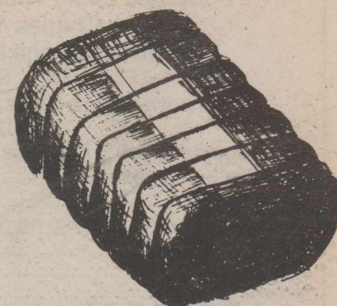


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All Around
The Town
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Events of recent days mean that it is going to be very hard for the Silverton community to engage in the normally joyous celebration of the Christmas season. It is with heavy hearts that we enter this season, but we hope that the faith and love promised by the miracles of the first Christmas will help sustain our friends during these dark days. There is little we can say except that we should let this be a reminder to live each day to the fullest, never to put off the things we want to say to or do for someone, and to remember to stop and smell the roses now and then.

Elvira Weaks is now residing in a nursing facility in Lubbock. She would love to receive Christmas cards and notes from her friends in this area. You may write her c/o Abundant Care, 5501 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79407.

Jon LaBaume is to be honored at a retirement reception from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 19, in the Wall Street Parlor of First Baptist Church in Floydada. The church is located at 400 South Wall Street.

LaBaume has been with the soil conservation service for many years. During the time he was employed in the office in Silverton, he married the former Elaine McDaniel. They are parents of a grown son and daughter.

LaBaume is the son-in-law of Ashel McDaniel of Silverton.

Violet Thomas spent Saturday and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Wheat and her children, Mr. and Mrs. James Mercer and family and Lori O'Toule and family in Canyon.

She left Monday to spend Christmas with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thomas, Shane and Jody in Greenville. She asked that her Christmas greetings be extended to her relatives and friends here.

Jon Ivory is presently serving in the U. S. Armed Forces stationed in South Korea. He would appreciate hearing from his friends at this holiday season:

Pvt. Ivory, Jonathan T.
HHC, 1-503D INF REGT
(AASLT)
UNIT # 15059
APO AP 96224-0320

Silverton has a good Samaritan. Eufemia Barraza was coming home from work late one night. She saw a fire, went out of her way to check on it and found a family standing beside their partially-burned car. She took them in and went to get help. In lots of places, you might not be

Shortage of Ambulance Service Volunteers Said To Be Critical

The shortage of volunteers in the Silverton Ambulance Service is now said to be critical, and must be remedied if the service is to continue to operate.

In an announcement from the local EMS, it was stated that "Several weeks ago in the *Looking Back* section of the newspaper, it was stated that in 1977 Briscoe County had the second largest number of EMTs in the Texas Panhandle. Times have changed. At this time the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service has a total of nine personnel. Of these nine people, four work out of town at least five days a week and three others work out of town three to four days a week. The two that work in town may not be able to leave their workplace for emergency runs. This means that there may not be anyone who can respond to an emergency call. Because of the generosity of this community, we have the best equipment available but because of economic conditions we no longer have enough volunteers to staff the ambulances twenty-four hours a day seven days a week.

"We, in the service, have discussed this problem at length and have been unable to come up with a solution as things stand now. Both the City Manager and the County Judge have been apprised of this problem and have given no solution. This brings the problem back to the citizens of Silverton and the surrounding area."

1. You can get involved in the ambulance service as an EMT.
2. You can have an increase in taxes to pay for full-time personnel. These will be a core of full-time paid personnel that will be augmented by volunteers.
3. You can do without local EMS and try to work out an agreement with either Tulia or Floydada, which are paid services, to respond to medical emergencies.

If you would like to help solve this problem, the ambulance service will be offering an EMT class after the holidays. Please feel free to contact Anthony Kingery at 823-2434 during work hours or anyone else on the ambulance

able to find a stranger who would go out of his way for you, but thank goodness! we still have them in Silverton.

service if you have questions about this class or would like to sign up to take it.

As it stands at this time, when you call for an ambulance you may be told that there is not one available. It is your decision whether you have the availability of local EMS in the future.

BCAA Sponsoring Christmas Contest

Briscoe County Activities Association is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest.

Out-of-town judges will view lighting displays beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22. Be sure to have your lights on that evening.

Prizes will be \$75.00 for first; \$50.00 for second, and \$25.00 for third place.

Fire Department To Meet Tonight

Members of Silverton Volunteer Fire Department are to meet at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday).

County Treasurer Frizzell is Candidate For Re-election As County J.P.

Janice S. Hill has submitted to the Commissioners' Court her resignation as Treasurer of Briscoe County, effective January 1, 1998. She has accepted a job with the State of Texas, Department of Criminal Justice.

In her resignation, Mrs. Hill suggested that Mary Jo Brannon be appointed to fulfill her unexpired term because "I believe she is very capable to perform the duties as County Treasurer and she has shown a sincere desire to do so by filing for the 1999-2002 term.

"I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout these past 11 years. Because of the support of the citizens of Briscoe County, my job as treasurer has been very rewarding," she said.

"Thank you, once again, to each person who has voted for me or had a kind word of support throughout these years," she concluded.

County Treasurer Frizzell is Candidate For Re-election As County J.P.

Lynn Frizzell is announcing his candidacy for re-election as Briscoe County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

Frizzell has held this position since January 1, 1991. He has made many changes in the office, including completely automating the office.

Frizzell states that he "would appreciate the consideration of each voter and will attempt to visit with each of you before the primary."

Open House Planned At Flower Shop

Announcement has been made of the sale of Mary's John's Flowers & Gifts to Harlen and Linda Vernon. The shop has been renamed Ginny's Garden, in remembrance of Mrs. Vernon's mother, the late Virginia Hardin.

Open house will be held Saturday, December 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ginny's Garden.

Go Owls & Lady Owls!



All-Regional Football Honors have been bestowed on Owl players Leland Wood, Jared Holt and Jeremy Holt. Coach Larry Mantle was chosen as the Six-Man All-South Plains Coach of the Year. They are pictured (left to right) Wood, Jared Holt, Mantle, Jeremy Holt.

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Windbreak Trees Are Now On Sale

Orders for windbreak trees are now being accepted at the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation office in Silverton.

Orders may be placed from now through March 4, 1998. Prices this year for potted evergreens will be \$2.50 each, with a minimum order of ten (10) trees. Deciduous trees are priced at \$1.50 each with a minimum order of twenty-five (25) trees.

Potted evergreen varieties available are Arizona Cyprus, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Eastern Red Cedar, Colorado Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine, Southwestern Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Austrian Pine.

Bareroot hardwood varieties available are Honey Locust, Rus-

sian Olive, Cottonwood, Pecan, Catalpa, Osage Orange, Native Plum, Nanking Cherry, Desert Willow, Poplar, Mulberry/Fruiting Green Ash, Bur Oak and Lacebark Elm.

Bareroot shrubs available are Caragana, Cotoneaster, Honey-suckle and Lilac.

There also are wildlife seeding packets available at \$75.00 per packet. These consist of the Quail and Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel packets. Each packet has 100 seedlings contained in it.

Caprock SWCD is a non-profit organization whose sole concern is the conservation of natural resources. Caprock SWCD is in no way in competition with local nurseries. Trees are sold for wild-life and windbreak protection.

Pete Laney Files For Re-election

State Representative Pete Laney, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, has announced that he has filed for re-election to continue representing the people who live in the 12 counties that make up House District 85.

Laney, a Hale Center farmer, said his top priorities are to continue creating more job opportunities in the South Plains region, reducing the tax burden on property owners and fighting for the interests of rural areas and agriculture in a legislature of mostly urban members.

"My family has lived here for four generations so I understand and appreciate the unique character of our region, our people, our traditions and our values," Laney said. "As Speaker of the House of Representatives, I'm in a position to make sure our interests are well represented when decisions are made in Austin that affect the lives of our families."

The other members of the House of Representatives unanimously elected Laney as Speaker, the presiding officer of the House, in the last three legislative sessions.

Under Laney's leadership, the legislature not only adopted three

consecutive balanced budgets without a tax increase but also passed the largest tax cut in the state's history. As Speaker, he has been widely credited with transforming the Texas Legislature to reflect his no-nonsense, hardworking, West Texas style.

He earned a degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University where he met Nelda McQuien, to whom he has been married for 34 years. They have three grown children, KaLyn, Jamey and J Pete.

Laney has represented the South Plains district in the House of Representatives since 1973. House District 85 includes

the counties of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher.

