

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Silverton's firemen were out of town twice last week, attending social and educational events in the area.

On Thursday night of last week, they and other firemen who helped extinguish the First Baptist Church fire in Floydada, were invited to a hamburger supper hosted by the church deacons and Floydada Fire Department in appreciation for the service of the volunteers.

Mutual aid, which is coming to the assistance of those who need your help, is a wonderful thing. A big fire or emergency requires so much more equipment and manpower than our groups of volunteers in these small towns have available. Putting the available departments together is the only way to succeed.

The hamburger supper was a nice opportunity for the firemen from surrounding towns to get together in a non-emergency situation.

Saturday a number of our Silverton firemen attended a Wildland Fire School hosted by the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Classes were held from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The school was to enable fire department volunteers to keep abreast of new opportunities and developments in the fire and rescue service and to learn the various fire control and fire protection methods.

Topics included working with the Texas Forest Service, TxDOT, landowners, other volunteer fire departments, types of pumps, nozzles and their use, water supplies and drafting, etc.

A live burn was held with all aspects of firefighting, fireguards, backfires and suppression at the end of the school.

The school was conducted by the Emergency Services Training Institute of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a member of the Texas A&M University System, the Texas Forest Service, the Matador and surrounding Volunteer fire Departments, TxDOT and DPS.

Walk Across Texas Update

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

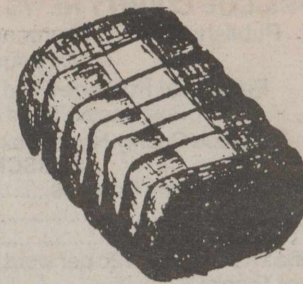
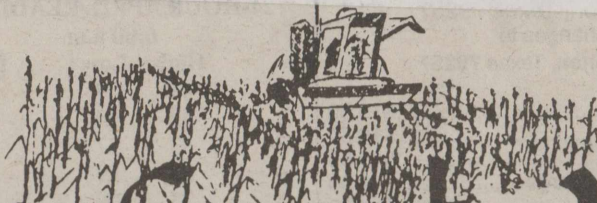
This update is through the fourth week.

Still in first place are the Winn Jammers with a total of 681.5 miles. Holding onto second place are the Courthouse Criminals with 628.5 miles. Moving up quickly and still in third place are the Leapin Lizards with 616 miles. Kirchofner's Krusaders are in fourth place with a total of 461.5 miles.

Fifth place goes to the Peregrinators with 397.5 miles. Maintaining sixth place are the Hostlers with 343 miles. Continuing in seventh place are Lee's Lopers with 329.5 miles. Mike & the Dixie Chicks were eighth, however, failure to report mileage has left them behind. So please report on Mondays.

Ninth place goes to the First Baptist Faithfuls with 231 miles, followed by Agape and Fairmont Flyers.

Each team is still improving week by week, so keep up the great work. Three more weeks to go!



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000

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Extension Service Sponsoring a Drip Irrigation Conference Soon

by Brandon M. McGinty, Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag

The Briscoe County Extension Service is sponsoring a Drip Irrigation Conference at the Quitaque Community Center on April 27, 2000. The conference will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. and will cost \$5.00 per person. The conference will present Drip Irrigation & LEPA Systems, Weed Control, Tillage Methods, Insect Control, Senate Bill 1 & Water Rights, and Laws & Regulations. A steak lunch will be provided by Netafim Distributors, Inject-O-Meter, and Rhoderick Irrigation. The conference will provide three Continuing Education Units for Private Applicators with licenses. We would like to invite anyone with an interest in these subjects to attend the conference.



A community Sunrise Service will be conducted Easter Sunday morning, April 23, at 6:45 at the Highway 256 (Clarendon highway) roadside park.

There will be a time of singing and sharing the Resurrection story together.

For more information, contact Bro. Jay Stinson, 823-2140, or Bro. Randy Mullin, 823-2412.

The Biblical term talent referred to a unit of money. It comes from the Greek talanton, which was a form of money that weighed between 57 and 95 pounds. One talent was equal to more than 15 years wages for a laborer.

Blackwood Brothers Quartet to Present Free Concert in Tulia

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet will be appearing in concert at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in the Tulia High School Auditorium. This concert is sponsored by First Christian Church in Tulia.

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet has won nine Grammy Awards and toured in 47 nations.

Their concerts are filled with the songs they helped make famous, from 1934 to the present.

Their "parade of songs" spans their 65-year history, including "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Country Church," "Just A Little Talk With

Immunization Clinic Today

There will be an immunization clinic today (Thursday, April 20) beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Silverton School Nurse's office in the cafeteria building.

Fire Department Meets Tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will have its regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the City Hall.

Firemen will take part in pumper drills.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon

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

Members of the Assembly of God will be hosts for the luncheon.



Owls who qualified for the Area Track Meet in Snyder Friday are (back row, left to right) Isaiah Ivory, Dustin Hale; (front) Duncan Vernon, Nathan Francis, Andrew Francis. Not pictured in Nick Vargas. Briscoe County News Photo

Clarendon College LVN Program Taking Applications

The Licensed Vocational Nursing Program at Clarendon College is accepting applications for the 2000-2001 school year. Early applications are encouraged to insure that prospective students get a place in the fall class.

