miss Mackenzie by the judges and as Miss Congeniality by the other contestants at the conclusion of the 14th annual pageant in Silverton Saturday night. DeLyn Patton was a finalist in the contest . . . Mrs. Mattie Lawrence celebrated her 80th birthday Sunday in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McJimsey . . . The first bale of cotton harvested in Briscoe County was ginned last Thursday afternoon for C. E. (Dock) and Wanda Wallace . . . Southwestern Public Service Company recognized Lee Clay for 25 years of service and LaQuetta Schott for five years of service at the awards dinner held in Lubbock . . . Ashleigh Wyatt was a winner in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held Saturday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Also representing Silverton in the contest was Mrs. Buck (Virginia) Hardin, who modeled a red wool dress . . .

November 3, 1977--Owlettes open new season by defeating Cotton Center 77-31 . . . Owls defeated by Lazbuddie 55-6 . . . The children and grandchildren of Gabe Garrison invite their friends and relatives to a reception in honor of his ninetieth birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison Sunday . . . Vicki Bean and Christine King attended the 51st Home Demonstration Convention in Galveston September 20-22 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burk spent a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell and family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ray Thompson are parents of a daughter, Amanda Diana . . . New officers of the Smiling 4-H Club are Cal Brannon, president; Shelly Cornett, vice president; Kori Baird, secretary; Donna Tomlin, reporter, and Kristy Fogerson, Council delegate . . . Young Farmer committees for the coming year include Calvin Shelton, Fred Brannon and Clinton Dickerson, recreation; Wayne Stephens, Fred Hill and Guinn Fitzgerald, leadership; G. W. Chappell, Doug Bradford and Riley Harris, community service; Jerry Bean, Eddie Holland and Orville Turner, education . . .

October 26, 1967--Oscar Weaks watched combines at work harvesting a 23.76-acre plot in the Rock Creek community in Briscoe County that yielded more than 11,000 pounds per acre over a portion of the plot and averaged 10,099 pounds over the entire acreage . . . Leo Comer lost a finger in an accident last week . . . Mrs. J. H. Burson has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniel, Wanda Sue and Shawn White visited in Los Angeles, California last week with

Jack McDaniel family . . . Kimberly Fitzgerald has been a patient with bronchial pneumonia in a Plainview hospital this week . . . First graders on the honor roll are Twila Wood, Douglas McJimsey, Sylvia Cruz, Ruth Rasco, Elizabeth Wristen, Heraclio Ramirez, Gary Sims, Linda Hardin and Tracy Gill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bern May were in Denison recently to visit her father, H. E. Bothe, and to help other relatives celebrate Mr. Bothe's birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle and Mrs. Dean Allard accompanied Dean Allard to Amarillo Thursday for his medical checkup . . . Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance, Nancy and Juannah have been Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Trimm and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Strickland . . . Mrs. H. P. Rampley, Mrs. J. K. Bean and Mrs. Claude Allison attended the Cotton Festival in Plainview and also visited Mrs. E. Posey at the Medical Center . . .

November 7, 1957--Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar have moved into their new home on Grady and Commerce Streets . . . Mrs. Una Burson is partially moved into her new home on Pulitzer and First Streets . . . Mr. and Mrs. Neal Jennings and children have moved into the Schofield house on Pulitzer Street, just north of the City Grocery . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McPherson have sold their home in the southeast part of town to O. L. Butcher . . . Grand Jury returns indictment against Glynn H. Bunch . . . Mrs. M. L. Porter observes 93rd birthday Sunday . . . Helping Hand Club held its Halloween meeting in the home of Mrs. J. T. Smith . . . A tea will be given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bullock at Vigo Park Sunday, in observance of the couple's silver wedding anniversary . . . Ina Lou Grabbe and Bobby Dale Baird are attending Ambassador College in Pasadena, California . . . Glynn H. Bunch, vocational agriculture teacher, submitted his resignation to Supt. M. G. Moreland and to Ware Fogerson, president of the school board, Wednesday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doodle Zackary are parents of a son, Kenneth Stuart . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Isbell and daughters of Estes Park, Colorado are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens, and with Robert's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg, other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bean and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smitherman and Marc of South Plains were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean . . . Pvt. James May and Carlyle Satterfield visited Stevie Jarnagin in Clarendon Sunday afternoon . . .

October 30, 1947--Halloween Carnival Friday night at school . . . Womanless Wedding to be given here soon . . . Dr. Charles Donnell was in Silverton last week contacting old-timers and gathering information for a history of the people who settled Briscoe County during the 1890s or prior thereto . . . Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar, Patsy and Joe Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill and Jo, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod and Mrs. Pearl Simpson . . . Jeanne Dudley, who is a student at Texas Tech, and her roommate, Polly Bryan of Plainview, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Dudley last weekend . . . The Rock Creek Club met Tuesday with Ruth West . . .

October 29, 1936--Reservations for special train to Centennial must be made by November 2 . . . Silverton Owls win 18-7 over local Outlaws . . . Mrs. B. V. Lowrey is claimed by death . . . Miss Valera Williamson and Mr. Lem Weaver were united in marriage Saturday night. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage in Childress . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Fifty years ago the fifteenth of November, M. C. Potter came to Briscoe County. That's quite a while ago. His nearest neighbor was 18 miles away. Silverton nor Quitaque were in existence at

all. He says that the first few years he spent in digging the canyons through the country. I think Bob Stevenson helped him a little with the project. All the buffaloes were still little calves and the Indians were papooses at that time. Anyway, it was a long time ago and anyone who will stick with a place that long deserves a lot of credit . . . Lem Weaver left a trail of broken hearts behind him when he left the rank of single blessedness Saturday evening. Here he has been slipping around town with that self satisfied look, apparently never a worry, and at peace with the world, fooling everyone into thinking that he was a confirmed bachelor, but now alas, he has gone the way of all flesh and taken unto himself a wife, the hypocrite. Too bad gals, but he's gone, and that's all there is to it" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rowell announce the arrival of a daughter . . . Miss Pauline Davis and Mr. Marlin Jarnagin were married Saturday night . . . Noel Deavenport will leave next week for Los Angeles, California where he will attend a machinists' school . . .

**All The Way,
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Happy Birthday--

October 30--Theta Holt, Adrienne Hubbard, Lance Bailey
October 31--Carolyn Lowrey, Jeremy Holt, Misty Wilkinson, Linda Baird, Roger Cantwell, Ruby Kitchens, Heraclio Ramirez, jr.

November 1--Ann Brown Wright, Don Curry, Bertha James, Kayla Ramsey, Brian Martin, LaVern Kingery, Marshall McCammon

November 2--Wade Brannon, Gary Juarez, Ami Dunn, Keely Klein, Joseph M. Klein, jr.

November 3--Clifton Stodghill, Minerva Patino

November 4--Adrian Ramirez, Mike McGinn, Scott Hutsell, Whitney George

November 5--Mary Jane Patton, Dale Smith, Shane Estes, Dennis Matthew Grabbe

Happy Anniversary--

October 30--Mr. and Mrs. Cris Gill

November 2--Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hutsell, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker

Joe McWaters returned home from a Lubbock hospital last week after having undergone back surgery for a compressed disc. He is recovering well.



