

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I saw on TV the other day that Lauren Fulton Corson would be starring in "The Barber of Seville" opera in Amarillo.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Joe B. Mercer and also has several relatives here, including two great-aunts, Mrs. Fred Mercer and Mrs. Frank Mercer, a great-uncle, J. R. Steele, and several cousins.

Speaking of J. R. Steele, he has announced plans to move to Plainview soon. He will be retiring from his furniture refinishing work at the end of the summer.

Cally Payne, sister of Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS Cory Payne, has been chosen as Swisher County's new Extension Agent-FCS. Cally is a former Briscoe County Extension Agent.

I heard that Rick Perry is the first Texas A&M-educated governor Texas has ever had.

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center. The Friendship Quilters will host the luncheon.

A truck-load sale will be held at the Happy Community Center March 16-17-18, with proceeds to benefit the Happy Community Center building fund. This will be discontinued and bring back merchandise, including whirlpool tubs, humidifiers, entertainment centers, lamps, bathtubs, cabinets, tool items, folding doors, sinks, lumber, large selection of finishing oak and pine wood trim, etc.

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will have a show March 24-25 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Hours Saturday will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, the show will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The building will be open Friday from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. for setting up.

There will be daily parades, vendors, arts and crafts. Admission is free and donations accepted.

Concessions are by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association.

Among items shown will be antique tractors, antique equipment, antique engines. All makes welcome.

Fire Department Meets Here Today

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, March 15) at the City Hall.

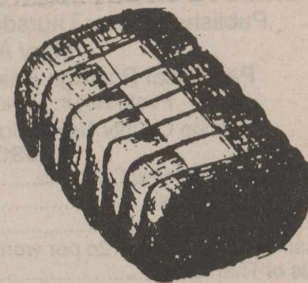


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TDA To Honor Agricultural Pioneers

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will honor 115 Texas farms and ranches during the 26th annual Family Land Heritage Program ceremonies Friday, March 16, in Austin. The Family Land Heritage Program honors families whose farms or ranches have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more.

Ceremonies begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

For the first time, the Texas Department of Agriculture will honor farms and ranches in the 150- and 200-year categories.

"Texas agriculture has endured generations, and these new categories will help us honor the legacy that is passed on to our sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Combs said.

Ranches being honored for 200 years are El Sauz Ranch, Los Chapotes Ranch and the San Antonio Ranch "La Mahada Ranch"

Booster Club To Meet Monday

Silverton Booster Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 19, in the board room at school.

The annual Athletic Banquet will be planned at this time.

The Belgian people are generally divided into two groups: Flemings and Walloons. Flemings live in the north and speak Dutch. Walloons live in the south and speak French.

The power to prevent legislation from being implemented is called a veto. The word is a Latin word meaning I forbid.

Powerlifters Going To State Meet Friday

The female powerlifters will be going to their State Meet Friday, March 16, in Killeen.

Those who will be representing Silverton High School are Tarran-Forbes, Monica Garcia, Kassie Strange, Brooke Garvin and Krystal Clinton.

Clifton Baker and Duncan Vernon will be competing in the boys state powerlifting meet at Texas Christian University on March 24.

in Starr County.

For 150 years, operations being honored are: The High Prairie Place - 1842, Brazos County, Heritage Hill, Chris Jones Farm and Gene Washburn Farm, Grayson County; Griffin Ranch, Gregg County; and Daddy's Place - Twin Pines, 4-H Farm, Hallplace I and Mager's Place, Rusk County.

Among the farms and ranches that will be honored for 100 years is the James F. and Frances Annell Davis Farm - 1899. This farm is owned and operated by James F. and Frances Annell Davis.

TxDOT's Summer Hiring Program Set to Begin

Hands-on experience and being a part of the team solving Texas transportation problems is what students will get from being a summer employee at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Recruiting for TxDOT's summer hire program is in full swing and the department is looking for full-time college students and graduating high school students eager to learn. In addition to learning how the nation's largest state-maintained highway system is built, students will have an excellent opportunity to learn what it takes to operate and maintain a system of this size.

Students can apply for positions in a variety of fields such as engineering information technology, maintenance and administrative support. The summer job opportunities are available statewide at any of TxDOT's 25 district offices or division offices in Austin.

Approximately 1,200 summer positions are available statewide. A total of 27 positions are available in TxDOT Childress District's 13 counties: Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, King, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Knox, Motley and Wheeler. The closing date for applications is April 15, 2001. No applications will be accepted after the closing date.

The department's summer hire program has been a great training ground for future engineers, computer specialists and transportation planners, said TxDOT officials.

Of the summer employees hired since 1994, more than 500 are still

Rhoderick Irrigation, Inc. Honored For Customer Service, Performance

Lindsay Manufacturing Company recently honored Rhoderick Irrigation, Inc. of Silverton with its Distinguished Performance Award at the company's annual convention in San Antonio. This honor is given to Zimmatic irrigation dealerships that provide growers with top-notch customer service and have implemented high-performing marketing programs.

"During 2000 Rhoderick Irrigation, Inc. was very successful at helping growers save time, labor and money through Zimmatic's industry-leading line of automated irrigation equipment and products," said Bob Snoozy, Vice President of Sales. "Their partnership approach to customer service was a big reason for their success."

Zimmatic dealers are a critical

working for TxDOT in full-time positions. In addition, 17 of the department's current district engineers and division/office directors began their careers as TxDOT summer employees.

"This is a great program that gives students a head-start in building their careers," said Wes Heald, TxDOT executive director. "Many times they like working at TxDOT so much they make a career of it."

TxDOT's Summer Hire Program offers students state health benefits, a traditional 40 hour work week with weekends off, and a competitive hourly wage, which increases for additional semester hours and for returning summer hires.

To get more information on job opportunities and applications in the 13-county Childress District, students can contact Donna Lively or Linda Morgan at 940-937-2751 or visit www.dot.state.tx.us and click on job opportunities. Students also may pick up an application at Childress District office located at 7599 U. S. 287, Childress, TX. Applications are now being accepted until April 15, 2001.

The rhea is a small South American bird that resembles the ostrich. After the female lays the eggs, the male sits on them until they hatch. He then raises the young.

