

**All Around
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I enjoy reading Jon Erickson's cowboy stories in the Wednesday editions of the *Amarillo Daily News*. He listened to a lot of stories told by old-time cowboys in years past and now writes about them. In addition he writes about his own horses and experiences on his ranch. He is best known for his "Hank the Cowdog" books.

Walter Arnold tells a cowboy story every now and then, but the other day I heard one of his friends tell a story about Walter.

The way this was related was that Walter was a little boy who went everywhere with a rope in his hands. Everyone congregated in town on Saturday, and one Saturday when Walter was really anxious to catch something, he roped his mother. And that was not something that amused Gladys Arnold in the least!

It was really neat to see how the "college kids" came out to the tournament at New Deal. I saw Lacy Brunson, Leslee Weeks, Dedra Johnston, Cy Comer, Brandon Sarchet and several of their friends cheering for brothers and sisters and former teammates.

An early Christmas was held in the home of Juanita Howard Sunday, December 6. All of her children and grandchildren were present, along with her brother, sister-in-law and niece. Those enjoying the gift exchange and dinner were James and Marilyn Welch, Amarillo; J. C. Welch, Anton; Frank, Judy and Melissa Welch, Dimmitt; Jonathan Welch, Shallowater; Ann and Bill Philpott, Clint and Delese, Beth and Charles Cargil and John, all of Lubbock; Carroll, Judy and Kathy Welch, Kress.

We received a note from Elaine LaBaume this week. "We moved Daddy to IHS (Integrated Health Services). This is a rehabilitation facility. At this writing he is doing better, but will be there for several weeks. He would love to have visits and cards."

His address is:
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**Santa Letters
Are Needed**

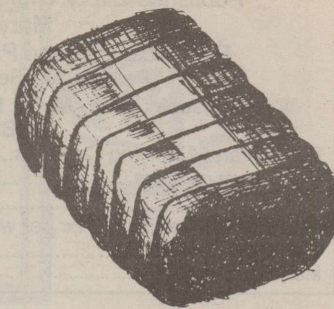
Don't forget that the boys and girls letters to Santa are needed for publication in the Christmas edition. You may mail them to Santa at the Post Office, or bring them to the News Office.

The newspaper will be printed early next week, so be sure to get them to the News Office not later than Monday at noon.



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South Plains Financial Inc. Completes Acquisition of Silverton, Lockney Banks

Papers were signed and hand shakes were exchanged Monday, December 7, 1998, in the Board Room of City Bank in Lubbock. South Plains Financial, Inc. officially finalized the acquisition of the First National Bank in Lockney and the First State Bank in Silverton. South Plains Financial Inc., parent holding company of City Bank in Lubbock, is recognized as a leader in agricultural lending on the South Plains.

"We appreciate South Plains Financial Inc. being so commu-

nity oriented," said Morris Wilcox, President of First State Bank in Silverton. "That allows us to continue to be committed in our communities as we have been in the past. The officers and employees are excited about an advisory board being developed using the talents of local people from each of our banks' locations."

Ronnie Hardin, President and CEO of First National Bank in Lockney stated: "We, the officers and employees, are excited to be joining the South Plains Finan-

cial family. FNB Lockney and branches have offered quality service in the past and look forward to adding new and better services in the future. Due to the acquisition we now can offer new products and services such as brokerage services, a trust department, debit cards and an increased loan limit." Hardin continued, "You will find the same friendly faces in each location to help you with all your banking needs."

Buses To Run Late Today

Silverton students will be taking semester tests Thursday and Friday, December 17-18, and buses will run late today.

Tests will be given in the even period classes today, and school will dismiss and buses will run at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, tests will be in the odd period classes. School will be out and buses will run at 2:10 p.m.

FSA Is Implementing Livestock Assistance Program in County

Briscoe County FSA Committee has received authorization to implement the Livestock Assistance Program in the county because of drought conditions during the past summer. Applications will be taken through the close of business January 8, 1999. If you are interested, you need to make an appointment to sign up. The following are some items you will need to bring to the office for the sign-up:

- (1) If you have not participated in other FSA programs, you must provide the name of your livestock operation, address, telephone number, and social security or tax ID number.
- (2) Acreage, location, and type of grass or forage grazed in 1998. If pasture is leased, the name of the person the pasture is leased from and proof of payment of the lease as well as whether the lease is by the month or by the year is needed.
- (3) Estimated percentage of your loss of grazing in 1998.
- (4) The number, weight, and type of livestock you owned in the 1998 calendar year. If you purchased livestock and turned them

out on pasture or other leased pasture, you will be required to provide proof of purchases (receipts). If you sold cattle during the calendar year, the sales receipts are also needed. These receipts will help determine ownership dates and changes in livestock numbers during the year.

To be eligible for LAP, you must meet the following requirements:

- (1) You must have a beneficial interest in livestock used for the production of food and fiber (this eliminates rodeo stock, exotics, and certain horses from eligibility).
- (2) You must have owned livestock for 90 days (some livestock could become eligible during the payment year if not owned 90 days prior).
- (3) You must report eligible livestock numbers, acreage grazed in your normal operation (excludes any small grain pasture), and your 1998 grazing losses.
- (4) You must complete person determinations for new persons or operations.
- (5) You must certify HELC compliance on form AD-1026.
- (6) You must be a U. S. citizen or legal resident alien.
- (7) You must not have a gross income in excess of \$2.5 million.



Retiring Briscoe County employees were honored at a reception last week. They are (left to right) Jimmy Burson, Grover Thomas, Bess McWilliams, Jack Chandler and Lynn Frizzell.

Briscoe County News Photo

**Senior Citizens To Meet Friday
May Named To All-District Teams In District 4-4A**

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

Members of the United Methodist Church will host the luncheon.

In football District 4-4A Division I, the Canyon Eagles placed nine first-team players; however, Anthony May was the only one to be named to the All-District first team on both sides of the football, at linebacker and kicker.

He is the son of Thurman and Glenda May of Canyon, and is the grandson of Edwin and Claudine May of Silverton.

Christmas Musical To Be Presented

A Christmas musical program, "Free Gift," from the children and youth of the Silverton United Methodist Church will be presented beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 20, at the church.

Refreshments will be served afterward.

Come and receive your "Free Gift" for the Christmas season.

BCAA To Sponsor Christmas Lighting Contest Here

Briscoe County Activities Association is sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest in Silverton.

Prizes will be given for first, second and third places.

Judging will be Tuesday, December 22, between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Basketball This Week

Dec. 18--Floydada here, 4:00



Days Until Christmas

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November Weather Warmer Than Normal

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November 1998 was significantly warmer than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.4 degrees below normal at Silverton to 5.7 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge.

Maximum temperatures averaged 1.7 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.0 degrees below normal at Silverton to 4.9 degrees above normal at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. The highest temperature reported during the month was 84 degrees at Abernathy on the 22nd.

Minimum temperatures averaged 4.5 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.2 degrees above normal at Silverton to 6.9 degrees above normal at Snyder. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 26 degrees

at Silverton on the 11th. Precipitation averaged .33 inches above normal and ranged from 0.7 inches below normal at Jayton to 1.75 inches above normal at Muleshoe Refuge.

Silverton's 1.31 inches of precipitation was .23 of an inch above the South Plains average.

Party To Celebrate 90th Birthday Here

You are invited to join the family of Iris Crawford Burson as they celebrate her 90th birthday from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

You are requested to send or bring cards only to this joyous event.

for Carl Wayne Woods. The Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Turkey, officiated. Special music was provided by Clifton and Joy Stodghill and Jasper Mitchele.

Mr. Woods was born in Killeen, Texas on November 6, 1945. He was reared in Quitaque on the old Geisler Ranch, which is now Caprock Canyons State Park. He attended school in Quitaque, graduating with the Class of 1964. He was a Vietnam-era veteran who served from 1964 to 1968.

He married the former Becky Thomas November 30, 1968 in Tulia. To this marriage were born two daughters, Juannah Sue (1970) and Melissa Ann (1975). While living in Briscoe County, he was employed by Silverton Elevators and also farmed and cowboied. He owned and operated Carl's 66 Service Station and Garage. In 1981, he moved to Dumas and worked for Potter Trucking. He later returned to Quitaque and was a mechanic for Oliver Clark's Auto Sales.