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December 17, 1987--Owls, Owlettes win Silverton Tournament . . . Silverton first snow is a big one, measured at 12 inches by Fred Strange, national weather service volunteer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minyard, Katrice and Anthony of Huntsville got snowed in here at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Minyard, Ryan and Eric . . . Brad West and Jamie Frizzell both have undergone knee surgery since the end of football season . . . Van Barbour buried at Tulia . . . Letha Lanham accompanied her daughter, Sue Dunham, to Atlanta, Georgia recently to attend a meeting of the National Association of Pharmacists . . . Chevron excited by wildcat oil find south of Turkey . . .

December 22, 1977--Announcement was made last week that James Alan Patton had been chosen in a tie with George Johnson of Jayton as the first-team offensive selection for center on the All-South Plains football team which is chosen annually by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* sports department . . . Santos Segura, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Segura, was hit by a motorist traveling through Silverton as he ran across Highway 86 near its intersection with Pulitzer Street Thursday afternoon . . . Mrs. Charles Grantham entered Central Plains Hospital Wednesday and underwent surgery on Thursday . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want these things: Max Machine, big truck, skate board, little cars, super station, mazinga. You can bring me everything you want to. Love, Brad West . . . Dear Santa, I am a four-year-old girl. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a talking bear phone, Elvis tee shirt, Digger the Dog, Baby Tender Love and Kisses and a Baby Alive. Please don't forget Grandad and Granny and all of my friends. I love you, Lorrie Minyard . . .

December 14, 1967--Judge appoints Fred Mercer as commissioner . . . Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Owens and Eddie were Dwain Henderson and Eural Vaughan . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr., recently attended a family dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick, jr. and Eddie in Plainview . . . Mrs. Norman Strange is a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Bill Watters remains a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Jay Miller, who is serving in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Oakhill which is in port at San Francisco until March 1968, arrived home on leave December 8 and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lark Miller, Steve and Judy . . . Rev. C. H. Murphy, jr., pastor of First

Baptist Church, visited local patients in area hospitals Tuesday . . . Charlie Rowell is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . .

December 12, 1957--Carol D. Davis graduates officer airborne course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia . . . Cotton producers advised to save and carefully store good planting seed . . . Neil Jennings and Jim Crow attended the Notre Dame-SMU football game in Dallas Saturday afternoon . . . Norlan Dudley goes with new Farmers State Bank at Hart . . . Mmes. E. C. Newman and Virgil Crow were in Floydada Tuesday of last week to visit Mrs. C. O. Wise, a patient in the hospital there . . . Mrs. Dean Allard and Sue Lyn Allard went to Providence last Friday afternoon to visit Joe Lyn Allard who has been there working at the gin for several months . . . Mrs. Albert Mallow went to Brownfield Monday to return home Mrs. Neil Jennings and children who had been there visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Black . . .

December 11, 1947--Silverton streets get Christmas lighting . . . Mrs. Gene Long and George and Mrs. Billie Wood were Plainview visitors Thursday . . . Jeanne Dudley and Betty Nan Burson were Silverton visitors Monday . . . Lona Ann Stephens was the weekend guest of Nelda Montague . . . Two more Silverton people, Grady Wimberly and L. D. Griffin, are driving new Chevrolets this week . . . FFA boys win fourth place in contest . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Doc) Minyard are parents of a daughter, Ruth Ann . . . Presbyterian ladies meet with Mrs. Roy Mayfield . . . Rock Creek Club has regular meeting with Verna Allison . . . Carol Lee Dunn is honored with party on fifth birthday . . . Home of Rheua Lusk is scene of LTD Club meeting Tuesday . . .

November 19, 1925--When G. W. Posten and Miss C. P. Davis selected November 11 as their wedding date, they did not realize that this was to be one of the most significant dates in history, it having been selected 50 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Posten celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on that date by inviting a number of friends and relatives . . . Little Doris Gourley, 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gourley, was painfully hurt Monday when she was thrown into the windshield of the Gourley car as Mrs. Gourley was driving across the school ground and the axle of the car struck the stump of the old flag pole. The impact threw the car backward several feet and Doris, who was standing in the seat, was hurled into the windshield, breaking it and receiving severe cuts about her left eye . . .

L. G. Stark, 64, who lived and owned considerable land 14 miles southwest of Silverton, was killed Saturday afternoon when the team which he was driving to a tandem disc harrow, ran away. His son, Barney, who was in a neighboring field, saw the runaway but Mr. Stark was dead when he reached him . . . A contract was let Saturday to J. R. Guest for the building of the new Haylake School . . . Mrs. J. H. McClendon has returned from a three and one-half month visit in Montana . . . Dick Cowart is reported to have bought and shipped more than a carload of turkeys during the last few days . . . The class at the Baptist Sunday School known as the Ambassador Class was organized Sunday with R. M. Carter as teacher and Mrs. J. S. Fisher as assistant teacher. Officers are Mrs. Homer Simpson, president; Mrs. Scott Smithee, vice president; Mrs. Raymond Bomar, secretary; Mrs. Patton, reporter . . . The Senior Class has planned a skating party and also they will take their lunch and will stop on the side of the Cap Rock on the way down and have supper, then will go on to Quitaque and all skate until the sponsor sets the time to return home . . . School board passes resolution condemning loitering on grounds . . .

November 5, 1925--Jim Whiteley, prominent wheat far-

mer southwest of town, by a deal which he closed about two weeks ago with Ernest Fowler, became secretary-manager of circles No. 1 and 2 of the Lockney Mutual Aid Association . . . Texas cotton farmers are facing heavy losses on the balance of the present crop if they continue to snap the cotton instead of picking it . . . The Francis School opened Monday morning with an enrollment of about 30 pupils . . . Manley Woods, who has been caretaker for the Courthouse and grounds for the past three years, has taken the agency for the J. R. Watkins Products in Briscoe County . . . Alton Steele recently shot a mammoth owl, crippling it in the wing and now has it in captivity. The owl is one of the largest even seen in this section and measures approximately five feet from tip to tip of wings . . . Ed Blakney, brother of Pete, local gin man, was seriously injured Wednesday night when he was crushed by the cotton press at the gin . . . Grand Jury returns 12 indictments . . . Miss Carabel Biffle entertained delightfully Friday night with a halloween party. Guests included Misses Fry, Christopher, Anna Lee Anderson, Reba Brown, Lois Berry, Maud Dean Burson, Marie Dodson, Bess Grigg, Bertha Mae Stevenson and Helen Fort; Mmes. Walter Lee Bain, Hugh Lusk and Dick Cowart; Messrs.

Walter Bain, Hugh Lusk, Dick Cowart, Clarence Anderson, Elmer Allard, Wood Hardcastle, Clyde Todd, Neil Crawford, Emmett Puckett, H. D. Norris, Ike McClendon and Tony Burson . . .

Happy Birthday-

December 18--Curtis Blake Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorthye Fulbright

December 19--Kassidy Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey

December 21--Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry

December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner

December 23--Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison

December 24--Jack Robertson, jr., Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland

Happy Anniversary-

December 18--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childre, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Garrison

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill

December 20--Mr. and Mrs. Cip Garcia

December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren

December 22--Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

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TEXANS FAVOR MAJOR TAX REFORM

Late last summer this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinions about issues currently in the forefront of public debate. As has been the case in previous years, your answers were overwhelming, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

The next several columns will address both the questions asked, and the responses you provided.

The first set of questions I posed to Texans was:

"Do you believe that tax reductions should come in the form of an across-the-board reduction in the income tax rate? Or do you support more targeted tax incentives, for example, to encourage savings for college or retirement?"

If Congress could throw out our current tax system and start fresh, would you favor a consumption tax instead of an income tax? Or a flat income tax of 20 percent for everyone? Any other reform?"

Seventy-four percent of you responded that you support an across-the-board reduction in the income tax rate; 29 percent supported targeted incentives such as savings for college or retirement; 57 percent of you favor instituting a consumption tax (sales tax) instead of an income tax; and 41 percent of you said you would like to see a flat income tax of 20 percent.

Here are some of your comments on this "taxing" issue:

From Eules: "The simpler the better. I could do without more government paperwork. Each person, business and entity should pay their fair share without loopholes. The government does not need to tell taxpayers what to do with what little they have left after government takes the lion's share. If I want to save or invest, leave me something to do it with."

From Aledo: "We must find a fair way to generate revenues. The only persons who benefitted from the new tax laws are people with children. I do not begrudge them a tax break, but I believe we all would be better served by an across-the-board tax reduction. I favor a flat tax on both earned and investment income and larger personal exemptions."