Weather stripping applied to the bottom of a rocking chair can keep it from marring a wood floor. It tends to keep the noise down, too.

link in the chain between customers and Lindsay Manufacturing. Lindsay provides several product education and training seminars to the dealers who in turn pass the information on to their customers. Many dealers also provide customers with a hands-on training opportunity by hosting the Zimmatic Technical Training Center as part of a one-day irrigation equipment seminar.

Lindsay Manufacturing Company is a world leading manufacturer of irrigation equipment, including center pivots, towable pivots, lateral move and corner systems. Irrigation equipment produced by Lindsay Manufacturing is sold under the Zimmatic brand name.

Exercise Program To Begin Monday

Cory Payne, Briscoe County Family and Consumer Science Agent, invites anyone who is interested to join her and the Silverton Senior Citizens for an exercise program which will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2001.

The eight-week series (March 19 through April 30) is designed to target Senior Citizens.

Miss Payne will come every Monday and give information on health and exercise as well as an exercise routine for the week.

Valeria Weaver and Glenda Francis have volunteered to continue leading the weekly exercise routines on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The benefits of physical activity include helping reduce the risk of a heart attack, helping reduce blood pressure, helping with weight control, and helping prevent osteoporosis.

The National Institute on Aging provides the following facts on exercise:

- Exercise can help older people feel better and enjoy life more, even those who think they're too old or too out of shape.

- Most older adults don't get enough physical activity.

- Lack of physical activity and poor diet, taken together, are the

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Looking for 530 LP John Deere Tractor. 800-411-4547 52-4tnc

NOTICE

Just want to let customers of Hoe Master Service know my mobil phone number has changed to 847-7560. Gordon Lowrey. 11-2tc

Magic Memories will be closed Saturday, March 17. 11-1tc

CHILI PEPPERS LOOK PROMISING ON PLAINS

The Texas South Plains is fertile ground for cotton and grain production, but some producers are focusing on a new crop--chile peppers.

Chile peppers are well adapted to the High Plains of Texas because of fertile soil, high quality

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CARDS OF THANKS

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service and its Board of Directors would like to thank the Caprock Jamboree for its generous donation. The Jamboree was a great source for organizations to make money and provided wonderful entertainment for all those who attended. We appreciate their assets being given back to their community.

I would like to thank everyone who called, sent cards, provided prayers, and brought food, especially the Methodist Women, while I was in the hospital and since I've been home.

Dottie Long

water, and the ability to irrigate frequently. The area also has high levels of sunlight, which is required for a quality chile pod. Many of the herbicides and pesticides used to grow cotton are also compatible with chile pepper production.

Although peppers require more management than other crops, it is not unusual for a skilled grower to make as much as twenty five hundred dollars per acre in gross income.

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Texas 4-H Reaches Million-Member Milestone

Cory Payne, CEA-FCS

Each child in Texas 4-H is now literally "one in a million." One point two million Texas children ages five to nineteen took part in one or more 4-H programs last year.

Texas 4-H began in 1908 with a 25-member boys' "corn club" in Jack County west of Fort Worth. It was formed to teach children new methods of agricultural production and food preservation. But 4-H has evolved into an organization dedicated to the development of youth people. It remains rooted in the heart of rural communities, but it thrives in the cities--where most young people in Texas now live. In fact, more than half of Texas 4-H's life in Houston and surrounding Harris County. Harris County actually has more 4-H's than any other state.

For more information on Texas 4-H, visit the website at texas4-h.tamu.edu.

People who cook burgers on their gas grills could have a food safety problem if they rely on color to determine when the meat is adequately cooked.

USDA researchers found that burgers with brown centers are not necessarily cooked and safe to eat. The researchers cooked ground beef patties on a gas grill and used a thermometer to determine when the burgers reached safe temperatures. They also cooked burgers until the meat color turned brown without using a thermometer. Pre-

mature browning was not evident in frozen patties that were thawed and then cooked. However, beef that was frozen in blk, thawed, formed into patties, and immediately cooked showed brown color at unsafe temperatures. The research confirms current USDA recommendations: always use a meat thermometer to be sure that burgers are cooked to one hundred sixty degrees Fahrenheit.

Texas Crop & Weather

High natural gas prices are causing many Texas farmers to consider growing crops that require less water. The cost increase will significantly raise the price of production by increasing fertilizer and irrigation costs. This will reduce regional production levels of cotton and other major crops grown on the South Plains. It will be a hard situation in many places because producers will have good soil moisture but they will be limited on what they can do in terms of fertility.

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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
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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
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.

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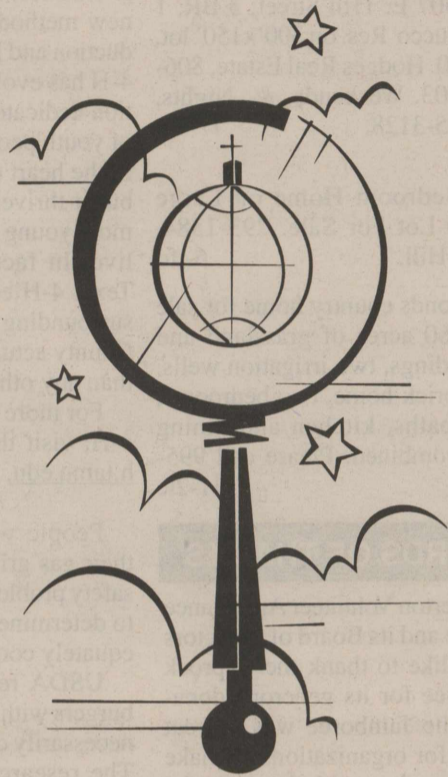
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Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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



God is Always Watching



Being our Creator, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and He is aware of everything in our lives. He knows about all of our problems and all of our joys, and he knows our good qualities as well as our shortcomings. Sometimes we may forget that God is watching us. We may believe that when we do something wrong, it's not really that bad if no one sees us or if we do not get caught. We may even rationalize our actions and try to convince ourselves that the wrong we did was justified. However, God never rationalizes our behavior and he knows what is in our hearts. Even with all of our imperfections, He loves us and forgives our wrongdoing. Whenever we are tempted or realize that we may have sinned or hurt someone, we should ask our Lord's forgiveness and try to make amends. The Lord's Prayer exemplifies God's grace and mercy when we pray, "forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us."

