

**All Around  
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I'd like to send get-well wishes to several of our friends who have been confined to area hospitals.

Trey Wyatt is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following an automobile accident Saturday night. I've been told that he has broken bones in the hip and pelvic region and that his recuperation will take several months.

Reba Tipton has undergone surgery several times in the past few weeks and is continuing to receive treatment at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Sheila Brooks, Melissa Estes and others are taking Reba's place in the office at Silverton Oil Company.

O. C. Rampley was transported by ambulance to High Plains Hospital in Amarillo over the weekend.

Jerry Baird recently has undergone open heart surgery in a Lubbock hospital, but I hear that he has returned home now. This must mean he is doing well.

Once again it's time to submit the pictures of your grandchildren for the Valentine issue of the Briscoe County News which will be printed on Thursday, February 11. For just \$8.00 a picture, you can put them in the newspaper to extend Valentine greetings to their family and friends. You'll get your pictures back, after getting to do some bragging about who has the most and cutest grandchildren of all!

**County Stock Show is Jan. 21-23**

Briscoe County Stock Show is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 21-23.

The steer and heifer show will begin Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vance Price Memorial Center at the Valley School.

The lamb show will begin January 23 at 8:00 a.m. followed by the pig show.

The pig show will be followed at 5:00 p.m. by a donors' and buyers' appreciation barbecue, followed by the Premium Sale.

Valley and Silverton buyers' clubs are soliciting donations from their community's individuals and businesses. Thanks to much generosity, the Premium Sale has given help to many of the county's youth.

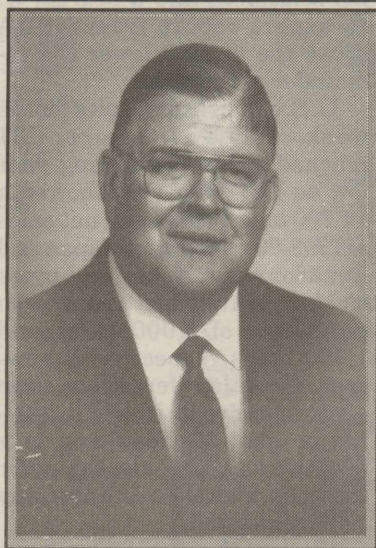
**Senior Citizens To Meet Here Friday at Noon**

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

Members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ will be hosts for the luncheon.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1999



James M. Davidson

**Davidson to be Inducted Into Hall of Fame**

Quitaque banker and former Boy Scout leader James M. Davidson will be one of five area leaders inducted into the Haynes District Scouter Hall of Fame during the annual Scouter Recognition Banquet Saturday, February 6, in Wayland Baptist University's McClung Center.

Other former Scouts joining the Hall of Fame are Roger Malone, Dimmitt; Paul W. Armstrong, jr., Hart; and former Plainview residents David Howard, Bryan, and Adam Cuevas, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Davidson served as either Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 264 in Quitaque from 1959-1975 and has served in various leadership roles in Cub Scout Pack 264 in Quitaque over the course of more than 30 years, beginning in 1962.

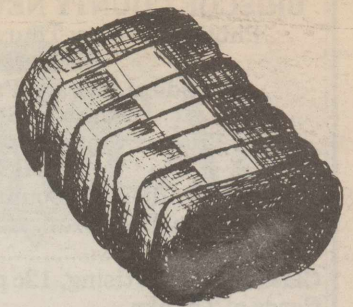
The Haynes District serves all or portions of Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Lamb, Hale and Floyd counties along with Turkey in Hall County. Almost 700 youth and adults in the area are registered in the program.

Banquet tickets are \$8.50 per person and may be ordered by contacting South Plains Council BSA, #30 Briercroft Office Park, Lubbock, Texas 79412-3089, Telephone (806) 747-2631, or Banquet Chairman Charles Bechtold, P. O. Box 1076, Plainview, TX 79073-1076, Telephone (806) 296-6889. Reservations are required by February 1.

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**Teams Open the District Campaign With Victories**

Silverton's varsity Lady Owls traveled to Matador Friday night and opened the district campaign with a 51-32 victory over the Lady Matadors.

The Lady Owls took an early lead in the game and were never headed.

Sara Kirchoffner led the offense by scoring 15 points, and Dara Ramsey added 14 while Lindsey Weaks caged 11.

Also scoring were Misty Wilkinson, six; Lisa Comer, three; Chelsey Cherry, two points.

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|---------------|---|----|----|----|
| Lady Owls     | 9 | 20 | 32 | 51 |
| Motley County | 3 | 11 | 17 | 32 |

Meanwhile, the Owls jumped out front and extended the lead throughout their game.

Nathan Francis led the scoring with 20 points, while his teammates Adrian Ramirez and Jared Holt hit 15 and 14 points respectively. Also scoring were Jay Arnold, six, and Jeremy Holt, five.

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| Owls          | 12 | 29 | 41 | 60 |
| Motley County | 3  | 16 | 31 | 46 |

Tuesday night of last week, the teams traveled to Hedley for three games and won all of them.

The junior varsity Owls opened with a big 65-32 decision over the green Owls. Isaiah Ivory had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a 24-point effort. Also scoring in double figures were Clint Ivory, 11, and Matt Strange, 10.

Adding to the score were Daniel Castillo and John Rogers, six points each; Daniel Rogers, four; Issac Garcia and Danny Dunn, two points each.

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| JV Owls | 22 | 32 | 50 | 65 |
| Hedley  | 4  | 14 | 20 | 32 |

The Lady Owls led most of the way in their 48-42 game, but it was close all the way. Three players scored in double figures: Lindsey Weaks, 16; Dara Ramsey, 11; Misty Wilkinson 10. Also scoring were Sara Kirchoffner, four; Taylor Griffin, three; Lisa Comer and Chelsey Cherry, two points each.