He resided in Muleshoe for a short while, moving to Borger in 1995. He married Mary Nell (Carlisle) Jones June 30, 1995. Mr. Woods died at their home in Borger December 10, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vera Woods.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Nell; a daughter and son-in-law, Juannah and Andy Brice, and a daughter, Melissa Woods of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Jessica Payne of Borger and a stepson, Robby Jones of Phoenix, Arizona; his father and stepmother, Carl R. and Marty Woods of Plainview; a brother and sister-in-law, Wesly and Stephanie Woods of Plainview, and a sister and brother-in-law, Ina Gale and Dale Rowell of Pampa; four grandchildren, Mandy and Brittani Brice of Hewitt, Texas, Melody Morris and Randy Payne of Borger; Becky Woods of Canyon, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family requested that memorials be made to Caprock Canyons State Park for maintenance of the buffalo herd or to Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, c/o Pat McAteer, PRCA, 101 Pro-Rodeo Drive, Colorado, CO 80917.

Pallbearers were Twila Clark, Dale and Glenn McWaters, Bobo Morrison and Dwain Henderson.

JESSIE BELLE VINES

Graveside services for Jessie Belle Vines, 75, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday in the Silverton Cemetery, with Edwin Norris, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Arrangements were made by Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Vines died Thursday, December 10, 1998, in Shamrock.

She was born in Atoka, Oklahoma and lived for many years in Silverton and the surrounding towns before moving to the Care Inn in Shamrock in 1992. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She married Horace C. Vines

in 1940 in Memphis. He died in 1989.

Surviving are a son, Jack Vines of Canadian; a daughter, Pat Millard of Lubbock; two stepbrothers, Bill Scivally of Marble Falls and Lynn Matlock of Las Cruces, New Mexico; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

HAZEL ANNA JOHNSON

Funeral services for Hazel A. Johnson, 82, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 14, at the Tulia Church of Christ, with the minister, Dennis Conway, officiating. Burial followed in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Johnson died at 12:55 Saturday, December 12, at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

She was born Hazel Anna Chappell April 24, 1916 in Greenville, Texas.

She was reared in the Rock

Creek community of Briscoe County and attended schools here. She married Charlie Abraham Johnson October 28, 1933, and they moved to Tulia in 1949. She worked at Jefferson's Laundry, C. R. Anthony's and she sold Avon for a number of years.

A housewife, she was an active member of the Tulia Senior Citizens.

She is survived by two daughters, Bettye McKone of Tulia and Patsy Franks of Hart; two sons, W. O. Johnson of Sudan and Danny Johnson of Tulia; one sister, Joyce Gaston of Nocona; 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband November 15, 1985 and by a daughter, Charlie Daniel, December 27, 1996.

Pallbearers were Lee Franks, Lance Franks, Rod McKone, Dale Johnson, Dean Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Kirk Daniel and Scott Daniel.

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The Silverton office is open and a lawyer will be present every Thursday from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. and at other times by appointment. The principal office of the law firm is located in Tulia, Texas.

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CARL WAYNE WOODS

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 22, 1988--Vance Childress was presented a watch by the Silverton City Council in recognition of his thirty years of service as a City employee. The back of the watch was appropriately engraved as a memento as Childress enters his retirement. . . Varsity Owlettes are Tracy Tomlin, DeLyn Patton, Jennifer Grimland, Amy Ramsey, Julie Towe, Monica Arnold, Tracy Miller, Tara Nance, Julie Graham, Penni Fogerson, Carrie Ann Grabbe and Keeley Burson. They are coached by Annette Shely. . . Varsity Owls are Jamie Frizzell, Teddy Hubbard, Brad West, Frank Lowrey, Bradley Brunson, Neal Edwards, Kendal Minyard, Wayne Henderson, Joey Leal, Bryan Ramsey, Denny Hill and Kirk Couch. They are coached by Dwight Rice. . . Services conducted for Don Davlin Garrison, 71. . . South Plains 4-H Food Show participants were Molly Brooks, Marshall McCammon, Trey Wyatt, Mac Chestnut, Jarrett Pigg, Patrick O'Neal, Ashleigh Wyatt, Josh Brooks and Cecilia Castillo. . .

December 21, 1978--Miss Lesa Francis was presented a Sarah Ross Jarvis scholarship of \$200 with which to continue her education in the nursing profession at the meeting of the Mary McCoy Baines Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution Wednesday. . . Cynthia Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards, won the junior division of the "Make It With Wool" contest in San Angelo. . . Jord Hollingsworth underwent surgery Tuesday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. . . L. D. Griffin fell from the roof of his home Friday afternoon as he was putting up Christmas lights, landing on a brick fence. He splintered his left arm from the shoulder to the wrist. . . Miss Michelle McDonough, bride-elect of Barry Francis, was guest of honor at a tea and miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon. . .

December 26, 1968--Staff Sergeant Joedell F. Hutsell was presented the Army Commendation Medal for heroism in the Republic of Vietnam. . . The mistakes in the newspaper are there to satisfy the needs of the person who looks for them, and proves that "in the newspaper there is something for everyone" . . . The candle arrangements made by first- and third-year homemaking students were judged Tuesday and Wednesday of last week by Mrs. Merlene Stephens and Coach Bill Lorange. The two arrangements chosen for first place were made by Barbara Davis and Carol Ann Montague. . .

December 25, 1958--Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown, residents of Briscoe County since 1924, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, December 27. . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie

Burson and sons, John Howard and Jimmy, honored Mr. Burson's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen, with a quail supper Wednesday night. Others present were Mrs. J. H. Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold. . . Mrs. Ray Teeple underwent surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Wednesday of last week. . . Kathryn Smith underwent a tonsillectomy in the Lockney hospital Saturday. . . Johnny McGavock broke his right arm in an accident with his motor scooter Saturday. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bland Burson and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson returned from a tour of Hawaii on Thursday. . . Mrs. Jim Brooks and Jane planned to go to Borger Tuesday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks and Stephen. . . Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gatewood, Joy and Eulane Rackley were in Amarillo one day last week. . .

December 23, 1948--J. M. Willson of Floydada and his sister, Mrs. Tom Nichols of Tulia, presented the Silverton Methodist Church with an electric Hammond organ. This gift is in honor of their mother, Mrs. J. M. Willson, sr. of Fort Worth, who owns the Willson and Son Lumber Company in Silverton. . . J. N. Cantwell suffered a stroke last Friday morning at the family home. . . Stanton Crow, whose farm is located seven miles east and one-half mile south of Silverton, has a well that was put on test early this week following a thorough cleaning out and produced an estimated flow of 1,100 gallons of water per minute. . . Don Burson, 14, was stricken last Friday with infantile paralysis at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bomar. . . Frances Tunnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell, had the misfortune of falling off her bike and breaking her arm while she was playing at the Cleat Miller home Tuesday. . . John James and family have moved to Silverton and will have management of the Silverton Cafe. . . Attending Joy Ann Gatewood's eighth birthday party were Jerry Dee McWilliams, David Miller, Venita Sweek, Susan Anderson, Sue Reid, Sandra Talley, Sam Brown, Evelyn Jones, Wilmeth and Barbara Shipman, Louengle Norris, Diane Fogerson, Gwenlyn Paige, June and Carol Elkins, John Schott and LaJuan Curby. . . Mr. and Mrs. Louie Reithmayer and daughter, Joy, were in Amarillo Monday where Joy sang at noon over KGNC. . . Mrs. J. H. Burson and Miss Luree Burson are visiting relatives in Dalhart and Amarillo this week. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brannon, jr. are parents of a son, Truitt Wayne. . .

December 15, 1938--Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merrell of south Quitaque, formerly of Haylake, were surprised Sunday by a group of friends and relatives

who gathered to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. . . Miss Catherine Cline and Mr. Cecil Boggs were married at the First Methodist parsonage in Tulia Friday evening. . . Mrs. Lela Minyard, long-time resident of Silverton, died at her home Friday at the age of 64 years after an illness of several months. . . For the first time in the history of District 4-B, Silverton has a football player on the All-District team. A. J. Rowell, captain and center, won the honor in a squeeze vote over Captain Allen of Lockney. Two ballots were necessary before Rowell was selected. . . Wilma Joyce Smithee has been confined to her home with a throat infection. . . Buster Boland, who has been visiting with his mother at Bowie, has returned home. . . Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday, December 11. . . Miss Margaret Sue Gardner spent Sunday with Miss Mozelle Shelton. . . Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fisch were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers Sunday. . .