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Club to Sponsor Christmas Page

Century of Progress Study Club has announced plans to sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page again this year. They are asking those who would like to extend their Christmas greetings to their friends and relatives through the page in the Briscoe County News to donate the amount they would have spent sending Christmas cards locally.

The greeting appears in the newspaper's Christmas edition, along with the explanation that the money they would have spent mailing cards had been donated to benefit the Silverton Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Services and the Silverton Public Library.

Members of the sponsoring organization are Polly Cagle, Faye Rampley, Annell Davis, Loretha Rhoderick, Junis Hutsell, Norma Vaughan and Jackie Mercer.

Stiffer Poaching Penalties in Effect

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent
Poachers are sneaky, determined individuals with no regard for nature or the laws that protect it. This fall, Texas is taking a stronger stand against poaching.

A poacher can lose his hunting and fishing license, be fined up to ten-thousand dollars and spend up to 10 years in jail.

But Extension wildlife specialist Dr. Don Steinbach says criminals who are intent on bagging a trophy buck are hard to catch. He says they will go to extremes such as cutting fences, hiding from ranchers, and camping out for several days on private property to harvest the valuable animal.

Steinbach emphasizes that poachers make up only a small percentage of the people who hunt wildlife. He hopes that number decreases further as penalties stiffen and hunter education courses encourage ethics and values.

What To Do With The Pile of Leaves

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent
After the leaves drop from your trees and you've raked them into a big pile, what do you do with them?

Extension horticulturist Dr. Doug Welsh says the worst thing you can do is take them to the landfill which is already clogged with yard debris.

But Welsh knows most people don't want to bother composting them either. There are other ways of benefitting from the nutrients in those fallen leaves.

He suggests simply mowing over them with a mulching mower so that they can deteriorate on the lawn. As the leaves decompose, they introduce nitrogen into the soil. Leaves also work well as mulch. If you don't want them in your flowerbed, try using them around hedges and in the garden.

Tax Office To Be Closed Nov. 17-20

Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector Betty Ann Stephens states that her office will be closed November 17-20 for an educational school held at College Station.

Please keep these dates in mind as you do your registration and title work on vehicles.

Beef Alliances Gaining Strength

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Teamwork takes on a new meaning when it comes to the cattle business. Ranchers are realizing that greater profits can be made by joining beef alliances.

Extension livestock marketing specialist Dr. Ernest Davis says there are a million cattle producers, yet they speak with a very soft voice. He says market coordination can organize them for greater impact.

Davis advocates beef alliances where a cross section of the cattle business is represented. Cow-calf operators can link up with feedlot owners, processors and packers to make a more concerted effort to corner a larger piece of the market.

He says alliances also solve the problem of a rancher not being able to track his product to know if the consumer was happy with it.

Independently, a rancher is so far removed from the consumer that it's difficult to meet quality standards. But through alliances, producers can get the feedback they need to improve the product and offer greater consistency.

Plant Trees Properly For the Best Results

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

A tree is a long-term investment, so you want to plant it properly.

Experts used to tell us to dig the hole twice as wide and twice as deep and backfill with peat moss or other potting soil-type mix. But Extension horticulturist Dr. Doug Welsh says research shows the root system likes those conditions and won't expand outside the hole. He says you still need to dig the hole twice as wide, but not twice as deep. And use the dirt you dug out to fill it back up.

He says you can create a berm around the edge of the hole to make watering easier. Covering the berm and the top soil with mulch will keep the soil moist and keep weeds out.

Welsh recommends doing these things in the fall because the tree won't experience as much transplant shock and it will have all winter to establish itself.

Win Owls!

Obituaries

FERN BITNER

Services for Fern Bitner, 83, of Littlefield, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, at the First Baptist Church in Littlefield, with the Rev. Steve Buckland, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Will Fish, pastor of First Baptist Church of Whitharral, assisted.

Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bitner died Tuesday, October 23, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born December 12, 1913 in Bell County. She married Joe Bitner June 16, 1935 in Littlefield. She attended West Texas College in Canyon and Texas Tech University. She was nominated as Littlefield Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1997. She was a member of the Oklahoma Avenue Home Demonstration Club and First Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and member of the Women's Missionary Union.

She taught school at Goodland, and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; a son, J. W. Bitner of Littlefield; two daughters, Esta Mae Roose of Whitharral and Teddy Jo Davis of Peoria, Illinois; five brothers, Gilbert Arlie Elms of Silverton, Bill Elms and Dean Elms, both of Littlefield, James Elms of Columbus and M. A. Elms, jr. of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

LOTTIE OWENS

Funeral services for Lottie Owens, 80, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, with the pastor, Rev. Jess Little, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Edwin Norris. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Owens passed away Sunday, October 26, in Lubbock where she had resided in recent weeks.

She was born February 10, 1917 in Silverton and was the youngest of the four children of Edward and Addie Lee Vaughan. She finished high school in May 1935 and married Hughlon Henderson August 30, 1935. He preceded her in death May 24, 1941.

She married Gaston Owens on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1952. She was co-owner and edi-

tor of the Quitaque newspaper for 30 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gaston, October 28, 1982; a brother, Ewing Vaughan, and a sister, Ollie McMinn.

Survivors include two sons, Dwan Henderson of Silverton and Eddie Owens of Lubbock; one brother, Eural Vaughan of Tulia; a sister-in-law, Louise Vaughan of Silverton; four grandchildren, Wayne and Zane Henderson, Sonya Bitner and Kami Brooke Owens; two great-grandchildren, Rikki and Brandon Bitner; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Dale McWaters, Randy Stark, Joe Kitchens, Kirk Cunningham, Mark Windham and W. D. Rowell.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Ledbetter, Duane Reynolds, O. R. Stark and Jim Davidson.

The family requested that memorials be made to your favorite charity.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
We are long-time subscribers of the Briscoe County News. For almost twenty-five years my husband was the owner of a farm east of Vigo Park.

Darlene Roberts' father operated the farm in the 50's and 60's for Bob's aunt, the previous owner.

We lived in Amarillo 1986-1994.

When I saw the Silverton Class of 1977 reunion picture recently I tried unsuccessfully to reach Darlene at the Amarillo number we had in our file.

I am hoping you can help us re-establish contact with Darlene and/or her mother, Merle.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope so you may either send us Darlene's address or notify her of our wish.

Thank you.
Nancy and Bob Patton
5300 Parkview Drive #1102
Lake Oswego, OR 97035-8728
1-503-639-3841

(Editor's Note: We don't have the address Mrs. Patton is needing. If any of our readers have this information, or would pass this letter along to Darlene or Merle, it will be appreciated.)

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Hunting Improves With The Weather

Pammy Millican
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It's a simple equation: better weather equals better deer hunting.

Extension wildlife specialist Dr. Don Steinbach says hunters can expect to find bigger racks and tastier venison.

Steinbach says it will take a few more years for the deer population to fully recover from the 1996 drought. Still, he says this year will definitely be better than last year.

