

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Juannah Jennings is smiling again, and we saw her pretty grin Monday morning while she was in the News office. She was supposed to have called Houston last Friday to get the results of her tests, etc., but didn't because she didn't want to be burdened by the news at the wedding of her daughter Saturday. So she postponed calling until Monday, and you guessed it!-she got a good report all around.

There was healthy tissue around the malignancy they removed and they didn't find any in the nodes they took.

She is still going to have to take chemotherapy, but that is pretty routine after the surgery. She will be having to make quite a few trips back to Houston, but after the first couple it won't be necessary for her to stay very long.

Don't forget friends; prayers are answered and miracles still do happen!

I can't realize it was such a short summer. I'm sure the teachers are really having a hard time with how fast the weeks went by. And now it's just about time for another football season to begin.

Since Jordan is a senior at Tahoka this fall, Charlie and I will be especially interested in those who are seniors here because they came up through several grades together. Jordan doesn't play football at Tahoka, but his basketball team is ranked second in the state after keeping all its starters and most of its substitutes. We'll be slipping away to as many of the games as we can, but we have to! There won't be any replays if we miss them. A lot of their games are south of Tahoka--too far away for us. But those that are closest will be of special interest.

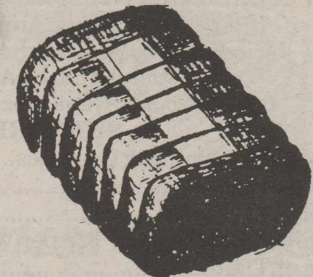
The Bulldogs played to the quarterfinals where they were beaten by five points last year. We're hoping for a lot more this year!

We're hoping for all good things for the Owls, too. We can't wait for the first football game and a big victory for the Owls and their coaches. They have been working hard to prepare themselves for a good season campaign.

School Pictures To Be Made Here September 1

School pictures for grades Pre-K through 11 will be taken Wednesday, September 1, in the school auditorium.

Anyone with children not in school will have an opportunity to have pictures taken on re-take day, which will be scheduled at a later date.



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Coach Lee Looking To Help Put Silverton Football Back on Track

No one really wants to remember much about the 1998 Silverton football season. To say it was a disappointment would be an understatement. But there's one person here who doesn't remember much at all about last season: Dewaine Lee, Silverton's new head football coach who is being assisted in his program by Wayne Henderson and Dan Pendergrass. Only 31, Lee already has forged an impressive coaching resume. After playing at Eastern New Mexico University where he was an All-Lone Star Conference offensive lineman and a couple of years in the business world, Lee had spent his entire coaching career at Grandfalls-Royalty, located south of Monahans.

Following one season as an assistant, Lee guided that program as head coach the past five years, forging a 36-18-2 record. Lee's first couple of teams struggled to 1-9 and 3-5-2 records, but Grandfalls-Royalty turned into a powerhouse after that. The Cowboys put together seasons of 12-1, 11-1 and 9-2 and won the district title all three years.

GF advanced to the state quarterfinals in 1996 before losing to Chillicothe. The last two years the Cowboys fell to Borden County, which went on to win state in 1997 before losing in the title game to Trinidad last season. GF's only other loss last season was to Trinidad in pre-district play.

"I sure enjoyed it," Lee, who has coached in the All-American Game in Gordon and the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Game in Lubbock, said of his time at Grandfalls-Royalty, located a short distance from his hometown of Crane.

But Lee, who is single, jumped at the chance to coach in Silverton.

"I had been (at Grandfalls-Royalty) six years and this (at Silverton) seemed like a good situation for me," he explained. "They have great facilities, great administration and a lot of numbers. This is a place where we can really establish a program, which is what they want here. Not just a couple of years but for down the road."

The numbers--due to the declining oil industry in the region--weren't favorable at Grandfalls.

"We had to cancel junior high football last year because we didn't have enough kids," he said.

Participation is down this year in Silverton, too, a decline of about 10 to a total of 21 high school players.

"Some kids moved and some just didn't come out," Lee said.

But the coach couldn't be happier with the 21 he has in camp.

"It's going really good. The kids are working extremely hard. They have a great attitude."

Lee has a solid nucleus of returning players to begin building around.

Senior quarterback Nathan Francis (6-2, 175) returns as do two senior offensive linemen in Charlie Bomar (6-0, 180 senior), a four-year starter, and Daniel Reagan (6-0, 175 senior).

On defense, junior linebacker Adrian Ramirez (5-9, 180) is back as well as sophomore safety Andrew Francis (5-8, 130).

With Silverton's all-state workhorse Jeremy Holt graduated, Lee plans on running a tandem offense with a four-back of-

tation using senior Paul Segura (5-1, 114), juniors Clint Ivory (5-4, 190) and Issac Garcia (5-8, 130) and Andrew Francis.

Lee said his "T" offense is simple compared to what Silverton used the past couple of years.

"Coach Mantle was a lot more creative than I am. I try to out-execute you.

"We want to try to mix it up, and have a balanced attack," he added. "We'll probably run 75 percent of the time. We averaged 56 points a game at Grandfalls, so we can put points on the board."

In one of the toughest six-man districts in the state, including sixth-ranked Whitharral, Lee knows winning won't be easy.

"We have to be consistent in our progression of learning the offense and learning a difference perspective of the game.