June 19, 1925--When immigration was directed toward Briscoe County in 1891, Mr. R. Sedgwick was among those who chose to cast their lot with the pioneers of the county. He came to Briscoe County in 1891, and has lived here since then with the exception of about four years

from 1919 to 1922, during which time he lived in San Antonio and Sabinal. He was a farmer by occupation and secured a farm north of town and had one of the best, if not the best, improved place in the neighborhood. This farm is the one three miles north of town which is now owned by W. A. Dickerson. Mr. Sedgwick has always felt a deep interest in the affairs of the town and county, and states that, although he has never held and never run for a public office, that he was a school trustee for some time and filled this position conscientiously and in a satisfactory way. Mr. Sedgwick is a man who has done much for the progress of Briscoe County. He has always taken a part in anything for the benefit of the county and was interested in the drug business here for several years. He is a friend to everyone and a man whom everyone likes. . . Crop conditions in the Quitque coun-

try were never better. Old settlers say that they have never seen better cotton at this time of the year. . . Postmaster A. E. Freize announces that Wells McClendon will act as clerk in the absence of Miss Gertrude Quillin, who is taking a vacation from her work at the post office. Miss Iris May Fox also will assist in the office a part of each day. Miss Fox is stenographer for Judge C. D. Wright. . . Miss Elsie Welch is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jim Shaver. . . Carl Kitchens and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Henderson Sunday night. . . The following were dinner guests at the home of John Vaughn Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Grandpa and Grandma Vaughn, Mr. Merider Welch and family, Elmer Vaughn and wife, Veral Vaughn and family, Edd Vaughn's children, Mrs. Jim Shaver and Miss Elsie Welch. . . Drought is broken by general but scattered rains. . .

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Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

The Friendship Quilters had a good day. They finished Wanda Strange's Handkerchief quilt and got a good start on Nadyne's Butterfly quilt. Bobbye Bean brought her Maple Leaf to be put in the frames. Present were Juanita Howard, Bobbye Bean, Wanda Strange, Lallie Patton, Nadyne Childress, Sybil King, Laverne Stephens, Ann Norris, Joy Stodghill, Marie Rodgers and Nina Martin.

Grammy and Pop recently entertained for a Christmas banquet at the Baptist Retreat Camp south of Floydada. They had a very enjoyable time. Grammy said the highlight of the evening for her was when two Hispanic ladies accepted an invitation to sing "Silent Night" in Spanish. Grammy and Pop also brought the music for the Lockney Health and Rehab Christmas Party.

Birthday Party Well Attended "Top Ten" Uses Given For Your Social Security Benefit Statement

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager in Plainview, Texas

The ninetieth birthday anniversary party of Elsie Cornett was held in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank and was well attended.

Among those attending from out of town were John Todd, Kami, Brack, Ellie and Pat Cornett, Amarillo; Don and Shirley Cornett, Mike and Jackie Cornett, Tad, Cindy, Tyler and Mackenzie Cornett, Glenna Cornett, all of Dimmitt; Craig, Kelli, Cole and Cody Patton, Lockney; Kelly, DeLyn and Nickoles Sanders and David Cornett, St. Louis; Kim, Jade and Blythe McPherson, Wellington; Ronald Welch, Tulia; Harold and Patsy Sanders, O'Donnell; Beth, Charles and John of Lubbock; Jo Nell Hatcher, Plainview.



A cow may live 30 years.

Chances are you will receive a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement from Social Security between October 1, 1998 and March 1999 if you are age 40-47. What should you do with it?

First, you should read it very carefully because it has important information for you and your family you need to be aware of. Then, put it in a safe place where you can easily find it when you need it.

You may be surprised at the number of uses you will find for the information. Off the top of our heads, here are the "top ten" ways in which the information will be helpful.

Know how much you can expect to receive in Social Security benefits when you retire. Now you don't have to wait until you are ready to retire to experience a "sticker shock" when you see your benefits. The statement provides benefit estimates for your retirement at age 62 or 65.

Learn whether all of your earnings have been reported. The amount of your future benefits will be based on the amount of earnings posted on your Social Security record.

Learn how to go about correcting inaccurately posted earnings. Information on the statement tells you to call Social Security with proof of your actual earnings or to find out what you need to do.

Learn about the ways Social Security provides protection for

you and your family. Did you know your dependent parent may get a Social Security benefit on your work record if you die? Or your surviving divorced spouse?

Plan your financial future for today and tomorrow by knowing the amounts of Social Security benefits that could be available to you and your family if you become disabled. Social Security studies show that a young worker has a 1-in-10 chance of becoming disabled before age 65. The statement provides an estimate of the benefits you and your family could receive if you became disabled today.

Determine whether you have sufficient insurance to protect your survivors when you die. So-

cial Security studies show that a young worker has a 1-in-3 chance of dying before retirement age. It's important to know that your young children will get monthly benefits until they turn 18. You can focus on how much other life insurance you may need.

See how your potential Social Security benefits rank with your other investments. Consider that Social Security retirement benefits increase annually with increases in the cost of living, and last as long as you live. Family benefits when you die or if you become disabled can far exceed your tax contributions.

If, when you receive your statement, you have questions about it, check our website [HYPERLINKhttp://www.ssa/mystatement](http://www.ssa.gov/mystatement), visit your local Social Security office, or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.



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U.S. SENATOR
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TEXANS EARMARK TAX CUTS

Texans were not shy when I asked for ideas on how to cut their taxes. My annual questionnaire, which many newspapers published late last summer, asked: What would your priorities be for cutting taxes?

Would you do away with the marriage penalty that imposes higher taxes on married people with two incomes than it imposes on single people in the same circumstances? Yes ___ No ___

Would you raise the levels of income at which tax bills go up, that is, the point at which taxpayers would fall into increasingly higher tax brackets? Yes ___ No ___

Would you reduce the rate of the capital gains tax? Yes ___ No ___

Most had a long list of suggestions for fixing the federal tax code. A whopping 94 percent of you wanted to see the marriage penalty tax done away with, while 53 percent would like to see the capital gains tax lowered, and 83 percent wanted the tax brackets changed.

Here are some of your comments on how you'd like to see our tax laws rewritten:

From Sugar Land: "I would like for my senators and representatives to concentrate on eliminating the marriage penalty tax. This year my wife and I will pay about a thousand dollars more than we would pay if we could file as separate taxpayers."

From Livingston: "I support doing away with the current tax code and replacing it with a simpler form of taxation, such as a national sales tax. Simplicity is the key."

From Edinburg: "Taxes should be cut for the middle class, who are bearing the brunt of financing the federal government. The wealthy get the loopholes."

From Dallas: "I disagree with changing the marriage penalty tax. Married people enjoy economies that singles do not share. They can afford it. If they have children, they get a deduction."

From Brownwood: "I am married. It takes both of our salaries to live. What does that tell you about my taxes being too high?"

From Alvin: "There is too much corruption in this country in the paying of taxes, from the people who never file a tax return to the billionaires who live outside the country making money here, but paying no taxes. You will never stop the stealing completely. It is obvious that a couple earning the minimum wages need all the help they can get. Why penalize a married couple because they need two incomes to make a living? The tax brackets should be adjusted between the two groups to reflect equality, and go after the freeloaders who don't pay any tax."

From Corsicana: "It would make sense to reduce the capital gains tax. People who are retired and those trying to save for retirement are punished by this tax. I thought the government wanted to encourage investing."

From Kingwood: "Here are my priorities: marriage penalty, raise income levels for tax brackets, reduce the capital gains tax. Then, if we still want or need more, reduce or do away with the inheritance tax."

I, too, believe our country will benefit if people are allowed to keep more of what they earn. I will push for all of the tax cuts listed above. Americans deserve tax relief and a chance to get ahead.

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Lady Owls Win Second Place At the New Deal Tournament

Both the Owls and Lady Owls entered the New Deal Tournament last weekend with high expectations, but the teams were matched with Amarillo Trinity in the opening round and only the Ladies moved into the championship bracket.

In the championship final, the Lady Owls were derailed by injuries and the team of their former coach, Roger Whipkey, who is mentor of the New Deal Lady Lions.

In the first game of the tournament the Lady Owls defeated Trinity 51-37 in a game that was never close.

Misty Wilkinson had the hot hands and ripped the cords with 20 points. Lindsey Weaks also scored in double figures, with 16 points to her credit. Adding points to the score were Sara Kirchoffner, seven; Taylor Griffin and Amanda Estes, four points each.

