

## All Around The Town



By Mary Ann Sarchet

Kami Martin, a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines, spent a couple of days at home last week. She visited her parents, Dana and Dorothy Martin, and other relatives and friends.

The Minneapolis Moline Collectors will hold their National Winter Convention at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview March 2-3-4. The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will assist as guest hosts. The Two-Cylinder Club annually hosts the Fred Howard Antique Tractor and Equipment Show in March; however this year the two organizations are combining their shows for an outstanding presentation.

Activities on Thursday, March 2, will include tours to the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum, Hale Center; Caprock Industries Feedlot, Lockney; Cargill Hybrid Seeds, Aiken; Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock, and American Cotton Growers Denim Mill, Littlefield.

Friday, March 3, will begin with a Cowboy Chuckwagon Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. The same tours will be available on Friday. Each day will allow plenty of time for viewing the antique tractors, equipment, pedal tractors, toy tractors and shopping with the vendors on site.

Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. the ladies will be treated to a hat program at the Plainview First Assembly of God Church. An auction of Minneapolis-Moline items will begin at 9:00 a.m. A banquet is scheduled Saturday evening, 7:00 p.m., at the First Assembly of God, catered by county Line Restaurant, Lubbock.

Field demonstrations will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday and a Tractor Pull at noon Friday. The daily tractor parade will be at 4:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and other items given away at the end of the show.

The Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum will be in charge of the concession stand and will be open each day serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, homemade pies, brownies, cold drinks, coffee and tea.

Admission to the show is free and donations are accepted.

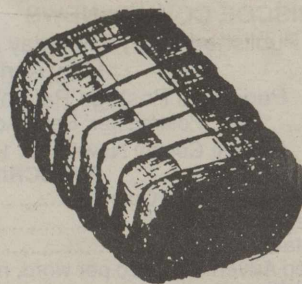
For further information, contact Byron and Charlotte Brock, 652-2652, Lockney; Rex and Wanda Davey, 293-2740, Plainview; Chuck Humphreys, 296-9315, Plainview.

The Minneapolis-Moline Winter Show of 2000 is dedicated to all former MM dealers.

The monthly luncheon and business meeting of Silverton Senior Citizens will be held at noon Friday at the Center. Members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ will be hosts for the luncheon.

Part-time and temporary positions are available as the Census 2000 process begins. These positions will pay from \$9.50 to \$12.00 hourly plus mileage expense for use of a car. Work schedules are very flexible with much of the work in the evenings and on weekends.

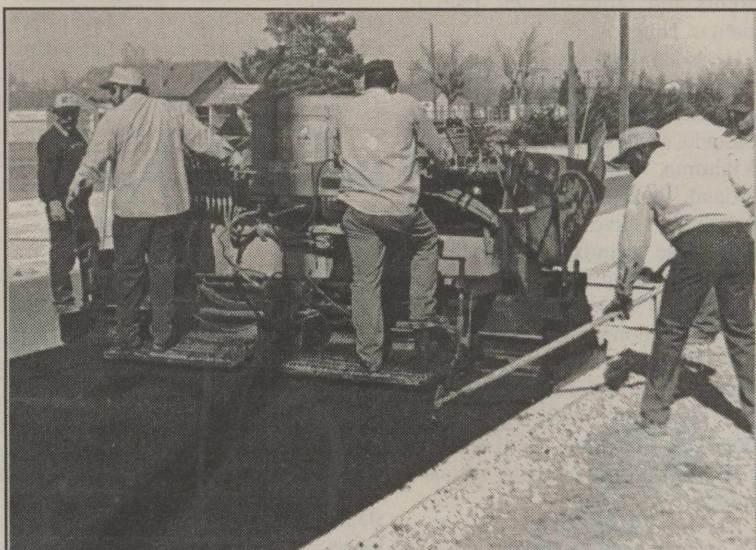
To qualify, applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid



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Workmen put the finishing touches on Silverton Independent School District's new track last week. In addition to being used for school track events, people are invited to walk or run for exercise and weight control on the newly-resurfaced track. Local workers were used as much as possible in this project. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Youth Basketball Group To Meet

A youth basketball meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 21, in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Coaches and teams will be chosen. All adult cooperation is needed. Everyone plan to attend.

## Weather Warmer, Drier Than Norm

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of January 2000 was significantly warmer and drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged 4.3 degrees above normal and ranged from 2.3 degrees above normal at Plainview to 6.0 degrees above normal at Brownfield.

driver's license and have a social security card. The application process takes approximately 1 1/2 to two hours and includes a 28-question multiple-choice to measure the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs.

Census jobs are all about making sure everyone is counted accurately. Most jobs are in the field conducting interviews with community residents and updating addresses.

Applications are being taken in Silverton each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Silverton School Cafeteria. Bring a driver's license and social security card for identification purposes. Veterans should bring a photocopy of the DD-214 form to receive a five-point reference.

For more information about Census 2000, call toll-free 1-888-325-7733.

Maximum temperatures averaged 5.7 degrees above normal and ranged from 3.6 degrees above normal at Plainview to 7.8 degrees above normal at Jayton. The highest temperature reported during the month was 84 degrees at several locations on the South Plains.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.8 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.3 degrees above normal at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge to 5.3 degrees above normal at Snyder. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 8.0 degrees at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge on the 4th.

In Silverton, the maximum temperatures averaged 56.3, 2.6 degrees below the south Plains average; the minimum temperatures averaged 24.0, 2.8 degrees below the South Plains average, and the average monthly temperature was 40.2, 2.6 less than the South Plains average.

South Plains precipitation averaged 0.17, but in Silverton only 0.16 was received. Snowfall averaged 0.11 inches on the South Plains, and in Silverton one inch of snow was received.

## Agriculture Suffering Third Drought

Provided by Brandon McGinty County Extension Agent-Ag  
Texas' agricultural industry is facing a crisis situation. Texas farmers and ranchers are enduring their third drought in four years.

Extension agronomist Travis Miller says 91 percent of the state's winter wheat crop is in fair to very poor condition. West Texas wheat is dying, and much of it didn't come up

## Lighthouse Assembly To Present The Soul Seekers Saturday Night

## 4-H Clubs To Donate Clothes To Good Will

Provided by Lena Duesterhaus County Extension Agent-FCS  
The Briscoe County 4-H Clubs are collecting clothes to donate to Good Will.

If you have any clothes you would like to donate or need to get out of your closets, please bring them to the Extension Office, or to the showbarn February 17, between 3:00 and 6:45 p.m.

## Youth Rally To Be Held This Weekend

Curtis House will be the speaker for Youth Rally 2000 in Silverton this See **YOUTH RALLY 2000--Continued on Page Two**

at all. Miller says livestock producers have been the hardest hit. Stock tanks are drying up in many counties.

Seventy-one percent of the state's ranges and pastures are in poor to very poor condition. Cattle prices are higher than a year ago. But ranchers will lose money being forced to sell off herds because of a lack of water and forage.

Seventy-five Texas counties have been given disaster declarations and are eligible for disaster assistance. The Texas Department of Agriculture is providing drought information assistance packets. Farmers and ranchers may receive a copy of the producer information package by calling the agency's state drought coordinator Bill Breese at 512-463-7517.