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Obituary

RIDDELL C. HUTSELL

Services for Riddell C. Hutsell, 80, of Silverton were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church.

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

Mr. Hutsell died Friday, March 9, 2001.

He was Born July 4, 1920 in Lockney, Texas. He married Walburg Eipper in 1989 in Alaska.

He joined the Naval Air Force in 1942 after attending Wayland College. He was in the first class of the naval air cadets that graduated after the start of World War II. He stayed in the service until 1958 after serving in World War II and Korea.

Mr. Hutsell loved to be in the air, and spent 60 of his 80 years flying.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Clynell Tidwell, in 1964.

Survivors include his wife, Walburg Hutsell, of the home; eight children from a previous marriage to Grace Hutsell of Beach, North Dakota, four daughters, Sally Grimland of Silverton, Cindy West of San Antonio, Claudia Carson of Houston, Pam Vaughan of Colleyville, Ellen Pacheco of Laguna Niguel, California; three sons, Rick Hutsell of Amarillo, Wayne Hutsell of Monticello, Florida, and Elliott Hutsell of Lewisville; three brothers, Flunoy Hutsell and Esdell Hutsell, both of Silverton, and Joe Dell Hutsell of Amarillo; 20 grandchildren and three great-

Exercise--

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second largest underlying cause of death in the United States.

•Regular exercise can improve some diseases and disabilities in older people who already have them. It can improve mood and relieve depression, too.

•Staying physically active on a regular, permanent basis can help prevent or delay certain diseases and disabilities as people grow older.

"We hope that many will join us for this fun fitness program!" Miss Payne concluded.

Texas Wildflower Hotline Available

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) gives callers information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

To make it easier to find where the wildflowers are in bloom, callers may request information by seven different regions of the state. Those regions include Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill country, Panhandle, Piney Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas) and Southwest Texas.

"The stage is set for an excellent crop of bluebonnets," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT Landscape grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Justin Vaughan, John Vaughan, Robert Vaughan, Ryan Vaughan, Jeffrey Grimland and Nathan West.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We appreciated the comments from the Quitaque group that were in the paper about our work with the Jamboree, but can't rest in peace without bringing to attention the others who helped make it the "Best in West Texas."

Many thanks actually go to Janice Hill, who was instrumental in getting it off to a good start; Cliff Stodghill, who was always willing and ready to do whatever needed to be done; Lane Garvin, who ran our sound system; Joy Stodghill, Jim Burson and the rest of the Houseband, and to Rick and Jana Beesinger for serving on our board of directors.

Respectfully yours,
John and Maebelle

Happy Birthday--

March 15--Miles Comer, Gaylia Long, John Burson, Krista Smith

March 16--Glen Kingery, Dara Johnston, Traci Bounds, Abby Chappell

March 17--Colleen Sternberger, Lois Hill, LaToya Baker

March 18--Haleigh Renee McGavock, Ky Williams, Mary Jo Brannon

March 19--Betty Olive

March 20--Missy Forbes

March 21--Kathy Perkins, Dick Cogdell, Latisia Stidham

Designer. "The dry summer and unseasonably cool and wet winter have made excellent conditions for a colorful spring show of flowers."

April is considered to be the prime blooming month for wildflowers, according to Neimann.

The department's wildflower program is part of a comprehensive vegetation management program, which encourages the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

Each year, TxDOT sows more than 47,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways and each pound contains at least 30 varieties of wildflowers.

The hotline will be active through early May.

Free Trips For Local Winners

An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. next June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, according to Bill Harbin, manager of the Cooperative.

Harbin said winners of an essay/oral presentation contest would be awarded the trip which is set for June 14-26, 2001. Area high school aged youths in the system's service area, including the school districts of Crosbyton, Motley County, Petersburg, Plainview, Lockney, Floydada, Valley and Memphis, are eligible to enter the contest. Call 983-2814 for further information.

Silverton School Activities

Friday, March 16--Girls State Powerlifting Meet at Killeen

Wednesday, March 21--Pre-K through 8th spring pictures, 8:00; Tarleton Judging Contest

Thursday, March 22--Academic UIL for High School at Lazbuddie

Friday, March 23--Lefors JH track meet; Immunization Clinic, 10-12

Saturday, March 24-- Boys State Powerlifting Meet at TCU; Sweetwater judging contest; Lefors HS track meet

Tuesday, March 27--South Zone OAP at Wayland

Thursday, March 29--District OAP at Amarillo College

Friday, March 30--WTA&M Judging Contests

Friday and Saturday, March 30-31--Miami JH and HS Track Meet

Saturday, March 31--Clarendon Judging Contests

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 19--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Okra, Hot Rolls, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, March 20--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Milk, Rice Krispies Treat

Wednesday, March 21--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk, Brownies

Thursday, March 22--Chicken Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Rice, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Friday, March 23--Chili Dog, Tator Tots, Milk, Fruit and Jello

Happy Anniversary--

March 16--Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry

March 18--Mr. and Mrs. Chris Aylesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brannon

March 20--Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gragson

Immunizations Available Here Friday, March 23

An immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases will be held at the Silverton City Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Friday, March 23.

These vaccines offer protection for polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock-jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (Haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chickenpox).

A charge for vaccination will be assessed based on family income, family size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay; however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay. These charges are necessary in order to help defray the cost of keeping the clinic operating.

Additionally, flu shots also will be available at the clinic to be given to the general public.

The time and date is subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

The Tulia immunization clinic located at 219 SE Second Street will no longer offer an immunization clinic on the last Wednesday of each month.

NEW ARRIVAL

Casey and Tyra Page of Odessa are parents of a son, Connor James Page, born at 9:55 p.m. at Odessa Regional Hospital March 9, 2001. He weighed six pounds and six ounces, and measured 18" in length on arrival.

Maternal grandmother is Cynthia Younger of Silverton, and paternal grandparents are Phil and Kay Page of Odessa.