From Freeport: "I favor a flat income tax for everyone. Remove all deductions. The tax rate should be a maximum of 20 percent, and a national referendum should be required to change the rate."

From McKinney: "Before a major overhaul of the tax system, the federal government should define the goals and principles of fair taxation; that is, paint the big picture and then enact a law that supports those goals."

From Boerne: "Tax incentives for college or retirement savings do not provide any tax relief for me or millions of others. I am 53 years of age. My children have finished their schooling. Boy, I sure could have used some financial relief for education earlier. My local taxes and car insurance keep going up. Where is tax relief for folks in my age group who have footed the bill for many years?"

From Kingwood: "I support a flat tax, with exemptions for home ownership (all interest, repairs, taxes, association dues, state taxes, county fees, city fees and taxes, all city and federal transportation taxes and fees and all expenses generated from a job, and charitable contributions. I know this sounds like a lot of exemptions, but we are being taxed at extremely high rates by all levels of government."

From Groves: "I worked for 45 years in the Merchant Marine and am retired. I have a bit of Social Security, 80 percent of which is taxed. This was a tax on my wages as they were earned, and it is now being taxed again! It is not right that I pay out 52 percent of my income in total taxes, before I eat and live. This is baloney."

From Waco: "I favor the consumption tax. We produce too little and consume too much. The only way to enforce taxes on productivity is to police them heavily with an intrusive agency such as the IRS. Fear is not the way to run a country, and people should not have to arrange their lives to fit the tax code."

It is clear Texans are frustrated with the current federal income tax system. I intend to work for reform and, until we get a total overhaul, one of my priorities will be to repeal the marriage penalty. Our current system punishes people who exchange wedding vows and find that their joint incomes push them into a higher tax bracket.

Accreditation of Canyon Museum To Be Renewed

The Accreditation Commission of the American Association of Museums (AAM) voted in November to renew the accreditation of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. This concludes a rigorous self appraisal and peer review of all aspects of the Museum's operation. It signifies that the Museum continues to demonstrate a professional level of operation in accordance with the standards of excellence prescribed by the American Association of Museums according to the certificate presented December 11. It means that this museum operates according to standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly, and provides quality service to the public."

According to the Museum Directory of the AAM, of the 7,600 museums in the United States, 750 are accredited, and of the 380 museums in Texas, 38 are accredited. Only three museums in the Panhandle have been granted accreditation.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum was first accredited in 1982. Work toward renewal of accreditation began in 1994 with the submission of an extensive self study. After the study was reviewed by the Commission, a visiting committee spent two

days (November 18 and 19, 1996) meeting with staff and board and reviewing all aspects of the Museum's operation from collection management, exhibit development, and educational programming to long range planning, budgeting and staff development.

Accreditation is important to the Museum and its supporters. For those considering a donation of artifacts, it signifies that the donation will be cared for in accordance with currently accepted professional standards. For those considering a monetary donation, it gives confidence that the donation is an investment in a qual-

ity institution that uses its resources responsibly in support of its mission. For foundations and agencies considering making a grant or offering other support it means a high level of confidence that the resources will be put to good use.

Accreditation is one of several programs offered by the American Association of Museums to help museums achieve and maintain standards of quality and excellence in the museum profession. AAM is a national organization, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., that has served the museum profession since 1906.

Live Music

by DeAnn Timberlake

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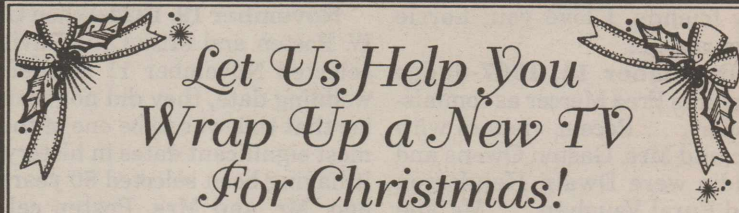


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New Arrivals

Torrey and Shelby Fuston would like to announce the birth of their new sister, Kylee Maison, on Friday, December 5, at W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. She weighed eight pounds, three and one-half ounces, and was 21 inches long at birth.

Parents of the girls are Kyle and Amy Fuston of Silverton.

Grandparents are Dwight and Anita Ramsey of Silverton, Gene and Fredia Fuston of Turkey.

Great-grandparents are Olene Edwards of Plainview, Marie Ramsey of Quitauque, Grace Anderson of Dimmitt and Billie and Maurice Fuston of Turkey.

Kerry and Tanya Austin-Baird are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Marcus. He was born December 5 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He weighed eight pounds and three ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerry and Jaleta Baird of Silverton and John and Geraldine Austin of Kirkcudbright, Scotland.

Great-grandparents are Bryant and Ruby Lee Eddleman of Silverton.

Good Luck,
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What Every Parent Should Know About Social Security

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Social Security is commonly thought of as a retirement plan, and it's true that it serves as a basis for your retirement income. But once you become a parent, an even more important aspect of your Social Security protection kicks in: that is, its family protection features.

In fact, the value of the protection Social Security provides your family may far outstrip the values of your retirement protection alone. For example, the Social Security benefits typically replace about 45 percent of the average wage earner. But the maximum benefit payable to a family may be as high as 180 percent of the worker's benefit, substantially boosting the earnings replacement rate.

Thus it is vitally important that you are aware of this protection and how to get the most out of it. This means knowing who is covered by your Social Security protection, how to protect your insured status and earnings record over your working life, and how to obtain and use Social Security information in planning family financial security.

Social Security benefits are paid to your minor children when you retire, die or if you become disabled before retirement. Benefits are also payable to your disabled children of any age if they were disabled before age 22.

As a parent of a child receiving benefits on the earnings of a retired, disabled or deceased spouse, you may receive a benefit until the child is age 16. A little-known benefit is also payable to you if you are dependent on your children for more than half of your support when they die (or to your parents in such a situation).

Benefits may also be payable to your grandchildren under certain conditions. Note that a stepchild can receive Social Security benefits on a stepparent's earnings record only if the child depends on the stepparent for at least one-half of his or her financial support. This dependency requirement is the result of a law enacted on March 29, 1996. The new law also requires that the stepchild's benefits end if the stepparent becomes divorced from the child's parent after June 1, 1996. The child's benefits terminate in the month following the month the divorce becomes final.

Knowing how much work you need under Social Security for benefits is important. For example, young parents (age 24) need only one and one-half years of work under Social Security for children to get benefits. The most you would need to qualify for any Social Security benefit is 10

years.

The important thing to remember as a parent is that your Social Security is the program that assures a continuing income to your family if you retire, become disabled or die. That's why you need to stay on top of it.

Savings and Social Security

Most people don't save enough for their retirement, and despite an increasing public attention to this phenomenon, there are no signs that those who most need to save are doing so.

Why is this? Some believe that people simply have not confronted the fact that they can expect to live longer and will need more money in retirement over a longer period of time. Others speculate that people are still counting on Social Security to take care of them.

Whatever the reason, it is clear that too many people don't understand the role that Social Security is supposed to play in their retirement planning. That role bears revisiting.

From the beginning, it was clear that a government-sponsored retirement plan could not be expected to meet the total retirement needs of a worker. Individual lifestyles vary and the cost of such a plan would be prohibitive. Social Security was designed to replace a portion of a worker's earnings. The amount depends on the level of a person's earnings, with the benefit formula weighted to provide a higher proportion of the earnings of low-income persons. These persons have fewer other resources for saving and can be expected to rely on Social Security to a greater extent.

Social Security benefits replace about 60 percent of the earnings of low income workers; about 42 percent of the earnings of workers earning average wages; about 25 percent of the earnings of high income workers.

The benefits provide workers with a risk-free source of income that they can build on to meet their individual life styles. Thus, the average worker can use insurance, private pensions, and other forms of investments--such as the stock market--to meet their retirement income needs. People who are able to use these other means effectively may not have to rely on Social Security as much for their retirement. Others may find Social Security their primary source of income.

The important thing is that you recognize that Social Security provides a good start. But to meet your individual needs for a future that is growing longer, you must utilize other resources.

November Weather Was Cold and Dry

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November 1997 was colder and drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged 2.8 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.1 degrees below normal at Jayton to exactly normal at Olton.