Lighthouse Assembly of God is proud to have Joe Roy Roberts and The Soul Seekers for a concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 19, at 601 Broadway in Silverton.

Everyone is invited to attend. Included in the Soul Seekers group are Melvin Hawkins, Jim Beck, Coy Mack, Freddie Eddington, Micheal Scott, Joe Roy Roberts, Kevin Tate, Melvin Hastings, Charles McDowell and Lawrence Wilson.

## Students Win Places in FBLA Conference

Eleven Silverton High School students who are members of the Future Business Leaders of America chapter participated in contests during the District Conference held Saturday, February 5, in Lubbock.

First-place winners were Chelsey Cherry, Business Procedures; Amanda Estes, FBLA Principles and Procedures; Andrew Francis, Introduction to Business Communications.

Second-place winners were Daniel Reagan, Business Law; Tarran Forbes, FBLA Principles and Procedures.

Kurby Garvin placed third in Introduction to Business Communications.

Fourth-place winners were Sharyl McMurtrey, Computer Concepts; Ryan Minyard, Technology Concepts.

Winning fifth-place were Issac Garcia, Computer Concepts; Amy Maciel, Introduction to Business communications.

Katy Hester won sixth in Computer Concepts.



FBLA students participated in the District Conference in Lubbock. They are (standing, left to right) Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Daniel Reagan, Katy Hester, Ryan Minyard, Sharyl McMurtrey, Issac Garcia, Tarran Forbes, Chelsey Cherry; (kneeling) Amanda Estes, Kurby Garvin. *Briscoe County News Photo*



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## CARDS OF THANKS

We want to thank you for your prayers, phone calls and your concern when I had my surgery.  
J. L. Self

A big thank you for the cards, prayers, flowers and all the other acts of kindness that were done for me. A special thanks to those who paid for a meal ticket at the Malt Shop. To my sister, Nina, who took care of me for two weeks, thank you so much.  
Elton Cantwell

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service would like to thank the Century of Progress Study Club for their generous donation which was generated from proceeds received from the Christmas Greeting Page.  
Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service

## NOTICE

Notice of Estray: 1 Black Steer weighing approximately 750 lbs. Sold at floydada Livestock Sales, Inc. on 02-09-2000. Anyone having claim on this steer, contact Briscoe County Sheriff's Department at 806-823-2135. 7-2tp

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We appreciate the many ways you have given us comfort and encouragement during our recent sorrow. We were overwhelmed by the abundance of food, cards, floral offerings and memorial gifts. Mother's years of teaching at Silverton always held a special place in her heart. On many occasions she would tell stories of things her students did at school; so many of you were a special part of her memories. Again, thank you for your prayers and concern. We feel truly blessed to live in a community with such caring people.

Our love,  
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Joe Lee and family

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Dear Ladies of Century of Progress Study Club:

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Sincerely,  
Silverton Volunteer  
Fire Department

enough vitamin K, which is necessary for blood clotting and bone health. It's found in dark-green vegetables and in some oils. One serving of spinach or two servings of broccoli provides four to five times the Recommended Dietary Allowance. A study by the Agricultural Research Service shows that fewer than half of all children under 13 consume enough vitamin K. The benefits of increased vitamin K consumption are available to people of all ages.

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON  
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Hal Rogers, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

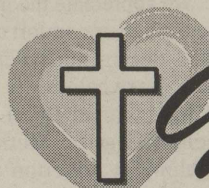
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission  
Friends.....3:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY  
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH  
TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.

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

**NEW FELLOWSHIP  
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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.

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Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
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High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

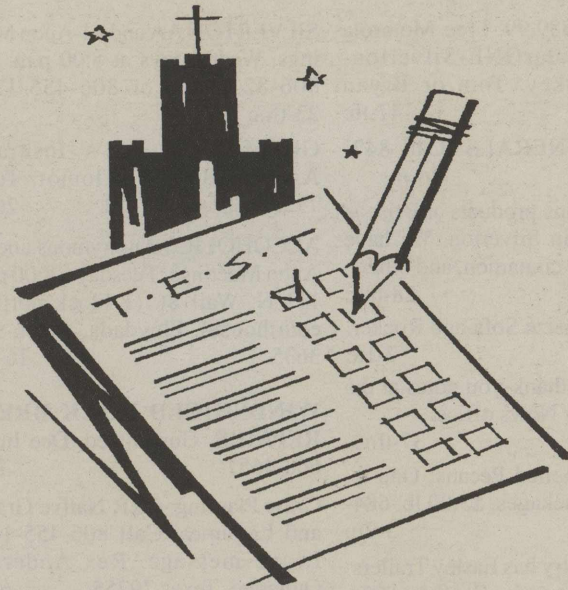
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SUNDAY:  
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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**Life Is  
a Test**

I like to think of our existence in this world as a trial period, and that each day we are confronted with various trials and tests. Hopefully, we are passing more of these life tests than we are failing. We should always be aware that we belong to God; however, we are not always spared the suffering and trials of this world. God

has always been with us in the past and He will continue to see us through the various tribulations in our future. Life without faith is very demanding, and the Bible tells us that faith is the confident assurance of knowing that what we hope for is going to happen; it is the evidence of things we cannot yet see. Each adversity that we are faced with will help us to grow and to make us a stronger and better person. And, with each test that we endure, we can imagine our Lord saying to us, "Well done, you good and faithful servant."



*Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,  
the one I love, and with whom I am pleased.*

Good News Bible Matthew 12:18



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**Obituary**

**MARGARET STEPHENS**

Services for Margaret Stephens, 82, of Turkey were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Turkey with the Rev. Melvin Clinton officiating and the Rev. Gene Meacham assisting.

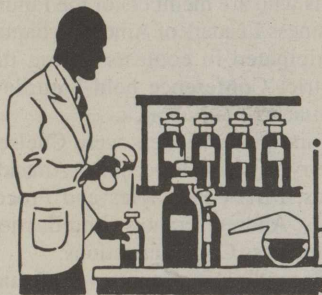
Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey under direction of Freeman-Abell Funeral Home of Hale Center.

She died Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at High-Plains Nursing Home in Hale Center. She was born January 5, 1918 in Matador.

She married Herbert (Shine) Stephens February 14, 1940 in Silverton. He died February 12, 1978.

She was a long-time resident of Turkey and a member of Rirst Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Herb



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Stephens of Hale Center and Roy Stephens of Matador; one daughter, Cheryl Ward of Hale Center; two sisters, Velma Lacy of Turkey and Electra Irwin of Matador; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**WILLIAM BOMAR SHIVES**

Memorial services for William (Bill) Bomar Shives, 64, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2000, at the Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Chapel in Portland, Texas. Dr. Charles Higgs of the First Baptist Church in Portland conducted the services.

Mr. Shives passed away at Shoreline Health Care Nursing Home in Taft, Texas on Februar 8, 2000, with the complications of a lengthy illness of myotonic muscular dystrophy.