Great-grandparents are Lou Younger of Silverton and Billy Rackley of Lubbock.

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Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 3, 1991--Bradley Brunson has been named Defensive Player of the Year and a member of the second annual Globe-News Six Man Super Football Team. Brunson, middle linebacker for the Owls, repeated as the Super Team's Defensive Player of the Year. He was in on 121 tackles and intercepted two passes in the regular season... Julie Towe and Teddy Hubbard receive valedictorian and salutatorian scholarships at Texas Tech University... Former Silverton Coach Robert Paul Whelchel buried at Claude... Frank Lowrey (diesel mechanics technology) recently was named to Texas State Technical Institute-Amarillo Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll with a 3.5 or better grade point average for the fall quarter...

February 26, 1981--Buck Payne, 63, buried Tuesday... Owls close season with loss to Valley... Taxes to eat up most of the state employee raises... Named to the deans' honor rolls at Texas Tech University for the fall semester were Brent and Kyle Bean, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean, and Michael Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Long... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens were in Quitaque Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bessie Nall... Rev. and Mrs. Royce Denton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janie, to Rick Cooper... Mr. and Mrs. Alvin May are parents of a daughter, Sarah Ann...

March 4, 1971--Silverton population is 1026... Dwain Henderson was named Outstanding Young Farmer at the awards banquet held Saturday night... Sharon Jarrett was recognized as the Outstanding 4-H Girl by the Silverton Young Farmers... Bill Strange and Ronny Vaughan were recognized as the Outstanding 4-H Boy and Outstanding FFA member by the Silverton Young Farmers... Sixteen members of the Silverton Judo Club participated in a judo tournament in Dallas last Saturday. Mike Cornett and Jack Robertson, jr. won trophies and thereby qualified for the National Judo Finals to be held in Odessa... Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald hosted a trail ride for members and friends of Golden Spread Appaloosa Horse Club Saturday...

March 16, 1961--Gospel meeting to be led at Silverton Church of Christ by the twin Kite brothers, Haun Kite and Smith Kite... Oscar Weaks has been appointed temporary chairman to organize a Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association in Briscoe County... Mrs. J. A. Ziegler fell at her home Thursday of last week, injuring her pelvis bone... Rodeo arena to be re-

built with VFW funds... J. W. Reid, jr. and W. E. Schott, jr. will be running for re-election as school trustees, and others in the contest are Ray Teeple, J. L. Self, Carroll Garrison, Clyde Mercer and Louie Kitchens. H. A. Cagle is running for County School Trustee-at-Large... Gardening is Carolyn Garrison's pet 4-H project... The Friendship Club met in the home of Mrs. Bill Boling and did some quilting last week. Those attending were Mrs. Jeff Terrill, Mrs. Harold Brock, Mrs. Joe Nance, Mrs. Alvie Francis, Mrs. Bill Boling, Mrs. Rita Lyles, Mrs. Tommy Green, Mrs. Jeff Moore, Mrs. John Gaither and Mrs. Tom Johnson...

March 1, 1951--General rain fell over Briscoe County Saturday, Sunday... John Howard Burson, 4-H Club member of Silverton, showed the grand champion calf at the Fat Stock Show here last Friday. He is eight years old and this was his first time to enter the show and his competition was declared to be of the toughest... Miss Edwina (Tina) Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jackson, and Joe Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis, both of Silverton, were united in marriage Sunday, February 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Sunnyside Church near Dimmitt. Rev. Edwin Norris read the vows... Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton attended the Fat Stock Show in Amarillo Monday... Mona Kay Mayfield, Sandra Mercer, Eddie Black and Bobby Kitchens are back in the first grade class after having been out with the chickenpox... Claude Crossing Club met with Mrs. Jo Mallow. Mrs. Louie Reithmeyer was a visitor and Mrs. Donald Alexander was a new member... Mrs. M. K. Grimland visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grimland, in Amarillo Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar were visitors in Lubbock Monday...

April 25, 1946--Six families in Silverton will be furnished a place to live as soon as Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fowler can complete their new apartment building which is just north of the Silverton Hotel. It is being constructed of brick and tile. The east and south sides will be faced with native rock... Last rites Friday for Charlise Glen Allard... Purchase of Raymond's Conoco Station is announced this week by Joe Brooks... Mr. and Mrs. Martell Grover of Rexburg, Idaho are parents of a seven-pound boy who arrived April 14 and has been named Freddie Martell... Included in the cast of the senior play are Bruce Price, Clenda Arnold, Lester Paige, Erma May, Dorothy Bailey, Betty Burson, Deal Self, Jeanne Dudley, Thelma Gean Mercer, Bobby

Bradford, Mildred Carruth, Lugene McClendon... Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon and Othel Welch spent Sunday in the Shorty Hartman home... Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Mast and daughter, Sue, of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mrs. Mast's parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Bundy... Gene Arnold of Canyon spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Silverton... Garland Francis, F1/c, of Long Beach, California called his parents last week. He had spent the past two months in Japan... A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Wylie Bomar, jr. was given Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Woodrow Bice. Mrs. Bomar is the former Betty Hyatt... Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes and Shirley were shopping in Plainview last

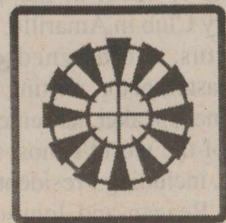
Thursday. They also visited Mrs. Haynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burson... Mrs. D. E. Brown spent the weekend in Dallas with relatives...

March 27, 1941--It rained again; everybody's happy... Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Does it ever rain on the Plains? Truly, this is the wettest county in the world--Silverton Light. The comment above is the first editorial observation ever made in Silverton. It is the open-line of the Silverton Light, by T. J. Briscoe, editor, in the first issue that ever rolled off the press in Silverton October 2, 1891. And now fifty years after, I'm beginning to believe that he may have been right. (This is written Tuesday morning. I hope the dust storm holds off until after

press day). Wheat here has the best chance in years--in fact since Potter, Anderson and Stevenson finished digging the canyon. I wonder what ever became of that first editor, Mr. Briscoe. He ended up rich, no doubt. You have heard the one about the country newspaperman who retired at the age of 50 with \$100,000 in the bank, haven't you? He was asked to speak at a community affair given in his honor, and tell just how he did it. 'Well,' he said, 'I am able to retire with this small fortune because of three things--diligence in my work, economical living, and the fact that my uncle died and left me \$99,600.' The only flaw in that guy's talk is 'where did he get the \$400?'