"But our chances are as good as anybody if we keep working hard, minimize mistakes and play good defense, which we'll have to do this year because we don't have the Holt kid.

Hunting, Fishing Licenses Will Expire August 31

All Texas hunting and/or fishing licenses will expire on August 31, 1999.

You may now purchase your 2000 hunting and/or fishing licenses at the Briscoe County Clerk's office located in the courthouse. Most types of licenses and state stamps offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are obtainable from this license site.

BCAA To Meet Tonight at 'Barn

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet tonight (Thursday, August 26) at 7:30 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

"It's a whole new system, especially on the defensive side. We'll take it one game at a time."

ROSTER

Quarterbacks: Nathan Francis, Isaiah Ivory, Red Ivory, See OWL FOOTBALL--Continued on Page Two



Mrs. Nance's class visited the Pioneer Room at First State Bank where the polar bear brought home by Don Brown from a hunting trip to northeastern Canada is on display. Pictured are Morris Wilcox, bank president; Jeremiah Henderson, Cade Holt, Butler Otis, Cord Griffin, Blake Strange, True Burson, Shawn Johnson, back row; Mitchell Curry, Cord Stidham, Ismael Martinez, Tyler Garvin, Leonardo Perez, middle row; Teagan McClarren, Nichole Schott, Carlos Garcia, Charla Rhoderick, Kenneth Walls, Torrey Fuston, Destiny Wilson, Joshua Garcia, Townli Ziegler, Megan Ramirez, Victoria Cruz.

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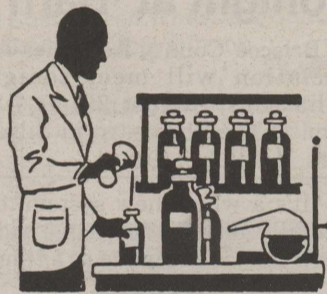
Obituaries

DEENE DONNELL

Funeral services for Deene Donnell, 82, who died Monday, August 23, at his home in Randall County, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, at the First United Methodist Church in Canyon, with the Rev. Richard Bales, pastor, officiating.

Interment was in Dreamland Cemetery at Canyon, with arrangements made by Holley Funeral Home, Inc. of Canyon.

He was a son of the late Will and Cora Smithee Donnell and was born in Silverton April 27, 1917. The five Donnell children were reared in the Haylake com-



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munity of Briscoe County where they attended school before transferring to Silverton.

He married Mary Frances Gidden February 22, 1947 in Canyon, and they made their home there.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Canyon.

He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, was employed by Pioneer Natural Gas Company, and was active in FFA activities while his sons were in school.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Brooks, and a brother, Arlon Donnell.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Donnell of the home; four sons, Scott Donnell and Greg Donnell, both of Canyon, Alan Donnell of Pilot Point and Jody Donnell of Temple; two brothers, Judd Donnell of Dodge City, Kansas and W. C. (Shorty) Donnell of Canyon; and nine grandchildren.

A Dutch striking is when a clock chimes every hour on the half-hour, but with a different tone from when it chimes on the hour.

Books give not wisdom where was none before. But where some is, there reading makes it more.
 --Sir John Harrington

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Matthew 5: 16

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Back-to-School Experts Offer Fashion Advice For Students

Jacqueline Harris is looking forward to her freshman year at Texas Tech University. She is a retired grandmother and is going back to college after many years.

Her biggest problem is that she can't decide what to wear her first day.

Extension clothing specialist Pamela Brown says students should focus on finding clothes that are comfortable and low maintenance. She says it is important to get comfortable shoes for walking across campus. It is also a good idea to get easy-care clothes, which means no dry cleaning.

Brown says cotton, polyester and knits are things you can wash and wear.

Assistant manager of Midland's Old Navy store Rachel Austin says students need to stick to the basics this fall. Neutrals and denim are the colors to look for. She recommends buying two denim shirts, a pair of jeans, a khaki skirt, a pair of flat-front khaki pants and a pair of comfortable black pants.

Austin says the same concept works for men. Basics include white T-shirts, jeans, khaki pants, polos and denim shirts layered with a T-shirt.

Austin recommends everyone get one black and one brown belt to match your shoes. Backpacks are still popular on campus, especially for students who carry several heavy books at a time.

WEATHER

24-HOUR AUGUST READINGS 6:00 A.M. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	101	68	
2	91	69	.17
3	82	67	.34
4	88	67	.35
5	85	65	
6	83	66	
7	92	68	
8	97	68	
9	93	66	70
10	92	67	
11	96	68	
12	96	67	
13	98	65	
14	88	64	
15	94	66	
16	97	72	
17	99	68	
18	97	65	
19	96	64	
20	91	66	
21	94	62	
22	99	64	
23	100	69	
24	93	65	

Total August Precip.	1.56
Normal August Precip.	2.64
Total Precipitation Rec'd	
Year to Date	15.92
Normal Precipitation	
Year to Date	15.59

Greenbugs Bear Watching In Grain Sorghum

South Plains farmers should keep a close eye out for greenbugs in their sorghum.

Extension agent Johnna Patterson says grain sorghum insect counts have been relatively low in recent weeks, but producers should be on the lookout. She says the wide range of grain sorghum planting dates will cause a considerable variation in greenbug infestations this year.