He was born in Tulia on August 26, 1935 to the former Teresa Bomar, daughter of Virgil and Mary Bomar, and William (Bill) George Shives. Mrs. Shives was the sister of Pearl, Emmitt, Wylie, Tom, Oran and Lee D. B o m a r .

Mr. Shives was graduated from Tulia High School with the Class of 1953 and was a graduate of Texas A&M '57. He was a member of the famous Fighting Texas Aggie Band. He served his country in the U. S. Army as a first lieutenant.

He owned and operated Fogtrol Insect Control & Fumigation, Inc. until his health failed. He belonged to many associations of the pest control and fumigation industry. He was a

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**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

member of several civic organizations, was a charter member of the Portland Masonic Lodge #1411, serving as Worshipful Master, 32nd degree Mason, member of the Al Amine Shrine Temple of Corpus Christi, lifetime member of his lodge, received the Golden Trowel Award. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Portland. The greatest loves of his life were the Masonic Lodge, Texas A&M football team and Fighting Texas Aggie Band and the Gregory-Portland Wildcat football and track teams.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Paul P. Auten of Houston.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Barbara Sue (Auten) Shives; three sons, John A. Shives of Denver, Colorado, Mark W. Shives of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Wm. David Shives of Portland, Texas; one daughter, Teresa (Terri) Wray Shives of Corpus Christi, Texas; one grandson, Michael A. Shives of Marion, Montana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Special Research for Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy, 2391 North East Loop 410, Suite 313, San Antonio, Texas 98217, or to a charity of one's choice.

Barbara Shives' address is Box 696, Portland, Texas 78374.

**Happy Birthday-**

February 17--Riley Ziegler, Vanessa Reyna, Patti Lowrance

February 18--Craig Patton, Bill Boling, Molly Riddle, Amy Minyard Jackson, Tomiko Hutsell

February 19--Tyler Keith Ellison, Glenn Smith, Amy Jasper, Cathey Weaks, Carlye Fleming

February 20--Anne McJmsey, Corey Kennedy, Iwana Monroe, Kaitlin Daye McWaters

February 21--Melissa Ortiz, Tyra Younger, Mary Martin

February 22--Donald Perkins, David Schott

February 23--Karen Hill, Kenda Wood, Molly Sarchet

**Happy Anniversary-**

February 17--Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt

February 20--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith

**Workshop To Help High Plains Ranchers**

Most ranchers, given the chance, want to compare their operations to other ranchers, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, farm and ranch management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

On March 23-24, the Beef Cattle Standardized Performance Analysis Workshop slated at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center is the first of six such opportunities open to Texas ranch operators to evaluate their financial and production strengths and weaknesses. Other SPA events are scheduled around the state through June.

The workshops are limited to 15 ranches with a March 1 registration deadline for Amarillo. Cost of the program is \$150. For operations repeating the course, there is a discounted fee of \$100, which includes the cost of software, educational materials and meals.

To register, call 806-359-5401.

**Youth Rally Being To Be Held In Silverton This Weekend**

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weekend, and music leaders will be Curtis and Alison House. The Rally begins Saturday night, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. with Praise/Worship and pizza in the P. E. Gym.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. breakfast will be served, followed by those attending going to the Sunday School and church of their choice.

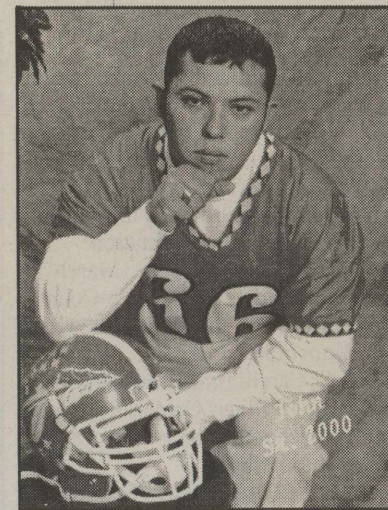
Sunday at noon a spaghetti dinner will be served at the Methodist Church, with afternoon activities planned.

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. there will be a communitywide praise/worship time

at the P. E. Gym.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring money for a love offering to be taken for the speaker.

Please RSVP to Tyler Young (847-2513) for a headcount by Wednesday, February 15. Lodging for out-of-towners will be provided in homes around Silverton.



*John Leal, a senior at Honey Grove High Scvhoool, was recently selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He also has been nominated to represent the USA in international competition in football. While attending HGHS, he has been selected as Defensive Lineman of the Year 98 and 99; All-District Defensive Lineman 98 and 99; and All Red River Valley Defensive Lineman and All Regional Defensive Lineman. He also was part of the All-state selections. He is the son of Manuel and Marilyn Leal of Honey Grove and is the grandson of Johnny and Mary Asebedo of Silverton and Pablo and Julia Leal of Quitaque.*

**Numerous Prizes Given in Reverse Drawing Saturday**

Numerous donated prizes were given to those attending the Firemen's Valentine Ball Saturday night at the Showbarn.

One event of special interest was the drawing. Leon Lavy was holder of the tenth ticket drawn, and received a stapler donated by the Briscoe County News.

No. 35, Don Curry, received two caps from First State Bank.

No. 48, F. E. Hutsell, Greeting Cards donated by Hoot Barker and the Postal Service.

No. 60, Perry Howell, received a case of oil from Garvin Oil Company.

85. Dewey Estes, received a knife from Lavy Pump Service.

110. Peggy Garvin, received two ribeye steaks from Nance's Food Store.

135. Joe Potter, one lunch from The Malt Shop.

160. John Schott, screwdriver set from Briscoe Implement.

170. Will Rowell, Post cards, from Hoot Barker and the Postal Service

185. Harry Jones, flea collars, from Rhoderick Irrigation

210. Becky Dunn, five quarts oil from Hester Muffler

235. Frosty Vernon, Leather Gloves from Brown-McMurtry Implement.

260. Harvey McJimsey, two callons antifreeze, from Silverton Oil Company.

270. Bryan Burson, stamps, from

Hoot Barker and the Postal Service

285. Anthony Kingery, tape from Hutsell Insurance

296, 297, 298, 299. received calculators from H&H Fertilizers: Nancy Hamilton, Alvin Proctor, Albert Hartman and Don Francis.

No. 300, Don Curry, received a gun.

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
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**February 15, 1990**--Bryan Donahoo is new pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Owlettes advance into state playoffs in game with Nazareth at Hutcherson Gym on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview . . . Wil T Bomar showed the Hampshire that was selected as Grand Champion of the Swine Prospect Show at the Briscoe County Livestock Show . . . Jamie Frizzell volunteered for military service and is taking his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia . . . Josh Brooks and Langdon Reagan, both 15-year-old Briscoe County 4-H members from Silverton, will compete in the 1990 Houston Rodeo calf scramble on February 24 in the Astrodome . . . Langdon Reagan showed the Reserve Grand Champion steer at the Briscoe County Livestock Show. Carrie Ann Grabbe showed the Breed Champion Chester White that was exhibited in the Swine Prospect Show and was exhibitor of the Breed Champion Chester White in the Swine Market Show. Shannon Weaver was exhibitor of a Spotted Poland which was chosen as Reserve Breed Champion of the Swine Market Show. Lance Bradford showed a crossbred lamb that was Reserve Breed Champion. Miles Comer showed the Spotted Poland which was Breed Champion of the Swine Market Show, and Jeremiah Brooks was owner of the Yorkshire Breed Champion of the Swine Prospect Show . . .