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Cotton Market weekly

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The market traded sluggishly this week as traders marked time awaiting the release of USDA's monthly supply/demand report. The report reflected a slightly larger-than-expected buildup in domestic cotton stocks which weighed heavily on cotton futures at the end of the week.

Traders saw the buildup in stocks, though it was at the high end of industry expectations, as signaling the potential for a further hike in ending stocks and the beginning 2001-02 inventory unless demand improves.

With expanded cotton plantings and generally good subsoil moisture in prospect for the upcoming year, the largest projected carryover since 1998-89 is seen by most in the industry as a factor that will intensify a long-term negative scenario.

A 300,000 bale jump to 4.8 million bales in projected U. S. carryout lifted the stocks-to-use ratio to 29.27 percent from the 26.95 percent projected a month ago and 23.07 percent at the conclusion of last season.

While USDA was aggressive in changing its U. S. supply/demand report, alterations in the world numbers were more moderate. The department's estimates reflected a stocks-to-use ratio of 41.02 percent, up from 40.47 percent projected a month ago, but down from 44.63 percent at the end of the 1999-00 marketing year.

It appears China will not import a substantial amount of cotton. A 200,000-bale cut in China's exports, now pegged at 500,000 bales, produced a corresponding increase to 11.95 million in the country's ending stocks. Estimated imports were unchanged at 500,000 bales.

Australia's crop was raised 100,000 bales to 3.4 million by USDA. Australia, where the cotton harvest is just beginning, is known for producing high quality cotton, and the movement of its crop into the world marketplace could encroach on U. S. export sales. However, the Australian crop already is heavily committed, possibly by 80 percent to as much as 90 percent, according to some sources.

Additionally, U. S. export sales could be damaged by a failing economy in Turkey, a country that typically is a large importer of U. S. cotton. In USDA's report, domestic use in Turkey fell 100,000 bales to 5.2 million, resulting in

imports dropping by the same amount to 1.55 million bales, down from 2.4 million last season.

As for future price direction, one analyst said he expected the market to move where the volume is, and over time a fundamental story, perhaps involving planting difficulties, would be needed to get speculators and funds to take profits on their large short position.

"I think this will be (a level) where producers are willing to sell the rest of the cotton in the warehouse," he said. "But, it could be a while before any planting delay fears can be raised. After all, it's hard to kill a crop that's not in the ground," he quipped.

USDA's weekly export sales report held a minor surprise for traders. While net export sales of U. S. cotton for the week ended March 1 were well below expectations at 101,400 bales, shipments hit a marketing year high of 181,200 bales and were well above the average needed to reach the USDA estimate. Indonesia, Mexico and Peru were the premier buyers of U. S. cotton for the week; however, the market took notice to the fact that China bought a small lot of 9,500 bales and boosted its commitment for the season to 100,500 bales, of which 56,900 already have been shipped.

Online sales by producers of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton bounced higher in the week ended March 8 as 13,938 bales were sold, a considerable climb from the 5,019 bales traded the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the Internet trading system ranged from 40.86 to 42.16 cents per pound compared to 39.41 to 44.04 cents one week ago.

Last week's volatility quickly turned into a slaughter for cotton futures prices this week as traders stampeded to liquidate their March positions ahead of the contract's first notice day on February 22. Words like shock and dismay probably best described many analysts' reactions to the price plunge.

The futures price fall-off seemed to defy logic, according to one trader who noted a major merchant took more than 90 percent of the March contract; action that should have pushed the market higher. Meanwhile, expectations for large U. S. export sales in the most recent reporting period also should have lent support this week. There is little doubt the market will

breathe a collective sigh of relief when the March contract fades into history.

USDA released its latest export sales report February 23, a day later than normal due to the Presidents' Day holiday. The report showed a net increase in U. S. export sales of 166,600 running bales for the week ended February 16, 30 percent more than the previous week and 71 percent more than the four-week average. Mexico was the featured buyer with purchases of 54,800 bales.

Shipments totaled 104,400 bales during the same week with 31,500 going to Mexico. The shipment total was nine percent less than the previous week and 18 percent short of the four-week average.

While few, if any, analysts and traders made mention of it this week, there is little doubt that a deepening financial and political crisis in Turkey has added to the cotton market's instability. Turkey, after all, ranks among the top five export customers for U. S. cotton.

The country responded to the mounting crisis this week by dropping its exchange rate controls, effectively allowing a devaluation of its currency, according to Associated Press (AP). The news service explained the government and Central Bank hope the move will help control skyrocketing interest rates. Overnight lending rates reached an annualized 7,500 percent Wednesday, and the stock market saw its steepest fall ever,

losing 18 percent, AP reported.

The moves indicate Turkey is abandoning a key element of its economic stabilization program backed by \$11 billion in loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). However, the government said it remains committed to the program, according to AP, and a spokesman for the IMF expressed support for the action taken by the Turkish Central Bank. IMF also indicated it would consider making additional financial resources available to the country.

On Wednesday, the exchange rate was 688,000 Turkish lira to one U. S. dollar. Less than 24 hours later, the rate was 962,499 lira to the dollar; a steep devaluation by any standard.

The developments in Turkey are a concern to the U. S. cotton industry. Through mid-February, Turkey had purchased 467,400 bales of U. S. cotton this marketing year but only 58 percent or 271,600 bales had been shipped. Thus, almost 200,000 bales currently are in danger of cancellation or delay. There is additional concern that the lira's devaluation also could bring a halt to any further purchases of U. S. cotton this marketing season.

Like futures prices, spot market prices received by producers declined this week. Online sales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton in the week ending February 22 totaled 4,282 bales compared to 5,091 a week earlier.

Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds--all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

--Edward Everett Hale

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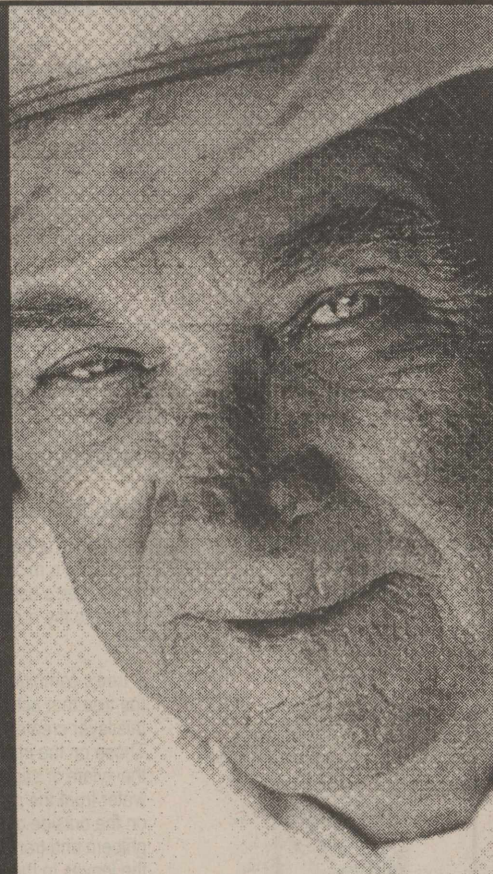
"Don't squat with your spurs on."

Eugene Shipp worked maintenance for an electric coop for twenty-eight years. During an ice storm in '78, he worked thirty-eight hours straight, fixing downed lines and restoring power. He retired two years ago to spend more time on his ranch, working his own hours. He uses coop power; he knows he can count on it.

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The goal of deregulation is to bring the benefits of retail competition to the power industry. But so far, in states such as California and Pennsylvania, reality has fallen short of the promise, often bringing higher rates and even outages. The Legislature gives coops the opportunity to decide whether they will opt in or out of deregulation. We intend to take advantage of that to be sure deregulation is right for our owner-members.

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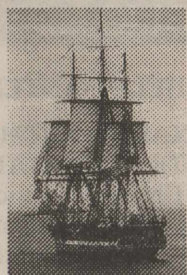
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Did You Know?

Factoids About Trees in America

- **Some American trees went to sea.**

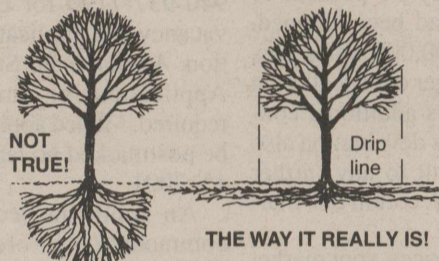


"Old Ironsides," formally known as the USS Constitution, was built in 1797 from more than 1,500 trees—white oak for the keel, white pine for the tall masts, and live oak for its hull. Live oak gave the hull great strength. During a ferocious battle with the HMS Guerriere, during the War of 1812, seamen cheered as British cannonballs bounced off their ship's sides: "Huzzah for 'Old Ironsides'!" The name stuck, and today this national treasure may be visited at the Charlestown Navy Yard, part of Boston National Historical Park.

- **The U.S. has more than twice the number of tree species as are found in all of Europe.**

Because of its great geographic diversity and its north-south trending mountain ranges, North America is home to far more tree species than Europe, with its east-west trending mountains. With the advance of ice sheets and glaciers during the ice ages, the European Alps were a barrier to plant migration. In North America, the Appalachians and Rocky Mountains served as paths for species to move ahead of the ice, and as high elevation sanctuaries when northern species were pushed far south.

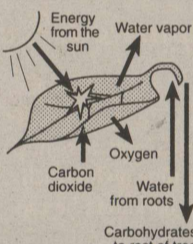
- **Tree roots live a secret life in the underworld.**



It's not how you think it is: Instead of forming a mirror image of the branches above the ground, a tree's roots more often spread out less than two feet below the surface of the ground, much like an extra-wide base on a wine glass. Some roots extend far beyond the tree's drip line, the farthest reach of the branches and leaves in the tree's crown. In some species, roots extend horizontally as far as two and one-half times the height of the tree.

- **Each leaf is a tiny food factory, air purifier, and cooling machine.**

A tree's leaves or needles perform some vital functions that help make life possible on earth. Through photosynthesis, leaves use energy from the sun to create carbohydrates from water and atmospheric carbon dioxide, forming an important link in the food chain for all living things. In the process, leaves remove excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, release life-giving oxygen into the air, and filter out dust.

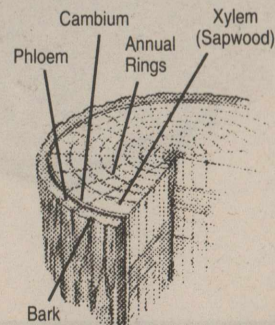


Water pulled up from the roots by these processes is given off into the atmosphere, cooling the area near the tree. Urban areas with trees can be as much as 12 degrees cooler on a hot summer day than areas in the community that do not have trees.



- **A tree grows itself from the outside out.**

A tree's branches lengthen from terminal buds at the ends, but otherwise a tree grows by expanding itself. The cambium, a microscopic zone of cells that specialize in cell division, lies just inside a tree's bark. Each year the cambium creates a new layer of wood that is added to the outside of a tree, and the trunk and branches expand in diameter.



A tree's cambium layer is the only part of the tree that actually grows. Each year, this layer creates two kinds of new cells. Those on the inside of the layer become the xylem or sapwood, that conducts water from the roots to the leaves. Cells on the outside of the layer become phloem and transport sugars produced by the leaves to the roots and other living cells throughout the tree. Older phloem layers become the bark, a protective "skin" for the tree. Each year's growth is marked by an annual "ring."

- **Trees are a living record of our history.**

The annual rings of a tree may be counted to determine the tree's age. Tree rings reveal that one gnarled old bristlecone pine on a mountainside in eastern California is the oldest living tree on earth, sprouting from a seed more than 4,760 years ago. Ancient oaks in the eastern United States may have 300 or more annual rings. Some of these trees actually witnessed major events in American history as they took place.