Maximum temperatures averaged 3.5 degrees below normal and ranged from 5.6 degrees below normal at Dimmitt to 0.3 degree below normal at Olton. The highest temperature reported during the month was 85 degrees at Post on the 4th.

Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 56.8 degrees, which was almost three degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.2 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.5 degrees below normal at Jayton to 0.4 degree above normal at Olton. The

lowest temperature reported during the month was 8 degrees at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge on the 16th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 30.5 degrees, which was a little more than a degree below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.19 below normal and ranged from 0.67 inch below normal at Jayton

to 0.17 inch above normal at Abernathy.

Silverton received .63 of moisture and a one-inch snowfall during the month. The precipitation was .20 above the South Plains average.

Snowfall averaged 0.43 inch across the South Plains and ranged from no snow at several locations to a maximum of 1.75 inches at Matador.

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Santa letters are needed for publication in the Christmas edition of the *Briscoe County News*.

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Letters may be mailed to Box 130 in Silverton or just to the North Pole.

All letters will be forwarded to Santa in plenty of time for all Christmas orders to be considered.

WEATHER

DECEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	56	32	
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10	56	27	
11	35	23	.04
12	29	14	
13	39	11	
14	52	11	
15	63	27	
16	71	29	
Total Dec. Precip.			.32
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			29.37
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			21.21

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December 20th

Lady Owls Earn Second, Owls Win Third In New Deal 'Mean Green' Tournament

The Owls and Lady Owls from Silverton High School represented the smallest school in the New Deal Tournament last weekend, and gave a good account of themselves. Both teams lost by narrow margins; the Owls brought home the third-place trophy after dropping a close two-point game to Coach Kyle Bean's boys, and the Lady Owls brought home second-place after dropping a one-point game to Coach Roger Whipkey's girls.

Both the Lady Owls and Owls opened their tournament appearance with victories over Crosbyton.

The Lady Owls had a hard-fought game with the Crosbyton Lady Chiefs, leading most of the way. Lacy Brunson led the scoring by lighting the boards with 18 points. Lindsey Weaks also scored in double figures, getting 14. Rounding out the score were Misty Wilkinson, nine; Dara Ramsey, eight; Michelle Warren, seven; Sara Kirchoffner, one point.

Three-point shots were hit by Misty (1), Lindsey (2) and Dara (2).

Lady Owls	8	22	37	57
Crosbyton	8	24	31	51

The Lady Owls played to a big lop-sided 49-25 victory over the Plains girls in the second round. Lacy Brunson led the offense with 17 points, while Michelle Warren rang up 15 and Lindsey Weaks caged 11. Also scoring were Dara Ramsey, three; Sara Kirchoffner, two, and Misty Wilkinson, one point.

Three-pointers were hit by Lindsey (1) and Dara (1).

Lady Owls	10	28	40	49
Plains	10	10	16	25

In the final game, the Lady Owls played New Deal. Sara



Dara Ramsey takes a shot for the Lady Owls in the tournament at New Deal, while her teammates, Lacy Brunson and Michelle Warren, wait to get the rebound, if there is one.

Briscoe County News Photo

Kirchoffner did a very good job of bringing the ball downcourt through the press, and all the girls did a good job with their ball handling.

Scoring leaders were Lacy Brunson and Michelle Warren, who rang up 18 points each. Lindsey Weaks scored eight points, including two three-pointers.

Lady Owls	7	23	31	44
New Deal	8	17	31	45

The Owls earned a big 61-39 victory over Crosbyton in the tournament's first round, leading at the end of each quarter.

Jared Holt led the scoring by burning the baskets with a big 28-point effort. Also scoring in double figures were Trey Wyatt, 12, and Jack Cherry, 10, including a three. Adding to the score were Jay Arnold, seven; Nathan Francis and Will Hester, two points each.

Owls	12	23	41	61
Crosbyton	9	21	29	39

The Owls played a good game against Bovina, the tournament's eventual second-place team, holding the lead at the end of the first two quarters.

Jack Cherry had the hot hands for the Owls and dropped 26 big points into the baskets. Jared Holt contributed 15 points, while Trey Wyatt got six and Nathan Francis added four.

Owls	14	29	36	51
Bovina	10	28	44	57

In the final game, the Owls defeated New Deal, 66-64. Jack Cherry once again led the offense with 24 points, while Trey Wyatt got 13, including a three; Jared Holt and Jay Arnold rang up 12 points each. Will Hester rang up

a point from the line.

In all three games, Nathan Francis pulled down timely rebounds to keep the Owls in the action and Jeremy Holt did a good job of bringing the ball downcourt for his team.

Owls	14	30	50	66
New Deal	9	33	54	64

On Tuesday night of last week, the local teams played a pair of games with Clarendon.

The Lady Owls were led in scoring by Michelle Warren, 11, and Lacy Brunson, 10. Rounding out the score were Lindsey Weaks, eight; Misty Wilkinson, five; Dara Ramsey, four; Sara Kirchoffner, two points.

Lady Owls	6	17	27	40
Clarendon	12	19	33	42

Jack Cherry led the scoring for the Owls with 18, including a three, and Trey Wyatt contributed 10. Also scoring were Jared Holt, nine; Nathan Francis, five; Jeremy Holt and Jay Arnold, two points each.

Owls	12	28	36	46
Clarendon	13	27	40	62

The teams played Paducah on Tuesday night of this week, and will go to Lazbuddie for their next game on December 30.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Junior Varsity Owls and Lady Owls also dropped games to Clarendon last week.

The Lady Owls were led in scoring by Dara Johnston, who caged 10 points. Others scoring were Taylor Griffin, six; Brooke Garvin, four; Sharyl McMurtrey, three points.

Lady Owls JV	7	9	13	23
Clarendon	10	23	32	42

Leading the scoring for the Owl JV was Paul Segura with

Junior Varsity Teams Play in Basketball Tournament at Tulia

Silverton's Junior Varsity teams played in a tournament at Tulia last week. Both teams received byes on Thursday because their opponents were unable to make it to Tulia because of the weather conditions.

The Lady Owls played Tulia on Friday, dropping the match 55-23. Taylor Griffin led the scoring with 11 points; Destiny Ivory got eight; Brooke Garvin and Cathryn Reyna, two points each.

Lady Owls	3	9	14	23
Tulia	12	30	36	55

The Lady Owls lost to Friona in their final game on Saturday. Cathryn Reyna led the offense by scoring 13 points. Brooke Garvin and Taylor Griffin scored five points each, and Destiny Ivory added two points.

Lady Owls	7	14	23	25
Friona	9	27	41	57

The Owls played Tulia in the

second round, losing 48-30. Adrian Ramirez led the offense with 12 points, including two threes. Also scoring were Max Whitworth, four; Paul Segura and Issac Garcia, a three pointer each; Daniel Castillo, Gary Whitworth and Daniel Reagan, two points each; Tyler Young, one point.

Owls	7	14	16	30
Tulia	17	26	38	48

In Saturday's game, Max Whitworth led the scoring with 13 points. Adding to the score were Adrian Ramirez and Gary Whitworth, six points each; Daniel Castillo and Bert Garza, five points each; Issac Garcia and Daniel Reagan, four points each; Vince Cruz, two points; Clint Ivory, one point. Three pointers were hit by Garcia (1) and Gary Whitworth (2).

Honors Continue to Pile High For Owl Football Players, Coach

Honors continued to pile high for members and coaches of the Silverton Owls football team, with the announcement last week that Jared Holt and Jeremy Holt had been chosen members of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Six-Man All-South Plains Team and Coach Larry Mantle had been chosen as Coach of the Year.

Jeremy was chosen as a runningback for 194 carries for a gain of 1,328 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Jared was chosen for the elite team for his booming kicks that kept Silverton's opponents chasing the ball out of the endzone all season long.

Final statistics for the team reflected a rushing offense of 2,380 yards and passing of 2,183 yards, for a total offense of 4,563 yards in 13 games.

The team allowed 1,761 rushing yards and 1,830 passing yards, for a total of 3,591 yards.

This included all the games the Owls could have ended early under the 45-point rule instead of clearing the bench and letting all the boys play. The Owls used three teams in one of the games, the starting team quarterbacked by Jack Cherry, the second team quarterbacked by Leland Wood and the junior varsity team quarterbacked by Nathan Francis.

In passing, Cherry completed 124 of 217 attempts with six interceptions for a gain of 1,912 yards and 30 touchdowns.