**February 14, 1980**--Mrs. Dora Johnston, 100, buried at Hollis Monday afternoon . . . Shelly Harris is 1980 ABC Rodeo Queen in Lubbock . . . Dewey Seay, 81, buried in Tulia Saturday . . . Jim Clemmer received a broken arm in a fall Saturday morning . . . O. C. Maples and his daughter, Mrs. David Tipton, were at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Monday to visit their brother and uncle, James Eldon Maples, who is seriously ill . . . Tommy Perkins of Silverton was a member of the Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team that placed second at the Arizona national livestock Judging Contest held in Phoenix, Arizona. There were 18 teams from ten states in the contest. The Clarendon College team was high in swine, second in cattle and fourth in horses . . . Nine varsity basketball players end high school careers. They are Connie Rowell, Rose Lee Perkins, Mark Brown, Paul Brannon, Diji Couch, Bobby McPherson, Nicky McJimsey, Kelly Comer and Bill Denton . . . Several inches of snow blanketed the Silverton area last Friday night after a heavy shower of small hailstones that completely covered the ground Thursday night. The hailstorm was accompanied by a winter thunder and lightning storm . . .

**February 5, 1970**--Lois Stephens is Silverton Rainbow Assembly's new Worthy Advisor . . . Basketball games to benefit charities. The Flatbush Sweat-Shirts have challenged the Silverton High School Owlettes to a match by the one-dribble rule that was used in games somewhere back in the dark ages. Members of the Flatbush team are Firing Fern Parker, Mauling

Maebelle Francis, Shooting Shirley Durham, Cuning Carol Martin, Merciless Mary Patton, Villanous Vivone Arnold, Nasty Nelda Jasper, Needling Nelda Polley, Intrepid Irma Polley, Daring Dorthy Hale, Vicious Vaughnell Brannon, Slamming Sheila Minyard, Mean Maggie Sweek, Jabbing Junis Hutsell, Motor Mary Davis, Slinging Sandra Tipton, Electrifying Ellen Wright, Palpitating Pat McJimsey, Leaping Linda Minyard, Battling Betty McPherson, Passing Pat Tidwell, Racing Reba Tipton, Killer Karla Alexander, Gunshot Glenna Cornett, Logical Lee Ann Tiffin and Looping Lou Younger. The Flatbush girls are said to have calmed down considerably with the passage of years, but included on the team are some pretty formidable cagers of their day. Challenging the Silverton High School Owls to a match are Slick Jack's Drugstore Cowboys. Players are Jarring James Polley, Active Alanzo Polley, Crusher Cecil Hendrix, Elated Eddy Baker, Chopping Charlie Clardy, Jiving John Francis, Casting Carl Tidwell, Carving Cliff Stodghill, Edgy Elton Cantwell, Churning Carl Woods, Krusher Ken Cook, Jabbing Jack Robertson and Battling Beasley from over San Jacinto way . . .

**February 18, 1960**--Zenobia Self, sophomore from Silverton, is among the students listed on the honor roll with a 2.37 average for the fall semester at Wayland Baptist College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis and family visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone McCracken, in Quitaque Sunday . . . Sam Lewis was named county champion in the sorghum growing contest held last year. His yield of 9590.30 lbs. per acre was the top yield in the county in the 1959 National Selected Five Acre DeKalb Sorghum Growing Contest . . . The Helping Hand Club met in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Rowell, and those present were Mmes. Wade Steele, Jack Harris, Virgil Baldwin, Jack Jowell, Frank Mercer, Clyde Bramlett and the hostess . . . Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver, Sharon and Johnny Roy and Patricia Cagle were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard at Brice . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold spent most of last week in Duncan, Arizona where her sister, Mrs. Bob Bishop, is critically ill . . .

**February 9, 1950**--Funeral services held for Simuel Vaughan Friday . . . Martha Washington party given in the home of Mrs. R. H. Stodghill Monday . . . Mrs. Bill Edwards entertained her Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church with a dinner Saturday. After attending Sunday School and church, the children were taken out to Mrs. Edwards home. After having been served a delicious dinner the children spent the afternoon playing. Members who attended were Pat Jackson, Janet Turner, Linda Adcock, Harold Edwards, Sid Marshall, Donald Cherry, Eddie B. Jasper and Doyle Tiffin. Guests were Jean Blackshear, Frances Ely and Tommy Strange . . . The local FFA chapter

Quiz and will compete with chapters in his area. Among those who plan to attend are Roy Hyatt, Billy Tennison, Donald Bean and Jim Hardin. Mr. Glenn Bunch will accompany the boys on the trip . . .

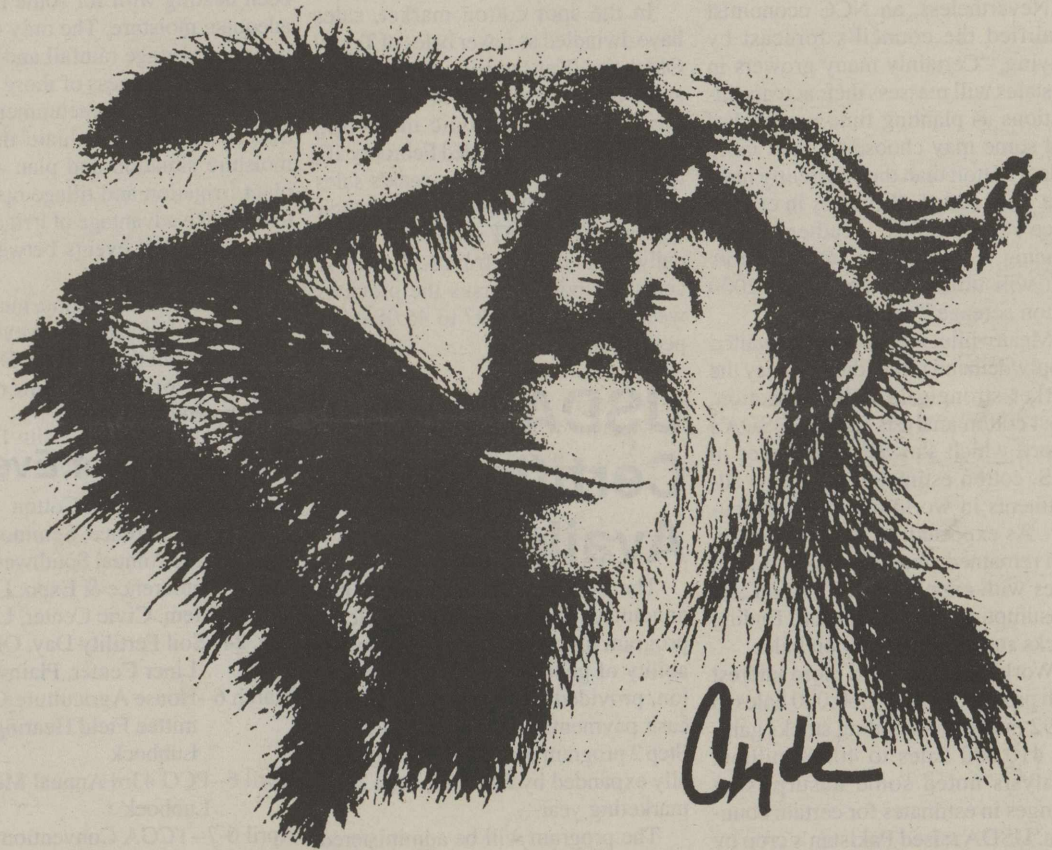
**March 7, 1946**--Sea plane crash claims life of John S. Long . . . Extra moisture for Briscoe worth \$10,000 . . . Downtown building activity continues with Perry Thomas remodeling his building, putting in partitions and double doors to make new arrangements for his business and to get the opposite side ready for a new beauty shop to be announced next month . . .