The better weather improved forage conditions, allowing plenty of food for deer to grow big and carry large racks of antlers. Steinbach predicts South Texas to be the premiere area for trophy white tail deer.

The Panhandle and East Texas also should see healthier populations; however, the rainfall does have a drawback. Moisture makes the acorns more abundant so deer won't need to forage far for food.

Questions and Answers Given

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Q. How do I sign up for Social Security?

A. You can apply for benefits at any Social Security office. The easiest way to file a claim is to call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to ask for an appointment.

Q. I receive Social Security disability benefits. I know that my case will be reviewed to make sure I'm still disabled. How often can I expect

to be reviewed?

A. Your first review can be anytime from six months to seven years after the day you became disabled, depending on the nature and severity of your condition and whether your condition is expected to improve. For more information, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and request the factsheet, "Reviewing Your Disability."

Q. If I would die, would my survivors receive my Social Security benefits? How much?

A. Your survivors would receive a percentage of your basic Social Security benefit—usually in a range from 75 to 100 percent each. However, there is a limit to the amount of Social Security benefits that can be paid each month to a family. The limit varies, but it is generally equal to about 150 to 180 percent of your benefit rate. If the sum of the benefits payable to your family members is greater than this limit, the benefits to your family will be reduced proportionately to fall within the family maximum.

Q. I have multiple sclerosis. I applied for Social Security disability benefits about five years ago and was denied benefits because I was able to work. My condition has deteriorated. Can I reapply for disability benefits?

A. Yes, you may reapply for benefits. Many times a person's condition changes and the change may mean the person may now qualify for benefits. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask about reapplying for Social Security disability benefits. The representative will be glad to help you.

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Winning Last Two Games Will Put Owls Into The Post - Season Playoff Picture

For four consecutive years, Silverton's post-season hopes have hinged on beating Whitharral to make it into the playoffs. The past three years, the Panthers have ruined the dreams of the Owls, but last Friday night it was time for the tide to turn and the big 46-34 victory over Whitharral puts Silverton in second place in the district behind Lazbuddie.

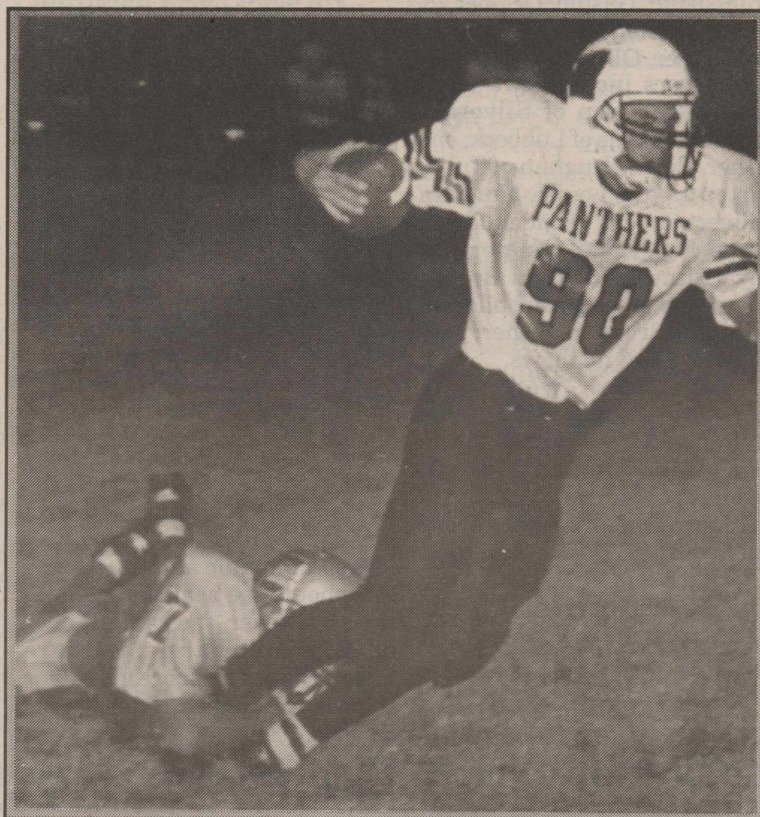
The Owls now control their own destiny, but they will have to win their two remaining games to hold on to their place in the playoffs.

So while Whitharral is at home hoping the Owls will stumble and lose to either Amherst or Three Way, or both, the Owls must reaffirm their determination to win. And that should be a realistic aspiration.

The biggest cloud on the horizon for the Owls is that they saw one of their best defensive players, Senior Trey Wyatt, go down with a knee injury last Friday. Wyatt had been having a perfectly beautiful game when he was cut down from behind by an illegal crack-back block. Wyatt had an appointment Monday to get the injury assessed, and his friends and teammates were just hoping it would turn out to be a minor one rather than a major.

Silverton opened the game with Whitharral sending Jared Holt out to boom the kickoff out of the endzone for a touchback. Fans had feared that high wind would spell disaster for the kicking game, but Mother Nature smiled on all and provided a beautiful fall evening with mild winds.

On the first play from scrim-



Leland Wood had a number of tackles in the game with Whitharral last Friday night, and also sure-handedly controlled some of the Panthers' onside kicks for the Owls.

Briscoe County News Photo

mage, the Panthers fumbled and Leland Wood pounced on it for the Owls on the Whitharral 19. On Silverton's first play, Jack Cherry suffered an interception--his third of the season--and the Panthers carried it out to their 12. Wyatt almost intercepted the Panthers on their next play, but they finished their first series by making a first down on the Silverton 15, stopped there by Andy Bullock.

Whitharral passed for a touch-

down with 7:26 still remaining in the first quarter. There was no PAT, and the Panthers held an early slim 6-0 lead.

When Whitharral let loose their first onside kick of the game, it was controlled by Wyatt on the Silverton 34. Owl opponents have been bouncing their onside kicks off Wyatt all season long, and he has controlled them admirably.

Trey Ziegler picked up six yards on the first carry, and Cherry passed complete to Adrian Ramirez for a first down on the Whitharral 25. Cherry completed a short pass to Jared Holt after which Ziegler picked up ten yards on the ground. Jeremy Holt carried the score with 4:41 still on the first-quarter clock. There was no PAT, and the score was knotted at 6-6.

Jared Holt kicked another touchback and Chris Justice held the first play to a two-yard gain. The Panthers passed complete for a first down at midfield, after which they received a holding penalty on a play that would have netted them another first down. After an incomplete pass, the Panthers punted to the Silverton 17.

Jeremy Holt and Ziegler alternated in carrying the ball, picking up first downs and Whitharral's face-mask penalties until the end of the first quarter. Ziegler moved the ball to near the goal on the first play of the second period, and Jeremy scored on the next one. There was no PAT, and with 9:32 remaining before halftime the Owls moved ahead 12-6.

Whitharral took the ensuing kickoff to their 37, after which they completed a pass for a gain

of 13 yards. Defense by Wood was keeping the Panthers in check, but a penalty against the Owls gave them a first down near the Silverton 16. A bad snap brought about lost yardage back to the 31, after which they moved forward to the 27. The Owls got another penalty, but defense by Wyatt brought about a series of incomplete passes and the ball went over to the Owls at the 14.

