

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



We enjoyed having our grandson, Brandon, his fiancée, Melody Ragland, and my brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Emily Hill, for a short visit in our home Saturday.

One of Morris Wilcox' sons is injured and not playing for the Nazareth Swifts and the other is really doing a good job in the play-offs.

Deadline for ordering windbreak trees from Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is Tuesday, March 13. The trees are scheduled to arrive in Silverton Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

All varieties of evergreens are \$2.50 and hardwoods are \$1.50.

A limited number of wildlife seedling packets for quail, pheasant, deer and turkey also are available for farmstead plantings. Each wildlife packet contains 100 trees and is available for \$75.00 per packet.

Minimum orders are required on windbreak seedlings, but the Natural Resource Conservation Service will work to try to get what you need. There is no required minimum on the larger trees available.

Order now because many of the more popular varieties sell out fast.

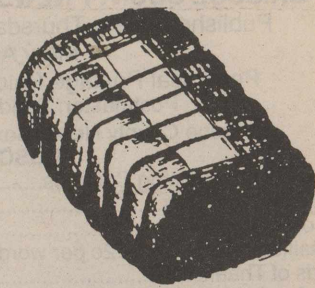
Windbreaks properly located and containing the right tree species will provide wind and snow protection for farm homesteads as well as livestock. Living windbreaks also provide nesting places for small insect-eating birds as well as food and cover for numerous High Plains game birds. Windbreaks for shelter or wildlife habitat are permitted under CRP contracts.

Advanced planning is very important for the successful establishment or renovation of windbreaks. The installation of a drip irrigation system for windbreak establishment is highly recommended.

Technical assistance is available from the Natural Resource Conservation Service in planning and designing your windbreak, drip irrigation systems and windbreak management. Drip irrigation systems and information on installation are available through the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District.

Go by the Natural Resource Conservation office for a complete list of tree varieties. For additional information, call 823-2431, Ext. 101.

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Powerlifting Team Brings Home Two More Trophies

Both the Owls and Lady Owls brought home first-place team trophies from their powerlifting meet last Saturday.

The Lady Owls placed first with 46 points, ahead of 2. White Deer, 17 points; 3. Hart, 15 points; 4. Motley County, 12 points; 5. Crane, 7 points.

The Owls finished in first place with 36 points, ahead of 2. Randall, 28 points; 3. Crane, 27 points; 4. Panhandle, 19 points; 5. Hart, 15 points.

Meladie Patino won first place in her class with 150 pounds in squat, 50 pounds in bench, and 150 pounds in deadlift, for a total of 350 pounds.

Daryl Ann Reynolds placed second in her class with 160 pounds squat, 75 pounds bench, 160 pounds deadlift, for a total of 395.

Tarran Forbes won first with 200 pounds squat, 95 pounds bench and 255 pounds deadlift, for a total of 550.

Patricia Acevedo lifted 170 squat, 85 bench and 220 deadlift for a total of 475.

Maria Vasquez placed third with 135 in squat, 75 in bench and 210 in deadlift, for a total of 420.

Kurby Garvin finished second with 220 pounds in squat, 100 pounds in bench and 260 pounds deadlift, for a total of 580.

Kassie Strange won first with 210 pounds squat, 95 pounds bench and 240 deadlift, a total of 545.

Kristal Clinton won first with 265 pounds squat, 130 pounds bench and 270 pounds deadlift, for a total of 665.

In the boys division, Trace Mattheus won second by lifting 240 pounds squat, 130 pounds bench and 270 pounds deadlift, for a total of 640.

Galen Smith placed second with 300 pounds squat, 180 pounds bench, 300 pounds deadlift, for a total of 780.

Nic Vargas won second with 400 pounds squat, 235 pounds bench and 390 pounds deadlift, a total of 1025 pounds.

Duncan Vernon placed first with lifts of 435, squat; 225, bench; 500 deadlift, a total of 1160.

Clint Ivory won first with lifts of 490 pounds squat, 270 pounds

Anthony Gamble Honored at Firemen's Ball

Anthony Gamble was honored by his peers as Fireman of the Year at the annual Silverton Fireman's Ball Saturday night at the showbarn.

Leon Lavy received another special award, and Ted Knowles of Plainview was recipient of the gun that was given away.

A menu of ribeye steaks, baked potatoes, various fresh fruits and vegetables were served with iced tea and cherry cobbler.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Blue Denim Band.

Helium balloons in shades of pink and purple floated overhead while friends from several towns visited and enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

The meal was prepared and served by the Silverton firemen.

Jerry Perkins Honored With Special Award

Emergency Physicians of Amarillo and Northwest Texas Hospital announced at a recent luncheon that Jerry Perkins, R. N. was being recognized for her work with the Above and Beyond Award.

Mrs. Perkins is a charge nurse in the FastTrack at Northwest Texas Hospital. She is currently on leave and receiving treatment at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Those who know her know that she has always been Above and Beyond. The congratulations and prayers of her family and friends are with her at this time.

bench, and 450 pounds deadlift, a total of 1210.

Martin Hernandez placed sixth with lifts of 340 squat, 200 bench, 400 deadlift, 940 pounds.