All 18 blocks of city streets are based and topping will start next week to complete the new surfacing . . . Mrs. L. D. Griffin, Dorothy McMurtry and Mrs. Dean Allard were shopping in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele and Jimmy and Mother Redin were visitors in the R. E. Brookshier home Sunday. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Deavenpoirt and Joye Belle . . . Miss Elvira Mae Wesley and Mr. Lee Oscar Weeks exchanged wedding vows at the First Baptist Church in Tulia February 24 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bomar and children were shopping in

Floydada, Plainview and Tulia Saturday . . . Clovis Hill of West Texas State College was in Silverton over the weekend . . . Mrs. W. W. Douglas came home from the Plainview hospital Sunday afternoon . . .

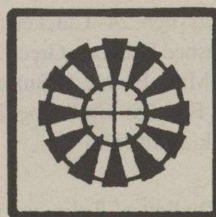
**January 16, 1930**--County hatchery is ready for operation . . . Talking pictures are planned for Silverton by Palace management . . . Jeff Gunter had the misfortune Sunday night to lose his Whippet Motor Car to thieves. The car was in his residential garage but not locked, and a clear get-away was effected by whoever drove it off. No clue or trace has been found . . .

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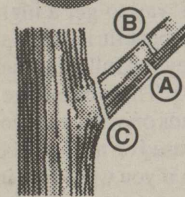


**1 Don't Top Trees!**

Never cut main branches back to stubs. Ugly, weakly attached limbs often grow back higher than the original branches. Many arborists say that topping is the worst thing you can do for the health of a tree.

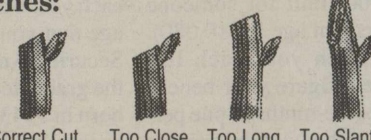
**3 How to Make a Pruning Cut**

**Large Limbs:**

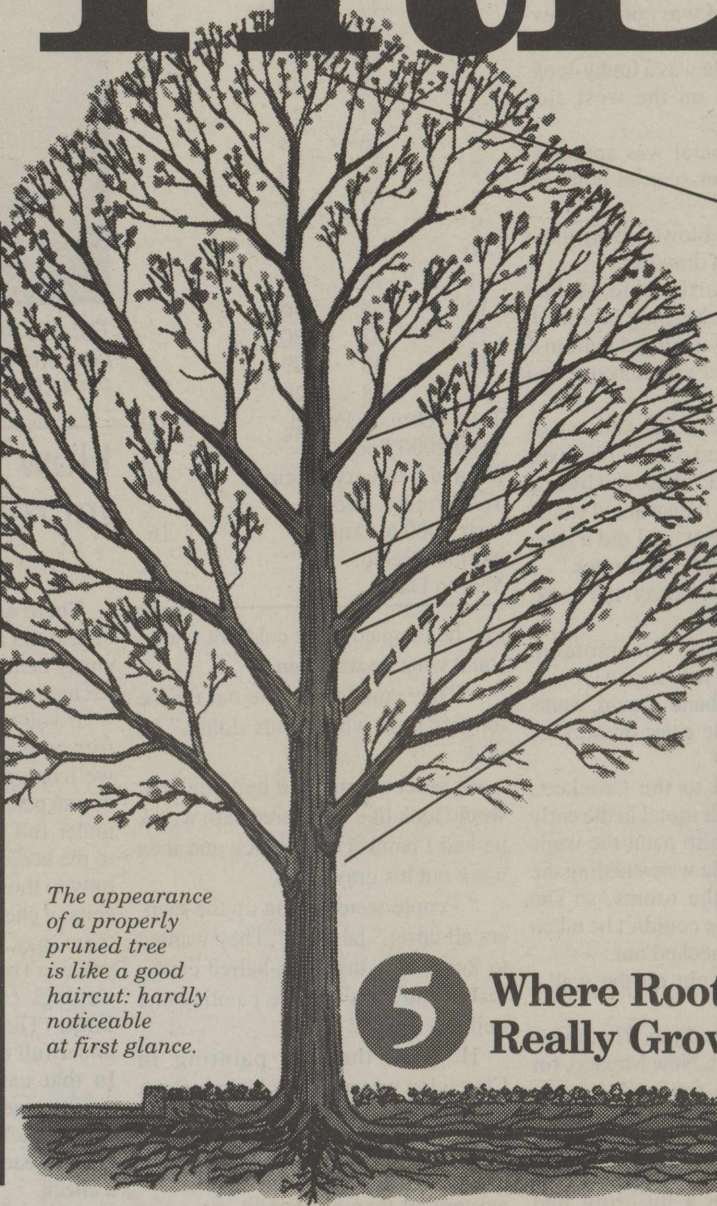


A: Make a partial cut from beneath.  
B: Make a second cut from above several inches out and allow the limb to fall.  
C: Complete the job with a final cut just outside the branch collar.

**Small Branches:**



Make a sharp, clean cut, just beyond a lateral bud or other branch.



*The appearance of a properly pruned tree is like a good haircut: hardly noticeable at first glance.*

**2 Use the 1/3 Rules for Pruning**

- Never remove more than 1/3 of a tree's crown.
- Where possible, try to encourage side branches that form angles that are 1/3 off vertical (10:00 or 2:00 positions).
- For most species, the tree should have a single trunk.
- Ideally, main side branches should be at least 1/3 smaller than the diameter of the trunk.
- If removal of main branches is necessary, cut them back to the trunk to avoid leaving stubs.
- For most deciduous (broadleaf) trees, don't prune up from the bottom any more than 1/3 of the tree's total height.

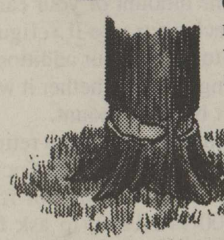
**4 The Value of Mulch**

A tree's best friend, mulch insulates soil, retains moisture, keeps out weeds, prevents soil compaction, reduces lawnmower damage, and adds an aesthetic touch to a yard or street. Remove any grass within the mulch area, an area from 3 to 10 feet in diameter, depending on tree size. Pour wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches deep within the circle, but not touching the trunk.

**5 Where Roots Really Grow**

- Because roots need oxygen, they don't normally grow in compacted oxygen-poor soil under paved streets.
- Most of the roots are within 18 inches of the surface.
- Roots often grow outward to a diameter one to two times the height of the tree.