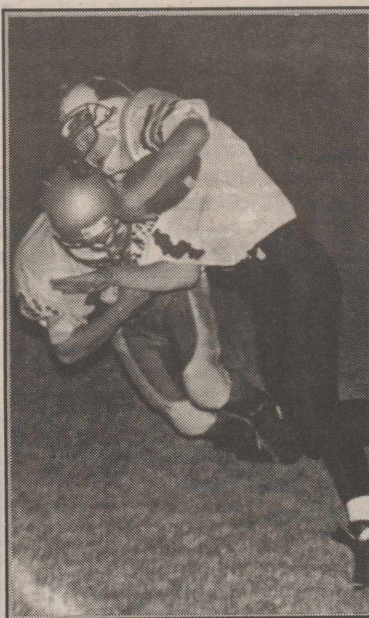
Ziegler moved the ball for a first down on the Silverton 32, after which Jeremy carried the ball four plays in a row, arriving in the endzone with 1:40 still to be played in the second quarter. Jeremy kicked the PAT, and gave the Owls a 19-6 lead and a little breathing room.

After Jared Holt kicked off, the runback was stopped by Ziegler. On the next play, the Owls threw the Panthers for a large loss and Whitharral received a clipping penalty. Needing 35 yards, the Panthers completed a pass to their 34 and followed with a first down pass to the Silverton 35. They passed for the touchdown with 25 seconds remaining before halftime, kicked the PAT, and narrowed the score to 19-14.

Whitharral kicked off and Wood controlled the onside at the 38. A pass to Jeremy Holt moved the ball to the Whitharral 30, but the first half ended before the Owls could score again.

Whitharral kicked off to open the second half of action, and Wyatt controlled the short kick. On the third play, the Panthers intercepted another Cherry pass and brought it to the Silverton 13. Whitharral's first pass was almost intercepted by Wyatt, and the Panthers fumbled and recovered their own fumble on the next play. They passed for a gain of seven yards, but would have had to give up the ball had not the referees called pass interference against the Owls. The Panthers scored and kicked the PAT with 7:16 remaining in the third quarter, and regained the lead, 22-19.

This time Wood controlled



Andy Bullock was one of the defensive team leaders in the game with Whitharral here Friday night, as the Owls defeated the Panthers and moved into second place in the district. Briscoe County News Photo

Whitharral's short kick, and Ziegler scored on the next play. Jeremy Holt kicked the PAT, and with 7:01 remaining to be played in the third period, the Owls regained the lead, 27-22.

Jared Holt kicked another touchback, and Wood almost intercepted a Whitharral aerial. The Panthers completed a pass to their 31, stopped by Wyatt, after which they made a first down on the Silverton 36. They lost the ball via the fumble to end the next series, and Wood alertly pounced on it for the Owls on the 27.

Silverton was unable to overcome a penalty on the next series, and punted away to the Whitharral 18. The Panthers completed a pass, stopped by Jared Francis, and another stopped by Bullock before getting yet another clipping penalty. They concluded this series with a punt which rolled dead on the Silverton 12.

Jeremy Holt ran to the Silverton 19 after which Ziegler scored with 53 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The PAT kick was blocked, and the Owls moved into a 33-22 lead.

Jared Holt kicked off once again the the runback was stopped by Wyatt. Just after the opening of the fourth quarter, Wyatt ended the Whitharral offensive effort by intercepting one of their errant aerials.

Cherry passed to Jeremy Holt for a touchdown with 8:43 remaining in the game. There was no PAT, and the Owls held a 39-22 lead.

Jared kicked off once again and Whitharral started with a touchback. They passed complete for a 10-yard gain, stopped by Bullock, after which they received a holding penalty. They completed a pass, bobbled the ball, but went on to pick up a first down on the Silverton 35. They scored with 6:31 remaining in the game. There was no PAT, and the score became 39-28.

Whitharral kicked off and Wyatt controlled the onside again. Jeremy Holt ran to the 27 where Whitharral was flagged for a face-mask violation which gave the Owls a first down on the 23. Jeremy Holt carried for what would have been a first down for the Owls, but a holding penalty set the team back. Ziegler scored on the next play. Jeremy carried the PAT into the endzone, and with 4:48 remaining in the game the Owls extended their lead to 46-28.

Whitharral received a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. Jared Holt kicked another touchback, and Whitharral passed complete, stopped by Wyatt. On the next play the Panthers performed their crack-back on Wyatt, putting him out of the game. They passed complete for a touchdown with 2:55 remaining on the clock. There was no PAT, and the score became 46-34.

Whitharral sent another onside kick toward the Owls and this

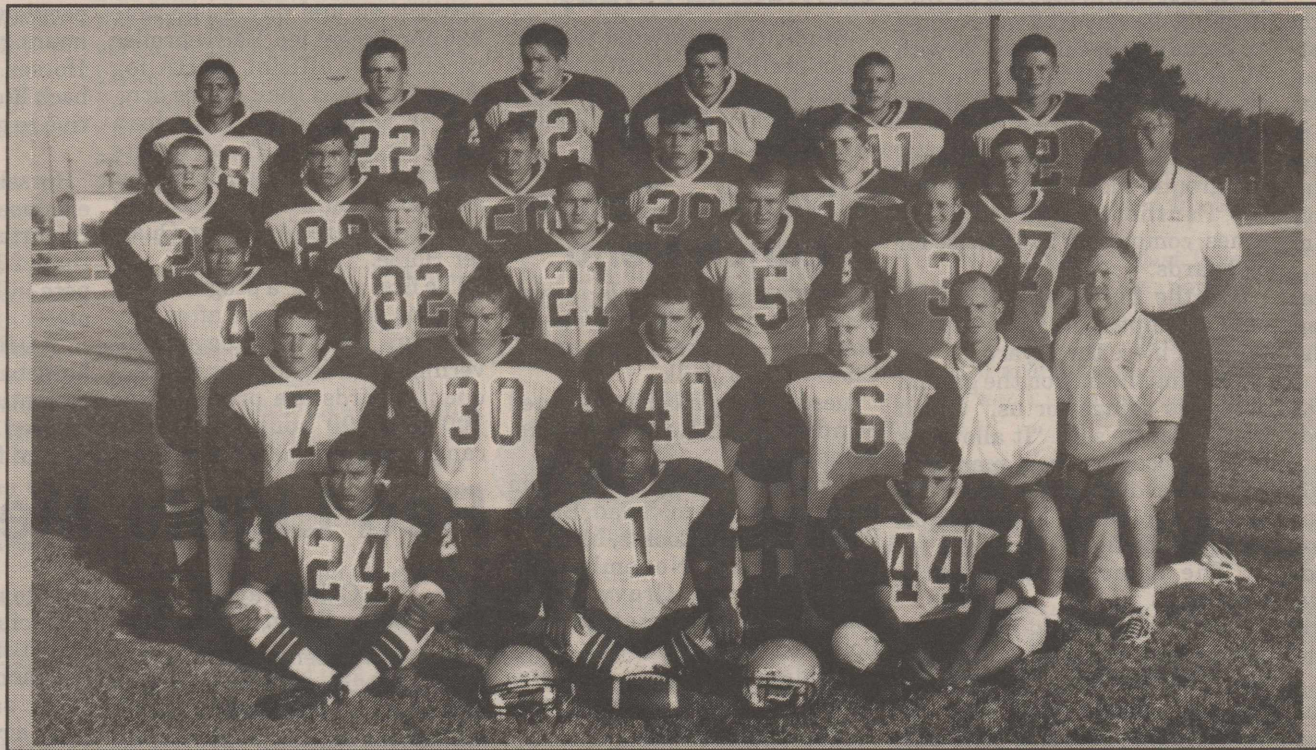
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Trey Wyatt was a leader of the defensive team here last Friday night, being assisted in this photo by Leland Wood. Wyatt has had onside kicks bounced his direction all season, and handled them against the Panthers as always. He will be on the sideline with a knee injury this week, but it is hoped he will be able to return to action before the season's end.