Lady Owls 16 22 36 51
Trinity 4 18 27 37

The Lady Owls defeated Anton 48-42 in the second round. The Silverton girls didn't go ahead in the score until late in the third quarter, but then were never headed.

Sara Kirchoffner, Dara Johnston and Lindsey Weaks were the offensive team leaders with 11 point each. Also scoring were Taylor Griffin, eight, and Misty Wilkinson, seven.

Shots from downtown were hit by Dara Johnston and Misty Wilkinson.

Lady Owls 9 19 37 48
Anton 13 27 34 42

In the championship game, the Lady Owls started slowly and were never able to keep pace with Coach Whipkey's powerful Lions.

Dara Johnston led the scoring with 12 points, which was four three-pointers. Also scoring were Misty Wilkinson and Taylor Griffin, six points each; Sara Kirchoffner, Lindsey Weaks and Lisa Comer, two points each.

Also hitting three-point shots were Misty Wilkinson and Taylor Griffin, two each.

Lady Owls 2 12 15 30
New Deal 19 38 57 61

The New Deal girls rained a total of eight three pointers on the baskets.

Jared Holt led the scoring with 18 points as the Owls lost to Trinity 62-46 in the opening round of the tournament. Jay Arnold also scored in double figures with 11 points. Also scoring were Adrian Ramirez, seven; Jeremy Holt, six; Andrew Francis and Nathan Francis, two points each.

Owls 16 28 38 46
Trinity 9 29 48 62

Three-point shots were hit by Jared Holt, four; Jay Arnold, two. The Trinity boys also hit seven from downtown.

The Owls lost a close game to Anton, 35-33, that had looked like it would go into overtime until one of the opposing players

rolled in a two-pointer just ahead of the buzzer.

Jay Arnold led the Owls by scoring 11 points. Nathan Francis added eight; Jeremy Holt and Jared Holt, five points each; Jimmy Castillo and Adrian Ramirez, two points each.

Owls 11 23 28 33
Anton 9 20 29 35

This dropped the Owls from contention in the tournament.



Andy Bullock recently has returned to active duty. He is based in Japan. He would love to hear from his friends here:
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Junior High Teams Split Games With Patton Springs

Silverton's Junior High teams drove to Patton Springs on Monday, and split a pair of games with the Rangers.

The Lady Owls won their match by a large margin, 76-7.

Lauren Van Horn had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a big 30-point effort. Adding to the score were Pam Castillo, eight; Jenny Young, six; Kassie Strange, Kathryn Myers and Kelcy Simpson, four points each; Tarran Forbes and Bryn Mayfield, two points each; Daryl-Ann Reynolds, one point.

Lady Owls 30 48 60 76
Patton Springs 6 11 17 22

The Owls dropped their game 31-22.

Scoring for the Owls were Red Ivory, nine; Chase Comer, six; John Arnold, four; Dustin Hale, two, and Martin Hernandez, one point.

Owls 6 11 17 22
Patton Springs 12 22 30 31

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 17--Christmas Employee Dinner, 7:00 p.m.; Semester Tests (even periods)

Friday, Dec. 18--Semester Tests (odd periods); End of Semester; Floydada, here, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19--Teacher

Silverton Teams Complete Sweep of the Valley Cagers

Silverton's high school basketball teams drove to Valley High for a series of games on Tuesday night of last week, and swept the series.

Action opened with the Lady Owl JV, who posted a 35-14 win. Sharyl McMurtrey led the offense by scoring 14 points. Also scoring were Brooke Garvin, six; Kurby Garvin, five; Catherine Reyna, three; Misti Mattheus, Brandi Rice and Amy Maciel, two points each; Diana Garza, one point.

Lady Owls JV 10 25 32 35
Valley 4 6 10 14

The JV Owls won their game 36-31 in overtime.

Daniel Rogers and Issac Garcia led the scoring with eight points each, and Isaiah Ivory was right behind them with seven. Also scoring were Matt Strange, six; Daniel Castillo, four; Tyler Young, two, and Clint Ivory, one point.

Owl JV 5 12 23 27 36
Valley 11 18 20 27 31

Issac Garcia hit two three pointers, and Isaiah Ivory hit one.

The varsity Lady Owls outscored the Valley Lady Patriots 66-24.

Misty Wilkinson led the offense by ripping the baskets with 22 big points. Also scoring in double figures was Sara Kirchoffner, with 17. Adding to the score were Amanda Estes, eight; Taylor Griffin, six; Dara Johnston, two points.

Lady Owls 17 35 45 66
Valley 9 14 20 24

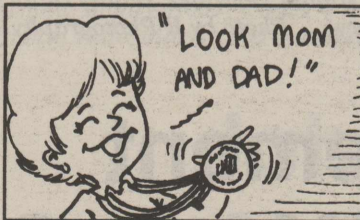
Three-pointers were hit by Misty Wilkinson, one; Sara Kirchoffner, two; Taylor Griffin, one.

The varsity Owls defeated Valley 56-53 behind the scoring of Nathan Francis, 17, and Jared Holt, 13. Also scoring were Jeremy Holt, nine; Adrian Ramirez, eight; Jay Arnold, seven; Jay Hicks, two points.

The Owls led much of the way in the game, but finished the third quarter in a 41-41 tie.

Owls 15 23 41 56
Valley 9 21 41 53

Cory Chandler led the Valley scoring with 20 points.



Irene Joliot-Curie, daughter of Nobel Prize-winning physicists Marie and Pierre Curie, won a Nobel Prize herself in 1935, for chemistry.

Work Day
Monday, Dec. 21 - Friday, Jan. 1--School Holidays
Monday, Dec. 28 - Wednesday, Dec. 30--Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament

Junior High Teams Were in Tulia Tournament

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls and Lady Owls were participants in the Tulia JV Tournament last weekend. Both teams opened their action with Tulia.

The Lady Owls lost their game 65-28. Scoring was by Brooke Garvin, nine; Kurby Garvin, seven; Sharyl McMurtrey, six; Amy Maciel, three; Cathryn Reyna, two, and Misti Mattheus, one point.

JH Lady Owls 11 19 22 28
Tulia 18 27 43 65

The Lady Owls defeated River Road 36-27 in their second game.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Kurby Garvin, eight; Brooke Garvin, seven; Sharyl McMurtrey and Misti Mattheus, six points each; Amy Maciel, five; Cathryn Reyna, four points.

JH Lady Owls 8 18 23 36
River Road 5 11 19 27

The Lady Owls dropped their third game, 42-34, to Springlake-Earth.

Brooke Garvin burned the baskets with a 21-point effort in this outing. Also scoring were Sharyl McMurtrey and Kurby Garvin, four points each; Amy Maciel, three, and Misti Mattheus, two points.

JH Lady Owls 8 22 22 34
Springlake-Earth 5 24 36 42

The Owls dropped their match

to Tulia, 46-31.

Scoring was by Clint Ivory, nine; Isaiah Ivory, eight; Daniel Rogers, four; Issac Garcia, five; Matt Strange, two points.

JH Owls 11 16 20 31
Tulia 6 13 33 46

The Owls were outscored 35-26 by Hart in their second game.

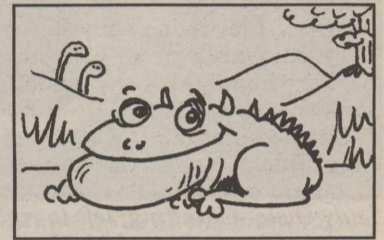
Scoring in this match was by Daniel Castillo, 10; Daniel Rogers and Isaiah Ivory, five points each; Matt Strange, four; Issac Garcia, two points.

JH Owls 6 9 16 26
Hart 6 21 27 35

The Owls won their third game 38-33 from the Boys Ranch Rough Riders.

Isaiah Ivory led the scoring with 19 points. Adding to the score were Matt Strange, five; Daniel Rogers, Daniel Castillo and Issac Garcia, four points each; Clint Ivory, two points.