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Arbor Day Foundation Hosts Vote for America's National Tree

Now, for the first time, you can help choose a national symbol

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — The National Arbor Day Foundation is hosting a process that makes it possible for people to vote for America's National Tree, either by visiting the Foundation's Web site, arborday.org, or through the mail.

"America has the grandest trees on earth — the largest, the oldest, and, we think, the most beautiful," John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation, said. "It's time for the American people to select a national tree as an enduring symbol of all of our magnificent trees, and of our natural heritage."

The United States has a national emblem, the bald eagle, a national anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," a national motto, "In God We Trust," a national flower, the rose, even a national march, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

But a national tree has not yet been designated.

The voting process hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation will make it possible for Americans of all walks of life to help select the tree that will best serve as this important national symbol.

You can vote directly on the Arbor Day Foundation's Web site, arborday.org, which contains educational material on the list of tree candidates. You are invited to visit arborday.org, learn more about each broad tree type or genus, and then cast your vote.

Vote Before National Arbor Day

Online voting will take place from January 1, 2001, through midnight before National Arbor Day, the last Friday in April, April 27, 2001.

If you don't have Internet access, you can mail your vote to National Tree, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 1, 2001. Include your name and address on a 3 x 5" card and the tree of your choice. The Foundation will add these votes to those made online.

Plant Trees for America

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Join The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and you'll receive ten free flowering trees — 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Goldenraintrees, 2 Washington Hawthorns, and 2 American Redbuds, or other trees selected for your area.

You will also receive the Foundation's colorful bimonthly, *Arbor Day*, a membership card, and *The Tree Book* with tree planting and care information with your six month membership. Your six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow and come postpaid with easy planting instructions. Trees are shipped at the right time for planting in your area, Feb. through May in the spring or Oct. through mid-Dec. in the fall. **Join today, and plant your Trees for America!**

YES! Please send my 10 free flowering trees, and free French lilac. My \$10 membership contribution is enclosed.



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Friday March 23	Time	Gate	Clock/Books	Concession Supervisor	Concession	Concession	Concession
Jay Stinson Kyle Fuston	5:00	Renee Martinez	Rick/Jana Beesinger	Lucinda Smith Kim Minyard	Byron/Shelley Brock	Arturo/Tonia Fabela	
Kippi/Jana Bronc/Amy	5:45	Charolette Rhoderick	Mike/Laura Long		Ronnie/Karla Hale	Jay/Michelle Stinson	
Mari Patino Connie Simpson	6:30	Hope Patino	Dick/Kippi Coddell		Ted/Jennifer Daughtery	Fred/Mary Ramirez	
Kippi/Jennifer Scott Perkins	7:15	Mari Patino	Santos/Mary J. Garcia		Jeff/Vickie Tiffin	Stephen/Brenda Jasper	Bertha Perez
Tuesday March 27	Time	Gate	Clock/Books	Concession Supervisor	Concession	Concession	Concession
Randy/Deborah Bronc/Amy	5:00	Obelia Bullock	David/Debbie Holt	Letisia Stidham Kim Minyard	Lance/Letisia Stidham	Norbie/Tonia Garcia	
Letisia/Tonia Kippi/Jana	5:45	Liz Griffin	Arturo/Tonia Fabela		Randy/Valorie Mullin	Sloan/Deborah Grabbe	
Diana Ivory Mari Patino	6:30	Shana Strange	Ross/Meliss Estes		Bryan/Lana Burson	Fred/Mary Ramirez	Paula Montague
Ross Estes Kippi/Jennifer	7:15	Brenda Jasper	Cam/Missy Forbes		Mari Patino	Kim Minyard	Carol Braddock
Friday March 30	Time	Gate	Clock/Books	Concession Supervisor	Concession	Concession	Concession
Kyle Fuston Jay Stinson	5:00	Carlos Garcia	Randy/Valorie Mullin	Letisia Stidham Lucinda Smith	Lance/Letisia Stidham	Tammy Smith	
Letisia/Tonia Randy/Deborah	5:45	Cammie Frizzell	Bryan/Lisa Schott		Brad/Jonetta Ziegler	Eddie/Charolette Rhoderick	
Diana Ivory Connie Simpson	6:30	Ana Baeza	Wayne/Colleen Reed		Lucinda Smith	Hope Patino	Rosa Vargas
Ross Estes Scott Perkins	7:15	Becky Dunn	Mitchell/Connie Simpson		Marcos/Jamie Scarborough	Mark/Derinda Patton	

Ginner Focus on Increasing Cotton Producer Profits at 2001 Workshop

Rex Johnson of Johnson Gin in Silverton participated in the Cotton Conditioning 2001 Workshop, which focused on increasing cotton producers' profits through innovative ginning techniques. The workshop was sponsored by Samuel Jackson, Inc. and held at its factory in Lubbock.

Cotton conditioning is based on controlling the moisture of the cotton as it is processed through the gin. Moisture control includes drying the cotton thoroughly before cleaning, restoring moisture to the fiber before the gin stand, and adding moisture to the cotton just prior to bale packaging. The workshop included classes, lab exercises, guest speakers, and forum discussions, each geared toward increasing producer profits.

"The cotton conditioning techniques discussed at the workshop can have a huge impact on a producer's bottom line," said Neil Turner, Technology Manager for Samuel Jackson, Inc. He added, "The value of a cotton bale can be increased by \$25 or more by using these techniques to protect staple, increase turnout, and restore moisture weight to the cotton before it is baled. The participants of this workshop are showing their commitment to their customers by learning the latest information presented here."

The workshop had 40 registered participants from 24 gins located in nine states covering most of the Cotton Belt. "We were very pleased with the response from this workshop. The exchange of ideas helps us continue to make improvements in our products, which in turn help the gins using our products serve their growers better," said Chris Jackson, president of Samuel Jackson, Inc.

The workshop also qualifies as Continuing Education Credit (CEC) for participants of the Certified Ginner Program offered by the National Cotton Council. Mar-

tin Mehner, Chief engineer of Samuel Jackson, Incorporated, said, "We really enjoyed hosting a workshop dedicated solely to cotton conditioning. We benefitted from great feed-back and suggestions from all of the participants and they benefitted by learning about the economic impact cotton conditioning can have for both the gin and the cotton producer."