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|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Lady Owls | 13 | 22 | 30 | 48 |
| Hedley    | 13 | 23 | 28 | 42 |

The red Owls were in a 64-64 deadlock with the green Owls at the end of regulation play, and managed to outscore Hedley 10-6 in the overtime period which followed. Freshman Andrew

Francis hit a field goal and two free throws in the overtime, while Jeremy Holt hit a field goal and one free throw, and Adrian Ramirez hit a three-pointer to seal the victory.

For the game, Jeremy Holt and Nathan Francis ripped the baskets with 22 points each. Adrian Ramirez scored 11.

Also adding to the score were Jay Arnold, eight; Jared Holt, seven; Andrew Francis, four points.

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| Owls   | 15 | 32 | 47 | 64 | 74 |
| Hedley | 15 | 24 | 38 | 64 | 70 |

The high school teams hosted the teams from Guthrie on Tuesday night, and will go to Patton Springs Friday. Tuesday will see McLean come here for a non-conference game.

**JUNIOR HIGH TEAMS**  
Silverton's Junior High teams split a pair of games with Hedley on Monday night of last week.

Lauren Van Horn led the scoring in the Lady Owl game by scoring 16 points. Also scoring were Tarran Forbes, seven, and Lori Griffin, six points.

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|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| JH Lady Owls | 10 | 13 | 20 | 29 |
| Hedley       | 15 | 26 | 39 | 51 |

The Owls played to a 40-31 decision over Hedley with Dustin Hale leading the offense with 10 points.

Also scoring were John Arnold, nine; Chase Comer, eight; Monty Wood, seven; Adrian Cruz, three; Payton Estes, two, and Caleb Francis, one point.

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|---------|---|----|----|----|
| JH Owls | 9 | 18 | 32 | 40 |
| Hedley  | 0 | 11 | 15 | 31 |

The Junior High teams hosted the teams from Valley Monday night and will host Groom next Monday night.

**JV Lady Owls Win Consolation**

Silverton's junior varsity Lady Owls dropped their opening-round game to Muleshoe 43-23, received a bye and went on to defeat Amherst, 37-20, to win the consolation bracket.

Brooke Garvin led the scoring with 12 points against Muleshoe. Also scoring were Kurby Garvin, seven; Sharyl McMurtrey and Cathryn Reyna, two points each.

**See JV Lady Owls Continued on Page Two**

**Firemen to Have Valentine Ball**

Silverton Volunteer Firemen will sponsor their annual Valentine Dance beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, at the showbarn.

Tickets for the ball will be \$15.00 each and will include a steak dinner.

Music will continue until 12:00 midnight.

**Fire Department Elects Officers**

Leon Lavy was elected to serve as president of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department at the regular meeting last week.

Chosen to serve with him were Harlen Vernon, fire chief; JoDee Robison, assistant chief; Charles Sarchet, assistant chief; JoDee Robison, secretary; Tom Burson, treasurer; JoDee Robison, reporter.

Plans were made for the annual Firemen's Valentine Ball.

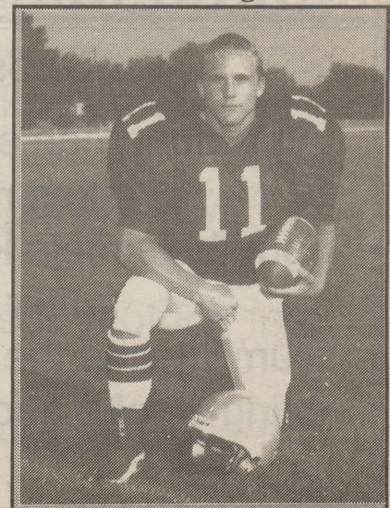
**South Plains Weather Colder Than Usual**

Weather across the Texas South Plains during December 1998 was significantly colder than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 7.2 degrees below normal at Friona to 0.2 degrees above normal at Snyder.

Maximum temperatures aver-

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Jeremy Holt was notified Tuesday of his inclusion on the Six-Man All-State Football First Team.

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**Obituaries**

**BILLY J. GERBER**

Services for Billy J. Gerber, 56, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas with the Rev. Richard Scully, pastor, and the Rev. Vince Kolb, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

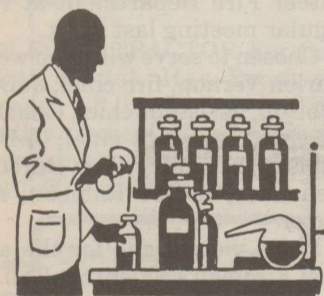
Mr. Gerber died Thursday, January 7.

Born in Dimmitt, he had lived in Dumas since 1972. He was a drill operator and member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

He married Suzanne Gibson in 1965 in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Michael Gerber of Borger; four daughters, Krista Smith of Silverton, Lori Forbus and Jennifer Miranda, both of Amarillo, and Jessica Gerber of the home; his mother, Frances Gerber of Umbarger; four brothers, Tom Gerber and Kenneth Gerber, both of Dalhart, and Don Gerber and Glenn Gerber, both of Amarillo; and five sisters, Romilda Friemel of Hereford, Janice Mulloy of Canyon, Carolyn Wieck of Hartley, Linda Moore of Amarillo and Sharon Gerber of Austin; four grandchildren, including Shayna Smith of Silverton.

The family suggested memorials be to the American Cancer Society, Box 98, Silverton, Texas 79257.



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**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

**Silverton School Activities**

Friday, Jan. 15--Patton Springs, there, 6:30

Monday, Jan. 18--Groom Junior High, here, 4:00

Tuesday, Jan. 19--McLean, here, four games, 4:00

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21-23--Briscoe County Stock Show, Quitaque

Friday, Jan. 22--Lakeview, here, 6:30; School Holiday

**Silverton School Lunch Menu**

Monday, Jan. 18--Chili Con Carne, Onion Rings, Cornbread or Crackers, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 19--Submarine Sandwich, Vegetable Sticks, Oven Potatoes, Cherry Crisp, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 20--Enchilada Casserole, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 21--Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk

Friday, Jan. 22--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

**JV Lady Owls--**

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JV Lady Owls 2 9 17 23  
Muleshoe 9 19 27 43

In the consolation game, the JV Lady Owls outplayed Amherst, 37-20.