Greenbugs are aphids that damage sorghum plants by sucking out plant juices. They also inject a toxin while feeding. Patterson says adult greenbugs are light green in color, about one-sixteenth of an inch long, and have a darker green stripe down their backs. She says infested plants will have reddish colored leaf spots caused by the toxin.

Damaged leaves will turn from green to yellow to brown as they die. Larger plants are more tolerant of greenbugs, but the pests can reduce the crop's yield potential. She says the best way to scout for greenbugs is to examine at least 40 randomly-selected plants per field each week. Greenbugs will not be evenly distributed in a field, so it is wise to examine plants from all parts of a field. It's important to scout regularly, so you know whether greenbug numbers are increasing or decreasing from week to week.

Teleconference Eyes USDA Crop Report

A series of teleconferences can help farmers see what the USDA has to say about today's agriculture. They can get an up-close analysis of USDA's August Crop Report at an August 13 teleconference.

Silverton Football
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Monty Wood
 Backs: Clint Ivory, Paul Segura, Duncan Vernon, Issac Garcia, Andrew Francis, Nicholas Vargas, Daniel Rogers

Ends: Tyler Young, Daniel Reagan, Adrian Ramirez, Matt Strange, Adrian Cruz, Danny Dunn, John Arnold, Ryan Minyard

Centers: Chase Comer, Charlie Bomar

SCHEDULE

Aug. 20	Lazbuddie/Groom	
Aug. 27	Follett/Lefors	
Sept. 3	Wellman-Union	T
Sept. 10	Miami	H
Sept. 17	McLean	H
Sept. 24	Guthrie	T
Oct. 1	Samnorwood	H
Oct. 8	Three Way*	T
Oct. 15	Amherst*	H
Oct. 22	Lazbuddie*	T
Oct. 29	Cotton Center*	T
Nov. 5	Whitharral*	H

*denotes district game
 All games begin at 7:30 p.m.
 The Owls will be scrimmaging Follett and Lefors at Lefors Friday night, with the action beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Extension economist Jackie Smith says the teleconference network is a once-a-month series of meetings featuring expert comments on current market developments. The network is part of the Master Marketer Program. It features comments from some of the most highly-respected market analysts. The program also gives advice on how producers can capitalize on specific marketing strategies. She says marketing clubs meet once or twice a month. Members learn how to apply risk management tools such as forward-pricing, futures and options. The clubs often trade commodity options as a group to gain limited-risk trading experience. Clubs allow hands-on participation and observation of actual market dynamics. Club members learn at their own pace, and experience first-hand the costs and benefits.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

August 24, 1989--Dedra Johnston was presented a special ribbon by Tracy Tomlin and Julie Graham for being the most outstanding prospective cheerleader in her group at the day camp held Monday . . . Wimpy Vardell is recovering from surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo . . . County Commissioner Beefie Garvin underwent surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Monday . . . The Holt-Winn-Clay reunion was held Sunday at the Hale Center Country Club . . . Sidewalk Museum being constructed at Quitaque . . .

August 23, 1979--Holly Nance entered Texas Childrens Hospital in Houston Monday and underwent surgery Tuesday . . . State certified paramedics graduating with the first EMS Panhandle class included W. J. Copeland and Anthony Kingery . . . Electricity customers in the South Plains, Silverton and Lone Star communities were surprised Friday morning to discover their power off, but not as surprised as the bull snake that caused the outage . . . Miss Rebecca Reid, bride-elect of Barry Wheeler of Turkey, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower Saturday in the Pioneer Room . . . The families of the late Dan Montague and John Montague met August 17-18 at the Ponderosa Lodge in Red River, New Mexico for a reunion . . . Announcement was made recently by Lamesa Police Chief Lee Bartlett, jr., that Officer Cora Brown will head the Lamesa Police Department Juvenile Division . . .

September 14, 1969--Be sure to vote FOR water on Saturday, September 6 . . . Fred Strange is new Quarterback Club president. Serving with him this year will be Datis Martin, vice-president, and Diana Wood, secretary . . . Miss Gale Whitfill, bride-elect of Sgt. Daniel K. Shaeffer, was honored at a pre-nuptial coffee Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr. . . The home of Mrs. Dave Ziegler was the scene of a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Ronnie Drewry, the former Miss Joyce Brooks . . . Wedding vows were pledged by Miss Linda Margaret London and Robert Allan Bomar in a formal church ceremony Friday at the First Christian Church in Hereford . . .

August 27, 1959--Harley Redin, the women's basketball coach at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, will coach the United States women's basketball team for the Pan-American Games to be held in Chicago . . . Miss Lela Fay Sweek and Donald Melvin Perkins were united in marriage in a single-ring service by the Rev. G. A. Elrod Saturday in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek. Attending her sister as maid of

honor was Miss Jerry Sue Sweek. Best man was the brother of the groom, Floyd Perkins . . . Co-captains of the Silverton Owls are Jerry Patton, Bobby Crass and James Roy Brown . . . Farris Martin, manager of Wilson Grain Company, reports the first load of 1959 milo was brought to his elevator on August 25. The crop was grown by Lenton Lanham and Jack Harris on the Buster Wilson farm . . . A miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Michael Reid, bride-elect of Billy Jack Settle, was given Saturday in the home of Mrs. D. T. Northcutt . . . Jack D. Baldwin is serving aboard the USS Hancock which is now docked in Pearl Harbour . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grabbe and Pat, Olos Chitty and Norman Chitty spent Sunday in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Savage and sons . . . A Whitely family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mayfield, Zane and Roy Dane Saturday evening and Sunday an old-time singing was enjoyed in the home of Mrs. Watson Douglas, featuring the vocal quartet of W. T. Diviney, Lee Deavenport, Earl Cantwell and Wade Steele . . .