Clifton Baker earned first place by lifting 430 pounds squat, 295 pounds bench and 500 pounds deadlift, for a total of 1225.

The teams go to a meet at Floydada Saturday.

The Regional Meets will be held March 2 and 3, with the Lady Owls going to Colorado City on Friday and the Owls going to Sundown on Saturday.



The children and grandchildren of Billie Joe and Edwina Mozetta Davis invite you to the celebration of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary from 2:00 until 4:00 in the afternoon on Sunday, February 25, 2001 in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton. They request that there be no gifts, please.

Lunch to Benefit Cal Farley Family

A brisket lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 noon Sunday, February 25, at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey to benefit the Cal Farley family.

A cake auction also will be held. For more information, call 806-423-1373.

Glenn Smith Honored on 80th Birthday

Glenn Smith celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday afternoon. Those enjoying the occasion with him were donnie and Sandy Perkins, Danny and Ami Dunn, Ann West, Brad, Jeannine and J. T. West, Brian, Brianna, Emily and Addison West, Inez Richardson, Lynn and Connie Smith, Jeff, Sonya, Derrik and Gavan Smith, Criss, Kristi and Harley Wadlow, Anna Mae Smith and Tobe

Time to Renew Your Flag Service

It's time to renew your flag service from the Boy Scout Troop.

The charge for having the Boy Scouts place a flag in front of your home, business or both seven times a year is \$25.00 for one location and \$40.00 for two or more locations.

Contact Rick Minyard or Larry Comer to renew. The money raised is used for camping equipment and expenses of maintaining the troop.

Riddell. Cake, ice cream, cookies and punch were served.

Glenn enjoyed everyone and especially his great-grandchildren.

The word diva comes from the Latin, meaning goddess.

The kangaroo family includes about 40 species of smaller animals, including wallabies.

The term veto comes from the Latin word for "I forbid."

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CARDS OF THANKS

With the recent loss of Ken's father, we wish to thank all of you who sent cards and your condolences. A special thank you to the members of Silvercot Gin for the beautiful flowers. Your thoughtfulness mean so much to both of us. Kenneth & Norma Richardson

We want to thank you for all your concern for Cecil during his illness and upon his death. He always dearly loved the people here. A cowboy for over fifty years, he rode for many ranches here in the Panhandle and West of Pecos in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Many friends and neighbors from all these places attended his last roundup here on earth. It made us feel that he was

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Healthy Weight Important For Older Adults

Maintaining a healthy weight in older adults requires a good diet and physical activity.

Diets should consist of sensible portions of a variety of foods. Fruits, vegetables and grains such as cornbread, tortillas, biscuits with jam, whole wheat muffins and pancakes.

Legumes, peas and beans can be tasty, inexpensive meals.

Older adults need more calcium, vitamin D and vitamin B-12 than other age groups. Low-fat milk and other dairy products are excellent sources of vitamin D and calcium. Vitamin B-12 can be found in fortified breakfast cereals and animal products such as

loved and appreciated where ever he was.

Your personal expressions of sympathy, cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, gifts, donations, and most of all your prayers were truly appreciated.

Anita Seaney
Daryl & Susie Wynn & family
Jim & Connie Seaney & family
Pascal & Donaleta Garrison & family

beef, poultry and eggs.

People of all ages can benefit from a healthy diet, but weight loss is not recommended for adults over the age of 65 without supervision of a doctor.

The first Army-Navy football game took place on November 29, 1890. Navy sank Army by the score of 24 to nothing.

Decide promptly, but never give your reasons. Your decisions may be right, but your reasons are sure to be wrong.

--Lord Mansfield

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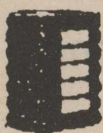
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Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 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.
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
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.

OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

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.

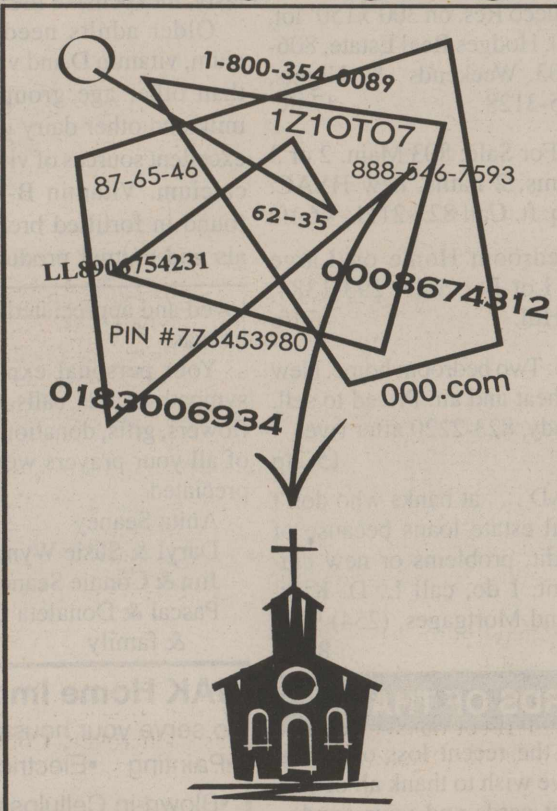
WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

La Iglesia de Dios De Jesus
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Armando Davalia, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

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

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



Life can be too hectic.