Once again, Brooke Garvin led the scoring with 17 points, while her sister, Kurby Garvin, also caged in double figures, with 10. Also scoring were Sharyl McMurtrey, four; Amy Maciel, three; Misty Mattheus, two, and Vicki Van Horn, one point.

JV Lady Owls 7 16 25 37  
Amherst 5 7 9 20

The JV Owls defeated Happy, 65-48, behind the scoring of Isaiah Ivory, who burned the baskets with a big 28-point effort. Daniel Castillo also caged in double figures with 17. Adding points to the score were Matt Strange, nine; Clint Ivory, seven; Daniel Rogers, four.

JV Owls 11 27 48 65  
Happy 15 33 46 48

The JV Owls dropped their second game to Farwell, 52-44. Scoring in double figures for the Owls were Daniel Castillo, 19, and Isaiah Ivory, 15. Also scoring were Daniel Rogers, six; Tyler Young and Matt Strange, two points each.

JV Owls 6 21 29 44  
Farwell 14 27 47 52

The Owls also dropped a close 50-46 game to Olton.

Daniel Castillo led the offense by scoring 19 points. Also scoring in double figures were Isaiah Ivory, 12, and Daniel Rogers, 10. Issac Garcia contributed five points.

JV Owls 5 23 36 46  
Olton 6 20 29 50

**TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report**

**A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS**

For the Week Ended January 7

The new year got off to a rocky start January 4 as cotton futures plunged through the bottom end of the recent trading range and closed lower. The following day, technical factors pushed the market higher, but persistent bearish sentiment and a bearish U. S. export report from USDA drove the market lower the remainder of the week.

U. S. cotton export sales for the week ended December 31 reached a new marketing year low as USDA's report showed a 14,700 bale decrease in net sales of 1998-99 crop cotton. Japan and Equador were the largest buyers of U. S. cotton last week with purchases of 2,000 bales and 1,700 bales respectively; however, the sales were more than offset by cancellations and destination changes resulting in a negative total net sales figure for the week. There were no new crop sales registered.

Market observers now have turned their attention to USDA's January crop report and the department's U. S. and world supply/demand reports to be released on January 11 and January 12 respectively. USDA's crop report, based on conditions as of January 1, 1999, is expected by most analysts to show a modest increase in the size of the U. S. cotton crop as compared to the previous month's estimate. The average trade guess is 13.7 million bales, above USDA's December estimate of 13.4 million, but down from 18.7 million a year ago. The possible boost in the January production figure is tied to potential crop increases in Texas, North Carolina and Georgia. Many analysts anticipate changes in USDA's supply/demand report as well. "The report could indicate lower demand, pushing ending stocks above the 2.8 million bales estimated by USDA in December," an analyst said.

Although the U. S. could have a larger quantity of cotton, it may not be of the highest quality. Overall, the 1998-99 U. S. cotton crop scored lower in key quality designations than the previous year's crop. Government classings revealed lower color and leaf grades, as well as strength and length readings. Micronaire, a measure of cotton's maturity, was the highest ever, according to a USDA spokesperson. Average micronaire readings for the U. S. crop were close to 50, a level where discounts on price begin.

Much of last season's high-micronaire cotton came from Texas/Oklahoma, where crops were hit by a severe drought last summer. However, the area registered an average leaf grade of 3.0, better than the previous year, and the region's crop yielded a

high percentage of desirable "bright" cotton.

Spot cotton sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton continue to be steady as trading on the TELCOT electronic marketing system reached 38,035 bales in the four trading days ended January 7. The sales marked a 9,726 bale increase from the previous week's activity. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing TELCOT ranged from 45.46 to 48.20 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, a considerable amount of 1998 crop cotton remains unsold as producers are reluctant to sell their crop in view of the current market scenario. All the while, confusion abounds concerning the government loan versus the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) also known as the POP. According to David Stanford, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association's vice president of marketing, producers who do not plan to sell their cotton immediately, should put it in the loan as soon as possible so they may benefit from forgiven storage charges and can later redeem their cotton at the adjusted world price.

Cotton which has been placed in the government loan also is more attractive to merchants who can buy the cotton in equity form and avail themselves to forgiven charges. Attracting the attention of cotton buyers especially is important at a time when merchants are faced with a disappointing export market and slow consumption from domestic customers.

**Girl Scouts Are Having Cookie Sales**

Girl Scout Troop #124 began selling cookies on Friday, January 8. For more information on these fine products, contact a troop member or call Linda Vernon at 823-2395 after 5:00.

**Happy Birthday-**

January 14--Shanea' Lynn Russell, Kathy Kingery, Rena Schott, Ann Payne, Ralph Hill

January 15--Crystal Miller, Juan Ramirez, Janet Henderson, Ashley Smith

January 16--Sheryl Breedlove, Santos Garcia, jr., Ernest Garcia, Rusty Miller, Louise Vaughan

January 17--Aubri Renee Perry, Ashley Glenn, Matthew Hutsell, Beverly Minyard, Kent Carpenter, Jerry Cole Patton

January 18--John Wyatt, Debbie Weaks, Thor Patton

January 19--Annell Davis, Sue Lynn Morris

January 20--Anna Belle Tipton, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Jack Graham, Barry Grant Wheeler

## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**January 12, 1989-**Commissioners attend to routine matters... Silverton EMS equipment had been upgraded with the purchase of a new \$55,000 ambulance unit to serve the people of this area... Graveside services conducted for Polly Valvrie Honea, 81... New Fire Department officers are James Edwards, president; Flute Hutsell, fire chief; Jerry Patton and Charles Sarchet, assistant chiefs; Emmett Tomlin, secretary; Tom Burson, treasurer. Members of the finance committee are Tom Burson, Perry Brunson and Dwight Ramsey... Johnny and Lynette (Martin) Byrom of Rowlett are parents of a son, John Martin... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer had most of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a day of greeting, eating and a very good time Saturday to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new... Officers elected at EMS annual meeting were Ted Kingery, president; Emmett Tomlin, vice president; Diamond Williams, secretary-treasurer; James Edwards, Anthony Kingery, Tom Burson and Lynn Frizzell, directors... Windy Wood and Staci Hill displayed the "Save the Battleship Texas" certificates the Silverton Girl Scouts received for collecting 53 pounds of recyclable aluminum cans...