August 25, 1949--Lake water used for irrigation; demonstration at farm of Merle Montague tomorrow . . . Miss Wilma Lee Francis became the bride of John Richard Gill Wednesday morning in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis. Leland H. Knight, minister of the Church of Christ in Boonesville, Arkansas read the double-ring service before a background of peach gladioli . . . T. M. Marshall sold to E. E. Minter the four room and bath house recently built by Mr. Marshall this week, and the Minters moved into their new home Wednesday . . . The Rock Creek Club met with Margie Turner August 16, and one quilt was quilted. Members present were Ruby McWaters, Juanita Stephens, Ruth West, Eula Shelton, Verna Allison, Margaret Frizzell and Florene Fitzgerald. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Glenna Wilson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele, Kay and Jim returned Friday from Colorado where they had been on a vacation trip . . . S. J. Williams of Lockney escaped death Monday night, when the light plane he was flying crashed through a 23,000-volt power line which serves Lockney and Silverton and burned. Hospital officials said that he was in critical condition. There was a power outage in Silverton until 11:00 p.m. . . Alva Jasper building new home on farm . . .

August 3, 1939--Silverton Celebration is Tuesday, the 8th . . . There will be a softball tournament, free picture show and a dance to the music of Clyde Miller and his orchestra from

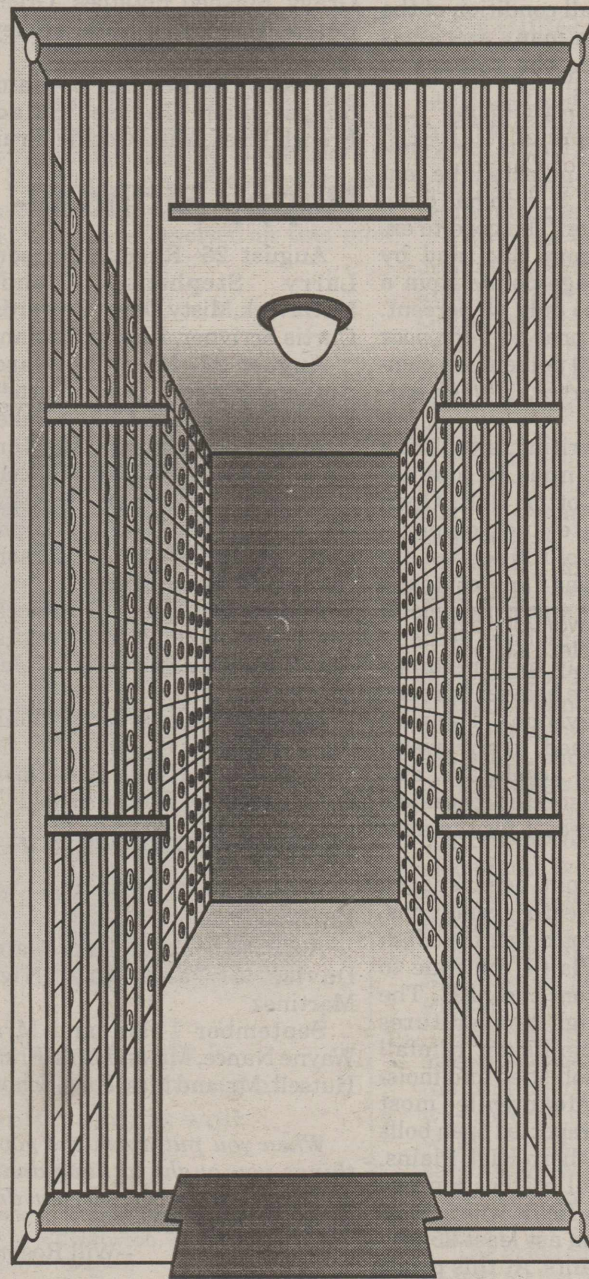
Wellington . . . The ice routes of the Silverton Ice Plant have been discontinued for the rest of the summer . . . Construction of the Highway Warehouse is well underway across from the Davis Service Station in the west end of town . . . Following the lead of several other nearby towns, Bert Northcutt, owner of the Silverton Ice Plant, is investigating the possibility of a cold storage locker system here in Silverton . . . Mrs. Roy Allard and Jonnie, Mrs. Dean Allard and Joe Lynn, Mrs. Lena Northcutt and Zell Stevenson were in Amarillo last Friday . . . Tom Bomar and Carl Dean, Wylie Bomar, jr. and Willie Amel Smithee are spending this week

in Hot Springs and in the New Mexico mountains . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mercer and Mrs. John Bain took J. R. Steele to Amarillo Tuesday afternoon where he took a train to Norfolk, Virginia, where his fleet is stationed . . . Roberta McMurtry, Wilma Joyce Smithee and Charlsie Allard were Amarillo visitors Tuesday . . . Mrs. G. W. Seaney, Donaleta and Cecil, Nona Lee Deavenport and Bill McIntyre spent the weekend in Erick, Oklahoma. Alvin McIntyre returned with them for a visit . . .