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WISHING THE BEST TO THE SILVERTON OWLS!



THE OWLS--(back row, left to right) Vince Cruz, Charlie Bomar, Jay Hicks, Trey Ziegler, Jeremy Holt, Jack Cherry; (fourth row) Chris Justice, Jay Arnold, Trey Wyatt, Jared Holt, Nathan Francis, Max Whitworth, Coach Larry Mantle; (third row) Paul Segura, Ryan Minyard, Andy Bullock, David Gamble, Donny Burson; (kneeling) Leland Wood, Will Hester, Jared Francis, Tyler Young, Coach Joe Crabb, Coach Donnie Dutton; (sitting) Adrian Ramirez, Clint Ivory, Amos Lopez. Photo by R Photography

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Junior High, Junior Varsity Teams Split Two Games With Whitharral

Silverton's Junior High and Junior Varsity teams drove to Whitharral last Thursday afternoon for a pair of games. The Junior High, which has done very well this season, suffered a 27-7 loss at the hands of the Junior Panthers, and the Junior Varsity rolled to a 38-22 win.

Jimmy Castillo scored on a 40-yard run and added the PAT for the Junior High in the fourth quarter of that game.

The Junior Varsity team jumped out to a big 20-0 first-quarter lead and held a 20-8 lead at halftime. At the end of three quarters, the score stood at 32-8.

Amos Lopez opened the scoring with an 18-yard touchdown run, and Vince Cruz capped this off with a pass reception from Nathan Francis for the PAT.

David Gamble scored on a one-yard run, and Donnie Burson caught a Francis pass to add the PAT.

Lopez added a 57-yard touchdown run later in the first period, but the PAT attempt failed.

Lopez scored from one yard out, and Paul Segura scored on another one-yard run in the third period. Both PAT attempts failed.

Burson capped the scoring in the fourth quarter with a 48-yard pass reception from Francis. Once again, there was no PAT.

The Junior High and Junior Varsity teams will host the teams from Amherst this afternoon (Thursday, October 30) beginning at 5:00 p.m. The JV game kicks off at 6:30 p.m. The concession stand will be open. Be there!

Seniors, First Graders Win Festival Crowns

The annual Fall Festival Coronation ceremony was held at the Silverton School Saturday night. Candidates for Princess and Prince were presented from the first six grades.

Winners were Townlii Ziegler and Shawn Johnson, children of Brad and JonEtta Ziegler and Derrel and Dixie Johnson. They represented the first grade.

Candidates for Queen and King were presented from the seventh through the twelfth grades.

Winners in this division were Molly Brooks, daughter of Bill and Janinne Brooks, and Chris Justice, son of Tom Justice and Janet Justice.

The event is sponsored by the Silverton chapter of Future Homemakers of America as a fundraiser, and those crowned are elected by the popular vote of those attending the ceremony.

Candidates were presented from all twelve grades in the formal ceremony.

There have been a total of six lunar landings and twelve men have walked on the moon.

Wild eagles generally live 20 or 30 years but in captivity, eagles may live fifty years or more.

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one was controlled by Ziegler on the Silverton 37. Jeremy Holt and Ziegler alternated in handling the ball on this series, but the ball ended up going back to the Panthers on the Whitharral 11 with 1:01 remaining to be played.

The visitors completed a pass for a first down, stopped by Bullock, but Jeremy Holt intercepted an aerial on the Silverton 20 with 34 seconds remaining on the clock, and the Owls killed the clock to end the game.

While the Owls kept the ball on the ground most of the evening, the Panthers aired it out 51 times, completing 27 of those for 379 yards.

On the flip side, Whitharral only attempted 10 rushes, picking up a mere three yards.

"Keeping the ball on the ground does two things for us," Coach Larry Mantle said. "It allows us to put a body on them more and wear them down and it keeps the ball in our hands and their offense off the field."

The strategy apparently worked.

"This game would have been disappointing (had Silverton lost)," Mantle said. "Sometimes you kick somebody all over the field and they just stay close and then something bad happens. I was worried about that at halftime but the kids came through and held them at bay."

Every time the Panthers closed the gap, one of Silverton's running backs would regain control of the game.

"They were focusing on Holt so we split him out and they sent three guys to cover him," Mantle said. "All three of Ziegler's scores came on the same play, and they just didn't have enough men to stop him."

Silverton wasn't the only enemy the Panthers had. Whitharral killed itself with 10 penalties for 101 yards including two drive-stoppers in the second half.

"It's amazing how penalties and simple mistakes can completely take you out of a game," Whitharral Coach Gerry Gartrell said. "Now the pressure is squarely on our shoulders. We have to beat Lazbuddie and hope that Silverton stumbles somewhere along the line. Maybe we can rise to the occasion like Silverton did."

Jeremy Holt rushed the ball 23 times for a gain of 185 yards, while Ziegler picked up 167 yards on 11 tries. Adrian Ramirez picked up four yards on one try.

Cherry hit four of ten passes and had two intercepted. Cherry made 49 yards on passes.

Jeremy Holt caught three for a gain of 33 yards, while Ramirez caught one for 16 yards.

Justice and Wood recovered fumbles and Wyatt and Jeremy Holt intercepted passes for the

Owls.

The Owls will be traveling to Amherst Friday for 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Both remaining regular season games are must-win games, if the Owls are to go on into the playoffs. They need all the spirit and encouragement fans can give them.

Plan now to don your red and white Friday and travel with them to Amherst to cheer them on down the road to the playoffs!

Halloween Costume Contest is Friday

Students are invited to wear their Halloween Costumes to school Friday.