Life today seems to be much more complicated, involved and time consuming than it was twenty years ago. It used to be that when doing day-to-day business, a person had only to remember names and addresses. Nowadays, modern technology provides everyone with numerous account numbers, PIN numbers, and all sorts of special codes for personal identification. Also, many people own a cell phone or personal computer which allows them to work anytime, even while eating lunch or driving to work. We can now virtually work around the clock. Work is necessary to supply our human needs, but with all of our activities, we should not forget about

having a good prayer life, and focusing some of our efforts on God. We should not neglect our responsibility to our Lord anymore than we would neglect our responsibility to our employer. Our Heavenly Father is good and He will bless our efforts because he is a loving God and knows what is best for us. The Bible tells us that God will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

K.J.V. Philippians 4:13



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Obituaries

JAMES PAUL LEDBETTER

Services for James Paul Ledbetter, 95, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Donald Ledbetter, Rev. Ronald Ledbetter and Rev. Randy Mullin officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ledbetter died Tuesday, February 13, in Lockney where he had resided at the Care Center for the past several months.

He was born November 25, 1906 in Leary. He and his family lived in the Amarillo area before homesteading in Yeso, New Mexico.

He helped string telephone line from Amarillo to much of the Panhandle. He worked for a while lighting gas street lights in Fort Worth and was trained as an automobile mechanic. After he married Earlene Hodges December 11, 1930, in Coppell, he decided to farm and they moved to Briscoe County in 1931. He continued to live and farm in the Silverton area until his retirement.

He was a Christian, was a deacon emeritus at First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School

for many years.

He was preceded in death by two sons, James Paul II, May 5, 1933, and Nolan Earl, February 18, 1942; a daughter, Annissa Jane, July 4, 1934, and his wife, December 25, 1994.

He is survived by two sons, Donald Ledbetter of Reno, Nevada and Ronald Ledbetter of Ponca City, Oklahoma; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Riley Ziegler, Bud Couch, Roy Mack Walker, Brad Ziegler, Dwain Reynolds and Loyd Stephens.

CECIL CLAY SEANEY

Funeral services for Cecil Clay Seaney were conducted at the McLean United Methodist Church Saturday, February 17, 2001, officiated by Pastor Thacker Haynes and Daryl Wynn. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean with military honors.

Mr. Seaney died peacefully at his home in McLean Thursday evening, February 15, 2001, after a fight with cancer that had lasted more than a year.

On July 9, 1927, Cecil Seaney was born the second child of George and Agnes Seaney in Silverton, Texas. He attended the Silverton Schools and participated in football and basketball. He was graduated in 1944 and joined the Naval Air Corps as soon as he turned seventeen. He was honorably discharged from the Navy as

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

The skunk saga is continuing. Monday morning I got up at six o'clock to check my trap. It was tripped but skunk #4 was standing beside it blithely waving his tail. I retreated.

Last Thursday the Quilters were Sybil King, Joy Stodghill, Bobbye Bean, Ann Norris, Nadyne Childress, Lallie Patton and myself. We finished quilting Little Blue Shoes and worked on Bobbye's Bear Paws.

Rock Creek Church of Christ has been enjoying Bro. Rolland McLean's preaching on third Sundays. He and Ann spent Saturday night with me and ate Sunday lunch with John and Maebelle Francis.

I am expecting daughter, Celia Syme and children, this weekend. She is having a Pampered Chef show at Ruby Lee's home.

Do not forget to look at our quilt when you go to the bank.

For a donation of \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 you have have chances to win the quilt.

Peggy Strange is continuing to recuperate at home from the respiratory virus that kept her hospitalized for several days.

It is believed Sir David Brewster invented the kaleidoscope. He received a patent for it in 1870.

Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Gunner's Mate 3rd Class in 1946.

After his discharge, he returned to Silverton and worked in his father's hardware store. On February 19, 1949, he married Sybil Barrett in Amarillo, Texas.

His fifty-year cowboy career started soon after their marriage on the Joe T. Sneed ranch near Four Corners north of Amarillo. From there the trail led to Colorado, back to the Panhandle of Texas, Oklahoma, Far West Texas, New Mexico, and finally back to McLean (Home Camp), again in 1997.

Tragedy hit in 1963 while living near McLean and Sybil died on December 31. Cecil and Anita Hendley married December 17, 1966.

He was an active member of the McLean United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anita, of the home; three children, David Seaney of Fort Worth, Susie and her husband, Daryl Wynn of Booker, Jim Seaney and his wife, Connie, of Roy, New Mexico; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren, and one sister and brother-in-law, Donaleta and Pascal Garrison of Silverton.

Planning, Organization Can Ease Burden of Filing Tax Returns

Provided by Cory Payne, County Extension Agent-FCS

Income tax season is here again and the April 15 deadline will be here before you know it. Facing tax season doesn't have to be such a headache. Just follow a few tips when filling out tax forms. Gather personal records early to save time organizing.