Students may attend nursing classes at either the Clarendon or Shamrock campuses. Prerequisite courses should be completed during the summer.

Anatomy and Physiology I and II are being offered at Clarendon, Childress and McLean via interactive television in the first and second summer sessions. Nutrition will be available in Wellington in the first summer session.

For an application, contact Clarendon College at 874-3571. For additional information about the program, contact Director Vickie Moore on the Clarendon campus or Ethel Perez at the Shamrock campus at 256-2114. Prospective students calling from a distance may call 1-800-687-9737.

Awards Presented To Wayland Students

Wayland Business students made a huge impression at the recently concluded 51st annual Phi Beta lambda Texas State Leadership Convention in Houston.

The Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference is the premier competitive event for business students in the nation. The winners earned the right to represent Texas at the National Convention in July in Long Beach, California, where they will compete against their counterparts from all 50 states.

The winners included Patrick O'Neal, a senior management information systems major, who placed first in Information Management.

Annual Meeting Planned April 27

The 61st annual membership meeting of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on Highway 70 at Muncy between Lockney and Floydada on Thursday, April 27, 2000.

Activities get underway at 2:00 p.m. Thursday with a Health Fair for members and guests which will run until 5:00 p.m. Registration begins at 4:30, and the evening meal of barbecue, fish and chicken, catered by Danny's Fins & Hens of Lubbock, will begin at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment for this year's meeting will be provided by an ensemble from Wayland University.

The business portion of the meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Cooperative President Louis Loyd. Business to be transacted by the membership includes the election of three directors to serve three-year terms on the board. Nominees for director from District 2 are incumbent Louis Lloyd and Winfield Davenport. Nominees from District 5 are incumbent Tom Johnson and Bubba Ehrlich. At the Hall County district membership meeting in Memphis on March 23, director Harold Burk announced his retirement, and Tom Cope was elected to replace him as the director nominee for District 8.

Entertainment for the youngsters attending the meeting will be a performance by a magician, "Magic by Russell." Door prizes will be given away throughout the meeting, with the grand prize drawing for \$500 cash or credit on the electric bill slated at the end of the meeting.

The Lighthouse annual meeting has traditionally been planned and hosted by a Member Services Committee appointed by the board of directors. Members of the planning

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Thank all of you for your cards, calls, flowers, prayers and well wishes during my hospitalization for hip surgery and since I've been home. they help make the time more cheerful.
Perry Thomas

We would like to thank everyone for everthing they've done for us during L. B.'s illness and hospitalization. Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, visits, and those who have driven L. B. to and from the hospital for us.

Every expression of your friendship has been appreciated.
L. B. and Mary Ivory

Words cannot express our gratitude to each of you for your concern and

thoughtfulness since Gail has been in the hospital.

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and every other act of kindness.

God bless each of you.
Gail Bullock and family

Thanks to all for the cards, visits, food, phone calls and every other act of kindness during and since my hip surgery.

I would especially like to thank my sister, Deal, my sister, Lou, and my brother, J. L. The care they gave me was "above and beyond the cal of duty" thus allowing me to return to my home.
Zobie Self

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your acts of love and kindness during the illness and loss of our loved one, L. D. Smith. We are so blessed to live in this community and have friends like you. God bless you all.

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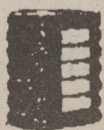
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Hal Rogers, Minister

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.
Ladies Group..... 4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends..... 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Mens Group..... 6:30 p.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:**

Baptist Women..... 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens..... 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.
Team KID..... 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:
Ladies Prayer Group..... 9:00 a.m.
Weigh Down Workshop... 7:00 p.m.

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 7:00 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
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.

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SUNDAY:
Mass..... 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

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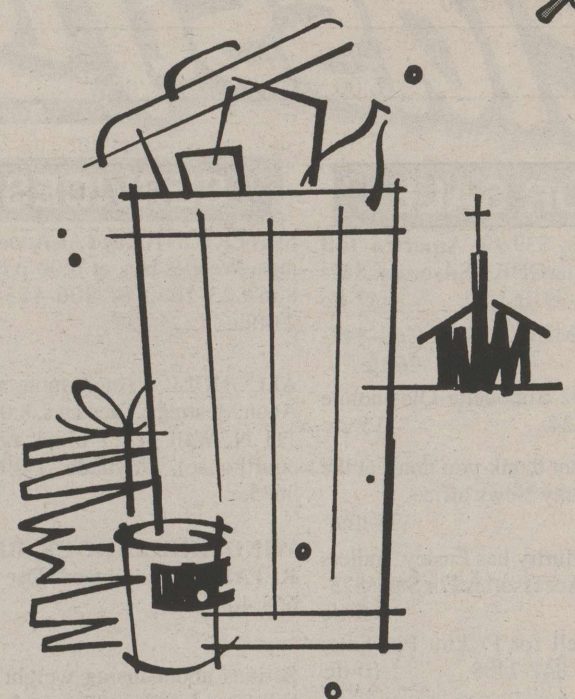
Armando Davalia, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Prayer Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting..... 9:00 a.m.