**January 11, 1979-**Fire which broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens south of Silverton shortly before midnight Tuesday damaged the basement of the home before it was brought under control... Owlettes win Claude Tourney championship... Mrs. W. E. (Tina) Schott will observe her 95th birthday Sunday at the Tulia Nursing Home... Graveside rites held for Jake Carthel... Michael Greenhaw underwent knee surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday... Floyd Williams and Raymond Teeple continue to receive treatment at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock... Miss Twila Denise Wood became the bride of Russell James Baldwin in a ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Silverton Saturday, December 30... L. O. A. Study Club has Mexican Christmas Party... Class of 1969 has reunion here... Stan Fogerson entered Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Monday and underwent surgery on his shoulder Tuesday... Holly Nance was a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Monday for a series of tests...

**January 9, 1969-**Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schott of East Lansing, Michigan visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr., other relatives and friends here during the holidays... Mrs. M. L. Welch and Ronald Welch were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon at Quanah and with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Degan at Medi-

cine Mound last Saturday... Last rites held today for Mrs. Dicie Neal, 57... Elbert Dickerson recently suffered a broken arm... Sp5 Lynn D. McDonald, Americal Division Senior Information Specialist, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam... Funeral services for William H. Bingham, 71... Mrs. J. V. Self was elected to serve as president of the March of Time Study Club. Other officers will be Mrs. Alvin Redin, first vice-president; Mrs. Floyd Williams, second vice-president; Mrs. Rex Dickerson, recording secretary; Mrs. Lula Bellinger, treasurer; Mrs. True Burson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred Mercer, reporter, and Mrs. Roy Mayfield, parliamentarian... Sgt. Roy Morrison to marry Sarah Sundheimer... Carl Wayne Woods, who received a back injury Thanksgiving Day, was able to come home from the hospital before Christmas...

**January 8, 1959-**Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell and Leroy were hosts at a family dinner on December 28. Eight of their sons and daughters were present. Forty-two relatives were dinner guests... Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ragland, jr. of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smalts of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughan, Danny and Ronnie were Sunday night supper guests of their mother, Mrs. J. E. Vaughan... Mr. and Mrs. Merle J. Montague, Ronnie, Mariette, Gary and Zane of Fort Collins, Colorado left for home on Saturday after having spent a week here visiting relatives and transacting business. They were houseguests of his mother, Mrs. Dan Montague, who honored them with a family dinner on December 28... Bud Whitfield left for San Diego, California, where he is stationed with the Navy, after spending a holiday leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitfield, and brother, Keith Whitfield, who attends Texas Tech in Lubbock... Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen and Richard have returned home from a ten-day trip to California where they visited in the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Byrd in Pomona... Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison, Raye and Roy spent a holiday vacation in Center, Colorado with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Boyce, parents of Mrs. Garrison... Pvt. E2 Carl Gauntt of Fort Lewis, Washington spent the holidays here with his wife and children, Mickey and Shonda... Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Towe and sons have sold their home on Braidfoot Street to Mr. and Mrs. James Rhoderick of Quitaque... Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vardell of Amarillo spent Christmas Day here with his mother, Mrs. Annie Williams, and Mike returned

home with them and visited until Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Croft and children have recently moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico...

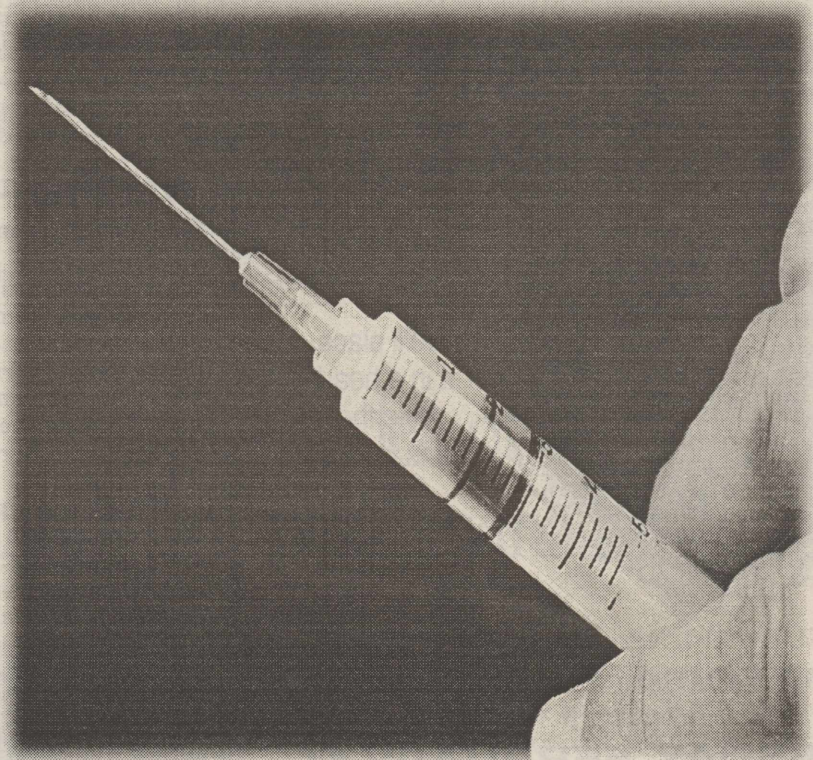
**January 13, 1949-**Silverton Methodist Church to be dedicated Sunday, January 23... Rayburn Burgess takes over Silverton Pharmacy... Southwestern Public Service Company moving to new office on west side Friday, January 14... Three inches

moisture received since Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Smithee and daughter of Clovis, New Mexico spent the weekend with relatives in Silverton... Mrs. Jimmie Tidwell and little son, Mike, of Odessa came Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell, and other relatives... Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loudermilk who have been living with Mrs. Emma Holt have moved to the Burson apartments