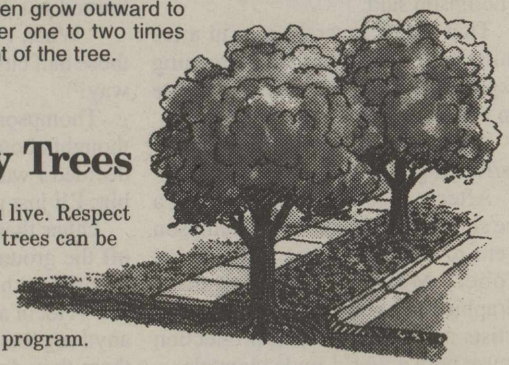
**6 Girdling Kills Trees**



Girdling is caused by weed trimmers, lawn mowers, chained dogs, etc., that injure the bark of a tree trunk, extending around much of the trunk's circumference. Such injuries destroy the tree's most vital membranes. These layers conduct water and minerals from the roots to the leaves, and return the food produced by the leaves to the rest of the tree.

**7 Your Street Trees May Be City Trees**

If you live in a town or city, the trees near the street (often between the sidewalk and street), are probably city-owned. The city should have a program for planting and caring for these trees. Support the Tree City USA community forestry program where you live. Respect local ordinances as to what trees can be planted, how to prune, etc. Encourage your town to fully fund a quality tree-planting and tree-care program.



## Join The National Arbor Day Foundation and get 10 Free Trees

Nonprofit Foundation sponsors Trees for America campaign

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship, is sponsoring a Trees for America campaign to plant millions of trees.

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## Murals Reflect Heritage of Panhandle

Across the front of The Red River Steak House in McLean, across a motel in Alanreed, a restaurant in Clarendon and several blocks of the City of Shamrock, brightly colored murals sparkle beneath an otherwise cold winter sun.

The work, mostly reflecting the rural heritage of the Texas Panhandle, is not that of muralists Tom Lea or Thomas Hart Benton, but of the panhandle's own Tye Thompson.

Thompson is a McLean native, having graduated from McLean High School in 1973.

"I was the kid that would sit in the back of the room," Thompson said, "and didn't pay any attention to the teacher and drew all the time."

He said that when he was painting the Irish Village in Shamrock, the schools would bring classes down to watch him paint.

"I gave a little demonstration and they'd all raise their hands to ask questions," Thompson said. "The first question was wanting to know how much moeny I was getting to get paint all over me. The second one was when did I know that I wanted to be an artist."

Thompson said he would always ask the teachers if they had any students in class that don't pay attention and just sit in the back of the room and draw.

"Well," he'd tell them, "I was one of them."

Thompson said the students would all go to pointing at one kid among them.

"Every class has one," he shrugged.

After high school, Thompson headed down the road to Amarillo to study advertising art at Texas State Technical Institute. There he learned illustration and silk screening.

"I excelled in screen printing," Thompson said.

That led to several years in a tee shirt shop, using his silk screening expertise and artistic talents to create on cotton tee shirts.

"That's where I got into cartooning," he said.

After a stint at the Shirt Room, a tee shirt shop in Amarillo, Thompson went to work for Ernie Roberts and Robert McKenzie at McKenzie Graphic Matography, where Amarillo artists and silk screening production house with a world-wide clientele.

"We printed a lot of Mesa Petroleum stuff," Thompson said.

Eventually they sold out to what Thompson described as a hippie commune in the Hill Country of Central Texas.

"It was an old dude ranch called 'The Guadalupe River Ranch Dedicated to the Arts of Living and Creating'," he said. "I went down there and taught these trust-fund hippies how to paint."

They were all hippies, but they all had money, he said.

"I hung around there for seven or eight months then rode on out," Thompson said. "I had a cabin with a wood-burning stove. I about froze to death. I thought it'd be warm, but it was cold there in the winter time."

With the spring, he came back to the Texas Panhandle and started painting.

He said he really began his mural work in Alanreed when Dixie

Crockett selected him to paint the word "Texas" across the wall of her motel on Interstate 40.

"I'm still going back out there," he said. "I thought she'd run out of places to paint, but I was out there several months ago and did a cowboy riding a tornado. He was a funky-looking cowboy. It's on the west side there."

The tornado mural was appropriate for the weather-scarred community," he said.

"They've been blown away three times," Thompson drawled.

The McLean artist said he had painting a woman washing in a wash tub with a cowboy taking a bath in a barrel in the motel's washroom and shower.

"I painted a beautiful tank out at their place with kind of a South Texas landscape," he said. "I used to live on the Guadalupe and they wanted something a little different, so I did a river and bluebonnets with some trees."

A tornado blew away the tank, however.

"It was art for the moment anyways," he said with a grin.

But Dixie's husband, David, wants a painting of bronc rider on another tank now.

He first talked to the Crocketts about murals at their motel in the early 1980s. Dixie had him paint the walls in the rooms. People were stealing the paintings out of the rooms, so she wanted artwork that couldn't be taken when her guests checked out.

"We painted right on the wall," Thompson said.

After the Alanreed job, Thompson moved to Cimarron, New Mexico, for a while. When he returned, he was approached by some folks in Shamrock who wanted him to go paint an Irish village on three half-city block long walls where a building had burned out downtown.

"When I went over and looked at those half city-block walls, I said 'No way!'"

Thompson said, "I came home and thought about it a couple of days and decided I was already painting pretty big; I'll just paint bigger."

Other than something that is high off the ground, there's not much that intimidates him.

"A lot of artists say they can't paint anything that big," he said. "I just tell them they don't have to be scared of the wall. You've got to defeat it, like rock climbing. Sometimes if the job is too high, Thompson admitted that he might back off."

He said he has a fear of heights, but the size of the wall rarely bothers him.

"I just started painting very big," he laughed.

The Shamrock job led to painting a mural on a restaurant in Clarendon.

"What I like about painting outdoors is if I sold a canvas printing to someone the only people who would get to view it would be those going to their home," Thompson said. "When it's outdoors, everybody gets to enjoy it."

People get to enjoy his work that usually don't get exposed to art. He said he gets a lot of exposure.

"A lot of people said when I was painting in Clarendon, they'd watch it on their way to work," Thompson said.

When he first started the Clarendon

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job, he laughed; they could not understand what he was doing.

"They couldn't figure out for the longest time what I was doing," he said.

In order to paint the building so it would look like weathered barn wood, he had to paint it solid black and then work out his gray tones.

"People were calling up the owners all upset," he said. "They wanted to know who that long-haired crazy-looking guy was that was painting that building black."

He said that the painting in Clarendon was not on as big a scale as the Shamrock project, but there was a lot more detail in it.

"It's more my taste in art. It has a western art theme," he said.

He added that some of his work is as much performance art as painting.

"I like painting in public with a crowd," he laughed. "I kind of put on a show. I get covered with paint pretty good."

There have been several times while putting on a show, he said, that he's almost fallen off his ladder while people were watching him.

Thompson still has his studio, in what was formerly a drive-in restaurant on Old route 66 at the east end of McLean.