Clean And Chuck Campaign



Every so often around our home, we will have a "clean and chuck campaign." We try to find items that we no longer use or need, and then decide if we should just throw the item out or perhaps donate it to one of the

of the many charitable missions in our area. As with our homes, we should also examine our personal lives to see if there are things about us that we should clean up or chuck out. Is the Lord first in our lives and do we love Him with our whole hearts? Are we faithful to His commandments, and do we love our neighbor as ourselves? Do we treat others with respect, and do we always try to be kind and considerate? Are we hardworking, dependable, and honest, and do we keep our commitments and promises to others? Do others enjoy being around us because we are pleasant and helpful? Improving oneself is something that we should do on a continuing basis, when we discover something that we do not like about ourselves, we should chuck it out.

*He who has clean hands and a pure heart...
He will receive blessing from the Lord.*

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Annual Meeting--

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committee for this year's meeting are: District 1--Regan and Paris Ware of Ralls, District 2--Robert and Arlene Nixon of Floydada, District 3--Brett and Gayla Marble of South Plains, District 4--Bryan and Shadi Buchanan of Turkey, District 5--Lanney and Christy Bennett of Plainview, District 6--Vinoka and Melanie Morris of Petersburg, and District 7--Chad and Jamie Williams of Floydada.

Bob Wills Day To Be held April 29

The 29th Bob Wills Day will be held in Turkey April 29. They are expecting at least 35 to 40 of the most famous and talented musicians in the country to be present this year. The program will consist of many former

Texas Playboys / Playgirls, and will be one of the largest groups of Texas Playboys ever assembled at one time.

Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy Award Winner and author of "San Antonio Rose: The Life and Music of Bob Wills," will be present and will be the master of ceremonies for the afternoon program. His book has been purchased by a movie studio, and Dr. Townsend is expected to be a consultant on the movie when it is made.

Activities get underway on Thursday, April 27, with an autograph party and jam session with former Texas Playboys from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. The admission will be \$5.00 per person in the old high school gym.

A dance will be held from 9:00 p.m. until midnight at the Bob Wills Center, featuring former Texas Playboys. Admission will be \$10.00 per person.

A pancake breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Bob Wills Center cafeteria by the Turkey / Quitaque Lions Club.

A parade through downtown Turkey will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and a barbecue will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Bob Wills Center.

A fiddler's contest will begin at noon Saturday in the auditorium center and gym. Admission will be \$5.00.

The afternoon program at the old football field east of the Bob Wills Center will be free Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday night's dance will feature Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 per person. A midnight break-

WEATHER

24-HOUR APRIL READINGS, 6:00 a.m.

	High	Low	Precip.
1	43	37	1.27
2	42	34	.23
3	63	37	
4	52	29	
5	73	29	
6	87	44	
7	86	47	
8	68	32	
9	61	32	
10	76	45	
11	84	49	
12	52	44	.47
13	56	41	
14	80	44	
15	87	48	
16	80	34	
17	70	33	
18	84	46	
Total April Precip.			1.97
Normal April Precip.			1.49
Total Precip Rec'd Year to Date			4.89
Normal Precip. Year to Date			3.67
Soil Temperature			59°

fast begins at 11:00 p.m. in the Bob Wills Cafeteria.

A community worship service begins at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the old football field.

Pet Immunizations

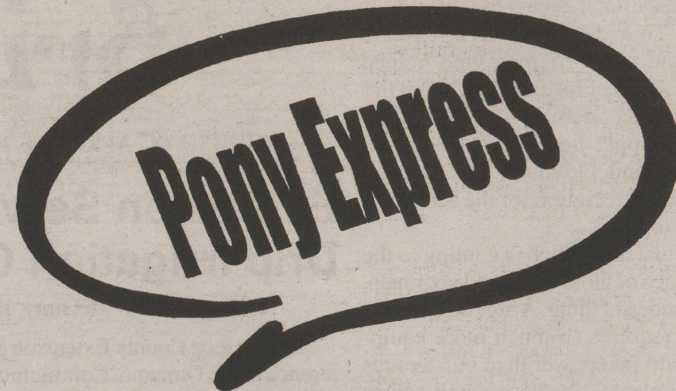
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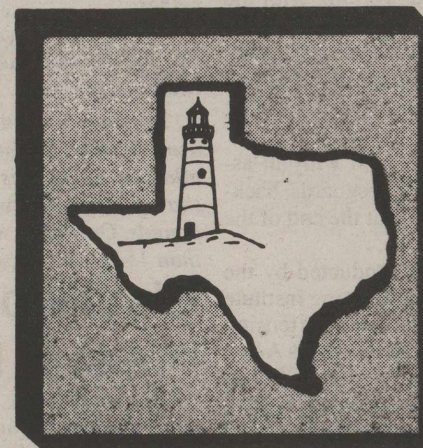
Come near, you nations, and listen;
 pay attention, you peoples!
 Let the earth hear, and all that is in it,
 the world, and all that comes out of it!

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.

