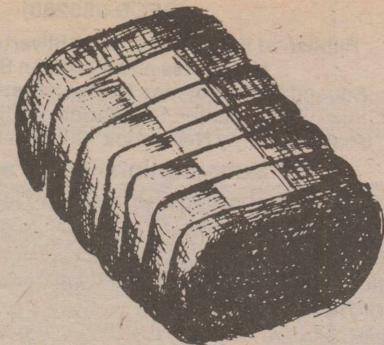




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## Christmas Jubilee Saturday, December 2

L. O. A. Junior Study Club is sponsoring the annual Christmas Jubilee Saturday, December 2, in conjunction with the Caprock Jamboree. The Jubilee will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Arts and crafts booths will be set up at the show barn. Baked goods, vests by Adobe, baskets, Christmas stockings, wreaths, hair bows, paintings, taxidermy, arrangements, woodwork, purses, jackets trimmed with ultra suede, and dolls are just some of the things that will be featured.

L. O. A. is sponsoring a children's shopping booth from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a "42" tournament with cash prizes from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., a visit from Santa at 4:00 p.m., and a

school children's program at 5:00 p.m.

Booth space is still available at \$10.00 per booth. Each person is

## Maw, Paw Dunk Coming to Jamboree

The Caprock Jamboree will be highlighted by a visit from Maw and Paw Dunk who will liven up "in-between" acts.

Special Christmas music will be brought by some of the bands. A soloist from Hereford also will be a new face on the program, along with local performers from

responsible for bringing his or her own table and chairs. If interested in reserving a booth, call Kim Mayfield, 823-2127.

Quitaque, Silverton, Kress and Tulia, and Ronnie Hester from Dalhart.

Quitaque United Methodist Women will be hosting the event and will be serving chili at 6:00 p.m.

Music starts at 7:00 p.m. and all are reminded to bring their lawn chairs to assure comfortable seating.

Even if Mr. Winter comes too, don't worry; they have installed excellent heating in the County Show Barn.

The Jamboree promoters are looking forward to seeing you on December 2.

## Christmas Greeting Page to Benefit School

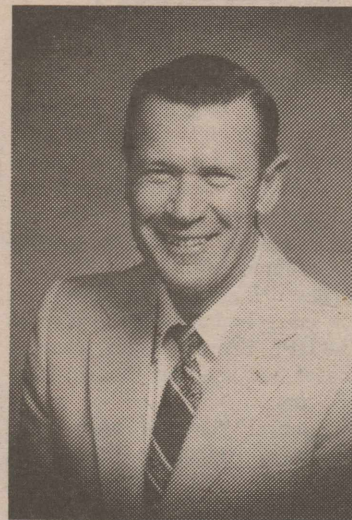
L. O. A. Junior Study Club is again sponsoring the Christmas Greeting Page in the holiday issue of the Briscoe County News. Contributions will be used to complete payment of the new stage curtains in the school auditorium.

A booth will be set up at the Christmas Jubilee to accept donations, or you may contact Kim Mayfield, 823-2127.

im president at Texas Tech University who challenged the youth to make optimum use of the tools and rules they have been given to build a sound future.

The recognition event has been sponsored by the twelve area electric cooperatives for thirty-two years.

Attending the awards banquet, in addition to the honorees, were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Jeremiah and Molly, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fogerson and Curtis Preston.



Fred Strange

## Postmaster Is Retiring December 1

Fred A. Strange is retiring as Postmaster of the Silverton Post Office on December 1, 1989. He will have served 23 years, four months and four days in this position.

In announcing his retirement, he said, "I have enjoyed being your Postmaster for these many years. I have always tried to give the people of this community the best service possible, because you are the best!"

"It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your Postmaster since 1966.

"If you're in the Post Office this week, be sure to stop and say hello. Wanda and I wish you all the best!" he concluded.

## Commodities to be Given Away Friday

Commodities will be distributed Friday morning at the community center building north of the Briscoe County News. This will begin at 9:00 a.m.

All those signed up need to come and get their commodities.

Butter, flour, peanut butter, pork and corn meal will be given.

Please bring a box or bag for carrying home your commodities.

## Senior Citizens to Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party Tuesday, December 5.

Those having birthdays in December will be honored.

Games of "42" will be played and refreshments will be served. The party will begin at 6:00 p.m.

## It's Santa Letter Time Once Again

Once again, it's time for the kids to be writing their letters to Santa.

The letters may be brought to the newspaper office or mailed in care of the Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton 79257, and they will be copied for use in the Christmas edition and forwarded to Santa through a special arrangement with the North Pole. The letters also will be received by the local newspaper if they are mailed to Santa at the North Pole.

Get busy, kids, and write those letters now. And watch for them to appear in the Christmas edition of your hometown newspaper.

## Ladies to Serve Stew Luncheon

The women of the First United Methodist Church will have their annual stew dinner and bake sale in the church fellowship hall Saturday, December 2.

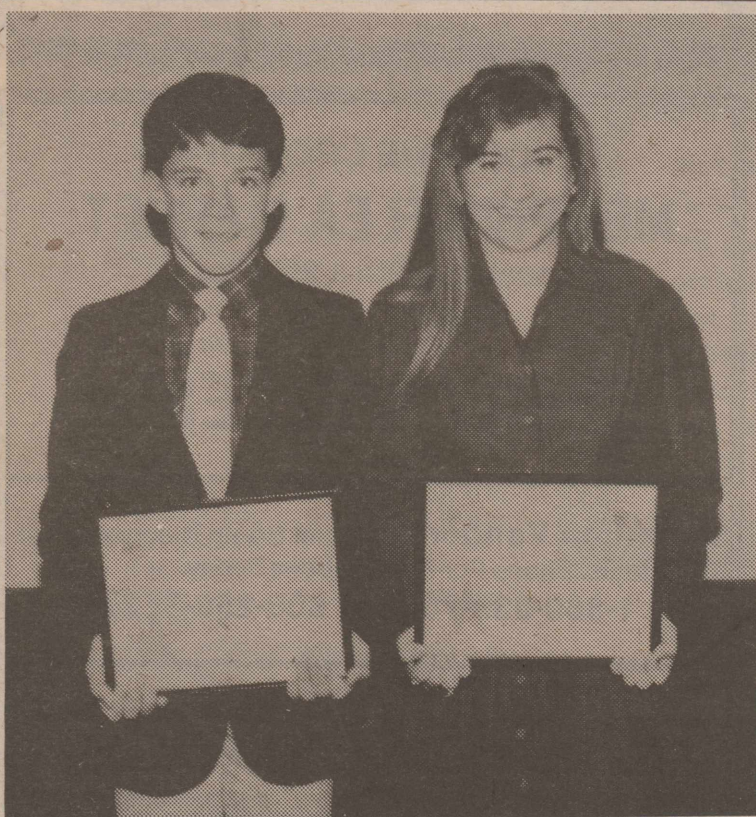
Price of the lunch will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12.

Serving time will be from 11:00 a.m. until ?

## Plainview Jamboree Was Well Attended

The Plainview Jamboree in the Ollie Liner Center was well attended last Saturday night. Over 800 registered for the performance of several area bands, including Silverton's Caprock Country. When they performed their rendition of "The Orange Blossom Special" (featuring their fiddle player, Jimmie Adams) they received a standing ovation.

Another outstanding band was The Aces, composed of four young boys, the youngest of whom was 12 and the other three were 14 years old. They have been together only a short while, but they perform like pros.



Josh Brooks and Julie Towe

## Two County 4-H Members Honored at Gold Star Banquet

Two Briscoe County 4-H members were among thirty-six South Plains-area 4-H'ers honored at the 32nd annual District Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock November 20.

Julie Towe, 17-year-old daughter of Jay and Patsy Towe, and Josh Brooks, 15-year-old son of

Bill and Janinne Brooks, were presented the award in recognition of outstanding 4-H achievement. This is the highest honor awarded a member at the county level.

Keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Elizabeth Hailey, dean of home economics and recent inter-



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## Michael Brown Dies In Accident Sunday

A one-car accident killed a 14-year-old Floydada boy, Michael Greg Brown, when the vehicle he was riding in rolled over twice on a dirt road near Floydada.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said the boy died at the accident site on an unnamed county dirt road about one mile



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west of the city.

Another 14-year-old boy was driving the 1984 Chevrolet two-door car east on the south shoulder of the road when the accident occurred about 9:10 a.m. He was not injured, the DPS spokesman said.

The driver over-corrected and the car rolled twice, according to the DPS. Brown was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the car.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Bill Smith, director of music, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown was a freshman

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**WEDNESDAY**

Evening ..... 7:00 p.m.

student at Floydada High School. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America, the football team, basketball team and First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Maria Brown of Floydada; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cleaver of Amarillo and Johnny Emanuelle of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams of Hereford; and his great-grandmother, Elsie Brown of Silverton.

## Social Security In Briscoe County

Planning on retiring? If so, you probably have questions about Social Security. In particular, you may wonder when is the best time to retire and how does one apply?

Only you can decide when to retire. The decision will depend on your financial and family situation, your health, and other factors.

Social Security recognizes the need for flexibility in retirement planning and gives you several options. You can receive: reduced benefits as early as 62; full benefits at 65; or more than your full amount if you delay retirement past 65. The people at the social security office can give you an estimate of what you might receive at various ages.

Once you decide when you will retire, you should apply about three months early so your checks will start when you are eligible. You can apply by phone, in writing, or by visiting any social security office.

You and each eligible dependent will need his or her social security card (or a record of the number) and proof of date of birth, preferably at birth certificate recorded before age five. You should also have your W-2 form (Wage and Tax Statement), or a copy of your self-employment tax return and proof of filing, for the most recent tax year. If you plan to work after retirement, have an estimate of your expected earnings.

In general, reduced benefits can start no earlier than the month you apply. If you wait until after 65, you can get benefits for up to six months earlier but not before the month you are 65.

Even if you do not plan to retire, both you and your spouse should apply for Medicare two or three months before 65 so you do not lose any of this protection.

If you are younger than your spouse and continue working, he or she can still have medicare at 65 provided you are at least 62 and are eligible for benefits.

If you have other health insurance in addition to medicare, or are thinking of getting it, there are special rules you should know about. More information is available at any social security office.

For more information or to file a claim, call 1-800-2345-SSA.

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# Looking Back

through the files of the  
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**December 6, 1979**—Mrs. Dale McWaters has been a patient in an Amarillo hospital . . . Greg Hill, Nicky McJimsey, Bill Denton, Kelly Comer, Diji Couch and Mike Cornett named to All-Zone team . . . Mrs. Tina E. Schott, 95, buried here . . . Mrs. R. C. Kitchens has been a patient in Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Cynthia Edwards won first place in the district Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest . . . Junis Hutsell returns to WTSU after 26-year absence . . .

**December 4, 1969**—First State Bank to have open house Sunday in its new banking facility . . . Cockrell Corporation is drilling the No. 1 C. O. Allard deep well test south of Silverton, and is reported to be down to 2,461 feet . . . Printz Brown has been moved into a room at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, after having been in the intensive care unit . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rampley are parents of a son, Ty Don . . . Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thomas are parents of a son, Michael Shane . . . Earl Minyard has been a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allen are parents of a daughter, Andrea Rene . . . Jon J. LaBaume, District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Floyd County, recently received a certificate of merit and a cash award in recognition of the commendable manner in which he directs operations of the Floydada Work Unit . . .

**November 26, 1959**—Ann Wingo and Bobby Saul are 4-H Gold Star Award winners . . . Sam Brown to be in piano recital at Wayland Baptist College . . . Gary Weaks underwent an appendectomy at the Tulia hospital last week . . . Pink and blue shower honors Mrs. Joe Lynn Allard . . . Mrs. Shelby Haynes was a patient in the Tulia hospital Tuesday night and Wednesday of last week . . . Camellia Comer fell while playing basketball at school Wednesday of last week and received a bad cut on the back of her head. A Lockney doctor took five stitches to close the wound . . . David Strange was sick early this week . . . Mines. M. L. Welch, Bill Long and Carroll Welch were in Amarillo Monday of last week . . . Roy Morris and J. L. West went turkey hunting near Miami on Monday of last week . . .

**December 8, 1949**—T. E. Williamson, father of Mrs. Lem Weaver, dies . . . Donald Rhea and Flunoy Hutsell were placed on the All-Regional All-Star football team . . . LTD Club meets with Mrs. Johnnie Lanham . . . Rock Creek Club meets with Mrs. Joe McWaters . . . Clifton Stodghill made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday . . . Arnold Brown, Dee McWilliams and Conrad Alexander left Tuesday morning to attend the annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Texas at Waco . . . A. E. Bellingier, who has been ill and in the local hospital, is able to be up and is convalescing at his home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Callaway, Wayma and Gay Lynn were in

Plainview Saturday on business . . . John Howard Burson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson, was brought home from a Dallas hospital Sunday . . .

**November 30, 1939**—Odis Gregg is on the promotion list recently issued by Major James D. Bender, professor of Military Science and Tactics at John Tarleton College in Stephenville. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Tarleton ROTC unit . . . J. B. (Buck) Russell, 64, died of a heart attack at his ranch home southwest of Quitaque Monday night . . . Monday afternoon the returning basketball lettermen elected Grady Martin as their captain for the coming season . . . Miss Grace

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Harvey of Clarendon arrived the first of the week and took up her duties at King's Beauty Shop . . . Harley Redin, who is attending school at Denton, is expected to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with home folks . . .

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

November 30—Jessica Studer, Heather Henderson, Larry May, Thomas Lee Perkins, Lajuana McJimsey  
December 1—Estella Trevino, Norma Garcia, Christi McWaters  
December 2—Lucy Hall, Brenda Gaskins, Jena McFall, Stella Hall  
December 3—Charlie Baker, Fernando Patino, Beryl Long, Penny Carpenter

December 4—Lori Griffin, Elsie Cornett, Jimmy Stone  
December 5—Charles Grantham, Anita Ramsey  
December 6—Perry Brunson, Rosemary Perkins, Glenna Cornett, Roy Wood, Leland Wood, Donaleta Garrison

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . . .

November 30—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill  
December 1—Mr. and Mrs. Doug Turner  
December 3—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery  
December 5—Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn  
December 6—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis, Mr. and Mrs. George Fry