JH Owls 17 19 27 38
Boys Ranch 4 14 17 33



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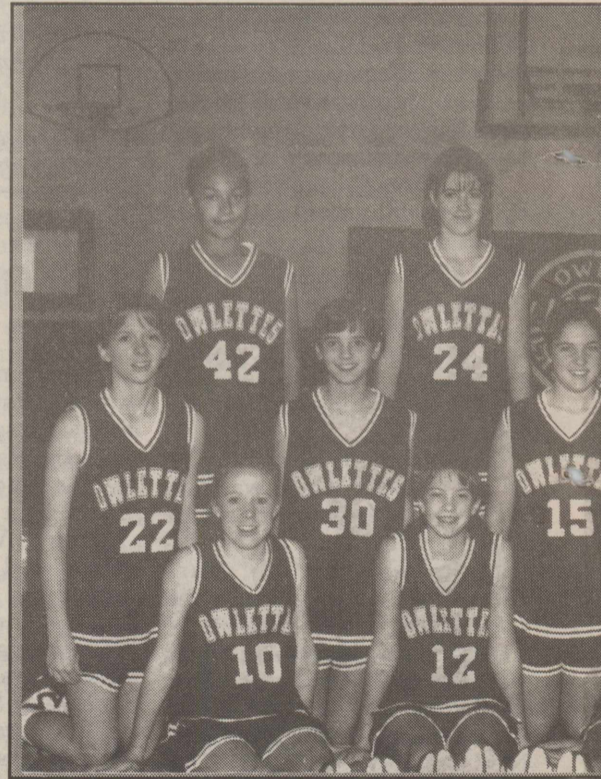
Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Misty Wilkinson, Sara Kirchoffner, Lindsey Weaks, Dara Ramsey, Chelsey Cherry, Sharyl McMurtrey, Julie Weaver, Dara Johnston, Amanda Estes, Coach Brian Barnes; (kneeling) Rachel Vangraefschepe, manager, Taylor Griffin, Lisa Comer, Brooke Garvin, Kendra Rhoderick, manager. Photo by R Photography



Varsity Owls--(standing, left to right) Coach Larry Francis, Nathan Francis, Jeremy Holt, Jay Arnold, Henderson; (kneeling) Daniel Reagan, Adrian Ramirez. Photo by R Photography



Junior Varsity Owls--(standing, left to right) Coach Wayne Henderson, John Rogers, Gary Whitworth, Daniel Rogers, Adrian Ramirez, Matt Strange, Clint Ivory, Tyler Young, Junior Gonzalez, Danny Dunn; (kneeling) Clay McMurtrey, Ryan Minyard, Daniel Castillo, Isaiah Ivory. Photo by R Photography



Junior High Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Coach Brian Barnes; (kneeling) Kathryn Myers, Daryl-Anne Simpson; (sitting) Jenny Young, Lori Griffin, Kassie Simpson. Photo by R Photography

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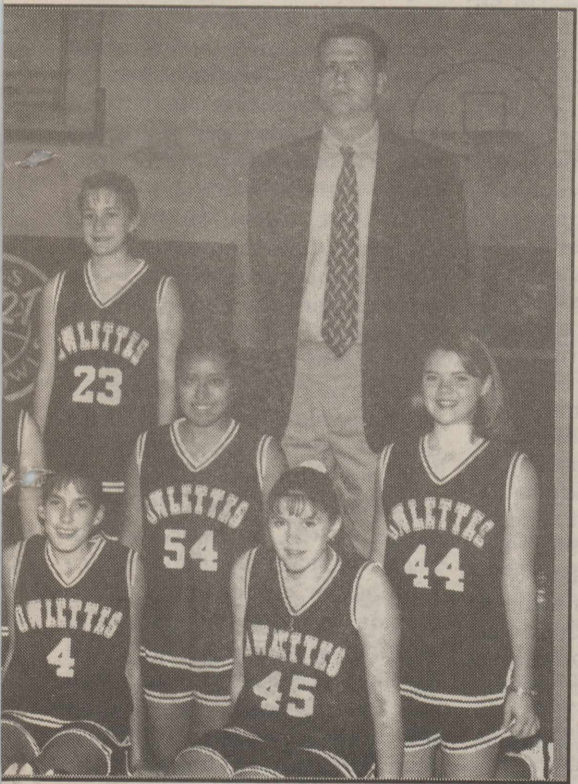
Owls And Lady Owls!



Mantle, Jimmy Castillo, Jay Kirkland, Andrew Bert Garza, Jared Holt, Paul Segura, Coach Wayne R Photography Photo



Junior Varsity Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Amy Maciel, Kurby Garvin, Vicki VanHorn, Coach Wayne Henderson, Misti Mattheus, Cathryn Reyna, Diana Garza; (kneeling) Kendra Rhoderick and Rachel Vangraefschepe, managers. Photo by R Photography



Castillo, Tarran Forbes, Crystal Walls, Coach Reynolds, Bryn Mayfield, Monica Garcia, Kelcy Strange, Lauren VanHorn. Photo by R Photography



Junior High Owls--(standing, left to right) Ty Reed, Trace Mattheus, Adrian Cruz, Payton Estes, John Arnold, Monty Wood, Chase Comer, Caleb Francis, Clifton Baker, Coach Wayne Henderson; (kneeling) Dustin Hale, Martin Hernandez, Brandon Stephens, Marcos Patino; (sitting) Red Ivory, Eric Minyard. R Photography Photo

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Experiences in the Life of John Henry Crow

Continuation

One summer Carl came home to seek employment which he found rather quickly. He brought home two cats, a neutered male and a female, and Don had a female cat. Both females had kittens and needless to say we had a house full of cats and kittens. The kittens played all kinds of running and climbing games. But Billie was ill and she and the mother cats had more kittens than they wanted and Carl's female cat departed and never came back. None of our neighbors needed kittens so we had to take them to the SPCA. Don's cat got hurt real bad while outdoors and died at the veterinary clinic.

Engineering is a boom or bust business, and the work load is hard to predict from one year to the next. I owe Lucius a deep debt of gratitude because he risked his Georgia property many times to get us through periods when our outgo exceeded our income. And he had foresight to provide our company health insurance just before Multiple Sclerosis was diagnosed for Billie. Otherwise, she probably could not have gotten health insurance. By 1972, the shortage of work had taken us close to the point of no return. But we were rescued by another small engineering company located in Houston, Trentham Corporation, primarily directed by Lee Trentham, Ralph Graham and John Baumann. All of these men were Chemical Engineers with good reputations in Gas Treating, Sulfur Recovery and Hydrocarbon Processing. All of them were near geniuses and proved to be very considerate in their dealings with me. All of us had stock in both organizations and we kept both companies for the convenience of our long-time clients. Lucius and I continued to operate Graff Engineering Corp. in Dallas and we established a fabrication shop in Odessa, TX and with Trentham Corporation in Houston. Our Dallas office designed and packaged a gas treater, sulfur recovery unit and tail gas incinerator that we shipped to Puerto Rico for installation in a refinery. We designed and installed a gas stack at Red Water, TX near Texarkana. We designed and installed a gas treater and gas dehydrator utilizing second-hand equipment near Tchula, MS. And we designed a large sulfur recovery unit for installation at Ashland, KY. We hired an experienced process engineer and developed a versatile sulfur recovery computer program with three stage reheat between stages. And we designed and packaged a sulfur recovery unit, tail gas treater, tail gas incinerator and stack for installa-

tion at Chalmette, LA. We packaged a pressure swing adsorption type hydrogen production unit for installation in Pennsylvania. And we conducted a research program for selective acid gas absorption. I designed a gas treater unit for Carville, LA.

I am not certain of all of Trentham's project during this time frame but I know they modified a large liquid hydrocarbon recovery plant in New Mexico using cryogenic cooking with one or more high speed expanders. They designed and packaged at least two sulfur recovery units for installation in California refineries. And they designed and installed at least two sulfur recovery units in West Texas. One was near Irian and one was near Seminole. They modified a reasonably large sulfur recovery unit in East Texas for Cities Service Company. They designed and installed a gas treating unit, sulfur recovery unit, tail gas treater, tail gas incinerator and stack at a Chalmette, LA refinery. Lucius left Trentham-Graff to form his own engineering company. Arnold Hegwar, a capable engineer who had been associated with Lee Trentham several times before, came to work for Trentham in Houston. He was a stockholder and I believe he acquired Lucius' stock.