"I got hit big time by the storm last year," he said, shaking his head. "I was in it when the roof blew off. The roof's still leaking even though I tried to fix it back. The storm blew it off pretty good. I'm painting at the house this winter."

Although best known for his brightly-colored murals, Thompson still paints on a smaller scale and is becoming popular with private collectors.

"I don't have much hanging here in town," he said. "I've done a lot of work recently in Pampa."

But, again, that work tends to be his distinctive murals.

"They remodeled the Sunset Bar and Grill in Pampa," Thompson said. "I went in there to do one painting and wound up painting the whole building including the bathrooms."



The City Bank Prize Patrol came to Silverton Thursday, February 10, and presented Brenda Patton (left) and Patricia McJimsey (right) with plaques for the highest miles for 1999 in the Wellness Program with City Bank.

Briscoe County News Photo

## How Work After Retirement Age May Increase Your Social Security Benefit

by Mary Jane Shanes

Social Security Manager in Plainview, Texas

There are three ways you can increase the amount of your Social Security benefit even after you reach retirement age. Here's how:

If you begin receiving benefits before you reach full retirement age, we'll reduce your check by five-ninths of one percent for each month you are under full retirement age. According to the law, we can apply the reduction only to those months in which you receive a check. If you're still working, there may be some months in which you don't receive a check because your earnings exceed the annual earnings limit. (The 2000 limit for someone under full retirement age is \$10,080). In that case, when you reach full retirement age, we refigure your benefit to give back the five-ninths of one percent for each month you didn't receive a check.

As an example, let's say you started receiving Social Security when you turned 62 and the full retirement age for your year of birth is 65. We reduced your benefits by 20 percent (36 months times five-ninths of one percent equals 20 percent). A year later you returned to work for awhile and earned so much money that you didn't receive a Social Security check for nine months. When you reach 65, we will refigure your benefit, increasing it by five percent--five-ninths of one percent for each of the nine months you didn't get a check. From then on, your reduction will be 15 percent instead of 20 percent.

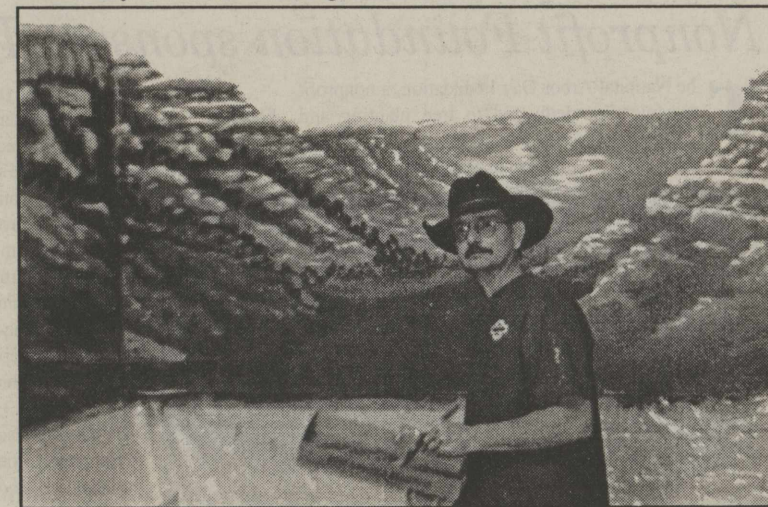
Here's another way to increase your benefit: If you continue working after

you start getting benefits and your annual earnings are higher than the lowest of the years we used to compute your benefit, we'll refigure your benefit each year. We add in the higher year of earnings to see whether it will increase your benefit.

The third way to get a higher Social Security benefit is to delay your retirement beyond full retirement age--up to age 70. The percentage of increase depends on what year you were born and is based on a graduated scale. For example, if you were born in 1938, you receive a 6.5 percent increase for each year beyond your full retirement age that you delay sign up for Social Security. And if you're at the top of the graduated scale because you were born in 1943 or later, your benefit will be increased by 8 percent for each year you delay retirement.

Don't forget, when you continue working after you reach age 70 you don't have to meet the annual earnings limit. Your benefit will not be affected by the amount of your earnings. And each year, we'll refigure your benefit to add in your additional year of earnings to see whether it will increase your benefit amount.

For more information about retirement benefits, call or visit any Social Security office or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to ask for Retirement (SSA Pub. No. 05-10035). Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times.



Artist Tye Thompson said he was one of those students who sat in the back of the classroom and drew pictures. He is presently painting a mural in the baptistry at the Silverton Church of Christ.

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# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended February 10, 2000

The market searched for a clear direction this week after being inundated with fresh fundamental news. The national Cotton Council's (NCC) planting intentions report coupled with USDA's supply/demand data and weekly export sales report provided industry observers with an abundance of figures to ponder.

In a report released February 4, NCC predicted U. S. cotton farmers would plant 15.35 million acres to cotton in 2000, an increase from the 14.86 million acres planted in 1999. The forecast increase for total U. S. cotton planting did not shock traders who were expecting the NCC figure to be as high as 15.5 million acres.

Nevertheless, an NCC economist qualified the council's forecast by saying, "Certainly many growers in all states will reassess their acreage intentions as planting time approaches and some may choose to plant more or less cotton than they currently indicate." He added, "Changes in current price relationships, weather and financing are just some of the factors that will ultimately determine 2000 cotton acreage."

Meanwhile, the anxiously awaited supply/demand report did not sway the market strongly in either direction. Most cotton analysts viewed USDA's report, which showed no changes in U. S. cotton estimates and a few adjustments in world numbers, as neutral. As expected, U. S. crop production remained steady at 16.95 million bales with exports at 6.4 million and consumption at 10.2 million. Ending stocks stayed at 4.4 million bales.

World numbers held more interest with production rising 560,000 bales to 86.92 million and ending stocks gaining 410,000 bales to 40.28 million. Analysts noted some unsurprising changes in estimates for certain countries. USDA raised Pakistan's crop by 200,000 bales to 8.2 million after reports of a larger harvest and after industry authorities raised their production number. In south America, the Brazilian cotton crop was raised 300,000 bales to 2.2 million. Additionally, India's crop remained unchanged, though the country's imports were nearly doubled to 800,000 bales on higher domestic use.

Other key countries saw no adjustments at all. Estimates for China remained the same despite some ideas about lower production and stocks. The crop number for Central Asia, which includes cotton exporter Uzbekistan, was untouched following reports of a smaller harvest. The import figure for Turkey, which was expected to increase because of large foreign purchases, was steady. "USDA's supply/demand report was neutral and the market certainly has all fundamentals driving it now: the fear of inflation, concern about dryness across the Cotton Belt," one observer said. "Now we really are going to focus on planting intentions, weather concerns and interest rates," he added.

USDA export data was supportive to the market this week, but had little

influence on price action. Many merchants have focused their attention on shipping previously sold cotton before the Step 2 payment rate falls any further, therefore, exports of current crop cotton in the week ended February 3 established a new marketing year high of 187,800 bales. Shipments were 15 percent greater than the previous week and 29 percent above the four-week average.