## WHATEVER IT TAKES!

### Citrus Grove Air Freshener

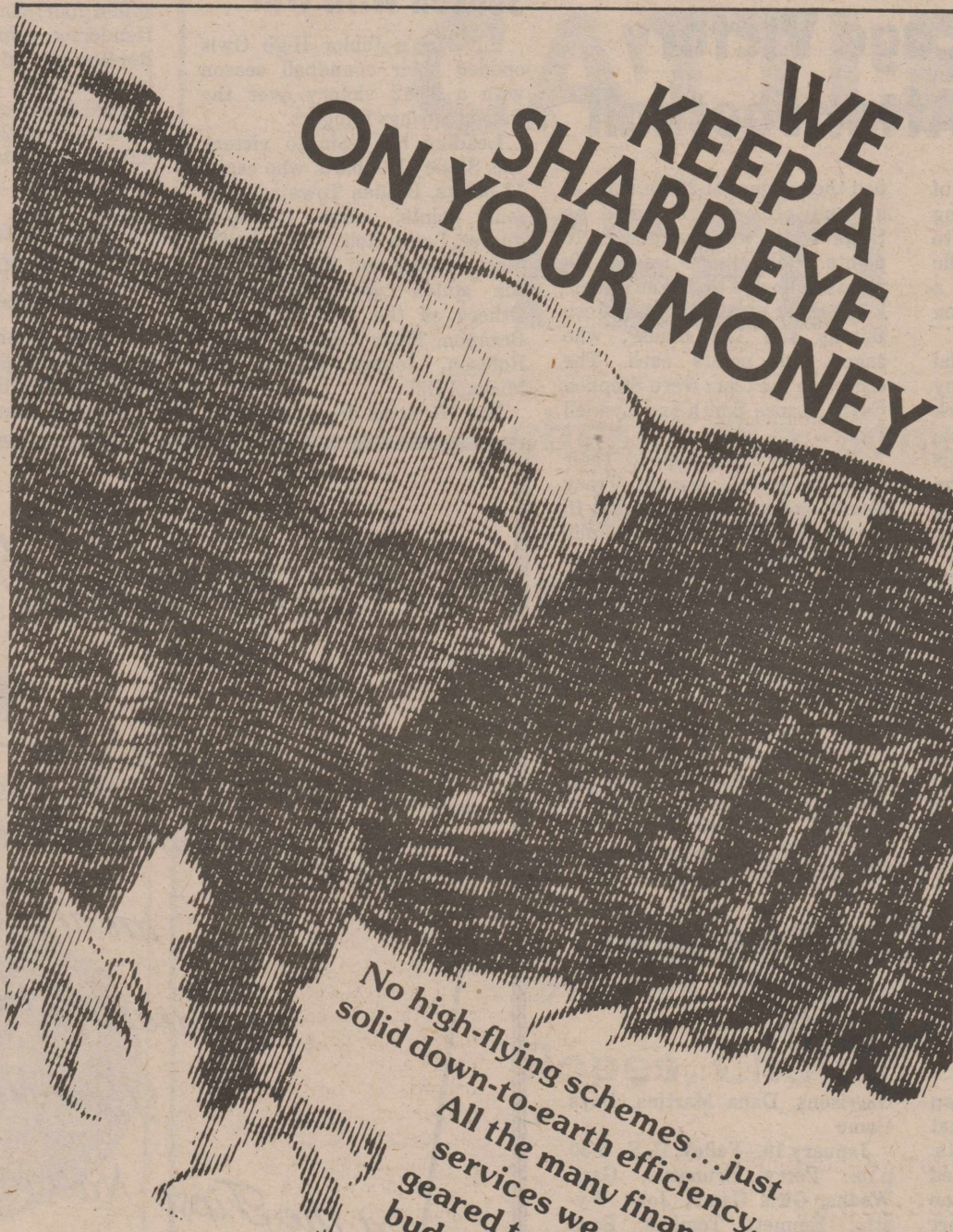
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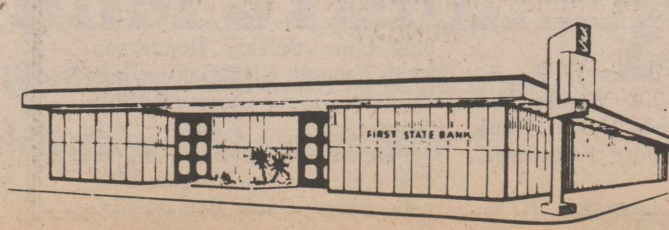
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# Varsity Teams in Tournament This Week

Silverton's varsity basketball teams are playing in a tournament at Springlake-Earth High School this week.

The girls' bracket is divided into Pool A teams, Amarillo Christian, Silverton and Springlake-Earth, and Pool B teams, Kress, Lockney and Amherst, in a 12-game first and second round. The Owlettes are scheduled to play Springlake-Earth at 6:00 p.m. today (Thursday). The Owlettes will play Amarillo Christian at 3:00 p.m. Friday. The Pool A winner plays the Pool

B winner in the championship game at 6:00 p.m. Saturday.

The Pool A and Pool B runnersup play for third place at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, and the consolation game is at 12:00 noon Saturday.

The boys' bracket is a little more conventional, with eight teams to compete from Amarillo Christian, Morton, Kress, Lockney, Muleshoe, Amherst, Silverton and Springlake-Earth. The Owls are scheduled to play Springlake-Earth at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) and the winner

will advance to play the winner of the Muleshoe-Amherst game at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Loser of the second-round game advances to the third-place game at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and the winner goes to the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Consolation final is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and the seventh-place game is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

## Junior High Owls Open Season With Win

Silverton's Junior High Owls opened their roundball season with a 25-12 victory over the Patton Springs Rangers.

Leading his team to victory was Stoney Hubbard, who caged 13 points. Braden Towe rang up four points, while Dewayne Juarez, Lance Holt, Trent Smith, Matt Francis and Zane Henderson added two points each. Others on the team are Jess Brannon, Peter Trevino, JoDee Robison, Johnny Patino and Michael Hill.

The Owlettes dropped a close

match, 30-25, to Patton Springs.

Christa Tucker led the offense with 10 points, while Kami Martin, Ashleigh Wyatt and Christy McWaters put up four points each. Kayla Ramsey added two points and Brandi Brunson rang up one from the line. The others on the team are Leslee Weeks, Latoya Baker, Brandi Breedlove, Leticia Vargas, Holly Nance and Cecilia Castillo.

Both the Junior High teams lost their second games to McLean, the Owlettes by a 40-15 score and the Owls by a 23-17 decision.

Tucker and Martin led the Owlettes by caging six points each. Vargas added a pair of points and Baker caged a point from the free-throw line.

For the Owls, Hubbard led the offense with six points. Towe added four; Smith, Francis and Henderson, two points each, and Robison put up one point on the board.

The Junior High Owls and Owlettes will play Hedley here at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11.

### SILVERTON SCHOOL LUNCHROOM MENU

December 4-8

Monday—Fish, French Fries, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Fruit Salad, Milk

Tuesday—Ham and cheese on

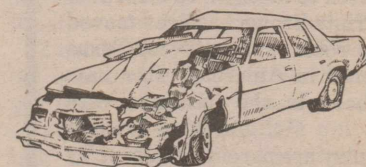
Bun, Baked Beans, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday—Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Cake, Milk

Thursday—Steak and Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey and Butter, Milk

Friday—Chili Dog, French Fries, Fruit and Jello, Milk

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## Owls Earn Cage Victory Four Days After Football

The Owls put in a weekend of workouts in the gym following their bi-district football loss to Lazbuddie, and came out of the chute on Tuesday night with a 46-34 victory over the Patton Springs Rangers.

Bradley Brunson and Kendal Minyard led the offense by caging 13 points each, and Kirk Couch also scored in double figures with 12 points to his credit. Other scoring was by Wayne Henderson, four; Frank Lowrey and Teddy Hubbard, two points each.

The other members of the team are Brian Martin, Langdon Reagan, Bryan Ramsey, Frank Ramirez, jr., Brian West, Casey Frizzell and Joey Leal.

After a first-quarter tie, the Owls fell into a 25-17 halftime deficit and had to come from behind in the third quarter to enter the final stanza with a 30-27 lead.

The junior varsity Owls drop-

ped their game, 41-29, in spite of a good offensive showing by Brian West, who pumped in 16 points. Rob Weeks caged six points, followed by Bryan Breedlove's three-point effort and Josh Brooks and Wil Bomar, who caged two points each. The others on the team were Stephen Cavitt, Lance Smith and Lyndell Ivory.

The Owlettes dropped their game by a 43-31 margin. Tracy Tomlin led the scoring with 10 points, closely followed by Julie Graham and Penni Fogerson, with nine points each. Aimee Francis added four points. The other girls on the squad are Amy Ramsey, Monica Arnold, Julie Towe and Christy Nease.