You are cordially invited to attend the

61st Annual Membership Meeting of



LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Thursday, April 27, 2000

at

(Floyd County Friends Unity Center)

Highway 70 at Muncy between Floydada and Lockney, Texas.

Health Fair 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Meal (catered by Danny's Fins & Hens)... 5:30 p.m.

Entertainment by Wayland University Ensemble

Children's Entertainment - " Magic by Russell"

Prize Drawings * \$500 Grand Prize

Business Meeting ...7:00 p.m.

Election of Directors

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

April 19, 1990--Area-wide health fair planned at Quitaque . . . Members of the Jailhouse Restoration Committee recently have constructed a windmill tower west of the Briscoe County Jail. In the early days, a windmill was located almost exactly where the new one is. An eighty-foot Fiasa wheel was placed on top of the tower. Sunbelt Pump furnished the windmill wheel, and Silverton Well Service equipment was used to raise the tower . . . Mary May laid to rest here . . .

April 17, 1980--Owls who qualified for regional track competition Tuesday are Bobby McPherson, who won first in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.7 and first in the 330 yard hurdles with a time of 42.9; Bill Denton, who won first in the 880 with a time of 2:05.9; Eric Patton, who ran second in the mile with a time of 5:03.8; Russell Couch, who finished second in the pole vault with a height of 9'6", and Greg Hill, who won the discus with a throw of 128'6" . . . Owlletes who will be going to regional are Staci Mayfield, who won first in the mile with a time of 5:47.56 and first in the discus with a throw of 110'3/4", and Jeni Denton, who won the 880 with a time of 2:31.13 . . . Hee Haw to be presented as a fundraiser. Included in the cast will be Sybil Martin as Lulu; Wayne Nance, Grandpa; Tobe Riddell, Junior; Aaron Younger, KORN radio broadcaster; Ted Kingery, The Old Philosopher; Staci Mayfield, Nurse Goodbody; Janice Hill, Minnie Pearl, and Wayne Nance, the Doctor . . .

April 2, 1970--Mr. and Mrs. George Long were injured in an accident between Floydada and South Plains at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, when the vehicle ahead of them had a blowout and a collision resulted. After the Longs were taken to the Floydada hospital, another car ran into their car, completely demolishing it . . . A Floydada first grade student, Janna Jill Shurbet, 6, was killed Wednesday when she was struck by an oncoming automobile as she approached a Floydada school bus. She was the niece of Mrs. Seymour Brannon . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Schott are parents of a son, William Clay . . . Jerry Perkins has received his discharge from the service after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam . . . Eastern Star members who attended a school of instruction in Plainview last week were Frances Crass, Elaine Forbes, Lillian Lindsey, LaVerne Long, Margie Moreland, Carolyn Self, Lola Mae Stephens, Merlene Stephens and Mary Ann Sarchet. They were joined at the evening session by Lula Bellinger, Ruby Hester, Weta Hill, Glen Lindsey, M. G. Moreland and Doyle Stephens . . . Mrs. Dale McWaters was honored with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Mart Norris Saturday . . .

April 14, 1960--Roland McKay dies in crash of the Blue Angels . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Yancy are parents of a daughter, Marsha Jeanette . . . The annual Briscoe County Land Judging Contest was won by the Quitaque FFA team. Coached by Elmer Berryhill, the Quitaque team placed seven members

in the top ten scorers. Bobby Saul was the high-point individual with a score of 363 out of a possible 450 perfect score. The Briscoe County 4-H Club team placed second and the Silverton FFA team took third. Joe Kitchens was the sixth-high placing individual. Van Breedlove finished in eighth place . . . Doug Forbes had a horse to fall on him at his home Saturday. He was taken to Snyder to the hospital where he was advised that his pelvic bones were injured, but not broken . . . Silverton Elementary students won 43% of the points in the UIL Meet, with the other five schools in the district dividing 57% . . . Silverton's High School students earned 40% of the total UIL meet points, with the other 60% divided among the other schools in the district. . . Jane Brooks won first place in girls tennis singles and the right to represent Silverton in the regional meet at Lubbock next weekend. James Roy Brown also won first place in the boys singles and will represent SHS in the regional meet. The girls doubles team of Reba Maples and Brenda Cornett took second, and Bob Stafford and Rusty Whitfill teamed up to win second in boys doubles . . .

April 13, 1950--G. W. Lee losts building and grain to fire Friday . . . Silverton defeated Lockney Friday afternoon at Lockney 14-2 and in the process Donald Rhea yielded but one hit, that being a screaming home run in the sixth inning. Rhea almost achieved what all pitchers are striving for, a no-hit, no-run game. Leading stickmen for Silverton were Rhea with a triple, double and single; Billie Satterfield with two singles; Robert McPherson with a home run that sailed about 400 feet; Donald Bean with a triple; Dean McWilliams with a double, and Donald Paige with a single . . . Miss Ruby Messimer and Gene Reynolds were united in marriage April 6 in Clovis . . . Donald Bean, John Francis and Roy Hyatt made up the FFA dairy judging team that won second place in the milking shorthorn dairy cows and were beaten only one point for first place by Plainview . . . Miss Reba Jo Barrett weds James Edward Cogdill . . . Mrs. A. P. Dickenson entrains Pilots Sunday School Class . . .