In rushing, Trey Ziegler had seven points, including a three. Isaiah Ivory, Daniel Castillo and Max Whitworth scored six points each; Issac Garcia and Vince Cruz got two points each; Tyler Young and Clint Ivory, one point each.

Owls JV	10	19	32	38
Clarendon	15	31	43	55

120 carries for a gain of 1,062 yards and 15 touchdowns.

In receiving, Jeremy Holt had 48 receptions for 979 yards and 13 touchdowns; Ziegler, 18 receptions for 164 yards and six touchdowns; Jared Holt, 23 receptions for 274 yards and five touchdowns; Adrian Ramirez, 16 receptions for 207 yards and three touchdowns; Jay Arnold, 12 receptions for 165 yards and three touchdowns.

On defense, Trey Wyatt was credited with 67 unassisted tackles and 109 assisted tackles, for a total of 176; eight interceptions, five fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks.

Leland Wood got 60 unassisted tackles and 141 assisted tackles, for a total of 201; plus one interception, five fumble recoveries and one blocked kick.

Jared Francis got 33 unassisted tackles and 97 assisted tackles, for a total of 130, and recovered a fumble.

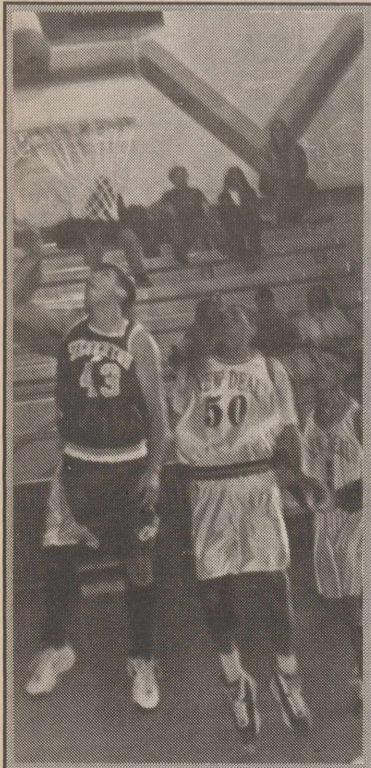
Chris Justice had 24 unassisted tackles and 64 assisted tackles, for a total of 88, and also recovered a fumble.

Will Hester had 14 unassisted tackles and 62 assisted tackles, for a total of 76, and three fumble recoveries.

Andy Bullock got 31 unassisted tackles and 52 assisted tackles for a total of 83; three interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Clint Ivory got six unassisted tackles and 30 assisted tackles, for a total of 36, and also had fumble recovery.

Of the players mentioned, Jeremy Holt, Jared Holt, Adrian Ramirez, Jay Arnold, Nathan Francis and Clint Ivory will back to play for the Owls next fall. The undefeated junior varsity team will provide the rest of the replacements for the graduating seniors, and there are some good players coming up.



Jared Holt tips a shot into the basket for the Owls in their tournament at New Deal last weekend.

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Caprock Cotton Conference Is To Be Held In Area January 20

Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1998 growing season by attending the Caprock Cotton Conference January 20 at the Plains Baptist Assembly, seven miles south of Floydada on U. S. Highway 62. National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the-minute information on production technology, best management practices and marketing strategies.

The conference will address needs of cotton growers in Crosby, Floyd and surrounding counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference is a direct result of educa-

4-H Club Meetings

Calley Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent, has provided this calendar of 4-H meetings for December:

Briscoe County Senior 4-H Club: Monday, December 22, 7:30 p.m., County Extension Office. Please bring small plastic bottles.

Silverton Junior 4-H Club: Thursday, December 18, 3:10 p.m., Silverton School Home Economics Room. Please bring Christmas cookie cutters.

Junior High Teams Split Series of Games

Silverton's Junior High Lady Owls defeated Claude here Monday night of last week, while the Eighth Grade Owls won and the Seventh Grade Owls lost their match.

The Lady Owls were led in scoring by Chelsey Cherry, who rang up 13 points. Also scoring were Lauren Van Horn, eight; Tarran Forbes, seven; Jenny Young and Amanda Estes, four points each; Kurby Garvin, one point.

Lady Owls	7	21	25	37
Claude	7	20	20	26

Jimmy Castillo led the offense for the Eighth Grade Owls by scoring 14 points. Also scoring were Andrew Francis and Matt Strange, seven points each; Clay McMurtrey, six; Jr. Gonzalez, four, and Nicholas Vargas, two points.

Owls	9	15	22	40
Claude	8	17	24	30

The Seventh Grade Owls lost a close decision, 31-29.

Red Ivory was the scoring leader with 15 points. Also scoring were John Arnold, seven; Monty Wood and Chase Comer, two points each; Dustin Hale, one point.

Owls	6	16	27	29
Claude	6	13	24	31

ALL-REGIONAL PLAYERS
Named to the All-Regional team were Jared Holt, Jeremy Holt and Leland Wood.

tional programming requested by the producers. The 1998 conference will cover issues requested by growers in the annual program evaluation. Topics requested include: new herbicide technology, seedling disease prevention, cotton marketing, boll weevil management, irrigation management and soil fertility.

The conference will provide six continuing education units for Private, Non-Commercial and Commercial Applicator License holders. These CEUs also qualify as credit for Certified Crop Advisors.

The pre-registration (prior to January 8, 1998) is \$25.00. There will be a \$10.00 late fee for registration after January 8, 1998. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and access to exhibits.

For more information, contact J. D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, 806-983-4912, or Ron Graves, Floyd/Crosby IMP Agent, 806-675-2426 or 806-675-2347.



Research provides the foundation for the future. From a research and innovation standpoint Texas cotton producers have a very bright future because of the Texas State Support Program. Administered through Cotton Incorporated, this program provides Texas one of the most thorough research and development programs around, according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG officials note that Cotton Incorporated has long been a leader in the development of new

technology for cotton producers and the State Support Program will continue this trend.

The State Support Program returns five percent of the promotional dollars collected at the time of sale on every bale of U. S. cotton. This goes to the states based on their percentage of total U. S. cotton production. That's meant about \$800,000 has returned to Texas for a variety of projects with statewide and regional focuses.

In 1998 a number of projects are set to begin as a direct result of this highly successful program. The following projects, while only a partial listing of all State Support projects for 1998, are focused primarily on addressing problems on the Texas High Plains:

Enhance Cold Tolerance and Maximize Early Season Stand Establishment of Cotton, Dr. Norman Hopper, TTU

Stickiness in Texas Cottons: Plant Sources and Genetic Variability, Dr. John Gannaway, TAES

Cottonseed Quality Improvement, Dr. John Gannaway, TAES

Improved Control of Seedling Disease Complexes, Dr. Terry Wheeler, TAES

Development of Weed Management Systems in Cotton Using Transgenic Herbicide Resistant Varieties, Wayne Keeling, TAEX

Nitrogen Fertilizer Management for Dryland Production Systems, Dr. Cary Green, TTU

Precision Cotton Production At Ag-CARES: Yield Variability Management, Dr. Wayne Keeling, TAEX

Maximizing Yield and Water-Use Efficiency of Dryland Cotton Production Systems, Dr. Dan Krieg, TTU

Pricing Analysis for HVI Market Reporting, Dr. Don Ethridge, TTU

Impacts of Aphid Versus Plant

Sugars On Stickiness Of Cotton In Textile Processing, Dr. Dean Ethridge, TTU

Gin Lint Cleaning To Maximize Producer Net Returns, Sukant Misra, TTU

With most of the 1997 cotton crop harvested, ginned and in the bale, the attention of many producers across the Southern High Plains of Texas has moved back onto the boll weevil.

Yield losses and increased production costs due to the insect have cost producers, mainly across the southern half of the High Plains, a whopping \$185 million, according to a recently published survey of cotton insect losses. The survey, conducted each year for the NCC Beltwide Cotton Conferences, finds that the boll weevil accounted for 74 percent of the yield loss with over 50 percent occurring late in the growing season. Total yield losses are estimated to be \$120 million higher than last year.

A referendum held in August of cotton growers in the 19 counties that comprise the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone was unsuccessful. Further subdivision of this large zone has been proposed and two public hearings were held by Texas Department of Agriculture. Growers in the proposed new smaller zones ex-

pressed overwhelming support for developing organized and concerted efforts against this economically crippling pest on a more local basis. A decision to confirm the zones should come from the Commissioner of Agriculture early next month.