... Mrs. J. S. Fisher honored with birthday luncheon... The Rock Creek Club met with Mrs. Eula Shelton Tuesday. One quilt was worked on. Members enjoying the day were Florene Fitzgerald, Margaret Frizzell, Margie Turner, Ruth West and the hostess, Mrs. Shelton... Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar made a trip to Childress Saturday and brought back a new Pontiac car which they delivered to Henry Price...

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**Friendship Quilters News & Notes**  
by Nina Martin

I love work. I'm fascinated by it. In fact I can sit and look at it for hours!

The quilters finished Nadyne's Butterfly Quilt Thursday. Present were Lallie Patton, Nadyne Childress, Mary Burson, Nelda Jasper, Ann Norris, Juanita Howard, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Ruby McWaters and Nina Martin. Joy brought the

first blocks for our quilt project. "Granny"; and Mary Tom Burson is "May".  
Tidbit: When someone says, "You really don't look a day older," I'm tempted to ask, "Than what?"

**Silverton Library News**  
by Polly Cagle

Last Thursday, a friend of the library brought a copy of the Baird Family Cookbook which was donated to the library by Mike Baird. We'd like for the Baird cooks to come by the library and autograph their recipes.

There are several recipes I want to try!

New books in the library include:

"The Tender Years," Janette Oke

"The Last of the Old-Time Cowboys," Patrick Dearen

"West Texans Remember The Home Front," (World War II) Ava E. Mills, story by Freda Seefeldt

"Exclusive," Sandra Brown

"Inner Harbor," Nora Roberts

"The Unexpected Corpse," B. J. Oliphant (a Shirley McClintock mystery)

Eyewitness Handbooks, Gemstones

"Trash or Treasure," Hyman

Library hours are: Tuesdays, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The library is located in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

**Weather--**  
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aged 5.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 11.2 degrees below normal at Friona to 0.1 degree below normal at Snyder. The highest temperature reported during the month was 77 degrees at Abernathy on the 18th.

Minimum temperatures averaged one degree below normal and ranged from 3.2 degrees below normal at Friona to 0.7 degree above normal at Olton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 8.0 degrees at Friona and Muleshoe on the 26th.

Snowfall averaged 3.67 inches across the South Plains and ranged from 17 inches at Friona to 0 inches at several locations.

The largest pearl in the world, the 14 lb., 1 oz. Pearl of Lao-tze was found at Palawan, Philippines on May 7, 1934.



**CAPITOL COMMENT**  
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**TEXANS EARMARK FEDERAL SPENDING CUTS**

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 fourth question on this year's list dealt with federal spending priorities: "Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more?"

This was one of those questions that readers seemed to most enjoy answering. Here are some of your responses:

From Pettus: "I say start with foreign aid and welfare."

From Brownwood: "Quit spending defense money on areas of the world where we have no national interest."

From Alvin: "First let us see if the cuts that have been made in spending are going to be effective. If they are only a short-time fix to get us through an election, and three-to-five years from now we have another deficit, the current plan will be a failure...Cut the free handouts to foreigners. Some of them hate us but Congress gives them money anyway."

From Kingwood: "I think we should continue to cut by our original plan, that is, to cut government departments such as the federal Department of Education that should not be operating at all on the federal level."

From San Antonio: "Federal parks should have to pay their own way."

From Alvin: "There still is a lot of waste in the federal government. It must adopt the principals of private industry and be more accountable."

From Lewisville: "Surrender on the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The government threw another \$18 billion down this black hole while apparently winning few concessions on reform of IMF lending practices."

From Comfort: "I think the government could get by on way fewer employees."

From Atlanta: "Quit subsidizing flood insurance for those who repeatedly get washed out, then rebuild in the same place. Why should I pay for their stupidity?"

San Saba: "No more welfare. at all. for the able-bodied."

From Boerne: "Do away with federal school assistance. This is a matter for the states to handle."

From Mexia: "You could save a lot of money by getting rid of the Environmental Protection Agency."

From Dallas: "Not another federal dime for bilingual education."

From San Antonio: "Quit paying Social Security to people who don't live in this country. And don't let aliens bring their grandparents here and enroll them in SSI (Supplemental Security Insurance)."

From Waxahachie: "No more aid to drug-producing countries. And stop sending the military to interfere in other countries' civil wars."

But several writers thought enough cuts had been made.

From Rockwall: "As far as I am concerned, no more areas need to be cut."

From Hearne: "Leave it as it is."


As for me, when the budget process resumes again in 1999, my priorities will remain the same. I will support federal spending on essentials such as our national defense but will fight to keep the hard-won balanced budget -- with a surplus -- that we achieved in 1994.



About 90 percent of all fabrics produced in the United States are made by weaving or knitting.