May 16, 1946--Thelma Gean Mercer is valedictorian of the graduating class with an average of 96.42, and Betty Nan Burson is salutatorian with an average of 95.95 . . . Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new First Baptist Church will be held Tuesday, May 21 . . . W. W. Douglas elected by write-in to the Silverton City Council . . . Bryan Strange in race for sheriff . . . Joan Clemmer is valedictorian of the eighth grade with an average of 93 and Donald Paige is salutatorian with an average of 91 . . . Election Saturday to decide whether Wallace School will be consolidated with Silverton Independent School District . . . W. Coffee, Jr. left Monday on a fishing trip to New Mexico . . . Mrs. L. H. McGowen moved into her new home in the east part of town on Wednesday . . . Lynn and Claudia B. Welch left for harvest Sunday morning . . . Carrie Dell Watters spent Saturday night with Ruby Sweeney . . . Mrs. Arnold Brown

and Mrs. George Seaney were called to Erick, Oklahoma last week by the illness of their mother and sister . . . O. C. Rampley has been elected president of the Buffalo T-Club, a campus athletic organization at West Texas State College. To be eligible for membership, an athlete must have at least one varsity letter . . . Installation of a complete new set of fixtures at the First State Bank was started Tuesday. They are of the latest design and will give the bank a greatly improved appearance . . .

April 4, 1930--Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniel returned Monday from Louis, Oklahoma where they had been visiting J. A. Dickerson and Alvin Dickerson . . . Mrs. Jno. Burson and

Bland Burson were in Dimmitt Tuesday visiting Mrs. Carroll Gunter . . . Everyone, both young and old, enjoyed the cobweb party at the W. W. Merrell home Friday night, given in honor of the birthday of Misses Jane Merrell, Hattie Standifer and Bessie and Dessie McGowen. The home was beautifully decorated in the Valentine colors of red and white . . . Attending the birthday party of Nancy Neill, four years old, were Evelyn Coffee, Rex Douglas, Willie Amel Smithee, John Ed Bain, Fay Tice and Patricia Bomar, Carl Dean Bomar, Mary Inez Cowart, Mary Sue Tipps, Marjorie Crawford, John Williams Nichols, Jan Castleberry, Sue and Jane Stodghill and Nancy Neill . . . The Francis Club

met in the hoje of Mrs. H. C. Mercer Thursday and the afternoon was spent piecing quilts. The election of officers was held and the following elected: Mrs. J. Lee Francis, president; Mrs. A. M. Allred, vice-president; Mrs. Ione Brown, secretary . . .

Happy Anniversary-

April 24--Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stephens

Songwriters Lieber and Stoller penned the tune *Hound Dog* in about 10 minutes.

Don't leave your potted herbs out on the terrace during the winter. Instead, replant them in open ground and protect them with a good mulch

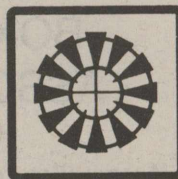
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Happy Birthday-

April 20--James Jarrett, Clinton Dickerson, Tanner Wood
 April 21--Lynn Smith, Julia Couch, Chase Stidham
 April 22--Kymberli May, Zane Henderson, Rex Fuston
 April 24--Andrew Francis, Doree Brodeen, Kimmie Blazier, Mitchell Simpson, Valda Ferguson
 April 25--Melanie Copeland
 April 26--Juanell Turner, Alex Segura, Cris Gill

Virus-Free Citrus Budwood Available

Provided by Brandon McGinty
 County Extension Agent-Ag

Virus-free citrus budwood is now available at the Texas A&M-Kingsville Citrus Center at Weslaco for both growers and gardeners. The budwood is intended to fortify the Texas citrus industry against a devastating virus.

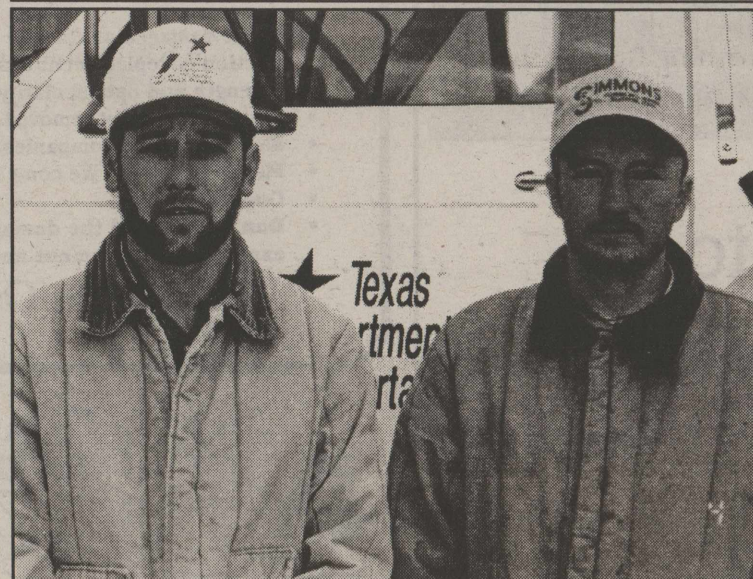
The first major cutting of budwood is on sale for 10 cents per bud. A limited number of grapefruit and orange commercial cultivar budwood are available for growers. Thirty varieties of non-commercial cultivar budwood are available for the general public. Most citrus grown in Texas is on sour orange rootstock. However, it is particularly susceptible to a devastating disease called citrus tristeza virus or CTV. With the virus-free budwood program, the likelihood of a CTV outbreak is reduced.