Be sure to use the right forms, which can be found at local libraries or at the Internal Revenue Service Web site www.irs.gov.

Double check calculations and Social Security numbers. Getting the numbers right is important because the IRS processes returns faster when the numbers are correct, and refunds come quicker when everything adds up. Consider filing your taxes electronically.

According to IRS, returns that are filed electronically are processed in about half the time as returns filed by mail. E-filing also catches math problems, speeds up delivery of refunds, and confirms that re-

funds have been received.

Passenger Safety Important For Children of All Ages

Texas law requires all passengers under the age of 15 to be properly secured in a safety belt or child safety seat, whether in the front or back seat. Each child should have a safety seat until he or she is about four feet nine inches in height and about 80 pounds in weight. Babies up to 22 pounds should ride in rear-facing infant seats and children between 22 and 40 pounds should ride in forward-facing convertible seats. A high-back booster with a five-point harness should be used until a child reaches 40 pounds.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

February 14, 1991--Patriotic Rally is planned Sunday on the courthouse yard to show support for the men and women in the armed services . . . Caprock Tours being formed to benefit county visitors . . . Marsha and Perry Brunson and Coach Clyde Parham were present Wednesday evening of last week when Bradley Brunson signed a letter of intent to pay football at Eastern New Mexico University . . . Owls going into bi-district game as the basketball district's runner-up team . . . Donna Lynn Grabbe to marry Richard L. Fudge . . . Mr. and Mrs. Horace McDonald to celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception February 17 . . . Wil T Bomar to represent Silverton FFA, Langdon Reagan and Josh Brooks will represent Briscoe County 4-H in calf scrambles at the Houston Rodeo during the Houston Livestock Show . . .

February 12, 1981--Roger Cantwell and Penny Cogdell were chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS. Kelly McMurtry and Cynthia Edwards were chosen as Best Dressed. Brandon Jarrett and Lupe Garcia were named Most Handsome and Most Beautiful. Jimmy Stone and DeAnn Strange were tabbed as Wittiest. Bill Settle and Judy Northcutt were named Friendliest. Most Athletic are Mark Patton and Katy Francis. John Segura and Sally Northcutt were chosen as Most Popular. Class Favorites are Lisa Lavy and Jim Forbes, freshmen; Judy Northcutt and Eric Patton, sophomores; Dani Whitfill and Jim Estes, juniors; Shelly Harris and Scott Bowman, seniors . . . Marilyn Sue Asebedo and Manuel Leal recited wedding vows in an afternoon ceremony at the Quitaque Community Center . . .

February 11, 1971--The substitute ag teacher was a lady. Mrs. Camellia Cassada was the substitute teacher in the Silverton High School vocational agriculture department while the regular instructor, Art Sommerfeld, was in Fort Worth with the boys who were exhibitors in the Swine Show . . . Mrs. Billy Cogdell has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital this week . . . Sylvia Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill, underwent surgery at Nichols Hospital in Plainview Friday . . . The band, Crosswalk, is composed of Scotty Stark, who sings, plays second guitar and bass; Terry Yancey, lead singer and tambourine; Ricky Hester, lead and backup guitar; Max Ham, drums, and Brit Parker, electric bass and lead guitar. The group was writing a song at the Ham home on the night when Max's dad was locked in the bank vault by a burglar, so they called it "Burglary Song" . . . Mr. and Mrs.

Glen McWaters are parents of a daughter, Katrina Deann . . .

February 23, 1961--Owlettes to meet Sudan for bi-district title . . . Bobby and Sandra Kitchens were enroute home Sunday afternoon on a snow-covered road near the Homer Stephens farm south of town when the Kitchens automobile rolled over and off the road. Bobby reportedly suffered a slight concussion and Sandra received a cut which required stitches . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary March 5 with open house at their home . . . "42" party enjoyed in the home of Mrs. J. C. Turner. It was also a surprise birthday party for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis . . . Bill Watters, 67, who was seriously injured in a fall Monday of last week, was returned to his home by ambulance from Plainview Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bud Couch are parents of a son, Darrell Glenn . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton are parents of a son, James Alan . . . Miss Mary Jane Jacobs, bride-elect of Mr. Lonnie Richmond of Turkey, was honored with a shower in the home of Mrs. J. W. McCracken . . . Raymond Lee Steele suffered a broken nose at school one day last week . . . Mrs. R. E. Sweek and granddaughter, Donna Jean Hale, were in Lockney Saturday afternoon where Donna Jean received medical attention . . .

February 15, 1951--Watson Douglas was moved from the local hospital to a Temple hospital Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clauda B. Welch moved to Parnell Wednesday . . . Mrs. Carl Dean Bomar and daughter, Roy Ann, Mrs. T. C. Bomar and Mrs. L. D. Griffin were in Lubbock, Plainview and Tulia Tuesday on business . . . Jim Crow, who has been stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, for several months arrived home Saturday and is on dispatch service awaiting his discharge . . . Mrs. Charlie Kelly, nee Joy Belle Davenport, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the home of Mrs. L. K. Gilkeyson Saturday . . . Alvie Morris of Camp Hood was home Sunday and Monday visiting relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney attended the Hardware Convention in Amarillo Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley moved to their new three-bedroom home Saturday . . . Bethleen Northcutt McIntyre became the bride of Arthur Noel Davenport Friday evening in Clovis, New Mexico . . .