Net export sales of U. S. cotton, however, dropped by nine percent from a week earlier but, at 160,800 bales, remained 29 percent higher than the four-week average. Featured buyers for the week included Turkey, Japan and India.

In the spot cotton market, sales have dwindled as fewer bales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton remain unsold. Only 2,034 bales were sold on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the week ended February 10, down from the previous week's sales of 6,565 bales. Producers selling their cotton on TELCOT received average daily prices ranging from 3.35 to 45.41 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 39.97 to 46.98 cents per pound.

## USDA Makes Certificates Available

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced the marketing certificate program for cotton. Initially the availability of generic certificates for cotton, provided upon request in lieu of cash payments, will be limited to the Step 2 program participants and gradually expanded by the start of the 2000 marketing year.

The program will be administered in the same manner as prior certificate programs and will provide for the following: (1) commodities can be redeemed from the loan at a globally competitive price, i.e. the Adjusted World Price in the case of cotton, and (2) marketing loan gains associated with the redemption of commodities using generic certificates will not count against the marketing loan gain payment limit.

Additional information concerning the availability and use of generic certificates will be included in "Cotton News" as it is released by USDA. USDA staff are currently in the process of working up procedures for other aspects of the generic certificate program.

## Crops Production Conference Feb. 23

The Second Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo will be held February 23 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and is free to all interested parties. A total of 4.75 Continuing Education Units for private/commercial pesticide

## Plains Facing Serious Moisture Deficit at Present

A familiar problem is facing producers as they try to prepare for the 2000 growing season. In the face of a severe moisture shortage High Plains cotton growers are doing their best to take advantage of every drop of this region's most precious resource.

In general the Texas High Plains is anywhere from two to 10 inches short of the moisture needed to fill the five-foot root zone soil profile. A full moisture profile is the key to a good crop start and achieving average or above average yields.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service surveyed moisture conditions during the November/December 1999 time period.

The survey again shines a light on a primary problem producers have been dealing with for some time--inadequate moisture. The only cure is a return to average rainfall and to some extent the timeliness of those rains.

The HPUWCD recommends producers carefully evaluate their soil moisture situation and plan any pre-plant irrigation and tillage operations to best take advantage of irrigation efforts or rainfall events between now and planting.

Additional information, including a regional soil moisture survey map, is available from the HPUWCD at 806-762-0181 or on the internet at: www.hpwd.com

## Schedule of Events

- Feb. 22--Sandy Land Cotton Conference, Seminole
- Feb. 23--2nd Annual Southwest Crops Conference & Expo, Lubbock Mem. Civic Center, Lubbock
- Feb. 24--Soil Fertility Day, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview
- March 6--House Agriculture Committee Field Hearing, Lubbock
- April 6--PCG 43rd Annual Meeting, Lubbock
- April 6-7--TCGA Convention & Trade Show, Lubbock

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 21--Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Cherry-o-Cream Dessert

Tuesday, Feb. 22--Chili Con Carne with Cheese, Vegetable Stix, Crackers, Milk, Sweet Roll

Wednesday, Feb. 23--Beef Burrito, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Milk, Apple Crisp

Thursday, Feb. 24--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Feb. 25--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit Jello

Doris Dudley of Tulia and Carrie Dickerson attended the funeral services for their cousin, W. C. (Shorty) Donnell, last Wednesday in Amarillo.

applicators are to be presented to participants. All growers are invited to attend.

## Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: WES FARLEY, Defendant  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR and answer before the Small Claims Court, Precinct 1, Briscoe County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Silverton, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. at the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of SILVERTON OIL CO., INC., PLAINTIFF, filed in said Court of the 21st day of January, 2000, against WES FARLEY, DEFENDANT, said suit being Number 229 on the Docket of said Court, the nature of which is a suit of collect for payment of goods and services, the amount of same being \$1,027.34 plus pre-trial interest of \$59.91 plus costs of court. NOTICE: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not appear in the office of the Justice of the Peace who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this, a default judgment may be taken against you. Witness my hand this 2nd day of February, 2000 A. D.

R. Edwin Norris  
Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 1, Place 1  
Briscoe County, Texas 6-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: CHARLIE McMURRIAN,  
DEFENDANT

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR and answer before the Small Claims Court, Precinct 1, Briscoe County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Silverton, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. at the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of SILVERTON OIL CO., INC., PLAINTIFF, filed in said Court of the 21st day of January, 2000, against CHARLIE McMURRIAN, DEFENDANT, said suit being Number 237 on the Docket of said Court, the nature of which is a suit of collect for payment of goods and services, the amount of same being \$2,115.07 plus pre-trial interest of \$752.30 plus costs of court. NOTICE: you have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not appear in the office of the Justice of the Peace who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this, a default judgment may be taken against you. Witness my hand this 2nd day of February, 2000 A. D.

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To: BRIAN JONES, DEFENDANT  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR and answer before the Small Claims Court, Precinct 1, Briscoe County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Silverton, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. at the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of SILVERTON OIL CO., INC., PLAINTIFF, filed in said Court of the 21st day of January,

## House Ag Committee Hearing Locations

Locations and dates for the hearings are designed to focus on the specific concerns of producers within each of the Plains, Midwest, Southeast, Northeast and Western regions in March, April and May. Hearings with firm dates are: March 6 in Lubbock, Texas; March 17 in Memphis, Tennessee; and March 18 in Auburn, Alabama.

Hearings will then move to the following cities (listed alphabetically): Boise, Idaho; Kutztown, Pennsylvania; Peoria, Illinois; Raleigh, North Carolina; Sacramento, California; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and West Chester, Ohio. All field hearings will be carried through the Ag Committee's web site (<http://agriculture.house.gov>) on the Internet.

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Feb. 17--Six Weeks Tests (even)

Friday, Feb. 18--Six Weeks Tests (odd); End of 4th Six Weeks; Girls Area Playoff game

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20--Youth Rally

Tuesday, Feb. 22--TAAS 4&8 Writing; TAAS Exit Writing; Boys Bi-District Playoff game

Wednesday, Feb. 23--TAAS Exit Math; Brenham 23-25

Thursday, Feb. 24--TAAS Exit Reading

Friday, Feb. 25--Boys Area Playoff game

Saturday, Feb. 26--Floydada Powerlifting Meet

Sunday, Feb. 27 - Friday, Mar. 3--Houston Stock Show

## Gem, Mineral Show Planned Feb. 26-27

The 38th Annual Hi-Plains Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show will be held at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview February 26-27.

Show hours on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to 6:0 p.m., and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Door prizes will be given hourly and a grand prize drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Free rock and mineral sets will be given to elementary teachers as supplies last.

There will be demonstrations of flint knapping, silversmithing, faceting, sculpturing, rock inlay, polishing techniques and gold wrapping. Geode and rock cutting will be available.

2000, against BRIAN JONES, DEFENDANT, said suit being Number 238 on the Docket of said Court, the nature of which is a suit of collect for payment of goods and services, the amount of same being \$1,918.84 plus pre-trial interest of \$610.73 plus costs of court. NOTICE: you have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not appear in the office of the Justice of the Peace who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this, a default judgment may be taken against you. Witness my hand this 2nd day of February, 2000 A. D.

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