Budwood project manager Craig Kahlke says next year there should be enough budwood to supply the entire Texas citrus industry.



Ramsey Racing Wins at Idalou

Russell Ramsey won the Super Pro class at Idalou Motorsports Raceway this past weekend. There were five elimination races leading up to the finals. Russell ran the quarter in 10.31 seconds at 132 miles per hour to win. Other racers from the area were Mike Pigg, Coy Franks and Billy Morris, all of whom ran in the Street Heavy class. Mike Pigg advanced to the semi-final round in his class. These racers are in action at Idalou every other weekend.



Darrell Reynolds and Jeff Smith

Reynolds, Smith Earn Truck Rodeo Honors

Darrell Reynolds and Jeff Smith, of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Briscoe County Maintenance Section were the top finalists in their section at the district Truck Rodeo held at the Childress Airport on April 3, 2000.

Texas Department of Transportation sponsors the Truck Rodeo as part of the fleet safety training. Drivers are scored on two different levels. First, they identify safety defects on equipment within specific time limits. Then, they drive through an obstacle course designed to simulate truck maneuvers encountered during a normal workday. Reynolds and Smith will receive a special sward at

Weather Warmer, Wetter Than Norm On South Plains

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

Temperatures averaged 2.7 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.9 degrees above normal at Dimmitt to 4.5 degrees above normal at Brownfield.

Maximum temperatures averaged

the Childress District Safety Awards Banquet.

2.5 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.4 degrees above normal at Dimmitt to 5.2 degrees above normal at Brownfield. The highest temperature reported during the month was 86 degrees and this was reported at several locations on the South Plains.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.9 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.4 degrees above normal at Dimmitt to 5.0 degrees above normal at Crosbyton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 18 degrees at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge on the 17th.

Precipitation averaged 1.95 inches above normal and ranged from 0.22 inches above normal at Levelland to 4.77 inches above normal at Snyder.

There was a trace of snowfall reported at several locations across the South Plains.

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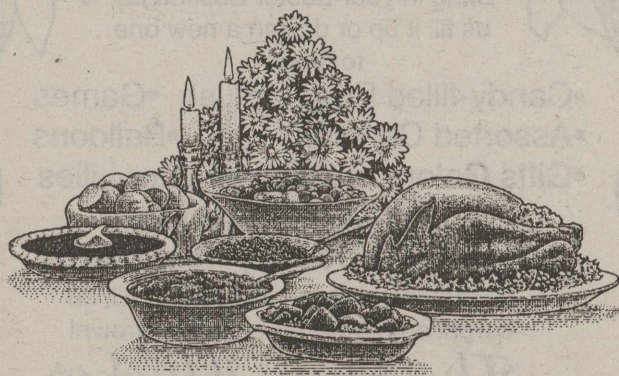
STEPHEN L. RHODE J. MICHAEL CRISWELL
 The Silverton office is open and a lawyer will be present every Thursday from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. and at other times by appointment. The principal office of the law firm is located in Tulia, Texas.