August 15, 1929--Silverton: No, oil hasn't been struck in vicinity of Silverton and no gold is being mined, but the town is full

of construction crews, and there are enough newly made ditches in the streets and alleys within which to fight another good-sized battle . . . The truck of O. T. Ragland, who operates a truck line between here and Amarillo, which was stolen some time last Friday night, was found near Olton, partially burned . . . Briscoe County short on baby records; three-fourths babies of county within last year deprived of legal protection . . . The Ford motor car of Sam Wood, stolen from him while he was visiting in Borger last week, was recovered by the officers and was reclaimed by the owner Sunday . . .

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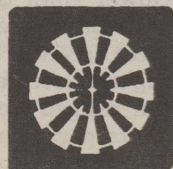


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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended August 19

Traders ignored a constructive report of export sales as well as potential further heat damage to cotton in the Southeast and Memphis Territory. Trading interest was light this week, and price swings were confined to a narrow range.

Net export sales of upland and Pima cotton for shipment in the current marketing year exceeded 100,000 bales for the first time since the week ended November 26, 1998, USDA's report of export activity during the seven days concluded August 12 revealed. Actual business amounted to 198,800 bales, but cancellations totaled 59,300, including 41,700 bales by Mexico.

The increase in export business was a result of declining futures prices coupled with merchants' disposition to incorporate slightly larger discounts in consideration of future Step 2 payments. Merchants are far more inclined to extend discounts to customers since the Senate added funds for the upland marketing certificate program to its Fiscal Year 2000 agriculture appropriations bill.

Export sales data showed net 1999-2000 sales of 118,100 bales for the week ended August 12, a significant increase from the previous week's 42,000 bales. Mexico once again was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with sales total-

ing 40,400 bales. Taiwan and Indonesia completed the list of featured buyers with acquisitions of 24,300 and 17,300 bales, respectively.

Meanwhile, the ultimate size of the U. S. crop was a hot topic in the market as a record drought continued to trouble crops in the cotton producing areas of the Delta. The dire conditions have prompted some private analysts to estimate U. S. cotton production below 18.0 million bales while others continue to peg the crop at 18.5 to 18.8 million bales. Last week, USDA shocked most market observers with a U. S. crop estimate of 18.3 million bales. However, the overall condition of the cotton crops in many areas has changed since the release of USDA's figures.

In fact, USDA's latest crop progress report for the week ending August 15 indicated the condition of the U. S. crop has deteriorated further. The good to excellent category declined by three percentage points from a week earlier to only 48 percent. Cotton rated poor to very poor increased to 20 percent, as compared to 17 percent a week earlier.

As of this writing, sweltering weather continues to blanket most of the Cotton Belt. Open skies dominate and temperatures in excess of 100 degrees are common from the Far West to the Southeast. Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi have experienced especially high readings which will place heavier burdens on irrigation systems. The pace of small boll shed, in any event, is expected to accelerate, and nothing but isolated thunderstorms are forecast for the near term.

Texas has not been spared from adverse weather conditions, and dryland cotton on the High and Rolling Plains continue to deteriorate from the heat. The excessively high temperatures and lack of significant rainfall have caused boll shed and moisture stress. Meanwhile, most farmers have reported open bolls across the southern High Plains, and boll weevil eradication has begun in some fields where bolls have opened on at least 25 percent of the plants. At this point, moisture would be unwelcome in those areas as it could damage the cotton fibers in open bolls.

In other news, trading on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the five trading days ended August 19 would best be described as "listless" despite an increase in cotton prices from the previous week. Few producers are willing to sell their crop at the current prices, and spot cotton sales totaled only 7,092

Silverton School Activities

Friday, August 27--Scrimmage: Follett, Lefors, Silverton, 5:00 p.m. at Lefors

Wednesday, September 1--School Picture day for grades Pre-K through 11; school auditorium.

Friday, September 3--Wellman-Union football, there, 7:30

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, August 30--Fish Platter, Tartar Sauce, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Cherry Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, August 31--Pig-in-a-Blanket, Ranch Style Beans, Okra, Fruit, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, September 1--Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, September 2--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey, Butter

Friday, September 3--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie, Fruit

Happy Birthday-

August 26--Rhenda Burson, Larry Stephens, Glenda McGavock, Misty Dawn Edwards, Curtis Scrivner, Kasey Copeland

August 27--Missy Minyard, Anthony Kingery, Debra Turner, Pamela McGavock, Clifton Baker

August 28--Rhonda McGinn, Gina Banister, Shirley Francis

August 29--Dusti Weaks, Nolan Patrick Grady, Cooper Cogdell, Tatum ReNee Ellison, Kenneth William Walls

August 30--Heath Braddock, Doug Bradford, Erma Reyna, Amy Turner, Jackie Gaskins, Jeffrey Mercer

August 31--Doris Yates, Sheila Reid, LaShawn Couch

September 1--Sue Breedlove, O. C. Rampley, Walter Arnold

Happy Anniversary-

August 30--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kitchens

August 31--Mr. and Mrs. Carol Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Martinez

September 1--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Flute Hutsell, Mr. and Mrs. John Schott

When you put down the good things you ought to have done, and leave out the bad ones you did do, well, that's Memoirs.