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| DAY                             | HIGH | LOW | PRECIP |
|---------------------------------|------|-----|--------|
| 1                               | 42   | 25  |        |
| 2                               | 58   | 22  | .02    |
| 3                               | 34   | 14  |        |
| 4                               | 26   | 11  |        |
| 5                               | 38   | 11  |        |
| 6                               | 57   | 20  |        |
| 7                               | 59   | 20  |        |
| 8                               | 39   | 21  |        |
| 9                               | 37   | 8   |        |
| 10                              | 42   | 8   |        |
| 11                              | 47   | 15  |        |
| 12                              | 68   | 27  |        |
| Total Jan. Precip.              |      |     | .02    |
| Normal Jan. Precip.             |      |     | .65    |
| Total Precip. Rec'd.            |      |     |        |
| Year to Date                    |      |     |        |
| Normal Precip. For Year to Date |      |     | .65    |



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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce (LCC) has made securing additional funding for boll weevil eradication one of its top four items of business during the next session of the Texas Legislature. In addition to boll weevil eradication funding, LCC Board members have also identified three other key issues to be pursued when the legislature convenes January 12. LCC priorities include funding for Texas Tech University, funding for transportation projects and implementation of the Texas Agritech Corridor Partnership.

This year's Lubbock Day celebration in Austin has been scheduled by the LCC for January 26. All LCC members are encouraged to participate and take the opportunity to meet with state lawmakers and their staffs and visit about LCC's legislative priorities.

Lubbock Day festivities will include a reception from 6-8 p.m. for state lawmakers and their staffs at Stubbs BBQ with entertainment provided by Lubbock native Joe Ely.

Sponsors for Lubbock Day include: Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Farmers Coop Compress, Plains Coop Oil Mill, Lov-Cot Industries, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Plains Ginners Association, Southern Cotton Oil, F. A. Underwood, Southwestern Bell, South Plains Electric Cooperative, Southwest Airlines, and Southwestern Public Service.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. joined the LCC in 1997 and has become a key contributor to the organization on agricultural issues.

Prices received by growers for the month of October were down 2.5 cents from the month's preliminary estimate and down 0.7 cents from the September range.

Compared to 1997 the 1998 average price received, weighted by marketings, is approximately 4.7 cents lower. Preliminary estimates for the November price received is 64.7 cents. Calendar year 1998 marketings now total an estimated 8.2 million bales.

Nothing new has been reported since the beginning of the year in regard to the implementation of the 1998 disaster program. It is anticipated that additional details and answers to specific questions will be released by USDA very soon.

Among the issues still unresolved are methods for calculating 1998 cotton quality losses and implementation of crop insurance premium incentives.

PCG continues to be in contact with USDA officials in Washington and will publish additional information as it becomes available.

Staff changes also were announced in the Amarillo office. Steve Donnell was promoted to Vice President and Officer in Charge of the Amarillo office. Cory Bruce was promoted from trainee to Loan Officer.

## Management To Be Discussed At Cattle Meeting

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

The Briscoe County Extension Service will be hosting a Cattle Management Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 1999. The meeting will be held at the Quitaque Community Center. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and should adjourn around 12:00 noon.

Topics that will be discussed are Nutrition Minerals, Risk Management, Heifer Development and Predator Control. One CEU hour will be offered.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Briscoe County Extension Office, at 806-823-2131, by Tuesday, January 26, 1999. If there is not enough interest shown, the meeting will be cancelled.

The first semielectronic digital computing device was constructed by John V. Atanasoff, an American mathematician and physicist.

## Lender Announces Current Board and Staff Changes

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) has announced changes on its board of directors and staff beginning in January.

Wayne Garrett of Gruver was selected by the board to serve out the term of Jon (Mike) Garnett of Spearman. Garrett has been a member of the Association some 17 years, operating in Hansford and Sherman counties. Garrett and his wife, Lou, produce corn, wheat and stocker cattle. Both of their children currently live in Lubbock.

Former chairman Mike Garnett stepped off the local board effective December 31 to begin a term on the Farm Credit Bank's district board. He will certainly be missed on the local board, but this area is fortunate to have Mike representing it on the district board.

Gregg Lloyd, former Officer in Charge of the Amarillo office, was promoted to Executive Vice President, Credit and Chief Financial Officer for the Association.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA has approximately \$142 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in 16 counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

The association is under the direction of a stockholder-elected

board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Dean Turner of Matador; Jerry K. Oswalt of Abernathy; Dean H. Burger of Pampa; John C. Duke of Follett, and Steve Brown of Floydada.

people in Silverton that I still call my friends although I may not have seen them one or two times, or not at all, in the last thirty years. But that is one of the greatest things about growing up in a small town.

I have had time to think about my home town and friends, my past and future, as I am sitting home recouping from a recent major heart attack. This event has made me really look at my life and realize how much growing up in Silverton has meant to me.

I could go on and on but I will not. God bless all and say hello for me. I still love my home town.

Your friend always,  
Arnold Morris  
918 Hampshire Drive  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050  
Email acmorris@airmail.net

### Letter to the Editor

I would like to renew my Briscoe County News subscription. This is my link to the town that I still call my home town. It has been thirty years since I left but it seems like only a few short years. The years pass and then all of a sudden you realize how long it has been. There are many

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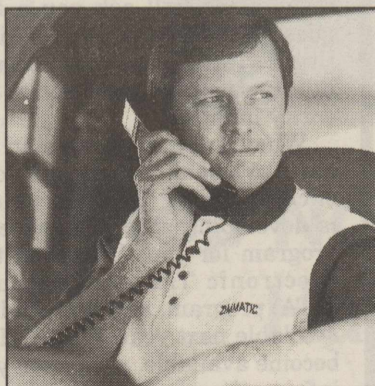
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## Preliminary Marketings & Prices Received Through October 1998