Meantime, producers from Lubbock and the immediately surrounding counties met early in the week in an effort to organize themselves to the same ends as their southern counterparts. A newly formed task force is headed up by Lubbock County producer Joe Alspaugh. The group seeks to develop establishment of a third smaller zone to be known as the Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. It would comprise Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn, Crosby, Garza, Motley, Dickens, Kent and Cochran counties.



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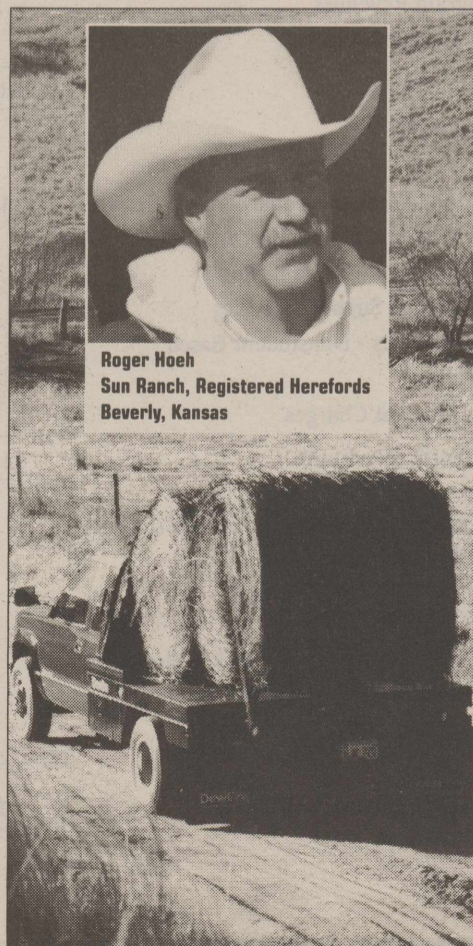


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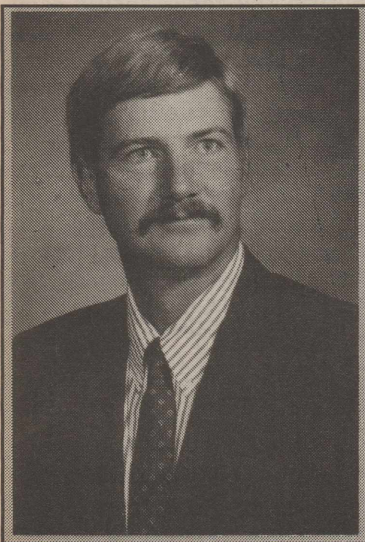
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Obituaries



MIKEL D. GRIFFIN

Funeral services for Mikel D. Griffin, 40, were conducted in the Silverton High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 16. Officiating were Rev. Lee Roark and Rev. Ed Norris, former pastors, and Rev. Jay Stinson, present pastor, of the Silverton United Methodist Church.

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

Mr. Griffin was dead at the scene of an accident four miles east of Tulia on Farm-to-Market Road 1318 when the wreckage was discovered early Sunday morning. Time of the accident was placed at 1:40 a.m. when the east-bound 1997 Chevrolet Corvette driven by Mr. Griffin left the roadway, veered to the right and rolled on an S-curve. Griffin and his wife, Liz, both were ejected from the vehicle.

Mrs. Griffin was listed in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital from injuries she suffered in the accident.

Mr. Griffin was born May 14, 1957 in Tulia. He was graduated from Silverton High School and West Texas State University.

He and the former Liz Brown were married August 29, 1981 in Silverton.

He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at WTSU. He was a member of the board of trustees of Silverton Independent School District and was a former president of the ASCS board. He was a member of Silverton United Methodist Church.

He was a farmer and rancher and also operated a trucking business.

Survivors include his wife, Liz; two daughters, Taylor Griffin and Lori Griffin, and a son, Cord Griffin, all of the home; and his mother, Roberta Griffin of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Terry Bomar, Kelly McMurtry, Bill Strange and Steve Brown.

The family suggested memorials to the Silverton United Methodist Church or Silverton

Volunteer Ambulance Service.

LESLIE JASON LITTLE

Services for Leslie Jason Little, 25, of Granbury, were to be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury with the Rev. Jerry Locke and the Rev. Jess Little officiating. Burial was to be in Acton Cemetery, Acton, directed by Wylie Funeral Home.

Mr. Little died Saturday, December 13.

Born in Guymon, Oklahoma, he was graduated from high school at Quitaque, where he was active in FFA and played all sports. He played football for Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He was a plumber for Billy Bear's Plumbing.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Heather Diane Little, in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Christie, of the home; a son, Leslie Cord Little, of the home; two daughters, Shannon Kay Little and Morgan Taylor Little, of the home; a brother, Jess Craig Little of Silverton; his parents, Jess and Linda Little of Odessa; and his grandparents, Buddy and Ruth Buske of Cress and Bill and Judy Collins of Granbury.

LETHA LANHAM

Graveside services for Letha Lanham, 85, were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Monday. Rev. Jason Dunham officiated. Arrangements were made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lanham died in Plano December 12. She had moved to Plano to make her home earlier this year.

Born October 26, 1912 at Itasca in Hill County, Texas, she was the daughter of Austin and Olive London. She finished high school in Itasca and worked for Mertens State Bank and later the Mertens Exchange before moving to Silverton in 1935 to care for her mother who had broken her leg.

She met and married Johnnie Lanham in Silverton on January 13, 1938. He preceded her in death October 13, 1976.

She was employed by the United States Postal Service over a period of 30 years, and retired December 31, 1984.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Survivors include three daughters, Celene Allen of Plano, Sue Dunham of Marlin and Ian Rydholm of El Paso; a sister, Grace Keele of Hurst; and six grandchildren, Christa Guteinz of North Hollywood, California, Andrea Allen of Plano, Daryl Rydholm and Ericka Rydholm, both of El Paso, Jason Dunham of Rockwall and Jeff Dunham of Nacogdoches.

JAMES F. ROSS

Funeral services for James Frederick (Jim) Ross, 71, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7, at Womack Manard Funeral Home in Crowell. The Rev. Dean Bishop, minister of White Rock Community Church in Dallas, officiated. Burial was in the Crowell Cemetery.

Mr. Ross was born April 19, 1926 at Granite, Oklahoma, and died Wednesday, December 3, 1997 at Medical City in Dallas. He had been in ill health.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter T. and Jimmie Reinhardt Ross of Flomot.

He was graduated from Ocina High School in Granite, Oklahoma. Prior to entering the armed services, he attended Oklahoma A&M University at Stillwater for three years. He was a master sergeant in the U. S. Army Field Artillery in World War II for two years and U. S. Army Air Force during the Korean War for 26 months. He farmed north of Silverton and near Flomot from 1956 until 1968 and was bookkeeper at Flomot

Gin for 14 years.

Mr. Ross retired from employment with Braniff Airlines in Dallas after 19 years. He was a Methodist and very active in many church and charity groups.

He is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Louise Carson of Olton and Elizabeth Baker Andestad of El Paso; one brother, Walter Thomas (Tom) Ross of Flomot; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lesley and Mark Hopkins, Danny Carson, Tommie Ross, Stan Wigley and Joe Edd Carson.

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YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	98 AUGUST 31 1997	
REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	519,360	26,188	545,548
5800	State Program Revenues	1,308,919	11,797	1,320,716
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	146,155	146,155
5020	Total Revenues	\$1,828,279	\$184,139	\$2,012,418
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,069,403	77,457	1,146,860
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	66,474	3,928	70,402
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	109,646	101,802	211,448
0040	Administrative Support Services	179,229	-	179,229
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	248,457	-	248,457
0080	Capital Outlay	250	-	250
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	-	16,095	16,095
6030	Total Expenditures	\$1,673,459	\$199,282	\$1,872,741
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	154,820	(15,143)	139,677
7020	Other Resources	-	2,727	2,727
8030	Other (Uses)	(2,727)	-	(2,727)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	152,093	(12,416)	139,677
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	417,913	15,176	433,089
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$570,006	\$2,760	\$572,766

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending December 11, 1997

Anxiously awaited U. S. supply/demand and cotton production figures captured the attention of the market this week as USDA startled observers by cutting its U. S. production figure. The department also reported a slight increase in the total U. S. export figure and a corresponding decline in ending stocks.