April 4, 1946--Hot weather is Nature's usual offering this week . . . Twelve girls, Lettie O'Neal, Fern Norris, Mary Frances Dudley, Billie Ann Burnett, Sandra Mallow, Junis Mercer, Kay Steele, Jiyona Jones, Milly Jo Marshall, Pat

Patton, Faith McMurtry and Shirley Copeland, invested in the Girl Scouts Tuesday night . . . In an effort to kill out the dandelions that have been so prevalent on the courthouse lawn, the entire lawn has been plowed this week. The dandelions had become so thick that they finally killed the grass. The county officials are working to get rid of the pests. It is not known just when the lawn will be seeded to grass . . . Pascal Garrison arrived in Silverton the latter part of last week on a short furlough . . . Miss Lois Arnold of Plainview has been visiting here .

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr. and Don spent Sunday in Tulia with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Finch . . . Luther Gilkeyson and Jim Bomar have purchased Mrs. Strickland's farm . . . Mrs. Lee Perkins has been confined to her bed several weeks . . . Thomas Olive, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Olive, arrived Friday with a discharge from the Coast Guard. Since July of 1942, he has served on both the east and west coasts. He held the rating of firechief 3/c . . . Shorty Donnell arrived here Sunday night for a visit with relatives and friends . . .

ernment rain gauge which has been in the care of the editor for several years, has been handed on to Raymond Bomar, who is now the official observer . . . The Owls were officially named County Basketball champions Monday night after handing Quitaque a 37-17 defeat on the Panthers home court. The county championship is decided by playing (if necessary) five games--the winner of three out of the five is the county champion . . . Carlyn and June Wimberly spent Sunday with Winona and Wilma Lee Francis .

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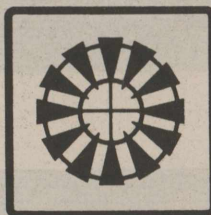
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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN HIGH PLAINS ZONE BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM

In accordance with the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, §74.118 (Vernon Supp. 2001) and 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.73, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (the Foundation) hereby provides notice to growers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone that they are required to participate in the eradication program established by referendum for the Northern High Plains Zone.

The Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Swisher and Hale counties, the part of Randall County that lies south and east of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith County line east to Interstate 27, then running north along Interstate 27 to the Potter County line, the part of Armstrong County that lies west and south of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to Hwy. 287; then running due south to Mulberry Creek; then running east along Mulberry Creek to the Donley County line; the part of Briscoe County that lies west of a line running along Hackberry Creek from its intersection with the Armstrong County line to its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River; continuing south along Cherokee Creek from its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River to County Road 27; continuing south along County Road 27 to Hwy. 256; continuing west along Hwy. 256 to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing south along the Caprock escarpment to the Floyd County line; and the part of Floyd County that lies south and west of a line running along FM 97 beginning at the Motley County line; continuing west to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing north along the Caprock escarpment to the Briscoe County line.

Participation includes: (1) reporting to the Foundation of information regarding acreage and location of all commercial and non-commercial cotton and all cotton grown for ornamental, research or any other purposes, not later than the reporting date established for

each county by the Farm Service Agency either by certifying acreage with the appropriate FSA office or by filing with the Foundation an acreage report form obtained from the Foundation, in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code §.72; (2) payment of the assessment established by referendum ending on October 2, 2000 in the amount and manner approved for the Northern High Plains Zone; and (3) compliance with any rules or procedures established by the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) or the Foundation for implementation of the eradication program in the Northern High Plains Zone. Upon notification by the Foundation of a producer's failure to timely comply with participation requirements stated above, the Department may assess an administrative penalty in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.74, or take other appropriate remedial action as provided by Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D. Any questions regarding the participation requirements may be directed to Brian Murray, Special Assistant for Producer Relations, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-7593.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agri. Code Ann. Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2001). Cotton producers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of all of Hale and Swisher counties and portions of Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe and Floyd counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning March 2, 2001. All cotton fields will be mapped and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication foundation at 800-687-1212. 7-2tc

CDP Rules on Fast-Track Through USDA

Growing speculation that benefits from the 200 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will be significantly delayed by the Bush Administration's halt of last second Clinton-era rule making is NOT accurate.

Plains Cotton Growers' check of the situation shows that a lack of focus by the outgoing adminis-

tration, a five-week delay in election results and even USDA's own multi-layer approval process have combined to slow down the final approval of CDP rules. However, the delay should not amount to anything significant compared to the approval timeline for past programs.

It is anticipated that any delay that does occur will not be nearly as long as many fear. The new Administration and Secretary of

FSA Office Offers Several Loan Programs For Hurting Farmers

Many Briscoe County farmers and ranchers are looking at carryover debt as a result of this year's severe drought.