The varsity teams are playing in a tournament at Springlake-Earth this week, and will be opening their home stand on Tuesday, December 5, with Guthrie. Tipoff time is 6:30 p.m.

## Basketball Concession Work Schedule

Proceeds from the concession stands go to buy equipment that benefits all athletes in all sports. If you cannot work your assigned time, please try to find someone to take your place and contact Coach Jack Shely as soon as possible before game day.

December 5—Guthrie, H. S., 6:30: Waynelle Couch, Carolyn Lowrey, Janice Hill, Girls Game; Lynda Fogerson, Frances Gamble, Pam Nease, Boys Game

December 11—Hedley, J. H., 6:00 p.m.: Estella Juarez, Gerald Smiths, Girls Game; Carolyn Reagan, Dwight Ramseys, Boys Game

December 12—Patton Springs, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: Wayne Nances, David Cavitts, Girls Game; Danny Francis, Tom Bursons, Boys Game

January 2—Lockney, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: T. D. Wests, Van Breedloves, Girls Game; Doug Bradfords, Danny Francis, Boys Game

January 12—Lakeview, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: Phillip Hubbards, Dale McWaters, Girls Game; Garner

Garrisons, Dana Martins, Boys Game

January 16—Valley, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: Perry Brunsons, Gary Weeks, Girls Game; John Wyatts, Emmett Tomlins, Boys Game

January 22—Guthrie, J. H., 6:00 p.m.: Jay Towe, Shirley Henderson, Girls Game; Perry Brunsons, Wayne Nances, Boys Game

January 23—Hedley, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: Paula Bomar, Janice Hill, Girls Game; Amy Birdwell, Ronnie Millers, Boys Game

January 26—Samnorwood, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: Carolyn Lowrey, Gary Weeks, Girls Game; Pam Nease, Lynda Fogerson, Boys Game

January 29—McLean, J. H., 6:00 p.m.: Shirley Henderson, Lynn Frizzell, Girls Game; Dana Martins, Garner Garrisons, Boys Game

February 6—McLean, H. S., 6:30 p.m.: Carolyn Reagan, Waynelle Couch, Paula Bomar, Girls Game; Jaek Grahams, Emmett Tomlins, Boys Game

# A Special Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend  
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# Planter Analysis Improves Your Peanut Productivity

Analyzing every possible way to make his farming operation more profitable, Larry Day looks at his planter requirements to see how they fit into his profit picture. It is not enough to have a machine simply place the seed in the ground—not if you consider profit.

"Seed spacing is the most important part of planting peanuts," says Day, who farms 2400 acres west of Seminole. "It's not everything, but when you don't overpopulate you have a better chance to increase your profit."

Glenn Olson, manager of cultivation, planting and cotton equipment market planning at Deere & Company, agrees.

"Overpopulating is just as bad as underpopulating because, when you overpopulate, the plants tend to compete with each other and what you have left has not used the fertilizer, moisture and the growing days to the

fullest," says Olson. "Underpopulating simply does not get maximum returns because there aren't enough plants to produce."

Day, who farms peanuts, cotton, wheat and milo, planted his peanut acreage with a John Deere 7300 integral planter equipped with a vacuum meter.

"Last spring, I planted at 103 lbs. per acre with a vacuum meter—which is about what I shoot for—and the yield increased over 25 percent from the year before," says Day. "The planter wasn't responsible for the total increase but it sure made a big difference."

Peanut seed, planted with good spacing at the right depth, at the right time, will boost the plant's ability to grow properly and maximize profits.

"The proper plant population—uniformly spaced down the row—has become more critical in farmers' eyes during the last few years," says Olson. "When the proper spacing of peanuts is six to nine plants per foot, a small spacing error can make a lot of difference in the amount of seed planted per acre. The development of the vacuum seed meter allows the farmer to do away with the practice of overseeding a field to get the desired plant population and spacing."

Day says his experience confirms that. "Using the vacuum meter, I can space the seed accurately, which makes a big difference in yields."

Either the yield will go up or less seed is required for the same annual yield. At more than 80 cents per pound for peanuts, if a farmer reduces seed input by 20 lbs. per acre, the savings amount to more than \$16 per acre in seed alone.

The vacuum meter increases population accuracy by selecting one peanut at a time and gently releasing the seed into a seed tube designed to minimize seed roll or bounce as it settles into the furrow. A hydraulically-driven pump creates the vacuum at each metering unit; the vacuum holds the seed on a rotating disk until it is dropped by cutting off the vacuum.

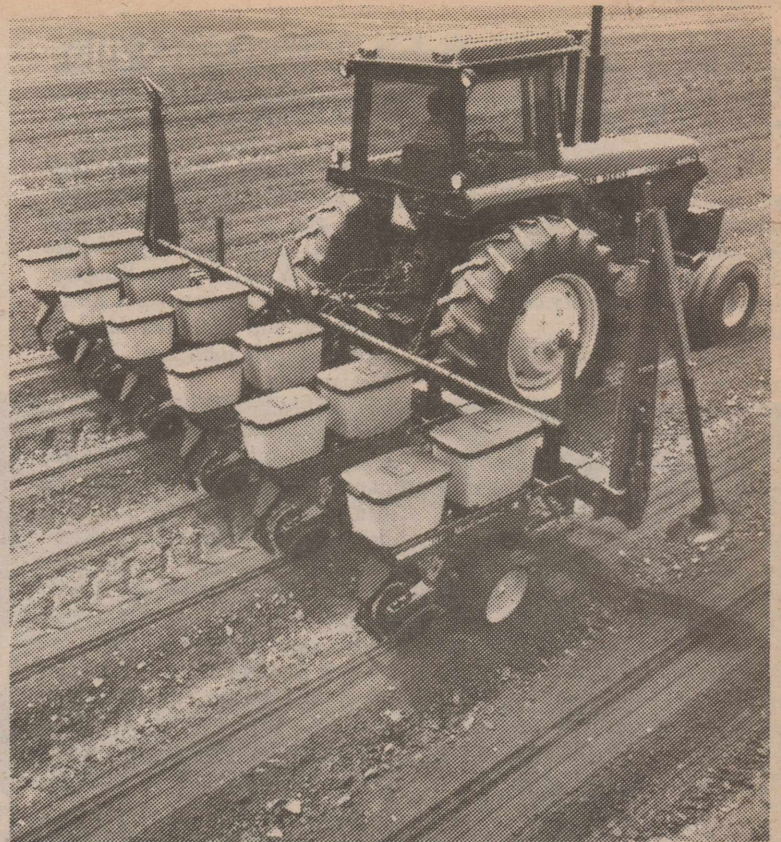
"Dropping the seed—instead of blowing the seed—a short distance through the seed tube into the furrow will increase spacing accuracy. It is more like laying the seed gently in the ground right where you want to place it rather than throwing it and hoping it lands where you want it—that makes a world of difference," says Olson. "The vacuum meter and delivery system are designed to allow you

to increase your planting speed, which increases your planting productivity."

Most peanut planting speeds with plate meters average around four and one-half mph, according to Olson. The vacuum meter allows the operator to increase the planting speed and planting accuracy. The average speed can be boosted to six to seven mph, depending on seed and field conditions. About 50 percent more acres can be planted in the same amount of time. "This is important when timing is critical," says Olson.

A slow, careful analysis of your planter needs should be completed before you buy, not when you are in the middle of the planting season.

"When you look for the type of planter you need, work with your dealer since you probably both know the type of land you farm and build the planter on paper before you order," says Olson. "Get the right attachments for your planter to match your operation and you can increase your productivity and your profits."