Its December production report, USDA lowered its 1997 U. S. cotton production forecast to 18.8 million bales, down 200,000 bales from November's peak and down approximately 200,000 bales from 18.9 million bales produced in 1996-97. Average yield was estimated at 672 pounds per acre compared with last month's estimate of 673 pounds. According to USDA, the decline in production was due to extremely heavy rainfall which fell throughout the crop year in Texas and Georgia.

The production estimate for Texas was lowered from 5.4 million bales to 5.3 million, while producers in Georgia are expected to produce only 1.9 million bales, down from last month's estimate of 2.0 million bales. The production cuts made in the two states were eased by Mississippi's record yield of 900 pounds per acre and a 240,000 bale rise in state's production to 1.8 million bales.

U. S. exports were estimated at 1 million bales, slightly more than the previous estimate of 7.0 million. Consequently, ending stocks were pegged at 4.3 million bales, down from last month's 4.4 million.

U. S. export sales remain strong despite currency problem plaguing Asian cotton buyers, major customers of the U. S. In fact, USDA's weekly export sales figure was larger than expected, and was seen as supportive to the department's higher total U. S. export figure. A continuing strong sales pace may lead to even higher shipments by the end of the marketing year.

Fluctuating U. S. cotton prices this week sparked an increase in export sales. USDA's export sales report for the week ended December 14 showed a net increase of 195,900 bales, up considerably from the previous week's 77,600 bales. Mexico was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with total purchases of 76,500. China and India followed with purchases of 60,000 and 22,600 bales, respectively. Net export sales of 1998 U. S. cotton were 1,300 bales, down slightly from last week's 1,500 bale figure.

Although USDA's supply/demand report was considered to be optimistic overall, some potentially troublesome figures also were included. Analysts noted

world consumption was down from 89.8 million bales to 89.6 million, possibly reflecting some decline in cotton use among currency troubled Asian countries. Additionally, world export sales were lowered from 26.9 million bales to 26.7 million, while ending stocks were boosted from 36.4 million bales to 37.0 million. Despite lower world usage and exports, many analysts feel the demand for cotton, particularly U. S. cotton, will remain strong.

In other news, the National Cotton Council (NCC) reported this week that Chinese policy and man-made fiber could have a significant effect on U. S. cotton prices and usage, while U. S. grain prices will have an impact on next season's cotton acreage.

China implemented a new policy this fall in an effort to cut its large domestic cotton stocks. The new policy, coupled with an estimated Chinese crop of 18.0 million bales, could reduce U. S. export sales to that country, NCC said.

NCC's report also showed synthetic fiber now is considered to be a serious competitor for cotton, as it is considerably cheaper than natural fiber and has begun to pressure the market for cotton. Some analysts believe the pressure may increase with further devaluation of various Asian currencies.

The council believes U. S. cotton acreage for the 1998-99 season could see a reduction, primarily due to more attractive grain prices. Losses are expected especially in the Mid-South and the Southwest. Higher grain prices could result in a temporary loss of up to 250,000 to 300,000 acres.

Meanwhile, sales on the spot cotton scene continue to be brisk. In the five trading days ended December 11, sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT totaled 67,322 bales, an increase from the previous week when 53,761 bales were sold. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 58.08 to 59.53 cents per pound.

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LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SILVERTON, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS, EXCEPT AS HEREIN PRESCRIBED; DECLARING OUTDOOR BURNING IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AS A NUISANCE; PROVIDING GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE OUTDOOR BURNING OF DOMESTIC WASTE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Silverton has been advised that outdoor burning within the corporate limits of said City is in violation of the Texas Clean Air Act without an ordinance setting forth the general requirements for allowable outdoor burning as provided in said Act;

WHEREAS, the City of Silverton desires that it and its citizens be in compliance with said Act;

WHEREAS, because of financial constraints, the City of Silverton does not now provide for the collection of raw domestic waste and needs to adopt an ordinance specifying allowable outdoor burning and the requirements therefor, until it can adequately provide for other methods of waste disposal within its corporate city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SILVERTON, TEXAS:

Section 1: Pursuant to Section 382.113 of Subchapter E entitled "Authority of Local Governments", of Chapter 382, entitled "Clean Air Act" of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the City of Silverton hereby declares that outdoor burning is prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Silverton, except for such outdoor burning as is permitted by the Texas Clean Air Act and specifically, outdoor burning of domestic waste at a property de-

signed for and used exclusively as a private residence, housing not more than three families, when the waste is generated only from said residential property. Domestic waste is defined as waste normally resulting from the function of life within a residence.

Section 2: Outdoor burning of domestic waste as authorized in this ordinance shall be conducted in compliance with the Texas Clean Air Act and specifically in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations as required by said Act:

A. The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day not later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended by a responsible adult party at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires and/or smoldering objects continue to emit smoke after this time, such burning shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition.

B. Burning shall not be commenced when surface wind speed is predicted to be less than 6 miles per hour or greater than 23 miles per hour during the burn period.

C. Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions.

Section 3: The following items are prohibited from being burned: tires, non-wood construction debris, furniture, carpet, electrical wire and insulation, appliances, treated lumber, plastics, any petroleum products, including, but not limited to heavy oils and lubricating oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes or other items that contain natural or synthetic rubber.

Section 4: Any domestic waste burning authorized by this ordinance shall take place only in enclosed incinerators that were used for such purpose prior to the adoption of this ordinance or that are subsequently approved by the City of Silverton.

Section 5: Although this ordinance authorizes domestic waste burning within the corporate limits of the City of Silverton in compliance with the Texas Clean Air Act, the City of Silverton shall not be liable to any person or entity for any adverse consequences, damages or injuries to any persons or entities resulting from burning within the corporate limits of the City of Silverton, Texas.

Section 6: The authority herein granted to permit the outdoor burning of domestic waste within the corporate limits of the City of Silverton does not exempt or excuse any person responsible for such burning from the consequences, damages or injuries resulting from the burning and does not exempt or excuse anyone from complying with all other applicable laws or ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the burning is otherwise conducted in compliance with this ordinance.

Section 7: Outdoor burning within the corporate limits of the City of Silverton in violation of this ordinance shall constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to civil and criminal penalties as provided by the ordinances and laws of the City of Silverton and the State of Texas.

Section 8: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 9: The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, word or words shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance. It is the intention of the City Council in enacting this ordinance that the provisions are separable, and no provision hereof shall become inoperative or fail by reason of the invalidity of any other provision.

Section 10: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after January 1, 1998.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 1997.

City of Silverton, Texas
 By: /s/ John Bowman, Mayor
 Attest:
 /s/ Jerry Patton
 City Secretary 51-1tc

Reindeer--The Real Story

Pammy Millican
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Contrary to the belief of some people, reindeer do actually exist; however, to my knowledge, I have only heard of eight that can fly and one that has a red nose. The flying I cannot explain. The red nose may be a genetic mutation, the results of chronic respiratory problems or an alcoholic reindeer.

In reality, reindeer, Rangifer tarandus, are herbivores indigenous to tundra and taiga lands of the far north. In further classification of these animals, they are ungulates (animals having hooves), and they are ruminant. Ruminants are even-toed mammals that chew cud and have a complex chambered stomach. This type of digestive system allows for the digestion of food with a high cellulose content.

Reindeer, as the name implies, are members of the deer family. Reindeer are unique to the deer family in that both sexes, including calves, produce antlers. Reindeer are closely related to the caribou, differing mainly in disposition and body size. In fact, caribou are called "wild reindeer" in some parts of the world. Adult female reindeer (cows) weigh approximately 230 pounds and a typical male (bull) weighs about 300 pounds. As within any species of animals, wide variations in body weight can occur. Some reindeer bulls can reach or exceed 450 pounds just before breeding season in the early fall.

I mentioned that the tundra is the native land of the reindeer.

The tundra is a flat, treeless area that extends across the Arctic lowlands in North American, Europe and Asia. The tundra is mostly snow covered for about 10 months of the year. Most of the soil under the snow, except for a thin top layer about 2-4 inches deep, stays frozen all year. This frozen soil is called permafrost. When the snow and ice melt in the summer, the water cannot seep into the permafrost so numerous lakes and ponds are formed.

Summer on the tundra lasts from mid-June to mid-August. During these two months colorful, flowering plants mix with moss, lichens and other vegetation. This provides the major food supply to reindeer herds and many other animal species.

Reindeer numbers in the United States are limited for all practical considerations to Alaska. In Alaska reindeer are classified as domestic livestock and are found in the western coastal areas and on some offshore islands.