Samuel Jackson, Inc. has specialized in cotton moisture control products for cotton gins for over 50 years. The company is based in Lubbock, with a field office in Dallas.

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

The quilters last Thursday were Lallie Patton, Ann Norris, Bobbye Bean, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Sybil King and Ada Clay. The group finished Bobby's "Bear Paws."

Joe McWaters was surprised last Saturday with a birthday party. Celebrating his 90th year were his sons, Dale and Glenn, and all their families. Lucy McDaniel of Rock Creek spent the day.

Ruby Brannon was surprised Sunday on her 79th birthday. Peggy, Amy and Brannon Stewart had brought a cake on Saturday. Mary Shurbet and Travis Young of Floydada; Tessa Merriwether of Lubbock; Donnie Bowman, Joe and Vaughnell Brannon, Wade and Mary Jo Brannon came after lunch on Sunday.

I have a new great-grandson born on March 11. Ky and Amy Martin welcomed Kragen Cade about 12:00 p.m. He weighed seven pounds and two ounces, and is 20 inches long. Stan and Roma Martin are the grandparents. He has a sister, Kyleigh, and a brother, Keaton. Jerry and Joann Clayton of Grandview and Charlotte Moulder of Cleburne are great-grandparents.

Young People Show Their Project Animals at Houston

Several Briscoe County boys and girls showed their livestock projects at the Houston Livestock Show, and brought home ribbons as the reward for the good work in their feeding programs.

In the Maine-Anjou class of Junior Market Steers, Cody Ware of Lockney placed sixth. He is the grandson of Peggy Garvin of Silverton.

Monty Wood placed fifth in Class 2 of the Charolais Division.

Beau Brock placed second in Class 2 of All Other Breeds.

Clay Ware of Lockney, another grandson of Peggy Garvin, placed tenth in the Chiannias.

Caleb Francis placed 26th in Crossbred Junior Market Barrows.

Thor Patton placed 14th in Class 2, Hampshires.

True Burson was 15th in Class 3 of the Hampshires.

Dusty Burson was 13th in Class 3 in the Chester White and Other Purebreds.

Stampede Continues Toward Texas Annual Meeting

The Stampede continues toward the 40th annual meeting of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, the non-profit producer of the TEXAS Musical Drama. TPFH members and new guests with interest in supporting this Panhandle treasure are welcome to join us for an evening of fine dining, good company, Texas culture and the humor of Cactus Pryor, the evening of April 7, 2001, at the Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo.

Cactus, a renowned emcee, toastmaster, actor, writing and after-dinner speaker, has entertained some of the world's most famous people, including Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Johnson, and was a favorite emcee of Lyndon B. Johnson for many years.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Representatives of the Texas Cotton Producers organization met in Austin Monday, March 5, to discuss the status of critical legislative and regulatory issues.

The meeting, held in conjunction with the biennial "Cotton Day at the Capitol 2001" celebration, included updates on the status of key crop protection chemicals that will only be available to growers through Section 18 requests.

The Texas Department of Agriculture, in an effort to prevent the last-minute approval of products, submitted Section 18 requests earlier than usual to ensure adequate supplies of pesticides for the control of aphid and beef armywork outbreaks.

Among the chemicals being sought through the Section 18 process are Denim, Centric, Assail and Furadan.

The first product, Denim, is targeted for beet armyworm control while Assail, Centric and Furadan are targeted for use against aphids.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) boasts of a less than 50-day turnaround for Section 18 requests.

Reality, however, shows that the request for Furadan (carbofuran) has been in the department over 100 days already (submitted December 1, 2000) with discussion not scheduled to begin until sometime next week.

TDA officials have noted that the best-case scenario would be to have carbofuran available since it has proven effectiveness against aphids and to also gain approval for Centric and Assail in order to better determine their ability to be effective replacements for carbofuran in the future.

The request for Assail has been at EPA since December 20 with no final answer yet received.

Centric's Section 18 request was readied in December but not turned in after EPA assurances that a full Section 3 label would be approved for the product by March 15.

EPA has since advised the Texas Department of Agriculture that the Section 3 label for Centric would not be completed until much later and that a Section 18 request would indeed be necessary to have it available for growers. That request was turned in March 7.

TDA's Denim Section 18 request was turned in March 5.

2001 Precipitation Summary

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	2.35
Totals	2.18	5.16

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the High Plains cotton industry lost a good friend and mentor March 7 with the passing of Lee Don Anderson, 77, of Lubbock.

Over the years Anderson, who served two terms as PCG President from 1967-1969, was involved in both the production and marketing of High Plains cotton in Crosby County after his graduation from Texas Tech University in 1948. Anderson also was a banker, cotton marketer and businessman.

In the early 1960's Anderson led the effort to establish the High Plains Boll Weevil Disposal Control Program. That program, operated continuously from 1964-1996, eventually became known as one of the longest-running, successful pest control programs ever operated.

In addition to his tremendous accomplishments in the area of boll weevil control, Anderson also was a tireless promoter of High Plains cotton and traveled throughout the world touting the quality and value of the cotton produced in this region.

In recognition of his many accomplishments on behalf of Texas agriculture, Anderson was inducted into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor.

Past accomplishments included serving as a special advisor to the Texas Governor in 1969, and later to the Governor's World Trade Council, participating on numerous foreign trade teams, and being a U. S. delegate to the International Cotton Advisory Committee.

Anderson was a member and leader in many organizations, including the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, TTU Textile Advisory Committee, etc.

WEATHER

6:00 a.m. Daily March Weather Observations

	High	Low	Precip.
1	33	20	.04
2	59	31	
3	55	40	
4	62	36	.14
5	62	33	
6	69	33	
7	65	37	
8	58	37	.43
9	42	38	1.74
10	54	39	
11	57	40	
12	64	36	
13	64	36	

Total Precip in March	2.35
Normal Precip. for March	.93
Total Precip. in 2001	5.16
Normal Precip. for 2001	
To Date	2.18
Soil Temperature	46°