*Peanut seeds, planted with good spacing at the right depth and at the right time, will boost the plant's ability to grow properly and maximize profits. The development of the vacuum seed meter allows the farmer to increase the planting speed and planting accuracy for increased productivity.*

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Timothy J. Wright, Resident Engineer, Childress, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D. C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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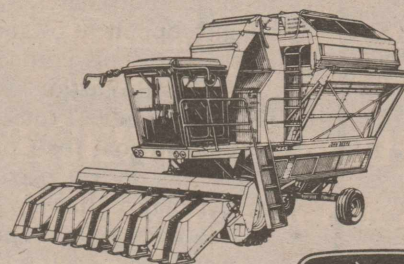
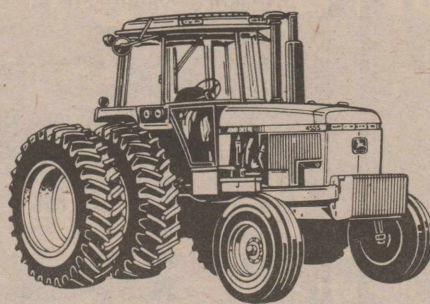
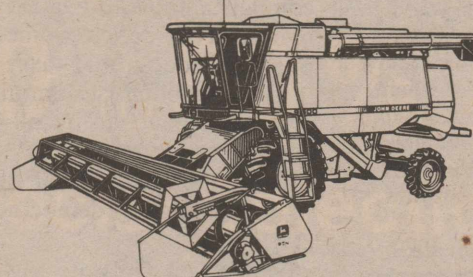
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## County 4-H Members to Put Skills On Line Saturday in Lubbock

Eleven county 4-H members will put their culinary skills and nutrition knowledge on the line Saturday at the South Plains District 4-H Food Show on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock.

Contestants from 20 area counties will vie for awards in four food categories and three age divisions.

The public is invited to view the dishes from 12:00 noon until 12:25 p.m. in the Coronado Room of the University Center and attend the awards program at 12:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Valley 4-H Club members who will participate are Jamie Fuston, daughter of Leck and Lisa Fuston, and Briana Sperry, daughter of Terry and Jackie Sperry.

Participants from the 4-H Clover Club are Brandon Sarchet, son of Ken and Jonann Sarchet; Trey Wyatt, son of John and Gail Wyatt; Shauna Kingery, daughter of Anthony and Kathy Kingery, and Marshall McCammon, son of John and Darrah McCammon.

Silver Star 4-H Club members competing will be Kara Kingery, daughter of Anthony and Kathy Kingery; Christina Stephens, daughter of Wayne and Betty Stephens; Ashleigh Wyatt, daughter of John and Gail Wyatt, and Christa Tucker, daughter of Garner and Dorcas Garrison.

Josh Brooks, son of Bill and Janinne Brooks, and Cecilia Castillo, daughter of Joe and Maria Castillo, will represent the Caprock 4-H Club.

## Tracy Miller to Appear in Clarendon College Production

Tracy Miller will portray Mrs. Weldon in the Clarendon College Theatre Department Fall Theatre Production November 30, December 1, 2, 3 at the Clarendon College Theatre. The production will be the historical drama, "Ghost Dance at Wounded Knee," under the direction of Miss Leslie Schnauffer.

Production times are 7:00 p.m. November 30, 7:00 p.m. (Senior Citizen Discount Night), December 1, 7:00 p.m. December 2 and 2:00 p.m. December 3.

Please come and join Sitting Bull in his futile struggle to save his people's buffalo, sky, and their Mother Earth.

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to home.

Regular price of tickets for the production will be \$3.00 per person. Special rate for clubs or school groups will be \$2.00 each, if reservations are made in advance.

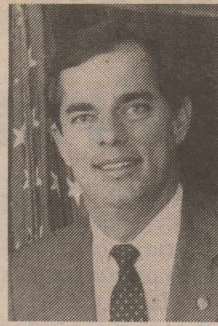
## Couple to Marry Here December 21

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tomlin and Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Donna Sue Tomlin and Robbie McWaters. A December 21, 1989 wedding is being planned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Tiffin in Silverton.

Miss Tomlin is a graduate of

## Congressman Bill Sarpalius

### Reports to the 13th District



### SESSION FINALLY ENDS

WASHINGTON — When I took the oath of office eleven months ago to serve as your representative to the 101st Congress, this was a city full of uncertainty.

For the first time in eight years, someone new was about to occupy the White House. Congress itself was on the verge of making several leadership changes. The country as a whole was enjoying a period of peace and prosperity, though economists were not certain how long the prosperity part would last and some regions, ours included, had not enjoyed a strong economy for four years or more.

There was a sense throughout the capital that we were entering a new era in American history and that the decisions of the next few years would determine America's place in the 21st century. We faced some big challenges but we also had some tremendous opportunities to better our country.

Well, the first session of that 101st Congress is over and some of the uncertainty is gone as well. We have a better sense of the new administration's agenda and a feel for Congress' goals and aspirations' too. We haven't licked all our problems, to be sure, but we've gotten off to a pretty good start.

For the next couple of weeks, we'll be looking at some of the major issues the 101st Congress dealt with in its first session and how its actions may affect the 13th Congressional District.

- Drought Relief — A terrible winter freeze and spring drought posed a serious economic threat to the 13th District. We led effort to pass a disaster relief bill that kept the economy stable. Poor Agriculture Department regulations unfortunately kept funds away from some deserving producers.

- Budget/Deficit Reduction — Nothing is more frustrating than dealing with our massive budget problems. We were compelled to vote against much of the budget because it increased our deficit. Some real deficit reduction was accomplished, though, and taxes were not increased.

- Crumbling Communism — Events in Eastern Europe give us a chance to install democracy and capitalism where Marxism once reigned. This really could be one of the most historic moments of our lifetime. Congress approved funds to help fledgling democracies in Poland and Hungary get started.

- Section 89 Repeal — Tax reform of 1986 created onerous Section 89 in our tax code. The law tried to make health insurance available to more workers but incomprehensible IRS regulations in fact caused companies to drop health plans. Congress voted to repeal this burden that was damaging our nation's businesses.

- Natural Gas Deregulation — After years of controlling the price of our gas, Congress voted to let free market determine the wellhead price of gas. Not a cure-all for energy woes, but it should help the 13th District and its abundant gas supplies.

- Gun Control — Early this session, many people thought the best way to respond to the drug crisis was to ban many types of guns. This obviously was a poor approach to a serious problem. Fortunately, House Speaker Thomas Foley is a staunch opponent of gun control, and he helped us keep the gun control bills bottled up in committee.

- Flag Protection — Some people thought this was a silly issue; I didn't. Protection of our national symbol is a reasonable goal for Congress, and it can be done without interfering with a person's right to free speech. Congress passed a law outlawing desecration of the flag. The new law now faces a court challenge. Stay tuned.

Next week, we'll take a look at some more of the issues that occupied the first session of the 101st Congress. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact us at 1223 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Silverton High School and is a December candidate for the CIS degree at West Texas State University. Her fiancé also is a graduate of Silverton High School and is presently stationed at Lawton, Oklahoma with the United States Army.

They plan to make their home in Ponca City, Oklahoma, where she will be employed by Conoco.

One termite queen produces about half a billion offspring during her lifetime.



## PTA Update

Thanks to Suzanne Dennis, District 18 Legislative Chairman, for sharing her column. It was first printed in The Oak Messenger in September 1989.

"Why do we send part of our dues money to the state and national PTA? Why don't we keep it for ourselves?"

PTA leaders hear these questions frequently. Here is a summary of reasons for being part of the state and national PTA.

Legislators sit up and take note when PTA "speaks to an issue." Why? Because PTA has a membership of 775,000 in Texas and 6.6 million in the U. S. To congressmen, this represents a large number of votes. They recognize PTA as a strong voice of the public.

In the past, PTA influenced legislation regarding compulsory school attendance, physical education in public schools, bicycle safety, school zone speed limits, sale of fireworks, women probation officers, child labor, etc.