--Will Rogers

What's a book? Everything or nothing. The eye that sees it is all.

--Emerson

bales, slightly lower than the 9,678 bales sold the prior week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 37.80 to 43.77 cents per pound versus a range of 35.79 to 41.48 the previous week.

Ag Assistance Likely To Wait Til September

A representative of House Agriculture Committee Chairman Lary Combest reported that the crisis situation that exists in agriculture is well known in Washington and that Congressional action to try and relieve the situation will probably get started in earnest this September.

Combest aide Jimmy Clark told members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. board of directors that awareness of agriculture and its problems is at the highest point he had seen in many years and that Congressional action will be forthcoming in September. He noted that a

number of key items will very likely make their way into any future disaster or economic assistance package.

He noted that restoration of Step 2 funds, while not likely to improve farm level cotton prices more than a few cents, would be a key ingredient to the eventual solution since the program's main benefit was encouraging the marketing of cotton instead of forcing producers to hold the crop waiting for a better price or forfeiting the cotton to the government loan program.

Another top priority of PCG is the removal of burdensome payment limitations on Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGE

On August 4, 1999, Energas Company filed Statements of Intent to change its gas rates with each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The Company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 8.8 percent or \$9.8 million. The proposed changes to the rates are unrelated to gas cost which the company will continue to charge only cost paid to its supplier. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

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Symposium on Aging Scheduled For Saturday

by Dana Bear
Texas Department of Human Services
CARE Service Coordinator

A symposium on "Meeting the Aging Challenges in the 21st Century" will be held Saturday, August 28, at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The Texas Department of Human Services' CARE program is sponsoring this event in cooperation with the Floyd County Extension Service, Lakeside Rehabilitation and Care Center, Rural Nurse Resource, South Plains Alzheimer's Association and Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Experts in the field of aging will cover such topics as aging in the mid- to late-years, legal and financial planning for senior citizens, health issues of the elderly, stress-busters, Alzheimer's disease, caregiving at home and long-term care planning. Representatives from health care providers and government agencies will be available for questions at the displays and educational booths.

Serving on the Floyd County CARE group that planned the symposium, are Dana Bear, Kena

Dubberly, Sharon Hinton, Melissa Long and Kiki Wilcox. According to Ms. Hinton, executive director of Rural Nurse Resource, "We are the generation that have, not only children to care for, but aging parents as well. Education is the key to understanding and meeting these challenges." Melissa Long, with the Floyd County Extension Office, stated during a planning session, "In my four-year planning group for the Texas Community Future Forum, the number one issue was eldercare. This is a timely subject."

Lunch will be served and is free of charge courtesy of Pfizer, Inc. and Babe's Steak Barn. To reserve your lunch, please call Melissa Long at the County Extension Office at 983-4912, Kiki Wilcox at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center at 983-3704, Sharon Hinton at Rural Nurse Resource at 983-8096, or Dana Bear at TDHS (Lubbock) at 743-3095.

The Community Alzheimer's Resources and Education (CARE) program is a pilot program of-

Slow Commodity Price Recovery Seen by Analysts

According to the August Agricultural Outlook from the Food and Agricultural Policy Research, the potential for long-term price recovery remains strong. The institute uses data and computer modeling systems to analyze the economic interrelationships of agricultural production, food, and agribusiness.

Institute co-director Abner Womack says the global price situation is gloomier than the U. S. picture. Even so, the long-term analysis calls for six to seven positive price years in the next 10.

Institute livestock analyst Scott Brown is optimistic about a long-term rebound in livestock prices due to strong potential for global economic growth. He says exports are a crucial factor in the beef price outlook.

ffered by TDHS in partnership with the South Plains Alzheimer's Association and the Texas Tech University Health Science Center. This new program is available to residents in Lubbock and Floyd counties. Only three other locations in Texas are involved in this pilot program.



Mrs. Jase Irwin

Couple Marries in Formal Church Service Here Saturday Evening

Lindsey Jennings of Silverton and Jase Irwin of Amarillo were married Saturday evening at Silverton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Brad Enloe performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Juannah Jennings of Silverton and Rick Jennings of Friona. Grandparents of the bride are Durene McPherson of Amarillo and Virginia Jennings of Friona, both of whom attended the wedding.

Parents of the groom are Janie and John Irwin of Amarillo. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McWhirter of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin of Gruver, all of whom attended the service.

Maid of honor was Cassidy Montague of Tulia, cousin of the bride. Bridal attendants were Holly Nance of Denton, cousin of the bride, and Mary Jane Irwin of Amarillo, sister of the groom.

Best man was Jeff Irwin, brother of the groom. Groom's attendants were Chase Hawley of Amarillo and Luke Cooper of Lubbock.

Natalie Pollard sang "I Will Be There" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride wore an A-line sweetheart gown with a V-neck top and open back. The bodice was covered with Venetian lace, which flowed into a plain peau satin skirt with lace trimming the bottom and going around the semi-cathedral train.