The Student Council will judge the costumes.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 3--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Cornbread, Cherry Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, November 4--Assorted Sandwiches, Ranch Beans, Salad, Milk

Wednesday, November 5--Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Salad, Baked Potato Wedges, Cookie, Milk

Thursday, November 6--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, November 7--Hamburger & Cheese, French Fries, Salad, Cookie, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Oct. 30--Six Weeks Tests (even); Amherst JH & JV here, 5:00 and 6:30; District Cross Country, Thompson Park, 4:00

Friday, Oct. 31--Owls at Amherst, 7:30; End of Six Weeks; Halloween Costume Contest Day

Monday, Nov. 3--HS G/T Field Trip; Self Appraisal Report Due

Tuesday, Nov. 4--Election Day

Thursday, Nov. 6--Talent Show, 9:44 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 7--Three Way, there, 7:30; JH there, 5:00

November 4-H Club Meeting Dates

by Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

Briscoe County Senior 4-H Club--Monday, November 3-7:00 p.m.-Sportsman Restaurant, Quitaque

Silverton Junior 4-H Club--Tuesday, November 4-3:10 p.m.-Silverton Homemaking Department

Valley Junior 4-H Club--Wednesday, November 5-3:40 p.m.-Valley School Home Economics Room

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Participate in AQHA Horse Riding Program

Wynter Dawn Smith of Silverton recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program provides AQHA members recognition for time spent riding or driving American Quarter Horses.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding their American Quarter Horses. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift cer-

tificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Jim Bret Campbell, AQHA Manager of the Horseback Riding Program, said, "The Horseback Riding Program is a unique opportunity to earn rewards outside of traditional competition. In some cases the program rewards people who already spend many hours riding American Quarter Horses. For others, the Horseback Riding Program is an incentive to get out and ride."

Horseback riding provides good exercise. According to the U. S. Department of the Interior, more than 27 million people participate in horseback riding nationally.

AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a relaxing recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.

Red Lights Mean Stop

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

You have seen people run red lights; maybe you have even done it yourself. According to a recent Gallop survey, 20 percent of respondents classified running red lights and stop signs as the second most dangerous driving behavior--second only to driving while intoxicated. Focus group research has found that not only is the public losing sight of the purpose of the traffic signal, but more important, compliance with traffic controls in general is deteriorating.

Statistics provided by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety indicate that disregarding red lights and other traffic control devices is the leading cause of urban crashes, representing 22 percent of the total number of crashes. Nationally, the economic impact is estimated at \$7 billion each year in medical costs, time off work, insurance rate increases and property damage. Statewide in 1996, there were 9,725 crashes as a result of drivers who "disregard a stop sign or light." Of those violations, there were 85 fatalities and 7,014 injuries.

According to Lt. Brian Kyle of Bryan Police Department, "A green traffic signal does NOT necessarily insure that a motorist has immediate right-of-way. A vehicle operator MUST yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic that is lawfully using an intersection." So you ask yourself, "Okay, I know that but what about that yellow light?" The yellow traffic signal is a caution to drivers that the light will change to red. Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop for the red signal. "A yellow traffic signal is not a signal to speed up to try to beat the light before it

goes to red," reminded Kyle.

Lucila Torres, the safety education officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety in El Paso, said that "People know what a red light means, they just do not want to sit and wait for the light signal to change."

Often, a driver error is the cause of crashes. Everyone behind the wheel of a vehicle plays a vital role in making the community as safe as possible. Kyle says, "Using seat belts and child safety restraints, obeying the posted speed limits and using care and caution at intersections can help to reduce the traffic crashes which result in deaths, injuries and property damage from occurring on our streets and roadways."

Remember, the lights and stop signs are not designed to impede your progress but to enhance the orderly flow of traffic. Respect for traffic control devices is important and critical in maintaining an orderly flow of traffic and safety to all on the roadway.



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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Estimating a crop is always a difficult task and recent reports of a 3.6 BILLION bale crop are at the best classified as whimsically inaccurate according to officials at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

Texas Tech University Professor Dan Krieg says the potential exists for producers to harvest up to 3.6 million bales. Krieg cautions that the only downside to this figure is that boll weevil damage across the area has probably reduced the crop's potential more than previously thought.

Krieg notes that economically it does not take much for the boll weevil to lower yields and profits. He estimates that one damaged boll per foot of row costs a producer 30 pounds of lint per acre. Applied to two million acres this represents an economic loss of \$36 million dollars and 125,000 bales less production.

With the forced closure of PCG's 34-year Diapause Control Program, the Texas High Plains is unprotected for the first time from the full effect of unchecked boll weevil overwintering.

Growers in southern portions of the recently proposed Southern High Plains-Caprock Eradication Zone are putting forth every effort to protect themselves from this threat.

Growers from these areas, acknowledging that weevil infestations have not yet reached crisis proportions in all of the SHP-C

Zone, have asked for PCG support of a 60-day comment period for the purpose of reorganizing the SHP-C Zone into smaller increments.

PCG officials have submitted a letter to TDA Commissioner Rick Perry requesting the opening of the comment period as soon as possible. The goal of the comment period is the development of successful control areas that will allow weevil eradication programs to be initiated as soon as growers in any newly-defined zones are ready to do so.

How and where lines are redrawn is the responsibility Commissioner Perry and the TDA. Any reorganization plans will be based on producer input and suggestions during this period.

The possibility that record numbers of boll weevils could emerge from overwintering habitat in 1998 has many members of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) wondering what can be done to lower future weevil populations.

"Without an area-wide suppression program in place for the 1997 crop producers are facing 1998 with a very real probability that weevils will be present in significant numbers early in the year," says PCG Vice President of Operations Roger Haldenby. "However, a number of fall and winter activities could moderate the impact of the boll weevil next

spring." Many growers have already adopted the use of harvest-aid chemicals on both irrigated and dryland crops to speed up the harvest and decrease late-season weevil food supplies. With harvest activities beginning to pick up, both growers and ginners have an opportunity to eliminate potential overwintering sites as soon as their operations permit.

For more growers and ginners, the next step in curtailing boll weevil overwintering is to clean up fields and gin yards. By scattering (or burning where conditions permit) green boll piles, burrs and other harvest residues after they have been processed, growers and ginners can eliminate a viable weevil habitat.

Another positive activity for growers and ginners is to clean up other potential overwintering sites. Cleaning around homesteads, tree belts, gin yards, CRP fields and urban backyards eliminates many good overwintering habitats that harbor weevils.

Controlled burning of CRP fields has proven to be a very effective method for controlling both weeds and overwintering boll weevils. Guidelines for setting up a controlled burn can be obtained from PCG.

Lastly, producers are encouraged to monitor the 1998 crop with traps and to plan for the possibility that overwintering weevil applications could be necessary early in the year.