In the legislative session just ended, PTA supported legislation affecting such things as classroom size, teacher retirement, removing TEAMS from the first grade, beginning school during the week of September 1, seat belts on buses, and children's riding in the back of pickup trucks.

How do legislators know what members of PTA support or oppose?

Each year in November delegates from local PTA units gather for state convention. During that convention, the delegates adopt a legislative position paper providing guidelines for the State Legislative Chairman as she testifies before congressional committees. The chairman can speak only to the issues stipulated in the adopted paper—regardless of what may occur during the legislative session.

The delegates at the convention vote on issues previously proposed by local units. Thus the local units are the source for each issue in the paper. Therefore, each and every member of PTA has an avenue for influencing legislation.

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### Comings And Goings

Guests of Jettie Hardcastle during Thanksgiving were Fred and Donna Weather, Amarillo; Roy and Betty Christian, Anna-beth Williams, Starkey and Jane Whitehorn, all of Stinnett; Pauline Denham, Skellytown; Agnes Allard, Tulia; Nelson Moseley and Bertha Mae Allard.

Those visiting the J. D. Nances during the holidays were their children and grandchildren, Rex and Faith Redies of Plainview, Fares and Nanda Lahoud, Michael and Christopher of Fort Worth.

Michael and J. D. both had birthdays on Saturday. They have always celebrated their special day together with a birthday party.

Elton and Lanita Cantwell went to Amarillo Sunday afternoon of last week to help their granddaughter, London, celebrate her second birthday. Her brother, Devin, recently spent several days visiting here with his grandparents.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with Glenn and Winnie Smith were Terry, Ann, Brad and Brian West, Lynn, Connie, Jeff and Kristi Smith and Tobe Riddell. The afternoon was spent playing dominoes and visiting. Cathy Perryman of Matador was an afternoon visitor.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving dinner in the Elton Cantwell home were Roger, Shannon, Devin and London Cantwell of Amarillo and Earl Cantwell of Silverton. Jack, Brenda and Holly Beth Gaskins of Klondike came on Friday and remained for the weekend.

## IRS Has Refunds

Over 5,500 Texans have Internal Revenue Service refund checks due them totaling almost \$2.6 million. About 2,500 of these taxpayers reside in the north Texas area, according to Gary Booth, Director of the Dallas District.

"In the Dallas District, we are looking for 2,494 taxpayers

whose refund checks were returned to us as undeliverable this year," said Booth. "The average refund is about \$450, but the checks range all the way from \$1.00 to \$15,965.80."

Booth said the reasons for the inability of post offices to deliver the checks include an incorrect address, a taxpayer moving and

not leaving a forwarding address, or an executor filing for a deceased taxpayer and using the last-known address.

"When you consider that between 75-80 percent of the 2.9 million taxpayers in the Dallas District receive refunds each year, 2,496 may not seem like a large number, but to us even one is too large a number," said Booth.

Taxpayers who believe that

they may be one of the taxpayers owed a check should call 742-2440 in Dallas, 263-9229 in Fort Worth, or 1-800-424-1040 elsewhere in Texas to claim their refunds.

A list of names, in zip code order, can be furnished. Call Nora Martinez at (214) 767-1424 for a copy.

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### Vehicles Need to Be in Top Condition For Winter Driving

The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds motorists that the winter season is upon us, and it's time, once again, to get both the driver and the vehicle in the best possible condition for this most grueling driving season.

Major V. J. Cawthon, Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Region 5, said, "Winter driving can be very hazardous. Drivers are faced with many dangerous obstacles: nights are longer, freezing temperatures, snow, sleet, and ice-covered roads, all creating handicaps for the driver."

The most important safety tip for winter driving is to "slow down". On ice-covered roads, only drive when it is necessary and realize that it's going to take you at least twice as long to cover that same distance as when the road was dry and clear of ice. So, remember to set more time aside for driving under winter conditions.

When temperatures drop below the freezing point, drivers must guard against reduced visibility caused by frosted windows and windshields. Allow your car's engine to warm up and for the defroster to become effective before driving. Be sure your windows and headlights are clear and free of any obstructions, like mud or snow. Do all this in advance, before you hit the road.

Major Cawthon stated, "During adverse weather conditions, allow yourself plenty of travel time and try not to make your vehicle a wristwatch and the highway a magic time machine by trying to make up lost time on the streets and highways."

The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds you that the hazards of winter driving can be reduced. It's in your hands, the defensive driver, to make for a safer winter.



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# SPS Files for Lower "Fuel-Cost" Factor to Result in Rate Decrease

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) has filed to lower the "fuel-cost recovery factor" on electric bills beginning January 1, 1990, for its Texas retail customers. This will have an overall effect of lowering electric rates 9.2%, or \$42 million, for these customers.

The filing was made with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), which regulates the fuel-cost portion of electric rates.

"This reduction, on top of our 4.3% rate decrease completed earlier this year, will make our service area even more competi-

tive in attracting new industry and jobs," said SPS President and Chief Operating Officer Bill Helton. "We are pleased to pass on these savings to our customers. This new decrease is possible because of lower fuel and purchased-power expenses."

The cost of fuel to operate SPS power plants, plus the cost of power purchased from other companies, makes up about half of SPS's overall costs to serve customers. Electric utilities are not permitted to earn a profit on the cost of fuel or purchased power. Changes in these costs are passed on to customers.

In Texas, the fuel-cost recovery factor may be adjusted periodically by filing with the PUCT. In New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas, SPS will pass on the savings through automatic fuel-cost adjustments.

"This decrease will make SPS one of the most competitive utilities in the state," said Helton. "SPS's average industrial rates already are lower than the averages for all regions of the

country, using figures reported in 'Energy Users News.' This decrease will make our service area even more attractive to current and prospective industries."

The amount of decrease will vary according to usage and rates applicable to different types of customers. Texas residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours a month on SPS's standard rate would see their monthly electric bills decline by \$4.87, from \$69.67 to \$64.80.

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

\*Explain to your preteens and teens the effect of smoking on their appearance. Point out that smoking causes bad breath, yellow teeth, smelly hair, burn holes in clothing and furniture, irritated eyes, phlegm and a hacking cough. These items are relevant to the everyday life of preteens and teens. They will understand this better than "increased cancer risk 40 years from now."

\*Address the issue of peer pressure—tell your teens that only 10 percent of all teens smoke. Real friends will respect them more for making their own decision.

\*Set a good example for your children. If you smoke, stop! Explain to them how and why you started smoking and why you find it difficult to stop but why you find it necessary to stop—your health, the health of your children, your appearance, the smell of the house or household money better spent on other things. Whatever the reason, share it with your children and let them support you.

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# Walt Arnold on Verge of Regaining Steer Roping Crown

Walt Arnold, who won the world championship in steer roping twenty years ago, now a couple of decades later has positioned himself to win another world title.

There is a difference, however. At Pecos, in 1969, he was 31. Now he's 51—and a member in good standing of the Senior Championship Steer Roping Association, a competitive group of greybeards who will hold their year-end championships at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma on November 25.

Through the years, Arnold hasn't been standing still. He's been hauling good horses to rodeos and matched ropings, doing what he does best, roping, tripping and tying horned bovines as fast as he can.

And that's mighty fast when one considers all that goes on in this horse/cowboy effort. A steer leaves the chute, crosses a

designated line and puts it in high gear down the center of the arena. Horse and rider leave the box next to the chute. They overtake the steer. The steer is then roped slick around both horns, tripped with the slack between horn catch and saddle horn, grounded and tied securely with a stout piggin' string.

How fast does Arnold do these things? He says that he once did the job in 12 seconds flat at Sidney, Nebraska. The time was a PRCA record for a number of years.

But at Coleman, just this year, he secured a steer brute in the amazing time of 11.6. Still more amazing was the fact that he did not even place in the go-round. Then a 12.3, combined with the speedy 11, took first in the two-round average.