The bride carried a ladies gold pocket watch, which belonged to her great-great-grandmother. The watch was given to her by her grandmother, Virginia Jennings, as a graduation gift.

The bride also carried a handkerchief belonging to her grandmother, Durene McPherson, and placed coins in her shoes for good luck.

The color theme was butter yellow and white. The bride chose ferns and fresh floral arrangements.

The wedding reception was held in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank. Reception attendants were Kenzie Whittington of Pampa, Kenda Wood and Taylor Griffin, both of Silverton.

The bride is a graduate of Silverton High School and is a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The groom was graduated from Amarillo High School and also is a student at Texas Tech University. He works for D&D Cable Service in Lubbock.

Following a wedding trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Lubbock.

Crop Report Is Friendly For Cotton Producers

Texas cotton producers received some "market friendly" news in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's recent Crop Report.

Cotton marketing economist Carl Anderson says the smaller-than-expected U. S. crop is good news; however, it was tempered by large carryover from last year.

He says the USDA's first 1999 field survey of crop production pegged the cotton crop at an estimated 18.3 million bales. That's 400,000 bales less than last month's estimate.

Anderson says estimated domestic use dropped slightly to 10.5 million bales because of weak consumption. He says this is in line with 1998 usage but well below the 11.35 million bale mill use seen in 1997. Anderson says the USDA's latest production estimates are based on August 1 growing conditions. He says recent hot, dry weather could mean an even smaller crop.

Anderson says only five percent of the U. S. crop had been forward contracted as of August 1, the smallest amount since 1992. He says that means the Commodity Credit Corporation will continue to be an important marketing vehicle for producers.

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High Plains Eradication Efforts About To Start

1,861,131. That's how many acres are in the three active High Plains boll weevil eradication zones.

"Our field staff have completed mapping the 424,598 cotton acres in the Northwest High Plains Zone," reported Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) Program Director Osama El-Lissy to the TBWEF board convened for its regular meeting in Abilene Thursday. "Total acreage in the Western High Plains Zone and the Permian Basin Zone has turned out very close to the numbers used when developing program plans at 723-033 acres and 713,500 acres, respectively," reported El-Lissy.

"Aircraft, mist blowers, high cycles, personnel and equipment are all ready to roll as the crop reaches early open boll stage," he commented. "In fact, isolated treatments have already been made to a few hot spots."

El-Lissy further explained that

individual fields would be sprayed as they reach treatment criteria over the next couple of weeks. He anticipated moving on to a general treatment strategy as 50 percent of area fields reach the criteria. "By the first week in September, I expect all three zones to be getting into full swing," he concluded.

TBWEF board, at the same meeting, adopted a policy allowing extended payment agreements at a reduced interest rate with producers suffering financial hardships.

For those just absolutely unable to come up with the full assessment by the due date, TBWEF will accept a down payment of at least 10 percent of the assessment due. This must be accompanied by a properly executed extension agreement to allow the grower to take advantage of extended payment terms under which a late payment penalty of one percent per month of

the outstanding amount will accrue until the balance is paid off.

A producer who does not pay by the due date and who also does not enter into an extension agreement with TBWEF will be charged 1 1/2 percent per month and run the risk of collection charges and other penalties.

PCG Says Ag Assistance Package Priority

Now is one of the few times over the past quarter century when problems in agriculture have been viewed as a high priority issue in Washington, D. C.

Because of that heightened awareness level Congress will soon return from its August break and jump squarely into the effort to provide much needed economic relief to producers.

The stage is set, but a few things remain to be done. Namely agriculture needs to provide some additional encouragement to members of Congress to complete the assistance package started in the Senate.

Earlier in the summer, members of the House of Representatives passed their version of the FY 2000 Agriculture Appropriations legislation. The Senate also passed an Ag Appropriations package the first week of August but included a little something extra.

That something extra is an additional \$7.8 billion emergency

appropriation to address some of the current problems facing production agriculture. The key to obtaining this much-needed relief is to build support for the expenditures in the House of Representatives.

For cotton the three key components of any relief package are: a substantial increase in supplemental income payments to offset low farm level prices; an increase or waiver of limitations on marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments; and, adequate funding for cotton's Step 2 competitiveness provision.

The Senate bill includes a doubling of the 1999 Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment rate, a doubling of the current payment limit on marketing loan gains (from \$75,000 to \$150,000 per person) and provides funding for Step 2 for the remainder of the farm bill.

An obvious starting point for this effort will be members of the House and Senate who are named to the conference committee charged with hammering out a compromise between the two bills.

Probably conference committee members include: (Senate) Cochran (R-MS); Specter (R-PA); Bond (R-MO); Gorton, (R-WA); McConnell (R-KY); Burns (R-MT); Durbin (D-IL); Kohl (D-WI); Harkin (D-IA); Dorgan (D-ND); Feinstein (D-CA); (House) Skeen (R-NM); Bonilla (R-TX); Dickey (R-AR); Kingston (R-GA); Nethercutt (R-WA); Latham (R-

Researcher Gets To Root of Situation With 'Good' Fungi

Plants now have some help in extracting nutrients from the ground. Experiment Station horticulturalist Fred Davis studies fungi that partner with plant roots to help them become more efficient. His work has taken on such international importance that Davis is spending a year in Peru to examine native strains of a fungus.