With mounting losses making 2000 one of the worst years in recent memory for historically low prices and crop production, farmers and bankers are now making their planning decisions for next year.

Swisher County Farm Service Agency has several available loan programs that may help local farmers in the upcoming year.

Ross James, Farm Loan Manager of Swisher County Farm Service Agency office, noted that President Clinton has designated Swisher, Briscoe and Randall counties as well as most of the state as a disaster area.

This designation lets the local office make emergency loans to eligible applicants. Eligibility requirements are:

- The applicant is an established family farm operator
- They are a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- They have the ability and training experience needed to repay the loan
- They have suffered a qualifying physical loss or a production loss of at least 30 percent in any essential farm or ranch enterprise.
- They cannot obtain commercial credit
- They can provide collateral to secure an emergency loan.

James said the loan limit is up to 80 percent of the actual loss, with a maximum indebtedness under the program of \$500,000.

Terms of the loan are based on the given collateral. Non real estate loans are from one to seven years with real estate loans up to 40 years. The current interest rate on these loans is 3.75 percent.

James said there is also the regular operating loan program that has a six percent interest rate.

Farm Service Agency is an equal opportunity lender. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

Agriculture Ann Veneman appear to be trying to complete the approval process as quickly as possible so that the rules can be published and checks issued.

Growers with early appointments to figure CDP eligibility and benefits may have to wait a short time before actually receiving a check. It appears at this time that the delay will not be too long.

The bottom line is that growers will continue to participate in the CDP sign-up process at the same time the rules are getting their final approval within USDA.

Some patience may be required on the part of producers as the process moves forward.

Texas Ice Storm Victims In 37 Counties Receive Tax Filing, Payment Help

Taxpayers in 37 Texas counties are eligible for disaster relief following a series of recent ice storms. A Presidential Disaster Area declaration is in effect and the Internal Revenue Service announces that it will extend tax relief measures to residents living in the affected counties.

Taxpayers who had federal tax returns due on or after December 12, 2000 and before February 15, 2001 have an automatic extension to file until February 15. Estimated tax payments due January 15, 2001 will be considered on time if they are paid by February 15. To help the IRS know which tax returns and payments are made as a result of the disaster declaration, they ask taxpayers to write the words "Texas Ice Storm" in large red letters.

"The ice storms have created many hardships for Texans, and we want to help ease taxpayers' burdens during this difficult time," said Jeff Stetina, IRS Area 5 Director of Field Assistance.

Texas counties affected by the disaster declaration include Borden, Bowie, Briscoe, Carson, Cass, Cherokee, Cooke, Crosby, Dawson, Delta, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Gregg, Grayson, Fannin, Franklin, Harrison, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Lynn, Marion, Montague, Morris, nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rusk, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur and Wood.

The extension provisions announced by the IRS do not apply

to deposit of employment trust funds (withheld income or social security taxes). However, penalties on payroll tax deposits may be abated during this period.

Ice damage to property for personal use such as homes, family automobiles or household furnishings is defined as casualty losses for federal income tax purposes. Damages that are not covered by insurance may be deducted as a casualty loss on federal income tax returns. A casualty loss is usually claimed on the tax return for the year in which the casualty occurred. If the affected area is designated as a "Presidential Disaster Area," taxpayers can deduct casualty losses on their tax return or amended return for the year immediately preceding the year in which the disaster occurred. Claiming a casualty loss could result in a lower tax or even produce a cash refund.

Publication 547, *Casualties, Disasters and Thefts* explains casualty losses for both individuals and businesses. Publication 584, *Casualty, Disasters, and Theft Loss Workbook* can help taxpayers catalog their property losses. Tax forms and publications are free and are available at an IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center, on the IRS Homepage at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM. Tax help by telephone also is available at 1-800-TAX-1040.

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--Mark Twain

The strongest of all warriors are these two--Time and Patience.
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Cotton Market weekly

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Volatility, amid conflicting signals, characterized the cotton market this week, as traders seemed to search in desperation for an significant fundamental developments that would indicate the beginning of a sustained rally.

Differences of opinions among market analysts throughout the week could be found among daily reports about trade activity. While those analysts leaning toward the bullish side of the trade, almost certainly a minority group, found momentary solace on February 14, those with more bearish sentiment prevailed overall during the week.

The close of trading February 14 at the New York Cotton Exchange saw futures prices surging higher, offering a Valentine's gift of sorts to the bulls. Further declines in certificated stocks, a heavily short net speculative position, compelling evidence of a strong sponsor for the March delivery, talk of increased inquiries and expectations for brisk export sales were cited by one analyst to explain the day's upward price movement. However, the factors were not enough to generate any momentum as fund short covering eased the day after Valentine's.

Ideas about large U. S. planted acreage for the 2001 crop and recent, unimpressive export sales and shipments are keeping the market under pressure. Increasingly bearish technical signals also have taken a toll on the market.

The National Cotton Council in late January projected U. S. cotton plantings in 2001 would increase slightly to 15.89 million acres; however, many private estimates place the figure as high as 16.5 million. One analyst noted again this week that U. S. farm programs in place could add to cotton acreage regardless of price.