Though Walt Arnold would be the first to dismiss the idea as so much nonsense, it may be due to

his expertise—in and out of the arena—that modern steer roping/tripping runs have been lowered to these phenomenal stop watch readings.

Of course, there are differences in livestock and arenas, but just nine years ago, when Arnold won the famous Pendleton Round-Up, his three-steer average time was 18.1.

He has studied steers and steer roping from tail tassel to horn tip. An accomplished horseman, he trains roping mounts not only for himself but also for friends and competitors, noted contestants such as Phil Lyne, John Miller, Jim Bob Alitzer, James Allen, John Miller, Larry Jeffus and H. L. Todd.

He has watched and absorbed the techniques of some of the all-time great steer ropers—Everett Shaw, Clark McEntire, Sonny Davis and Shoat Bebster. And he has helped with

articles on the subject, a willing source of steer roping facts and lore for reporters doing work for livestock and rodeo magazines.

Arnold was born on September 1, 1938, on his father's Silverton ranch. Today, in the same arena, the son, in addition to this work with rodeo and horses, has a yearling cattle operation and farms wheat and cane.

Since he started riding when he was three, fun roping when he was six and serious roping when he was 14, he knows this athletic profession all the way around the corral and back again.

As a younger man, he roped calves and won money at places like Cheyenne, Pendleton, Denver, Sidney, Ogallala, Sterling and Estes Park. In the early 1960's, he roped a calf at the Lubbock rodeo in a sizzling 8.5. They don't do it much quicker even today. He was riding a horse named Tater's Booger.

Arnold's dad, Arthur, raised Tater's Booger, and Walt broke and trained the gelding, a winning combination because Booger became an excellent steer horse as well as a calf horse.

Other horses he used with success have been King Bailey, Bullbar, Pal, Nicotine, Pete, Silver, Snyder and Bill.

Since his championship year in 1969, he has been in the top 15 standings 18 times, in the top five eight times, including his championship year and a pair of reserve championships in 1971 and 1979. This was all PRCA competition.

Right now, in the SCSRA standings, Arnold is in second place, by only \$800, beneath the New Mexican, Charles Good. He has a very good change to win another crown at Guthrie at the end of this month.

## Coin Collectors to Have extra Change In Pockets

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that coin collectors and investors will have some extra change in their pockets beginning September 1 when certain purchases become exempt from the state sales tax.

"Legislators brought back a tax exemption that's a lot like one they cut during the state's economic crunch in 1998," Bullock said. "The fact that they were able to bring it back is another welcome sign of a recovering economy."

The sales tax exemption includes the sale of gold, silver or collectible coins, or the sale of platinum, gold or silver bullion.

The total sales price must be at least \$1,000 to qualify for the tax exemption.

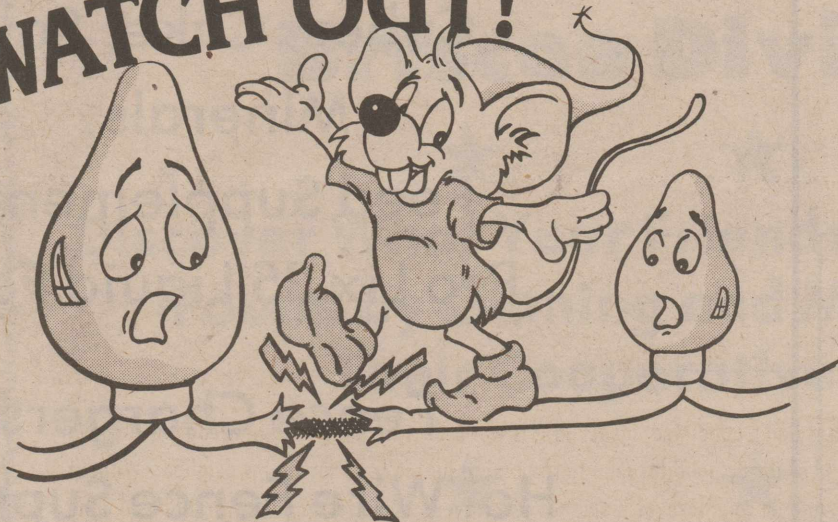
"The tax break means that consumers could save up to eight percent in local and state taxes on their purchases," Bullock said.

The state sales tax rate is six percent and the local sales tax rate can be up to two percent.

The exemption does not include mounted coins used or sold as jewelry, Bullock said.

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- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines.

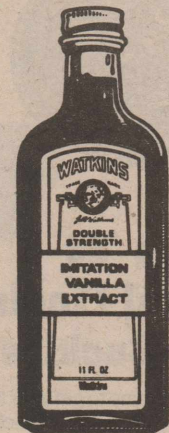
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Wishing You A Safe, Happy Holiday



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**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Royce Combs, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Ted Kingery, Minister

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jim Browning, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Library Opens ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S. .... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women ..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study/Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Acteens, G.A.s, Mission  
Friends, R.A.s ..... 7:00 p.m.  
SECOND SATURDAYS:  
Baptist Men ..... 7:00 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Duane Knowlton, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
United Meth. Women .... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Practice ..... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service ..... 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SUNDAY:  
Mass ..... 12:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
Escuela ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Elementary Doctrina  
Class ..... 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.  
THURSDAY:  
Mass or Communion ... 8:00 p.m.  
Ultreya ..... After Mass

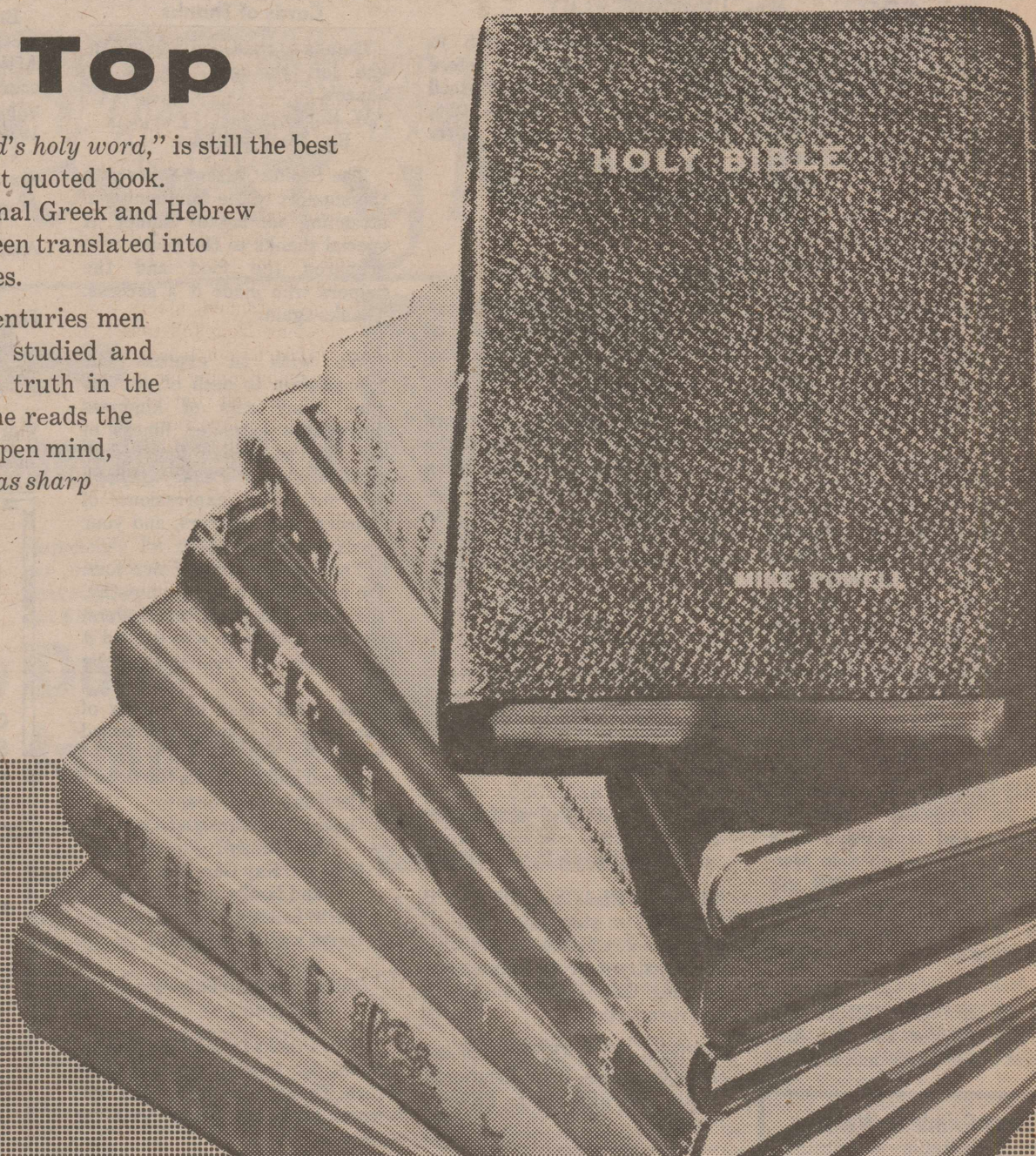
**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