(Weighted by Marketings)

|           | Marketings               |            | Price             |            |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|           | (thousand running bales) |            | (Cents per pound) |            |
|           | Monthly                  | Cumulative | Monthly           | Cumulative |
| January   | 1,841                    | 1,841      | 60.80             | 60.80      |
| February  | 1,581                    | 3,422      | 62.00             | 61.35      |
| March     | 1,301                    | 4,723      | 63.40             | 61.92      |
| April     | 545                      | 5,268      | 62.20             | 61.95      |
| May       | 408                      | 5,676      | 63.50             | 62.06      |
| June      | 494                      | 6,170      | 68.50             | 62.57      |
| July      | 325                      | 6,495      | 66.50             | 62.77      |
| August    | 388                      | 6,883      | 66.20             | 62.96      |
| September | 423                      | 7,306      | 67.10             | 63.20      |
| October   | 923                      | 8,229      | 66.40             | 63.56      |
| November  | n/a                      | n/a        | 64.70             | n/a        |

Source: NASS, USDA

## Traffic Sign Vandalism Increasing

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has noted an increase in traffic signs theft and vandalism in the Childress District. Signs are being stolen off of the posts. Although the signs are quickly replaced, when stop signs and warning signs are taken it becomes a safety concern.

Clyde Harper, Childress District Traffic Section Supervisor, reports that "missing signs can endanger travelers. Any warning sign warns of a potential hazard. The vandalizing of certain signs, especially stop, yield and warning signs can risk a person's safety and violators can be criminally prosecuted."

The costs associated with this crime are high. Damaged signs pose a danger to the traveling public, and the funds spent to replace them could be spent elsewhere. Taxpayers in the Childress District TxDOT spent more than \$28,000 last year to replace stolen and vandalized signs along state roadways. Statewide, taxpayers spent more than \$8 million replacing signs damaged by natural disasters, accidents and vandals. Wood and metal signs cost approximately

\$10 per square foot to produce and this doesn't include the labor required.

The cost can get much higher. People are reminded that in Texas it is against the law to possess a sign without a permit, and the state does not sell signs or issue permits to possess them. In addition, if the loss to TxDOT is more than \$1,500 the person or persons responsible can be charged with a felony offense.

Motorists are encouraged to write down the license plate number and contact their local law enforcement official if they see anyone tampering with a traffic sign.

For more information, call Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer, at (940) 937-7145 or Clyde Harper, Childress District Traffic Section Supervisor, at (940) 937-7185.

The Electoral College system of electing U.S. presidents has allowed three candidates to become president whose closest opponents received more popular votes—John Quincy Adams in 1824, Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 and Benjamin Harrison in 1888.

## Social Security Direct Deposit-- "What Do I Have To Do Now?"

by Mary Jane Shanes

Social Security Manager in Plainview, Texas

With the current attention to the law requiring people to sign up for direct deposit, the dilemma of many people may be summed up by a recent caller:

"Decisions, decisions, decisions--should I use direct deposit or not? The law says I have to sign up by January 1999, but I've heard that I can wait. What do I have to do?"

We want you to sign up for direct deposit, and we hope you decide to do so soon. But changing the way you receive your Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit from a check to direct deposit is a hard decision--and maybe you need more time to think about it. If so, don't worry! You'll continue to receive your check automatically, until you make a decision, even after January 1999.

Until that time, we want you to give careful consideration to the safety and convenience that using direct deposit provides you. For the last 23 years, Social Security and SSI benefit recipients have used direct deposit. Social Security has delivered more than 1.8 billion direct deposit payments worth \$1.9 trillion, and not one has ever been lost or stolen.

Besides providing safety for your money, direct deposit puts you in better control of your finances. Your money is in your account the morning of the scheduled payment day, even when you are out of town or unable to get to your bank.

If you agree that direct deposit is right for you, contact your bank. They'll be glad to help you sign up. If you don't have a checking or savings account right now, most banks, savings and loan or credit unions offer a variety of accounts--some with little or no fees. Look for one that best meets your needs.

You also can sign up for direct deposit by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. If you call us, the Social Security representative will ask you a few questions to determine your identity. We'll also need your account information and your Social Security number.

What if you don't have an account at a bank, savings and loan or credit union? The government is developing a special low-cost program for you. It's called the Electronic Transfer Account (ETA) program, and it should be available next year. When ETAs become available, we'll send you information about direct deposit, the ETA program and your choices.

In 18th century America, artists journeyed from town to town with paintings of men and women, complete in every feature but the faces. A person wishing to sit for a portrait had to select the body he liked best and let the artist fill in the missing hair and face.

## Employers, Employees Share Cost

People sometimes forget the way in which the current Social Security system is funded by employees, employers and the self-employed. This shared responsibility is the key to the financing of the Social Security system and makes it possible to maximize protection at minimal cost to the individual.

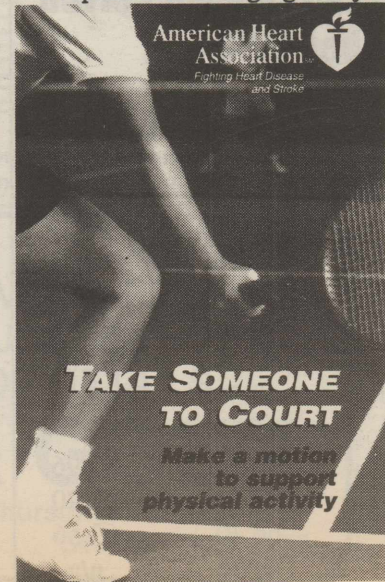
Today, employees pay 6.20 percent of their earnings up to a maximum of \$68,400 a year and an additional 1.45 percent on all their earnings for Medicare hospital insurance. The employer pays a matching 6.20 percent of the employee's earnings, plus 1.45 percent for Medicare. The self-employed pay 12.40 percent, plus 2.90 percent for Medicare, an amount equal to both the employer's and employee's share. The maximum amount of wages subject to the taxes increases annually (to \$72,600 in 1999); however, the tax rate is not scheduled to change under present law.