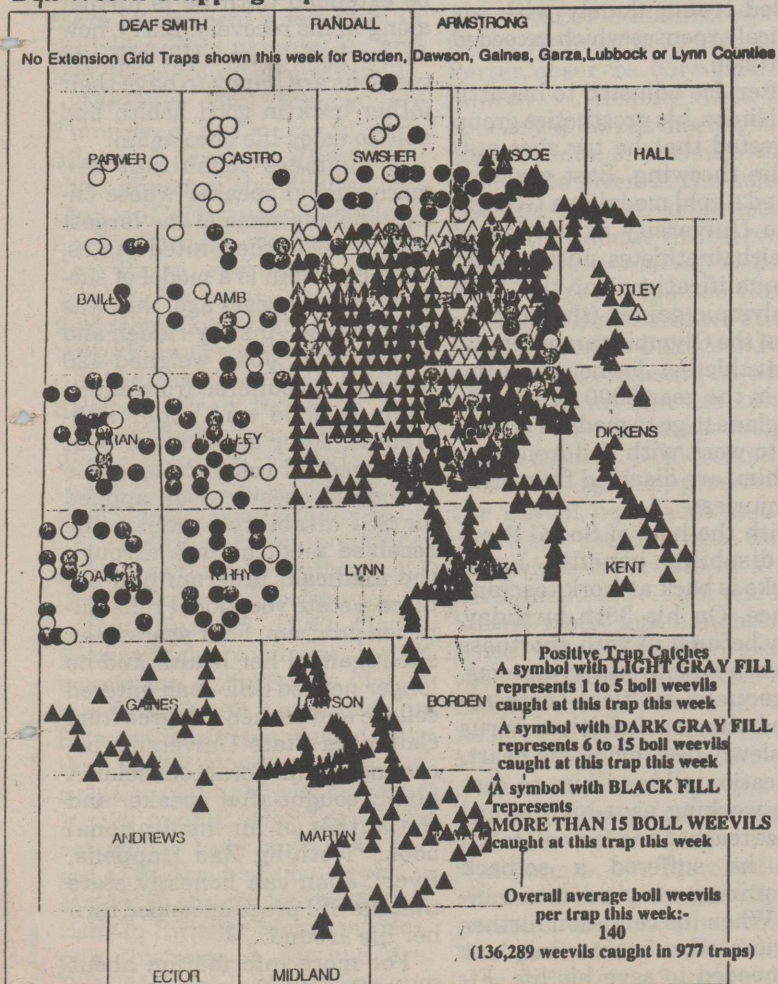
Plains Cotton Growers officials say kicking off an effort to protect agriculture from the costly addition of more regulation was the goal of Senator Phil Gramm during his visit to Lubbock and the Lubbock Cotton Growers Gin.

With PCG Vice President Don Langston acting as master of ceremonies, Gramm announced the Ozone and Particulate Matter Research Act of 1997 co-sponsored by Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma. The legislation calls for a five-year moratorium on the implementation of new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Air Standards.

Gramm noted that he has bipartisan support from 100 members of the House and Senate for the legislation which calls for \$75 million in research spending in each of the next five years to determine the risks posed by particulate matter and \$25 million a year for continued ozone research.

Gramm notes that EPA's current approach would further American agriculture's regulatory burden and keep U. S. producers at a competitive disadvantage with other countries.

Boll Weevil Trapping Report 1997 Week 44 (10/20/97 thru 10/24/97)



● AgriPartners Grid Trap
★ Crop Consultant or Producer Trap
▲ Plains Cotton Growers Trap
Data collected by AgriPartners Program of Texas Ag Extension Service, Independent Crop Consultants, individual cotton producers, and PCG Boll Weevil Control Program.
Map prepared by Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Control Office

Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board to be Elected By Nov. 21

Pammy Millican
Briscoe County Extension Agent

The Texas Grain Sorghum Board will hold its biennial election ending November 21, 1997. Five directors will be elected at that time. Any person engaged in the business of producing grain sorghum, or causing grain sorghum to be produced for commercial purposes, is eligible to vote, including owners of farms and their tenants and sharecroppers, if such person's production occurs within the area covered by the Board and such person is required to pay the assessment that is collected on grain sorghum in Texas. The assessment is collected on a refund-only basis at one cent per hundredweight and is used to fund programs of research, disease and insect control, education and promotion.

By action of the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board, to give proportionate distribution of directors, the state of Texas has been divided into five districts. Eligible voters in the five districts will take part in the 1997 election.

Voters in the Panhandle District will elect one director to a six-year term. The Panhandle District consists of the following counties: Armstrong, Briscoe,

Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler.

Any person qualified to vote in the election may place his or her name in nomination to represent the district in which he or she resides on the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board for a maximum term of six years. The nominee must certify that he or she is willing to serve if elected. The nomination form must be signed by the nominee and must have the signature and complete mailing addresses of ten other eligible voters who reside in the district the person is seeking to represent. Nomination forms are not necessary but may be obtained from TGSPB at the address shown below. Nominations must be filed with the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board by October 13, 1997.

The election will be held by mail ballot which will be provided

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For the Week Ending October 23, 1997

Speculative and fund short-covering ahead of the export sales and consumption reports boosted the market higher this week; however, the long-awaited figures were overshadowed by action in the financial markets which caused cotton futures to fall sharply lower.

The plunge in Asian markets and New York stocks on October 23 raised worries about fewer U. S. exports to Asia. Some analysts believe currency devaluations may make it more difficult for Asia to continue buying U. S. cotton. Consequently, much of the recent focus on Asian financial concerns has been centered around China, one of the largest importers of U. S. cotton.

However, analysts noted that Asian buying continued to be good in this week's export sales report despite currency problems in the region. They also pointed out that China was in the top four buyers of U. S. cotton once again despite its current policy of limiting imported cotton use.

For the week ended October 16, USDA's export sales report showed a net increase of 187,100 bales, much lower than the previous week's figure of 223,100 bales, but still considered favorable. Featured buyers were Brazil, Canada and Mexico.

Total export sales commitments now are close to 70 percent of the total 6.9 million bales targeted by USDA for the year. "Due to the fact that we are only a third of the way through the crop year and good sales are anticipated, total exports still may exceed the department's estimate," a market observer commented.

Additionally, market attention has been drawn to recent crop developments in Pakistan and its effects on the U. S. export market. Whether the region will be a net importer or exporter of cotton hinges on the ultimate effect of the rains the country received this week. Pakistan's 1997-98 cotton crop already has suffered extensive damage due to recent heavy rains which have affected both cotton quality and quantity. One cotton analyst in the area believes approximately one million bales have been lost, but rumors in the market place the number slightly higher.

No official figures have been released by the Pakistani government which has a production target of 10.0 million bales this year, but traders said it would be very difficult for the government to reach that target in view of recent developments. Some observers now estimate 1997-98 Pakistani cotton production somewhere between 8.5 and 9.0 million bales.

Meanwhile, the National Cotton Council's impressive Septem-

ber mill use figure was much higher than observers expected. U. S. textile mills in September used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 11.5 million bales, up from a revised August figure of 11.1 million, the National Cotton Council (NCC) reported.

An economist at NCC said mill use was much higher than expected, particularly because of preparations for the two busiest shopping periods of the year: the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She also noted that consumption managed to jump up strongly despite lower-than-expected retail sales in September and August.

"Apparel makers may be expecting things to really pick up and increase orders which would affect mill use," the economist said. Cotton market analysts said the figure reflected the fact that business has been very good among textile makers in the U. S., and many mills were running at full capacity in the month of September.

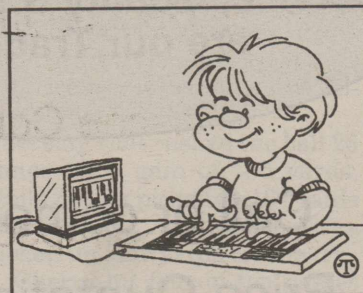
On the spot cotton scene, sales were brisk on TELCOT as 19,234 bales were sold in the five trading days ended October 23, up significantly from the previous week's figure of 3,551 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 62.32 to 64.08 cents per pound.