# On Top

The Bible, "God's holy word," is still the best seller, and most quoted book. From the original Greek and Hebrew this book has been translated into many languages.

Through the centuries men have devotedly studied and sought out the truth in the Bible. When one reads the Bible with an open mind, God's word is "as sharp as a two edged sword."



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

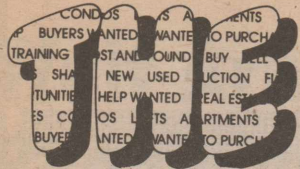


## ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

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Silverton Well Service  
Silverton Oil Company  
Tulia Wheat Growers

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Nance's Food Store  
Briscoe Implement  
Johnson's Gin  
Briscoe County News  
Jerry's Malt Shop  
Grabbe-Simpson Motors, Inc.





**For Sale**

**FOR YOUR ELECTRIC FENCING Needs**, see Brown-McMurtry. We have battery, hi line or solar powered fencers. We also carry insulators, gate handles and wire. 46-tfc

**TRASH BARRELS FOR SALE:** Silverton Fire Department. Ask at City Hall. 31-tfnc

**ATTENTION RANCHERS:** Have two camper trailers for sale. One Holiday 25 ft. and one 15 ft. teardrop. Make extra money by renting to hunters. 823-2333. 47-tfnc

**Hutsell Jewelry**

May your Christmas Dream come true! Come in and register for the Jewelry Treasure Chest to be given away December 24. Register as often as you like. Need not be present to win. Hutsell Jewelry, 823-2277. Hours 10-6, Monday through Saturday. 48-1tc


*Tiffin Talk*

**Holiday Shoppers take note: Fall Sale in Progress.** Free gift wrapping and lay-a-ways until Christmas allowed on Sale Merchandise. Register for \$20 gift certificate each week. Bobbye Bean winner of second week. Shop Tiffin's. 48-1tc

**FOR SALE: NEW TEFAL** Enclosed deep fryer, \$80. Call Roy Reed at 823-2258 for details. 48-1p

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**Cards of Thanks**

Thanks to the Good Samaritan who left the gift for us at Nance's.  
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Roy Mack and Lois

The Senior Citizens appreciate the support of the community in attending our turkey dinner. A special thanks to the cooks who prepared the food and the helpers who made it a success. Thanks again.

We wish to express our appreciation to each of you for your many acts of kindness during the extended illness of our beloved mother and grandmother, Agnes Seaney. Thank you for your expressions of concern, your prayers, and your cards and visits to her.

Then at the time of our loss, the words and acts of sympathy, the memorial gifts, the flowers, the food and those who served it will always be remembered by us.

May God make us worthy of our loved one and our blessed friends.

Pascal and Donaleta Garrison  
Cecil and Anita Seaney  
Gordon and Carolyn Lowrey and family  
Max and Kay Garrison and family  
David Seaney  
Daryl and Susie Wynn and family  
Jim and Connie Seaney and family

Our thanks to the Fire Department for putting out our grass fire. Thanks also to the man who came along and helped with the repairs.

Axie, Buck and Virginia Hardin

**Hutsell Jewelry**

Get your Christmas wish in Santa's Wish Book — before Santa does his shopping! Hutsell Jewelry, 823-2277. Hours 10-6, Monday through Saturday. 48-1tc

**WATKINS PRODUCTS FOR Sale** in Silverton. Briscoe County News, 508 South Main Street, or call 823-2333. 41-tfnc

**Hutsell Jewelry**

Dear Santa Claus, Come by and see what Mrs. Santa has at the top of her Christmas list! Relax and have a cup of coffee while we wrap up your shopping for you. Hutsell Jewelry, 823-2277. Hours 10-6, Monday through Saturday. 48-1tc

**Services**

**SINGER SEWING MACHINES,** Vacuum Cleaners, Smith Corona Typewriters, Adding Machines, Kirby Sales and Service. Buy here, service here. Call in Silverton, 823-2333. Office located at 620 Noel in Memphis, 259-2716. Here every two weeks on Thursdays. 21-tfc

**NEED A PLACE FOR YOUR Children** to stay after school? Jonann's Joy School is available across street from elementary building. Call 823-2524 for details and reservations. 36-tfnc

**BEFORE YOU RENEW,** please check our rates. Lee's Insurance, Phone 806-469-5370, Flomot, Texas. 12-tfc

**Real Estate**

**FOR SALE: FOUR-BEDROOM** Home and Barn with 200 acres on Highway 207. 847-2633. 28-tfc

**FOR SALE: LARGE BRICK** 3-bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, 2-car garage, fireplace, new carpet, Jenn-Aire range, central heat and air on nine acres four miles south of Silverton. 847-2640. 45-4tp

**Garage Sales**

**GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY,** 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Kids clothes, baby clothes, game table and chairs, knicknacks, miscellaneous. Shana Strange, 1 1/2 miles east of Silverton. 48-1tp

**GARAGE SALE SATURDAY.** Silverton Hotel, 8:00 a.m. 48-1tc

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Commissioners Court of Briscoe County will be accepting sealed bids until Monday, December 4, for the purchase of one used motor grader for Precinct #1.

**BID SPECIFICATIONS**

Briscoe County Precinct #1 is accepting bids for one (1) used Articulated Tandem Drive Motorgrader meeting the following minimum specifications:  
1980 model or newer, 3800 hours or less.  
Six (6) cylinder diesel engine with 150 net flywheel horsepower.  
Articulating Main Frame with indicator. Articulation point must be behind cab.  
Direct Drive Powershift Transmission with six (6) speeds forward and four (4) speeds reverse; single lever controlled.  
Full Hydraulic Controls on all implements with lock valves on all hydraulic circuits.

Disc Brakes mounted on all four drive wheels with safety park brake.  
14" Chrome Moldboard with hydraulic side shift and tip control.  
Headlights.  
24 volt Electrical System.  
14:00x24 Tires mounted on 10" Wheel Rims; state condition of tires.  
Differential Lock/Unlock.  
Minimum operating weight of 30,500 pounds.  
Warranty: State length of used machine warranty.

Trade-in: Arrangements to see trade-in may be made by contacting Precinct #1 Commissioner Aaron Younger at (806) 847-2678 or (806) 823-2486.

The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Address bids to the Office of County Judge Jimmy Burson, Box 153, Silverton, Texas 79257. 48-1tc

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