There are incentives and trade-offs that make the system work. For the employer, the Social Security tax becomes part of the cost of doing business. He/she gets a credit for the cost of his/her Social Security contributions on his/her federal income tax return. The employer also can integrate Social Security benefits into his/her retirement benefits package for the employee.

Self-employed people are able to deduct an amount equal to the employer's share from their federal income tax, putting them in approximately the same position as the employee and the employer.

The result is a package of protection that includes retirement benefits as early as age 62, disability benefits at any age, and survivors benefits for a worker's family.

Proposals for changing the sys-



tem to meet the need for increased funding are urged to recognize the delicate balance in the present financing system. Any reform must assure that the cost of the system does not unduly burden any one segment of society over another.

For more information, call 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the booklet, The Future of Social Security. Or you can visit Social Security Online at <http://www.ssa.gov>, our Internet website.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LOCAL LET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

County: Dickens  
Highway: SH0070  
Length: 0.000 mi  
Control Number: 6039-96-001  
Project Number: RMC - 603996001  
DBE/HUB Goal: 0.0%  
Type: Removing and relocating roadside signs  
Time For Completion: 90 working days  
Guaranty: 8,000.00  
Bids Received Until: 2:00 p.m. January 21, 1999  
Bids Will Be Opened: 2:00 p.m. January 21, 1999  
Est. Cost: 299,871.00

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Limits From: See Limits in Plans  
Limits To: See Limits in Plans  
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### LOCAL LET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

County: Childress, etc.  
Highway: US0062  
Length: 0.000 mi  
Control Number: 6039-11-001  
Project Number: RMC-603911001  
DBE/HUB: Goal: 0.0%  
Type: Installation of Raised Pavement Markers  
Time For Completion: 30 Working Days  
Guaranty: 2,000.00  
Bids Received Until: 2:00 p.m. January 21, 1999  
Bids Will Be Opened: 2:00 p.m. January 21, 1999  
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Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
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WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

# BLESSINGS *for the* NEW YEAR

## Get Off That Lazy Chair

Of all the gifts bestowed on us by God, including wisdom, benevolence, and sympathy for our fellow man, the one I sometimes think we could use a bit more of is industriousness. If only we all had the persistence and tenacity of beavers, or even ants and bees, we would probably get a lot more work done.

We all know that sloth is one of the seven deadly sins, and yet it seems at times that we are drawn to that reclining chair and the television as if they were gold. Now, I'm not denying that some rest and relaxation is both appropriate and ordained by God, who Himself rested on the seventh day; but, sometimes my inclination is to rest and relax on all seven days.

We humans are a bundle of contradictory desires, and what God wants us to do is to follow the better desires of our nature. Those of us who have a vocation should consider it a blessing from God, and hope that He will be pleased with our accomplishments. When our daily work is done, then we can relax in our lazy chair knowing that our achievements and good intentions were blessed by our heavenly Father.



*Work hard and do not be lazy.  
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HOUSE FOR SALE: 3-2-2. Den could be used as fourth bedroom. 106 Pulitzer. Call Joe Crabb, 940-769-2016. 35-tfc

For Sale or Rent: House in Silverton. 823-2369 or 647-5327. 2-tfc

## GARAGE SALE

Garage and Barn Sale: Saturday at Silverton Elevator. 2-1tc

## NOTICE

MACKENZIE Municipal Water Authority is now accepting applications for someone to lease Cactus Cove Marina at Lake Mackenzie. For details, contact main office at Lake Mackenzie at (806) 633-4326 or (806) 633-4318 or write Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, TX 79257. 1-2tc

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank you, the folks of Briscoe County, for allowing me the privilege of serving as your County Judge for the past nine years. I will always cherish the experiences and friendships made during that time.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Burson

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love shown to us during this very difficult time of Carl Wayne's unexpected death. For the calls, visits, food, flowers, plants, cards and other acts of kindness we thank you. For your prayers, loving words and caring hugs, we will always be grateful. The love and support shown by your presence at the graveside service both overwhelmed and sustained us. It gave us great comfort to know that he was loved and respected by so many. We are fortunate that God has blessed us with a loving and supportive community of friends and family who will help us through the difficult days to come.

Our love, thanks and blessings to you all.

Juannah and Andy Brice  
Melissa Woods  
Becky Woods  
Mary Nell Woods  
and the family of  
Carl Wayne Woods

The family of Joe Luckenbach would like to express our love and appreciation for all that was done for our family through prayers, phone calls, flowers, memorials, cards and food. Each act of kindness helped us through this difficult time of loss. Words cannot express our love and thanks. May God richly bless each of you.

The family of Joe Luckenbach  
Carolyn Luckenbach  
Johnney, Carol Ann and  
Cobey Turner  
Heather and Scott Blount  
John, Betty, Marissa and  
Michelle Montague  
Mike Montague

There's too many of you to mention by name, so our thanks goes to all of you who made this Christmas a very special one for us. Your kindness in gift giving, love and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you for caring like you do. You remain in our prayers. Special thanks to the churches and school.

We love you, and again, thank you so very much.

Sylvia, Crystal and Kenneth Walls

On behalf of the Luckenbach family from other parts of Texas and the northeastern United States, I would like to thank the residents of Silverton and the rest of the Panhandle area for the love, warmth and overwhelming

demonstration of love shown after the untimely death of Joe Luckenbach. Our loss of brother, father and cousin was eased by the many floral tributes, the calls, cards and genuine caring displayed. The services at the First United Methodist Church of Silverton, along with your presence made the long drives and flights worthwhile. The testimonials from the Emmaus and Kairos communities, plus the performance by the U. S. Marine Color Guard were awe inspiring. Also, thanks to the congregation for the meal and fellowship time. We further thank those who made it possible, and to Pastor Jay Stinson and wife for their participation at the burial in Houston National Cemetery. In addition, for Joe's "step" family for being there not only for Carolyn, but us too. We've gained strength from your caring.

Joe would really be impressed!

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