Mycorrhizae are microorganisms found in soil. He says they are beneficial because the roots become more efficient in picking up water and nutrients. The majority of important crops can partner with mycorrhizae.

Davis says the fungi are important for sustainable agriculture systems which are increasingly facing water shortages, high input costs, and government controls for managing fertilizer runoff.

Mycorrhizae are living organisms that form a symbiotic relationship with plants.

IA); Emerson (R-MO); Kaptur (D-OH); DeLauro (D-CT); Farr (D-CA); Boyd (D-FL).

Producers and industry members are encouraged to contact the offices of as many of these individuals as possible as well as the offices of their own House and Senate representatives to encourage quick action on this package.

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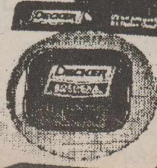


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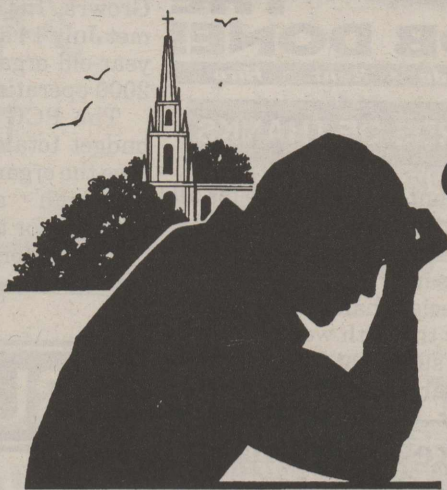
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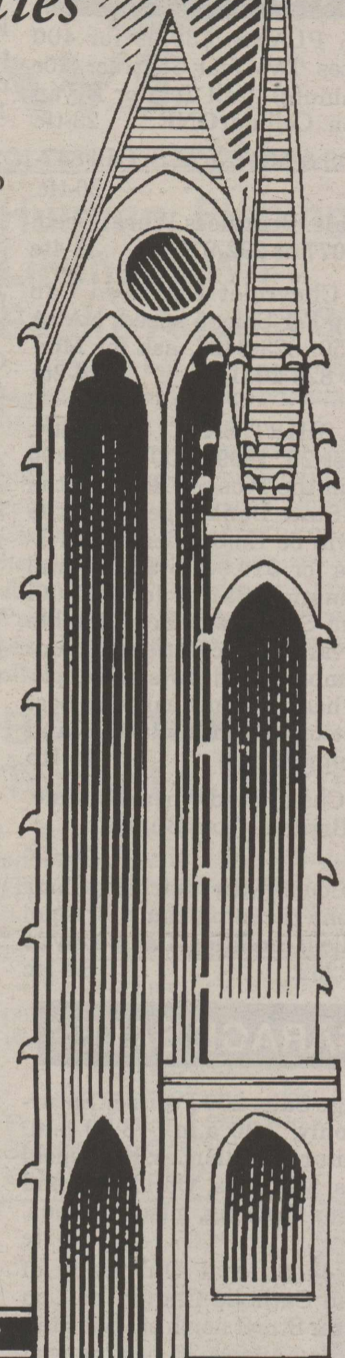
Some people have a tendency to overly concern themselves with every situation with which they are faced. Most things that they

become concerned with are not really that important and they just cause themselves undue stress and anxiety. We should try to understand those things that are truly important in our lives, and then determine which of these should really concern us. We should not worry about minor things or things that we cannot control.

God wants our lives to be peaceful, loving, and as free from difficulties as possible. He does not want us to dwell on the negative things that have happened to us in the past, or worry about things of the future. We will never be able to totally control or know everything about every situation in our lives, and being anxious about everything can be exhausting and depressing. We can however, adopt a new motto for our lives; "I'll do my best, and leave the rest to God." Psalm 29:11 tells us that the Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

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Lake Mackenzie News

by Tom Davey,
General Manager

The lake activity has slowed down during the week, but the weekends are still busy.

I have talked with a few folks that fish and the fish are biting during the early morning and late at night. One report we received was 51 crappie caught and 26 were keepers. Albert Hartman caught a 12-lb. blue catfish last week.

We have a new Marina manager. Debbie Sharp is now operating the Marina. Debbie will open the Marina Tuesday through Sunday, and is serving food, as well as other lake supplies. Right now she plans on closing on Mondays with the exception of Labor Day. We will miss Gim and Karla, and we wish them the best.

Water demands from the lake are up during this hot dry spell. This reminds us to apply some of the conservation tips that were published in the spring.

Rick Day, our summertime science resident, has found another phytosaur skull at the lake. The skull will be on display sometime next year. Rick has placed many artifacts on display at the lake main office.

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PCG Board Approves 1999-2000 Budget

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. board of directors met July 14 and approved the 43-year-old organization's FY 1999-2000 operating budget.

The PCG board approved a budget totaling \$491,545.05 to cover the organization's legislative, research and promotional activities for the coming year.

Other items discussed by the

PCG board, which was convened for its regular quarterly meeting, included status of boll weevil eradication efforts in the High Plains, an update on crop insurance reform and the ongoing ag economic crisis.

During the meeting PCG board members interacted with Jimmy Clark from House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest's staff and with Lindy Patton, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

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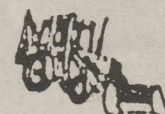
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