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to all eligible voters not later than 15 days prior to the election. Ballots must be mailed to Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board, P. O. Box 560, Abernathy, Texas 79311, and postmarked before midnight November 21, 1997. Persons qualified to vote who do not receive a ballot 15 days prior to the election may obtain one at their local County Agricultural Extension Office or grain elevator.

Web Sites To Watch



(NAPS)—For information on how the Taxpayer Relief Act might affect you, see the KPMG Peat Marwick LLP Web site at <http://www.us.kpmg.com/taxact>.

For information about the SHARP Plus circuit in the Miracle-Ear hearing aid, see the Web site at <http://miracle-ear.com>

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

TESTING QUESTION

The American dream is as much about the future as it is about the past. Universal education is a pillar of the American success story. All of us are aware that without a first-class education system, that dream can rapidly become a nightmare.

Our national debate over how best to realize the dream has focused recently on the issue of academic standard setting — establishing educational goals and tracking the progress of students toward achieving them. There are two schools of thought surrounding this question:

- 1) That the federal government, through the Department of Education, should develop and administer national tests.
- 2) That states and individual school districts should be responsible for this tracking.

The administration favors the first method. My philosophy falls squarely on the second. I believe that parents, teachers and local school officials are better qualified to pass judgment on how children are learning than a bureaucrat sitting in an office in the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

In addition, the administration has proposed a testing program based on the "whole math" approach. This controversial teaching method, which encourages students to rely

on calculators and discourages basic math skills, has resulted in declines in math performance.

For example, median scores on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills taken by more than 37,000 Department of Defense students one year after the Defense Department introduced whole math dropped nine points for third graders, 12 points for fourth graders, 11 points for fifth graders, 10 points for sixth graders, 10 points for seventh graders and four points for eighth graders.

This debate recently came to a head in the Senate. I voted for legislation that prevents the administration from allowing the federal government to develop and administer national tests. This bill, which passed 88-12, carries deliberate instructions and prohibitions: 1) Any future national test must be developed by an independent board comprised of individuals from states and local communities; 2) These tests must be administered on a purely voluntary basis, and may not be imposed on any state, school or student; 3) Nor may testing be tied to any federal funding.

With this legislation we are reminding the administration that the private sector already is doing a good job, without Uncle Sam's "help." Two examples of this are the advanced placement tests and the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), a series of privately administered exams taken by most high school students. The SATs function, in effect, as a national standard measurement. They are not, however, mandated, paid for nor administered under the auspices of the federal government.

So the debate is not over standard-setting. Everyone favors the establishment of ways to measure competence in the basics. Testing at an earlier age, along the lines of the SATs, may well enhance efforts to provide all children with a superior education. We want all children to learn at the highest possible levels.

It is proven that when parents take an interest in schools and participate in their children's education, achievement scores are higher. Federal intervention has never been as successful. 10.03.97

Three Who Came Back

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Having a disability doesn't necessarily keep you from reaching your goals, whatever they might be—a college education, a new career, etc. Although many people think of Social Security disability benefits as the end of the road, for many beneficiaries, it becomes a bridge to a better life. They come back from the abyss of dependency caused by their disability to get on with their lives and their dreams with the help of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits.

Both programs have special rules that permit disabled beneficiaries who work to continue to receive cash benefits and Medicare or Medicaid until they can work on a regular basis. The rules also exclude certain work expenses from affecting benefits, and helps with training and rehabilitation. Let me tell you the inspiring stories of three who came back.

Several years ago, a young college student, Joseph Wilder, became permanently disabled by a near-fatal attack of bacterial meningitis. At the time, Joe was attending West Georgia College on a football scholarship and was one of the school's star players. He lost all of the fingers on his left hand and most on his right hand due to complications following the meningitis. And, after enduring 10 operations to save his feet, Joe ended up having both legs amputated below the knees. In all, he lost a year from school. But he returned and expects to graduate in 1998 with a

double major in psychology and biology.

Social Security and SSI disability benefits helped Joe meet his living expenses and some of his college expenses. Medicare and Medicaid benefits also helped tremendously with his medical expenses which exceeded \$1 million.

After Joe adjusted to his artificial limbs, his prosthetics group suggested that he try shot put/javelin throwing. Last year Joe earned a gold medal at a Georgia State University exhibition of wheelchair athletes. Just missing the qualifications for the 1996 Paralympic games (the equivalent of the Olympic games for disabled athletes), Joe hopes to compete in the year 2000 games. He also plans to go to medical school, and to work with children who, like him, are disabled from critical injuries.

With the help of Social Security disability benefits, Larry Wineke is back at work teaching science. On his 38th birthday, Larry became ill with shortness of breath and flu-like symptoms. Subsequent medical tests revealed that an infectious virus was slowly destroying his heart. Medication allowed him to continue working as a high school science teacher and football coach until he suffered a setback requiring surgical intervention.

When his condition further deteriorated, a heart transplant was needed to save his life. Financial support from the community enabled Larry to have his name placed on transplant lists

at two area hospitals. Although he could no longer work, Larry didn't realize he could file for disability benefits. He thought Social Security was only for retirement. Larry was near death before a donor was found in November 1995. After receiving the transplant, Larry contacted Social Security and began receiving monthly checks that helped with expenses and allowed Larry to keep his house. The benefits will be extended until he is further along in his recovery. Larry, now 44, works full time. His wife and two sons are happy to have their father back in good health and able to enjoy life once again.

A business consultant and motivational speaker whose clients include some of the largest companies in the United States, Joan Fountain is a model of success. Twenty years ago, that was not the case. Anxiety-ridden and housebound, Joan weighed 420 pounds and suffered from addictions to food and other substances. After surviving a bout with medical complications due to morbid obesity, Joan applied for SSI disability benefits. She received medical care through the Medicaid program and entered a state vocational rehabilitation program. Four years later, she regained her health and no longer needed SSI. Joan entered college and earned a degree from California State University, becoming a behavioral counselor. A highly sought-after speaker and the author of an inspirational book, "Nothing Bad Happens, Ever", Joan can honestly state that the SSI program helped turn her life around.

For more information about Social Security's work incentives rules, call 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the booklet, "If You Are Disabled; How We Can Help."

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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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 Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 SECOND & FOURTH
 TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
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 Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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 Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.
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 In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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 Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

Give From Your Need, Not From Your Surplus

The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once stated, "Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." Each year, it seems that everything we purchase increases in price, and rising prices have become a way of life. Perhaps each year we should review our donations to our place of worship and determine if we should increase our support. It is easy to get into the habit of tithing the same amount year after year, not realizing that our church also has expenses that are constantly increasing. Of course, a person's standard of living could go down due to any number of reasons, and these factors would have to be

considered when determining one's support for their church. In the Bible, a poor widow donated two little copper coins worth only about a penny to the temple treasury. Jesus told His disciples that she put more in the offering box than all of the others because, poor as she was, she gave from her need. We cannot out give God, and giving unto the Lord is a blessing to the giver as well as to the receiver.



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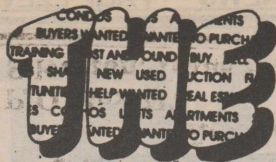
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