Our son, Donald, graduated from high school in 1973 and went first to Eastfield Junior College and then to Richland Junior College (both located in Dallas), but he had not finished either when we moved to Houston. I had bought Donald a Volkswagen van that I thought he would like to haul his drums around, but he did not like using the clutch to shift gears. Carl traded me his Volkswagen Beetle for the Volkswagen station wagon and I traded the Beetle for a small Toyota sedan, which Donald liked. When we moved to Houston, Donald moved with us and Carl came home and helped us move. Don had a neutered male cat when we came to Houston and when he went outside he got a whipping by a big black cat. This happened several times and his ears were quite sore. Billie and Don took the cat to the veterinarian and he suggested covering his hind feet so he couldn't scratch his ears. Billie got some baby booties and spent quite some time putting the booties on his hind feet. When she let him out of her lap, he kicked his hind feet in the descent and the booties hit Billie in the face. The next time he went out he evidently found a more friendly place because he never came back.

In July of 1975 Billie and I sold our house in Dallas and moved to Houston so I could work at the home office. I had bought a house in Houston without her seeing it and it turned out to be suitable to her and was within a few blocks of where Southwest Memorial Hospital would stand a couple of years later. Billie very shortly enrolled in a Multiple Sclerosis neurological program sponsored by Methodist Hospital. They used steroid injections into the spine and on Christmas Eve Billie thought the doctor crushed one of her vertebra while giving an injection. The doctor disagreed and released her to go home. Christmas morning we were going to eat out but when Billie tried to go to the bathroom using her walker, she fell with her head in the bathroom and her feet in the bedroom. We called the Fire Department Ambulance and they picked her up with a scoop stretcher and took her to Methodist Hospital where she lay on an x-ray table more than twelve hours waiting for a doctor's orders to proceed. She was in intense pain for the whole time. She did have a fractured vertebra and stayed in the hospital several days. After a few months she changed to a neurologist associated with Sharpstown Hospital which was located about two miles from where we lived and her doctor practiced at Southwest Memorial when it opened. He continued to treat Billie until she died and was always kind and considerate in addition to being a capable doctor. She met a urologist at Sharpstown Hospital who continued to be her doctor until the end. Family doctors would only treat flu and other similar illnesses.

Trentham designed and packaged a large gas separation unit, gas treating unit, dehydration unit, sulfur recovery unit and tail gas incineration unit with stack for installation in buildings at Manistee, MI. I believe there were 27 truck-size skids that had to be scheduled so that damage to roads would be minimal. The facility was for Shell Oil Company and their project engineer was Gene Greene for whom we did several other jobs. I designed and fabricated fired reheaters for three sulfur plants located near Pecos, TX. We designed and packaged a combustion chamber for the sulfur recovery unit that we shipped to Puerto Rico a few years earlier. We designed a new company brochure and were an expert witness for Warren Petroleum Company at a plant in East Texas where a contractor's worker had been poisoned by hydrogen sulfide. Ralph Graham, who was a contract specialist, left Trentham Corporation. I became familiar with Trentham's methods for handling work and I began to be more and more responsible for generating proposals.

About 1977 I had a non-malignant tumor removed from my right index finger. The surgery required a general anesthetic. And in 1979 I had a triple groin hernia repaired. The initial surgery was postponed a couple of

days because I was allergic to Demerol they gave me which caused my heart to run away and I spent a couple of days in the heart ward where they took me off of blood pressure medicine. Billie had to start using a wheelchair in 1979 and that I believe this was also when she began requiring a Foley catheter. She had at least three other vertebrae crushed and had to begin wearing a full back support corset in order to sit or stand up. An attendant was required to put on the corset. Sometime in this time frame I believe she tried to overdose on pills but I believe she ran out of water to swallow the total amount of pills that she had planned to take. She spent several days in the hospital and in rehab and came home. Her multiple sclerosis had advanced so that her physical abilities were limited and she required daily nursing help.

Carl had dropped out of architecture with excellent grades but with fear that a committee project was doomed for failure for lack of help when half of the committee quit. He changed his major to mathematics and graduated with a bachelor of science and was Phi Beta Kappa. He kept going to school while studying various subjects until he decided to take architectural energy engineering and graduated with another bachelor of science and was Tau Beta Pi. He helped to develop a method of evaluating homes' efficiency for heating and cooling which was presented as a book and it was accepted for use by one energy company. He married Brenda Werner on July 16, 1977. She was attending the University of Texas, also. Carl has been employed as an architectural energy engineer for about 20 years and Brenda is a special education teacher and is now enrolled in college work that will qualify her for school administration. Their children are Alden, born May 2, 1982; Erin born October 13, 1985, and Devin, born August 31, 1989. They are all active in athletics and are advanced in their class work. Parents and children go at a fast pace all their waking hours.

After we moved to Houston, Donald tried several jobs before he enrolled in Harris County Junior College for a welding course. He did well and finished ahead of the others in his class. He was hired by Stewart & Stevenson at their Harrisburg plant and he became proficient as a stick welder as well as a wire welder and manufactured many skids for engine generators, turbine generators and special projects. Early in his career at Stewart & Stevenson, a roofing contractor piled his materials on the roof above Donald's work area without Donald's knowledge and the weight brought the materials and roof down on top of Donald. He had to dig himself out from under the pile even though there were workers in the surrounding area. He went to the first aid station and was allowed

to drive himself home even though he had possible concussions. He could tell that his chin had a hard lick as did his back. The chin area of his welding hood was smashed and broken. His lawyer recommended that he settle for almost nothing in a few months, which he did. A few years later it became obvious that his teeth were damaged when cracks began to show up with decay. More recently it was discovered that the diaphragm for his left lung is in a mid position because the operating nerve was damaged and the lung capacity is diminished. But the statute of limitations protects the responsible parties. Within the last year Stewart & Stevenson told Donald and a few of his co-workers to go to their Jacinto Port plant for interviews and Donald was offered a job but with a cut in pay of about \$2.50 per hour. That shop is now operated by General Electric S&S Division and the work situation was deteriorating in Donald's eyes and he quit after more than 18 years of hard work and a good work record. Apparently Stewart & Stevenson severed all his benefits when they asked him to transfer to the Jacinto Port shop without prior explanation of his choices. Donald also has about 10 inches of ulcerated colon that bleeds a lot of the time. His first marriage did not work out but he married Malinda Rhodes two years ago last February and he is very happy with his marriage.

In the late 1970s Lee Trentham took me up to Copper Hill, TN and introduced me to the management for Cities Service Oil Company. One of Lee's grandfathers had lived in Copper Hill and worked for the telephone company many years ago. Cities Service operated a copper and iron ore mine which had been operated since the Civil War. They roasted the ores and utilized the roaster gas to produce 80 tons per day of liquid sulfur dioxide and 3100 tons per day of sulfuric acid. They used some Swemco scrubbers to wash and cool the iron roaster gas feeding the Sulfur Dioxide and Sulfuric Acid Facilities. Operation of the Swemco scrubbers did not remove the desired amount of dust nor did they cool the gasses as much as desired. We re-trayed the scrubbers with trays of a different design that effectively removed dust and cooled the gas better than required. We modified the inlet gas compressor and added an inlet gas cooler-contractor to the existing facilities that increased sulfur dioxide production from 80 to 120 tons per day. We helped them improve efficiencies of two other dust scrubbers. And we were in the process of making vast improvements in their iron pelletizer operation until cheap fuel in other countries made it uneconomical to pelletize iron in the USA.