Improving soil moisture conditions ahead of planting in the Delta and much of Texas would seem to further support the analyst's opinion.

Southern Hemisphere cotton crops nearing harvest also are benefiting from favorable weather, according to reports this week, adding to the market's bearish tone. The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics raised its 2000-01 cotton production forecast to almost 3.5 million bales, up about 225,000 bales from its previous report, due to widespread rains in the past month.

Likewise, Australia's new-crop sales are moving briskly, according to BridgeNews, with commitments reaching the 60 percent level sooner than normal. India reportedly has been an eager buyer since Australian cotton is slightly cheaper than West African growths.

U. S. export sales in the week ending February 8, showed considerable improvement from the prior week. USDA reported net sales of 128,500 running bales which were 52 percent more than a week earlier and 55 percent ahead of the four-week average. Several Asian countries, notably South Korea, Hong Kong and Indonesia were featured buyers along with Mexico.

China also bought small amounts of current-crop and new-crop U. S. cotton, and if private estimates are correct, the country could buy another 90,000 bales of U. S. cotton before the end of the marketing year, according to BridgeNews. Sales commitments reached 80 percent of projections last week compared with a five-year average at this time of year of 97 percent. Obviously, trade

concerns about less than desirable sales volume thus far are justifiable.

Shipments of U. S. cotton during the same week, according to USDA, totaled 115,200 running bales. That figure was 17 percent less than the previous week and nine percent less than the four-week average. Mexico, by far, was the predominant destination followed distantly by Indonesia and China.

Online sales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton by producers in the week ending February 15 totaled 5,091 bales versus 5,354 bales the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers using the Internet trading system ranged from 44.48 to 46.19 cents per pound compared to 44.44 to 46.77 cents a week earlier.

Happy Birthday-

February 22--Donald Perkins, David Schott

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

February 24--Kassi Jasper, Lance Holt, Shanique Hutsell, James Dunn, Lance Stidham

February 25--Waynelle Couch, Joe Castillo, jr., Leah Whitfill, Kyle Couch, Langdon Reagan, Pascal Garrison, Bob Myers

February 26--Jennifer Burkart

February 27--Charlie Bomar, D'anna Russell, Joshua James Bomar, Kelsie Estes

February 28--Lydia Couch, Lisa Schott, Jimmy Stone, Roy Reed

Happy Anniversary-

February 25--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis

February 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stinson

February 28--Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Reyna

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 26--Mexican Caserole, Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Cornbread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday, Feb. 27--Chicken Tetrazini, Salad, Bread, Milk, Fruit & Pudding

Wednesday, Feb. 28--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Brownie

Thursday, March 1--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, March 2--Chili Dog, Tater Tots, Milk, Fruit & Jello

Silverton School Activities

Saturday, Feb. 24--Floydada Powerlifting Meet

Friday, March 2--Girls Regional Powerlifting Meet at Colorado City

Saturday, March 3--Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet at Sundown

A large glass bubble that forms an imperfection in hand-blown glass is called a blister.

Serving the best interests of an industry as diverse as cotton is never easy. For the National Cotton Council, making the difficult seem easy has been the cornerstone of its many past successes.

As the seven interest groups that make up the NCC again try to develop a single set of policy goals to help steer development of the next cotton program, the job of building consensus is requiring a little more work than first expected.

The sticking point now is the producer segment's desperate need for better downside protection through an increase in cotton's minimum loan rate. Merchants have been reluctant to fully support the idea citing concerns about potential increases on production in and out of the U. S.

In an effort to bring the two groups together producer representatives from the American Cotton Producers will meet with the American Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA) at the ACSA Board meeting February 26 in Washington, D. C.

The producer contingent attending the meeting will be composed of growers Mark Williams of Farwell; Hollis Isbell of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and Bob McClendon of Leary, Georgia.

NCC staff members also will be on hand to provide detailed analysis of the proposed changes and possible effects on foreign and domestic plantings, exports, and prices.

The key point from the producer segment in this case is that the proposed increase in the loan floor wouldn't adversely affect a merchant or mill's ability to buy U. S. cotton at competitive world prices. Since 1996 the use of a formula derived loan rate, operating as designed, would have provided effective loan rates from 53-60 cents.

The only difference now is the fact that the marketing loan has protected the ability of merchants and mills to obtain U. S. cotton at competitive world prices while legislatively imposed caps on the formula derived loan rate have

prevented growers from receiving the additional support a higher loan rate would have provided.

They will also note that with a marketing loan the flow of cotton will remain uninterrupted and the loudest message communicated to foreign producers will be that U. S. cotton producers will remain competitive players in the world market at every price level.

PCG is confident that a consensus will be reached within the NCC on this issue in the near future. PCG is also confident that before discussion about what needs to be included in the next Farm Bill is complete that the NCC will have developed a policy that not only supports the needs of producers, but also protects the interests of all other segments of the industry.

While long-term aspects of farm policy reform are important, the critical need at this time is authorization of additional economic assistance for producers in 2001.