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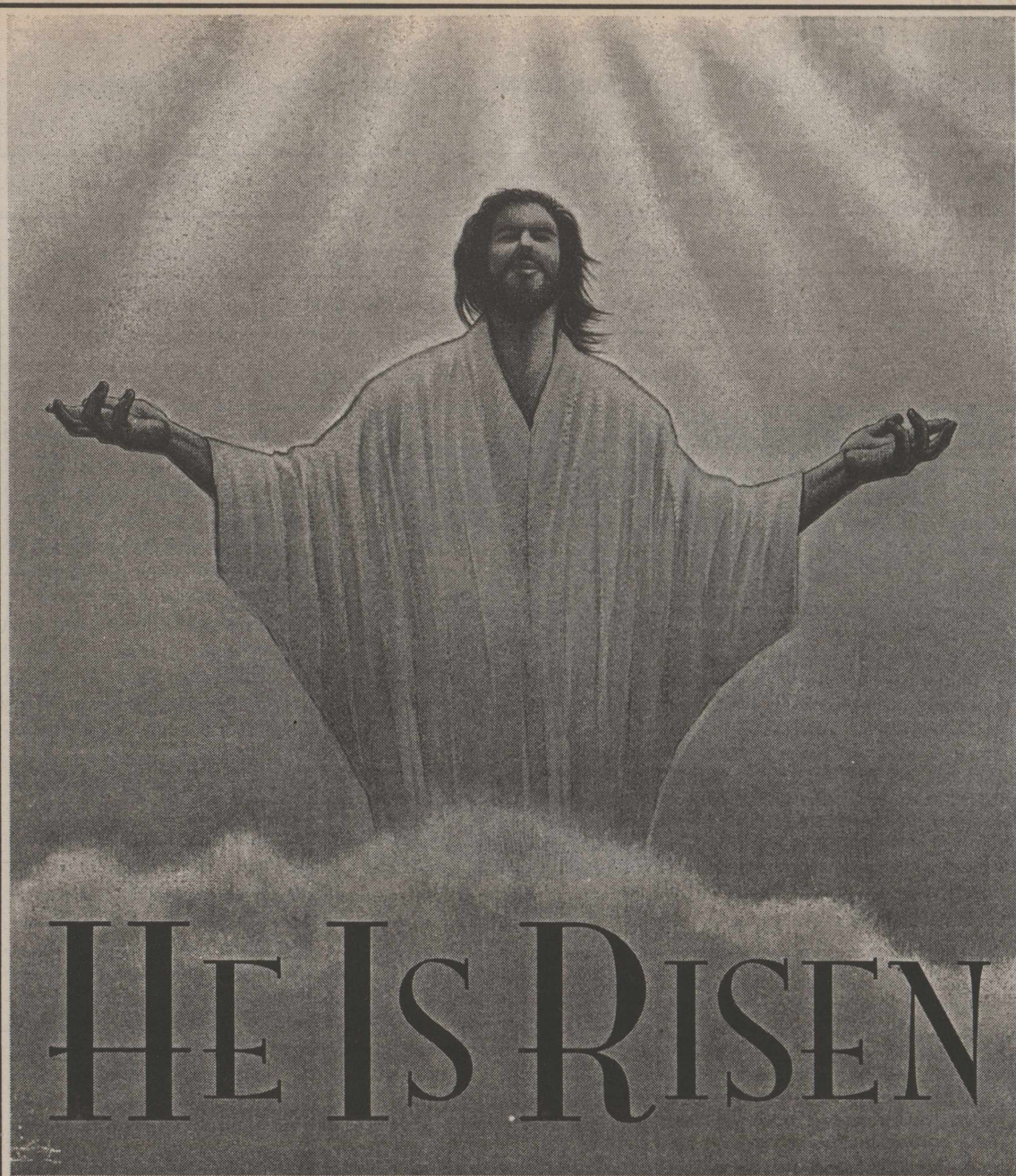
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Silverton School
Lunch Menu

Monday, April 24--No School
Tuesday, April 25--Pizza, Corn, Salad, Garlic Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat
Wednesday, April 26--Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Fruit with Pudding
Thursday, April 27--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter
Friday, April 28--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie

Silverton School
Activities

Thursday, April 20--Immunization Clinic at 10:00
Friday, April 21--High School Area Track at Snyder; No School
Monday, April 24--No School; Regional Tennis at Levelland
Tuesday, April 25--Academic Ban-

quet, 7:00 p.m.; Regional Tennis at Levelland
Thursday, April 27--State Dairy Foods Contest
Saturday, April 29--Regional Track Meet; State Judging Contests

EZEKIEL 33:7-8

The full Gospel is the entire Bible: For it is written, So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

Sometimes it's hard to hear the truth, to turn around 360°, and our excuse is not good to say, Well, I believe this way. But Jesus said the truth shall set you free! And indeed you'll be, if we hear and do. Make an effort, for God loves us very very much. Let's show him we truly belong to him.

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**Texas Agricultural Extension Service
DIABETES**

Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Diabetes occurs when the human body does not produce enough insulin or use it properly. Insulin helps your body conduct glucose (food converted to energy into your body's cells).

Type I--must take insulin, usually occurs in childhood, but can occur anytime.

Type II--are able to control their blood sugar through weight control, regular exercise, and sensible diet.

Some need insulin or oral medications.. This is the most common type of diabetes.

Diabetes affects 16 million Americans. About half of the people with diabetes do not know they have it. It is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States, killing more than 180,000 Americans each year. Possible risk factors include overweight, family history of diabetes, African-Americans, Hispanic or Native

Americans., or 40 years or over. Symptoms include the following:

- Increased thirst and appetite
- Unexplained weight loss
- Skin infections/slow healign wounds
- Tingling or numbness in hands or feet

- Frequent urination (especially at night)
- Difficulty with erections/recurrent vaginitis
- Blurred vision
- Fatigue

A blood test is needed to accurately diagnose diabetes. Ask your doctor if you should eat or fast before the test.

Eat a healthful diet to keep your blood sugar in control and maintain a healthy weight. Pay special attention to eating low-fat and low-salt foods. Limit the amount of sugar and sweets you eat. DO NOT skip meals--eat meals regularly and at the same time each day.

Getting regular aerobic exercise helps to regulate your blood sugar, reduce your risk of heart disease, and control your weight. Work closely with your doctor to determine how your activity level affects your blood glucose levels and medication needs. Exercise can and needs to be fun. WALK with a friend or family member. Watch your favorite TV show while marching rapidly in place and lifting canned goods in your hands to exercise your upper body.