Reindeer are not indigenous to Alaska. They were transported to Alaska from Siberia to be used by the local population. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, a Presbyterian minister and general agent for education in Alaska, made a voyage to Alaska in the summer of 1890 and found people in need of meat and hides. Through his efforts and others, the first reindeer were transported from Siberia to Alaska in 1891. From 1892 to 1902, the government imported some 1,280 reindeer into Alaska from Siberia. In 1902, the Czarist government forbade any more exports of reindeer to Alaska. By 1901, 10 missions had been established in Alaska and many were associated with the newly established reindeer herds that had increased to a total of 4,164 animals. As part of the reindeer program, 67 Lapp, Finn and Norwegian families were brought to Alaska in 1898 to care for the herds and to serve as mail carriers and freighters.

From 1902, the reindeer population in Alaska grew rapidly with some reported interbreeding with caribou. In these early years of the industry, ownership of the reindeer was spread between Eskimos, Lapps, missionary societies, and the Bureau of Education. Eskimo apprentices served a five-year term learning the methods of herding in use at that time. They were given two female reindeer a year plus food and shelter. At the end of five years, the new herder was given enough additional reindeer to increase his herd to 50 head. The herder was under the supervision of his sponsor for an additional 20 years and could lose his herd at any time if he was found guilty of "intemperance or failure to care for his herd."

Rapid growth in numbers of

reindeer continued with an estimated 47,266 animals being present by 1913 of which 65 percent belonged to native Eskimo herders. These native owners had herds averaging less than 40 head each. By 1929, there were an estimated 400,000 reindeer in western Alaska. In 1930, approximately 500,000 pounds of reindeer meat was exported from Alaska. From 1930 to 1937 was the period of greatest reindeer abundance. Peak numbers of 640,000 head started to drastically decrease to an estimated 250,000 head in 1940 and further decreased to an estimated 25,000 head in 1950. This decrease was thought to be the result of poor management, overstocked range, predation by bears and wolves, losses to migrating caribou and disease.

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COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: December 18, 1997
Name of City of Silverton
Contractor:

409 Broadway
Silverton, TX 79257

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Silverton, Silverton, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Project No. 717729.

Project Title: Water System Improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Silverton's water system by drilling, developing and completing two new municipal water wells and connecting them to the City's existing transmission line north-east of town.

Location: City of Silverton, TX Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9502

Estimated Cost of Project: \$279,534 (\$250,000 TDHCA) (\$29,534 City of Silverton)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Silverton's Water

System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Jarrett Atkinson, (806) 372-3381.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Silverton will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. John Bowman, Mayor, as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce

responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Silverton may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or officer of contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Finance Division, P. O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Certifying Officer of
Contractor: John Bowman
Mayor
Environmental
Certifying Officer
P. O. Box 250
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to action of the
Primary Elections
to be held in March 1998.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 85:

PETE LANEY

FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

BENA HESTER

FOR JUDGE, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

TED KINGERY

FOR COMMISSISONER, PRECINCT 4, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

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EDWIN NORRIS
LYNN FRIZZELL

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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Ted Kingery, Minister

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jess Craig Little, Pastor

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 Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

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 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
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 Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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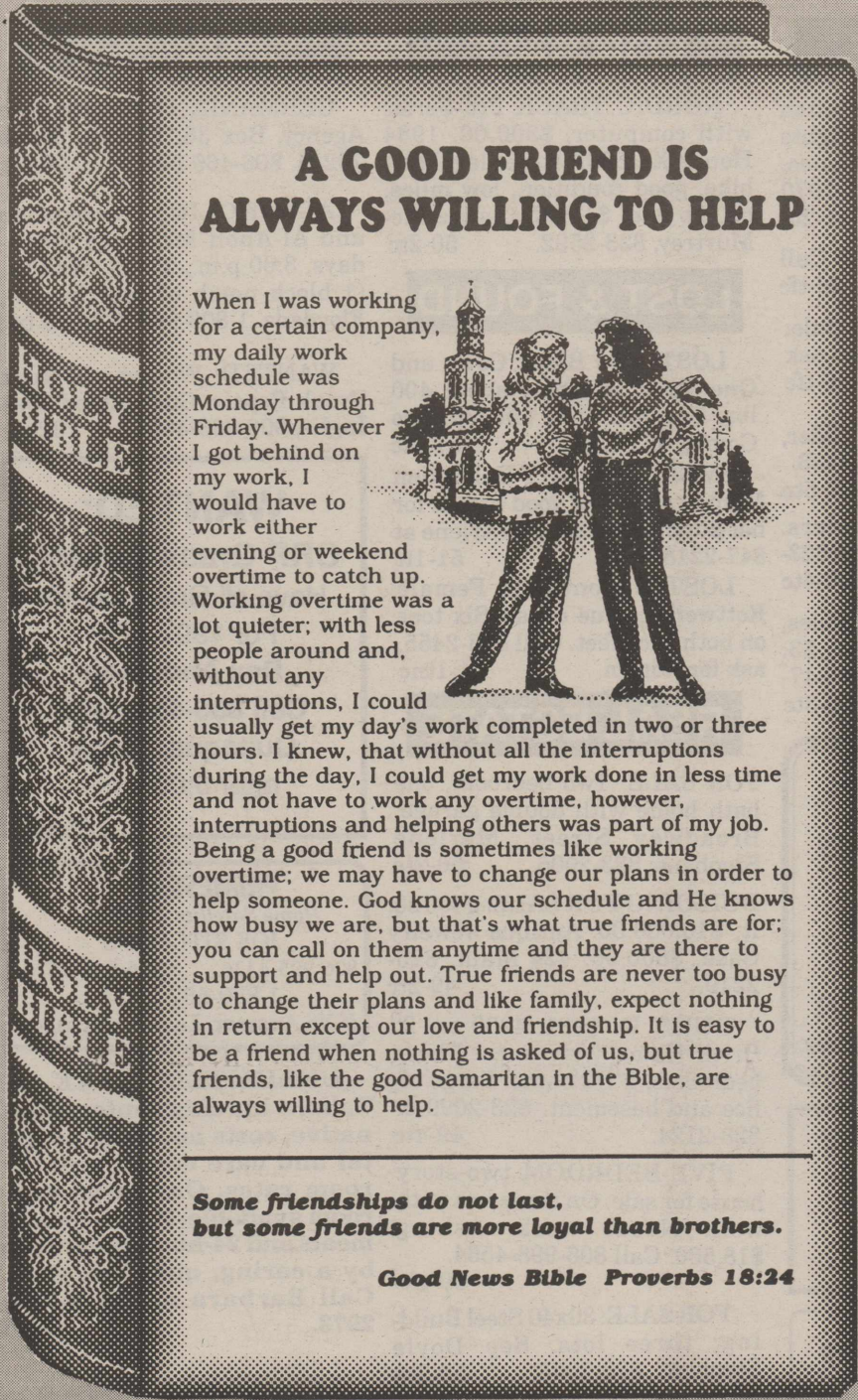
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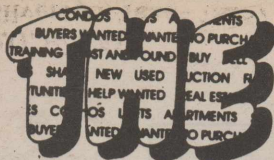
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It really is hard to find adequate words to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the sympathy that has been shown to us following Mildred's sudden death.

The memorials and beautiful cards keep pouring in and that really warms our aching hearts. We were overwhelmed by the large crowd at her memorial service.

Our sincere thanks to all for your visits, phone calls, flowers, food, and for your prayers asking God to give us strength to face another tomorrow without Dad's companion for 62 years and one week, our Mother and the kids "Nannie".

- Ashel McDaniel
- Elaine & Jon LaBaume
- Nena Kay & Gary Hunt
- Coy LaBaume
- Clint & Audra Hunt
- Charles & Kelli Childre
- Johnny, Kayla & Kortni Lindley

CARD OF THANKS

A new resident of Silverton says thank you to the EMS volunteers for their help in my time of need. Their skill was the best along with good equipment. I knew I was in good hands all the way to the hospital. God bless you, Connie Smith, Bena Hester and Janice Hill, for a job well done in a caring manner.

God's blessings to each of you, and have a merry Christmas. I know I will.

Thanks to Dana and Dorothy Martin for their help and concern for an old friend.

God bless each of you.
J. C. Austin

Go Owls & Lady Owls!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, food, calls, nice cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since I came home.

A special thanks to the ambulance service for their help.
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