To meet this critical need NCC continues to be strongly united in support of emergency aid to growers in 2001. Current NCC policy is aimed at implementing 2001 support at a level not less than the amount provided growers in 2000.

NCC is also encouraging the delivery of that support as quickly as possible to help producers obtain financing for the 2001 growing season.

Plains Cotton Growers President Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg delivered a rundown of the serious effects skyrocketing natural gas prices are having on Texas cotton producers at a hearing conducted by the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Energy Resources February 7, in Austin.

Hopper noted that high energy prices will eventually affect every citizen in the State, but that the early casualties are typically people on fixed incomes and those who use significant amounts of energy and are unable to pass the additional cost on in the process of selling the commodity they produce.

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Letisia/Tonia Kippi/Jana	5:45	Liz Griffin	Byron/Shelley Brock		Bronc/Amy Otis	Marcos/Jamie Scarborough	
Diana Ivory Mari Patino	6:30	Mary Rameriz	Ross/Melissa Estes		Paula Montague	Ana Baeza	Rhonda Williams
Ross Estes Kippi/Jennifer	7:15	Bertha Perez	Clarence/Diana Ivory		Eloy/Erma Reyna	Rhett/Sylvia Perkins	
Tuesday February 27	Time	Gate	Clock/Books	Concession Supervisor	Concession	Concession	Concession
Kyle Fuston Jay Stinson	5:00	Olga Garcia	Norbie/Tonia Garcia	Lucinda Smith Kim Minyard	Arturo/Tonia Fabela	Byron/Shelley Brock	
Bronc/Amy Letisia/Tonia	5:45	Jonette Ziegler	Kyle/Amy Fuston		Michael/Jay Curry	Jay/Michelle Stinson	
Diana Ivory Connie Simpson	6:30	Rhonda Williams	Wayne/Colleen Reed		Lucinda Smith	Rosa Vargas	Kim Minyard
Scott Perkins Ross Estes	7:15	Kim Minyard	Cam/Missy Forbes		Mitchell/Connie Simpson	Judy Seura	Carol Braddock

Finding Scholarships Means Doing Your Homework

(NAPSA)-When it comes to getting scholarship funds for college, opportunity doesn't knock-it waits for an invitation. There are numerous people and organizations that are willing to help pay for education through scholarship funds; it's simply a matter of finding them.

"I had no clue what to do," says Michael Oliver of Miami, a college sophomore. "I didn't get started soon enough so I missed some of the deadlines. Now I wish I hadn't waited."

The money is out there. There are full scholarships and partials, from every kind of organization-and all kinds of students are eligible, not just valedictorians. Here are some tips from college counselors to help you get started:

1. Make an appointment with a high school counselor in your (or your child's) sophomore year.
2. Go to the bookstore; there are many helpful books available for under \$40 that list available scholarships by fields of study and under general headlines.
3. Go online and surf the Web; there are a number of national scholarship Web sites, such as www.freschinfo.com and www.fastweb.com, that provide information on available scholarships. Simply key in the search term "scholarship" and you can find thousands of options.
4. Call the local Rotary Club, Kiwanis or other community and philanthropic organizations; many of them provide scholarship money.
5. Check with your (or your parents') employer; a number of corporations sponsor scholarships for their employees or family members.

There are also corporations that have established scholarship foun-

dations to help students outside of their organization. For example, Burger King Corporation expects to award 1,000 scholarships this year in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico through the Burger King Scholars Program.

"We are trying to help kids who are good students and good citizens, who have to work out of necessity," says Bentonne Snay, executive director of the Burger King/McLamore Foundation. "A student must maintain a 2.5 to 3.5 GPA, work part-time, be involved in co-curricular or community activities and show financial need to be eligible."

For more information on this scholarship program, visit the Web site at www.nfabk.org and click on "Burger King/McLamore Foundation."

Scholarship money is ready for the harvesting, if you know where to look.

RMA Approves 80-85% Coverage For Texas Growers

Early indications that Texas cotton growers would be shut out of the chance to purchase crop insurance at levels above 75% have proven false.

This week the Risk Management Agency announced that 80 to 85% coverage will be offered to Texas cotton growers in 2001.

Plains Cotton Growers officials welcomed the announcement and noted that their discussions over the past few weeks reiterated the need to make the coverage available so growers could decide whether it was cost-effective or not.

While it is a fact that coverage about 75% is still relatively expensive, the RMA decision means that growers will have the opportunity to consider these higher levels

when making risk management decisions for 2001.

It appears that last year's crop insurance reform bill will indeed move many growers up the ladder in terms of their insurance coverage levels.

Justice is a machine that, when someone has once given it the starting push, rolls on of itself.

--John Galsworthy

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

--James Branch Cabell

In 1551, Ambroise Pare designed an artificial hand with fingers that move by cogwheels and levers.

WEATHER

6:00 A.M. Daily February Weather Readings

	High	Low	Precip.
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13	66	29	
14	62	45	
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16	51	28	
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18	55	17	
19	59	30	
20	76	32	
Total Precip. in Feb.			.44
Normal Precip. for Feb.			.60
Total Precip. in 2001			2.38
Normal Precip for 2001 to Date			1.25



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