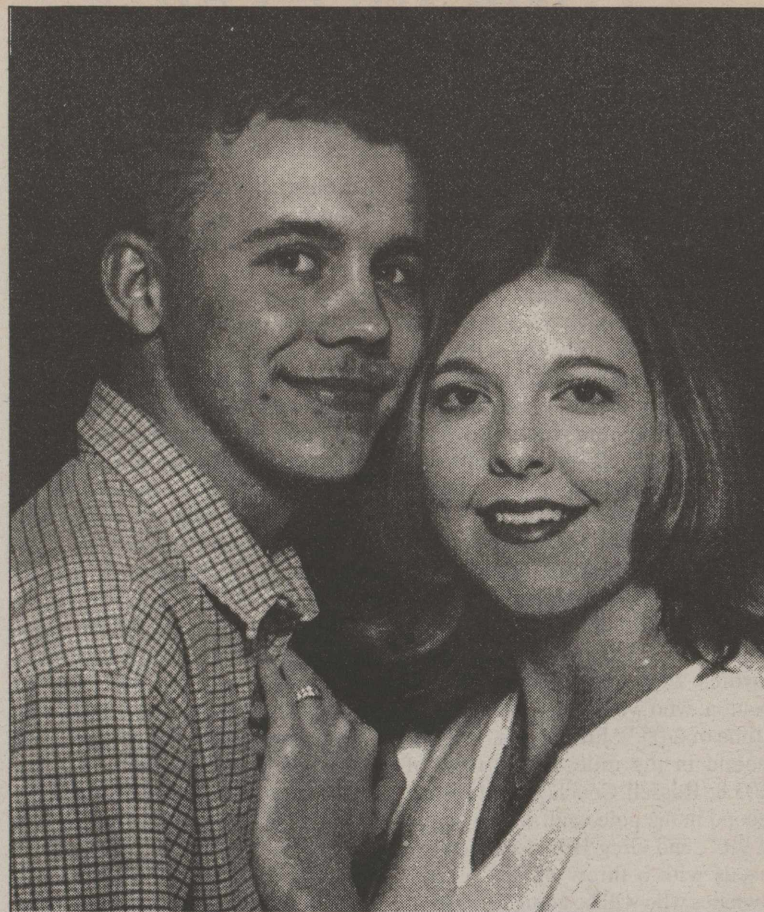
Living with diabetes can be hard. To stay healthy, people with diabetes must change the way they eat and the way they live. It is easier to make these changes if the whole family knows about the disease and helps.

TEENS NEED TO BRUSH UP ON NUTRITION

Teens may spend time studying history and working algebra problems, but it seems teens need to brush up on nutrition, too.

Extension nutritionist Sharon Robinson says too many teens weight too much, and too few receive the nutrients they need. Overweight teens should work with a health professional such as a doctor or dietician, eat sensible portion sizes of healthful foods, and get regular physical activity.

Starvation diets, pills and supplements do not work. Teens should receive 45 minutes of physical activity per day. They should also start each day with a healthy breakfast. Teens need to load up on fruits and vegetables instead of high-calorie foods. Grain-



Christina Darlene Stephens and Charles Eugene Newbold are announcing their plans to be married June 3, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Parents of the couple are Wayne and Betty Stephens of Silverton and Joe and Billie Waters of Tulia. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Juanita Stephens of Silverton, and her fiance is the grandson of Frances Ewers of Tulia. Miss Stephens, a 1996 graduate of Silverton High School, is employed by Video Showcase in Tulia. A graduate of Tulia High School in 1999, Mr. Newbold is employed by Seed Resource in Tulia. They plan to make their home in Silverton.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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Recent Rain No End to Drought

Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag

Despite recent rainfall throughout most of Texas, soil conditions remain dry.

Extension agronomist Travis Miller says rains are bringing some based foods should be the foundation of healthy meals.

Grain servings include a slice of whole wheat bread, one-half cup brown rice, or one cup of a whole grain breakfast cereal.

Parents can help teens commit to a healthy lifestyle by stocking their pantries with healthful foods. They can offer healthful foods like pretzels instead of chips, or calcium-fortified orange juice instead of soda.

relief, but the Texas wheat crop "is a wreck." Eighty percent is rated fair to very poor. Fifty million bushels will be harvested this year, compared to 130 million bushels in 1999.

Drought has led to \$55 million in wheat losses. This includes 400,000 acres that weren't planted in the fall and \$14 million worth of crop that either never came up or has since died. Most of the dryland wheat crop will not be harvested for grain. Many of these marginal wheat fields will be grazed out instead.

ONION THRIPS CAUSING PROBLEMS

As growers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley prepare to harvest this year's onion crop, many are reporting that onion thrip treatments haven't been effective this season.

Thrips are small insects that slice onion leaves and feed on plant juices. Plant growth is stunted and the open wounds leave the plant susceptible to harmful bacteria and fungi. In response, scientists at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Weslaco are conducting large-scale tests of both old and newly developed insecticides to find more effective alternatives.

Reports of insecticide failure began during last year's crop and increased in numbers this year. A high thrip density in a field stunts plant growth and reduces onion bulb size. Since growers are forced to make several costly insecticide applications, researchers say finding a more effective alternative will save growers money and produce even healthier crops in the future. Results of their tests will be announced within a few weeks.

Late afternoon is the best time to cut roses.

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