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John Baumann designed and packaged a miniature cryogenic liquid hydrocarbon recovery unit for installation near Odessa, a proprietary wet reaction process sulfur recovery package for installation and pilot plant operation in Mississippi and five 20 MMscfd packaged type liquid hydrocarbon recovery units for Mitchell Energy Company. These units were designed for high ethane recovery. The Expander Compressor of one unit compressed inlet gas and the others compressed residue gas. Shortly thereafter John Baumann left Trentham. We did a whole series of plant designs and equipment requisitions for Shell Oil Company, Bakersfield, CA under the direction of Gene Greene. These plants were required for heavy oil production using steam flood. The facilities included two 200,000 barrel per day (BPD) water treating plants that included oil and oxygen removal, precoated filtering and two-stage softening; two water from oil separation (dehydration) units (one was for 40,000 BPD of oil from 160,000 BPD of water and the other was for 50,000 BPD of oil from 200,000 BPD of water); an oil pumping station; a central storage terminal and two sand removal units for produced water to the above dehydration facilities. One unit removed about 11 tons per day of sand and the other removed about 15 tons per day of sand. The sand was removed from the water with a large clarifier located at the inlet to each facility and bottom draw-off hydroclones were used to concentrate the sand which dropped into concrete pits. The sand was loaded in dump trucks with front end loaders with vastly reduced labor costs. We then designed and packaged four more 20 MMscfd cryogenic liquid hydrocarbon removal units with residue gas compression for Mitchell Energy Company. We shop assembled two similar but smaller cryogenic units for Warren Petroleum Company. And we modified a large gas treating plant for Warren Petroleum Company and added precoat filtration for circulated amine solution. We designed and packaged a 11 MMscfd cryogenic liquid hydrocarbon recovery plant that was installed in Oklahoma for Texaco. And we designed and installed a very large scale pilot plant for carbon dioxide production for Mitchell Energy Company. This unit collected exhaust gases from engines, fired heaters and a gas turbine and burned them with makeup fuel gas in a large furnace, cooled the gas in a waste heat boiler, catalytically removed nitrogen oxides, further cooled

the gas in a hot oil exchanged followed by quench water cooling. Carbon dioxide was removed by amine solution and the inert gas was washed and vented to the atmosphere. The amine solution was heated and regenerated to remove carbon dioxide which was cooled to condense water for still reflux. Carbon dioxide was then compressed and dried before it was injected into one or more wells for tertiary oil recovery. Unfortunately carbon dioxide broke through the formation rapidly and the project was abandoned rather quickly. We designed and packaged a hydrogen sulfide removal from carbon dioxide unit using a hydrogen sulfide selective tertiary amine for installation near Fort Stockton, TX. The carbon dioxide was then compressed, pipelined to another location and used for tertiary oil recovery.

In 1982 I went to the office early one Sunday morning and I realized very shortly that the left side of my scalp was asleep. On the following Wednesday I was admitted to Sharpstown Hospital for tests. Doppler tests and angiograms showed that my left carotid artery was 95% plugged and I took blood thinners for months and was told that the blood flow had rerouted itself and I stopped taking the blood thinners. When I was having the angiograms they gave me valium because I had been allergic to Demerol and I was quite nervous. At the beginning of the last test the doctor said the dye was going to burn more and would burn in my brain area. I waited a while and my buttocks began to feel hot. I told the doctor that I was not going to the office and tell my fellow workers where my brains were, and he laughed. When I got the final results from the doctor, he told me that I had smoked all the cigarettes that I could ever afford to smoke. I have never smoked or wanted to smoke another cigarette. Up until that time I had quit for a year one time and could not get over the desire for a cigarette. Even if I had three cigarettes already burning in various ashtrays I would often light another. Billie attempted suicide one night after I had left home to go to Copper Hill and her Aunt Arkie was visiting our family. They called me the next morning at Cities Service's office. I had to drive back to Atlanta and board a plane back to Houston and then drive to the hospital from the airport. That was a very long and nerve-racking trip but once again they saved her life and she came home after some rehab work. Around the mid-1980s one morn-

ing I drove up to Buffalo, TX and stopped for breakfast before driving to a Texaco processing plant located near Fairfield, TX. When I went back to my car after breakfast, I realized that I was seeing double. I closed one eye and drove to the plant. I was an expert witness and was shown the areas and told the conditions that were believed to have caused two employees to die from breathing hydrogen sulfide while trying to restart an air blower for their sulfur recovery plant. One of the Texaco visitors from Houston asked if he could ride to Houston with me so I welcomed him as a driver. The next day I had an MRI and my neurologist told me that he thought I had a minor stroke and he thought the double vision would stop in about six weeks, which it did. I hope I never have that problem again. But, Billie had that problem for years and the muscles would not close one of her eyes.

Billie's Aunt Arkie died on October 5, 1983 after a rather lengthy illness and we buried her in a plot which she had purchased many years before to bury her Mother and it had room for five grave sites. The cemetery is called the IOOF cemetery and is located in Denton and is cared for by the city. Billie and I paid for Aunt Arkie's burial costs. Billie's Mother died on March 4, 1985 in Aurora, CO. She lived with her daughter, Roberta, and had been ill several months and had been in and out of the hospital several times. Her body was shipped to Dallas and buried in the same plot with her Mother and Aunt Arkie. Billie and I had paid for health insurance and part of her other expenses for many years and helped pay for her burial. Roberta died on July 15, 1993 and was buried near her Mother and there is room for her husband, Howard J. Krill, when he dies. He still lives in Aurora, CO. After a few years in a custodial nursing home and three years in a skilled care nursing home, my Mother died on May 29, 1985 in Houston and was returned to Silverton, TX for burial beside my Father and my Brother. There is at least one other gravesite in their plot. Billie and I paid for Mother's care also. We sold her house after she died to a young Silverton couple that paid us a down payment and the balance over a five-year period. They have spent a lot of time making improvements and I know my Mother must be happy for them to have her house. Billie's Sister, Rosemary Cohea Parker, died in a one-car accident in 1989 in Dallas and was buried by her daughter, Jeanne Ann, at Long Creek Cemetery, Sunnyvale, TX. The daughter, Jeanne Ann Parker Webb, died from cervical cancer in 1997 and Billie understood that she was buried in a cemetery near Saginaw, TX as directed by her husband. Rosie's husband, Jesse Lloyd Parker, died in about 1968 while we lived in Dallas and was buried in a county cemetery near Iola, TX in his parent's family plot.

We modified a railcar loading station and added storage tanks and piping manifolds at a petrochemical plant operated by Chevron Oil Company near Mount Belvieu, TX. And we designed and installed an Arsine Removal Unit at Enterprise Oil Company's large Fractionation Center, also located near Mount Belvieu. Then our work suddenly came to a stop in 1988 and seemingly our bidding practices that had worked so long would not get us a job. When we reduced our staff, that caused us to lose our health insurance and a lot of chances to bid. I owe a lot of gratitude to Lee Trentham because he maintained health insurance for Billie until there was no way we could buy health insurance through the company. He gave me an introduction to a lot of people and encouraged me to avoid negative expressions about myself. I hope that I have learned to be positive about my abilities. Finally in 1989 we made a deal with Gulf Interstate Engineering Company to be a part of their company. I did a cost evaluation for Enron for a large electric generating plant which was later installed in England. And we designed and installed additional gas engine driven compressor stations on the West Coast of Saudi Arabia for two crude oil pipelines. One pipeline was 48 inches in diameter and the other was 54 inches in diameter. Both lines had failures of pressure reducing stations originally installed on downgrade slopes to the coast. A major engineering company could not complete the work in the estimated time for completion and the job was given to us for completion and we met all of our estimates of time and engineering cost. We then designed and packaged a refrigerated liquid hydrocarbon recovery unit to be installed in China. Two sets of ten Chinese engineers watched our every move and sat in on all job discussions each day. Evidently we sent a less than qualified construction superintendent and the Chinese insisted on making changes that were not good engineering practices. Whatever the reason, the plant didn't work as well as we would have liked. Some of the sub-suppliers said changes had been made that invalidated their warranties. While at Gulf Interstate Engineering, I also looked after engineering quality control and wrote most of a quality control manual.

In late 1991 Lee Trentham left Gulf Interstate Engineering and joined FB&D Technologies, Inc. And I was told that the President of Gulf Interstate Engineering, Red Tyler, planned to do the same during the first quarter of 1992. In February 1992 I resigned from Gulf Interstate Engineering and went to work for FB&D Technologies. They were elaborately structured but had very few qualified employees. Management seemed intent on creating a great facade that cov-

ered emptiness. Their business development group seemed helpless in getting inquiries. They refused to camp on potential customers' doorsteps until they got an introduction. Lee, Red and I worked very hard to bid a large Carbon Dioxide Tertiary Oil Recovery project operated by Mobil Oil Company near Snyder, TX. We, together with Belmont Constructors, submitted a competitive bid and spent several weeks making minor changes and in the end were awarded the contract and Belmont Constructors were awarded the field construction contract. In April I went to see a cardiologist which I had met in 1979 and he found by Doppler tests that I had plugging in my right carotid artery and in both thigh arteries. In a short time he did angiograms and found coronary artery blockages, also. He said I needed immediate surgery for the plugged carotid artery and we scheduled the surgery for the first Monday in June. I didn't realize how scared Billie was that I might die, but on the Friday night before I was to go to the hospital she tried to kill herself again. I had my operation with no problems but Billie spent 30 days in long-term care at the hospital. I kept her nurse on the payroll so that she would continue working for us when Billie could go home.

I went back to work within a week of the carotid artery operation. I continued on the Mobil job to completion and update flow diagrams and to inquiry and buy major equipment. In July I had angioplasty on my coronary arteries to improve circulation from the heart. I got approvals from Mobil for the Piping and Instrument Diagrams and started making cost estimates for changes from the bid basis. I also helped to put together a cost estimate and proposal for the design and packaging for Sulfur Recovery, Tail Gas Treating, Incineration and Disposal Stack for two facilities to be installed for Pemex in Mexico. FB&D had drawings from previous jobs that fit the required Sulfur Recovery Units. Mexican engineers were to do most of the detailed engineering in Mexico. I understand that the person who took my place at FB&D did all bid interpretations to suit himself. Mobil refused to accept his changed P&IDs and there were major contract disputes and cost overruns on the Pemex work, primarily due to his handling of the jobs and his attitude toward Mexican professionals.

To Be Continued



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For the Week Ended December 10

New York cotton futures ended mostly lower to mixed this week as traders were cautious ahead of both USDA's export sales report and the department's supply/demand report. Each report held a few small surprises to market observers.

USDA's December supply/demand report showed increased 1998-99 U. S. and world cotton production and a major jump in

ending stocks, presenting a rather bearish picture for the futures market.

The department pegged 1998-99 U. S. production at 13.4 million bales, higher than last month's 13.2 million. U. S. ending stocks also were raised, from November's 2.3 million bales to 2.8 million. Analysts were not disappointed as they had expected a slightly higher U. S. crop, especially since Texas cot-

ton had rebounded after a severe drought earlier this year. In fact, the Texas crop grew from the department's previous estimate of 3.0 million bales to 3.3 million bales. Smaller increases also were seen in Arkansas and North Carolina. However, due to a poor growing season and delayed harvest, California's cotton production was cut 100,000 bales to 1.4 million.

A decline in U. S. exports and a rise in imports, which led to a large rise in U. S. ending stocks, was unexpected to most market observers. Projected U. S. exports fell 200,000 bales to 4.3 million, while imports rose 100,000 bales to 400,000. Analysts noted the imminent death of USDA's Step 2 export marketing program this December probably persuaded the agency to lower its export estimate for the season. "Slightly larger imports will be needed to help ease the shortage of cotton, especially high-grade growths that mills need," USDA commented.

World numbers held even larger surprises to those in the industry. The world crop increased from 83.6 million to 84.2 million bales, while ending stocks rose from 37.3 million to 39.3 million. Larger ending stocks resulted from a combination of lower world consumption, higher production and lower exports.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly export sales report was considered impressive by most in the industry, especially shipments at 303,400 bales for the week ended December 3, a record high for the marketing year. The shipments reflect merchant efforts to complete business in time to receive USDA's dwindling Step 2 export

subsidies, which are expected to end near Christmas.

The department reported net U. S. export sales of 1998-99 crop cotton was 86,400 bales for the week ended December 3, a figure considerably lower than the previous week's 119,500 bales, but higher than most analysts had expected. Additionally, 20,700 bales of 1999-00 crop cotton were sold. The report surprised analysts as the majority thought sales would be down dramatically from the past two reports because most sales made in that time frame likely will not qualify for subsidies.

Mexico, a large buyer of U. S. cotton in the last two reports, once again purchased the largest amount of U. S. cotton, according to USDA. Hong Kong followed as the second highest buyer of U. S. cotton, and Canada completed the top three.

Sales also were healthy in the spot cotton market. In the five trading days ended December 3, sales of cotton on the TELCOT electronic marketing system totaled 52,847 bales, slightly lower than the previous week's 62,375 bale figure. Average daily prices received by producers on TELCOT ranged from 52.56 to 54.56 cents per pound during the week.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Rules are rules, especially in the Step 2 program within the cotton competitiveness provisions of the current Farm Bill. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG), anybody breaking those rules should expect someone to come looking for them.

When it comes to Step 2 things can get confusing, but the bottomline is that rules governing the payment and, if necessary, repayment of Step 2 program funds are there.

In general the rules state that Step 2 funds can be paid to eligible domestic users on the date a bale is opened at the mill or to exporters of cotton on the date the bale is actually shipped. Under either circumstance each bale can only have one payment attributed to it.

Discussion has surfaced about cotton being shipped across the Mexican border, receiving the Step 2 payment and then coming back into the U. S.

While PCG has no comment on this practice, there are rules that apply. When cotton is shipped back to the U. S. after being exported under Step 2, the original Step 2 payment made for the bale MUST be repaid. Failure to repay the Step 2 payments would therefore be illegal.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that the final phase of the 1998 agriculture disaster assistance program could be announced as early as December 12 during President Bill Clinton's weekly radio address.

If the announcement is made then details would become available the week of December 14.

Last week it was reported that few details had surfaced about the crop loss portion of the legislation. Nothing has changed since that time except for the expectation that an official announcement is now imminent.

The latest National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) crop projection has increased the estimate for the High Plains region by 280,000 bales to 2.350 million bales.

The increase is good news for cotton producers who need the extra yield to try and offset lower prices seen over the past few weeks.

According to figures from the Texas Ag Statistical Service (TASS) 200,000 bales of the increase is in District 1-S where projected yields increased from 491 pounds to 564 pounds per acre. The other 80,000 bales was added to District 1-N's projection.

Overall the Texas crop is now expected to be in the neighborhood of 3.3 million bales, up from the three million bales estimated November 1.

Nationwide the cotton crop is

now expected to top 13 million bales of upland cotton and 13.4 million bales when adding in ELS production figures.

Two public hearings have been scheduled to gather comment on proposed assessment rates the Northwest Plains and the Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zones.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone hearing was to be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 14, at the Texas Department of Agriculture's West Regional Office located at 4502 Englewood Avenue in Lubbock.

The Northwest Plains Zone hearing was to be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 14, at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

For more information contact Katie Dickey Stavinoha, Texas Department of Agriculture Special Assistant for Producer Relations at (512) 463-7593.

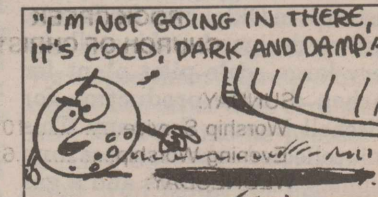
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DECEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	63	37	
2	62	35	
3	62	35	.02
4	55	35	.34
5	65	34	
6	67	43	
7	52	26	
8	38	20	.01
9	44	18	
10	44	22	
13	54	19	
14	56	22	
15	60	21	
Total Dec. Precip.			.37
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. Rec'd.			.37
Year to Date			22.07
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			21.22



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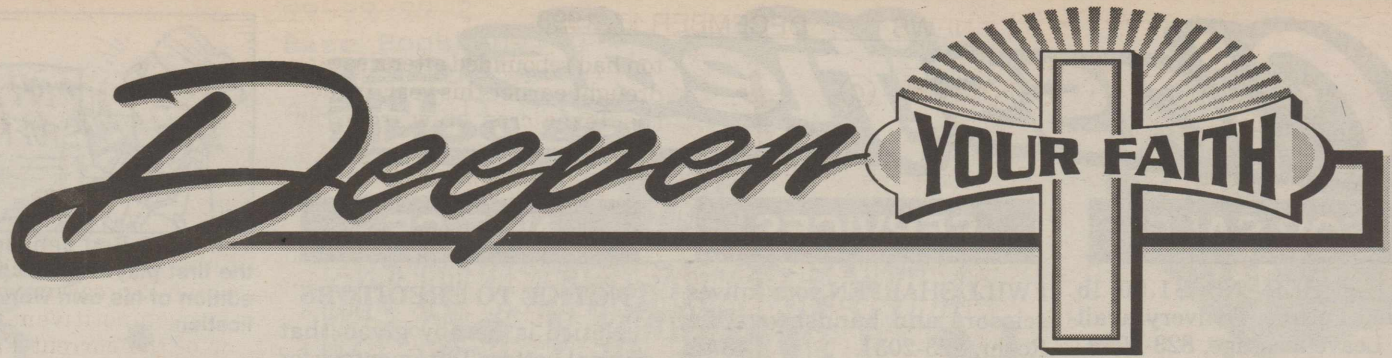
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The residence of the Independent Executrix is 2607 33rd, Snyder, Scurry County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o William P. Smith
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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 7th day of December, 1998.

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