

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The new census figures finally have been released, and these show that Silverton lost eight people during the ten-year period from 1990 to 2000. The present census is listed at 771 while the 1990 census gave the city 779.

Many of the small towns in this area gained population, and I have to think that the jobs at the prisons have been largely responsible for holding our people here.

Check the comparison with 2000 population given first and 1990 figure given second: Happy, 647, 588, up 59; Hart, 1,198, 1,221, down 23; Kress, 826, 739, up 87; Lockney, 2,056, 2,207, down 151; Matador, 740, 790, down 50; Nazareth, 356, 293, up 63; Plainview, 22,336, 21,700, up 636; Quitaque, 432, 513, down 81; Tulia, 5,117, 4,699, up 418; Turkey, 494, 507, down 13; Amarillo, 173,627, 157,615, up 16,012; Lubbock, 199,564, 186,206, up 13,358.

The immunization clinic which had been scheduled for March 23 has been cancelled.

An effort will be made to re-schedule the clinic in April.

The long-awaited first day of spring arrived this week, and the beautiful sunshine was something I had been looking forward to for a lot of gray days.

The downsizing of the John Deere dealership on our end of the street has surely left things still and quiet, and not at all an encouraging thing for those of us who remain.

Monty Wood did well in the Tri-State Rodeo held at Canyon. He won first in the team roping (with partner Joe Baggerman of Hereford) and second in the ribbon roping.

Pat Lavy had knee replacement surgery in Lubbock March 12. She is at home now and recuperating well.

Silverton's Girl Scouts still have a few cookies left, and you may purchase some of these by calling Linda Vernon, 823-2395.

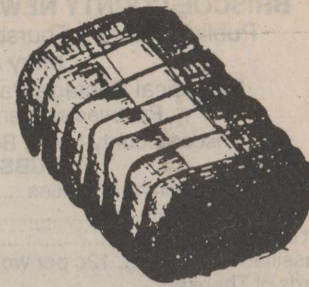
Parental consent forms for the Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use are in the mail. The survey is anonymous and students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey instrument.

The survey, which is completely voluntary, will be administered March 26 during school hours.

The parent consent forms are to be returned to the school as soon as possible.



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Lady Owl Powerlifting Team Placed Third at the State Meet! From left to right, they are Krystle Clinton, second place; Tarran Forbes, first place; Brooke Garvin, first place; Kassie Strange, fourth place.

-- Briscoe County News Photo

## BCAA To Meet Here Tonight

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, March 22) at the Showbarn in Silverton.

## One-Act Play To Be Presented Here Friday

Silverton High School will present its One-Act Play Friday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. and again that evening at 8:00 p.m.

Title of the play is "Fashion." It is a type of melodrama set in the 1850's. Everyone is invited to attend.

The South Zone One-Act Play contest will be held March 27 at Wayland Baptist University. The approximate performance time will be 4:00 p.m. Please be early. Once the doors close for performance, no one is allowed to enter.

## Junior High District Track To Be Here

The District Junior High boys and girls track meet will be held in Silverton on Saturday, April 7.

Teams that will be competing are Silverton, Adrian, Amherst, Channing, Happy, Hartley, Lazbuddie, Nazareth, Texline and Valley.

## Junior High Thinclads Run Well at Groom

Silverton's junior high Owls and Lady Owls did well in their events at the Groom Track Meet.

In addition, Caleb Francis placed second in the 1600 meter run and finished fifth in the 800 meter run in the junior varsity division.

The junior high Lady Owls won first in the 400 meter relay and first in the 1600 meter relay. Both events were run by Ktrista Hale, Kelsie Estes, Danielle Ramirez and Brittany Perkins.

Krista Hale also finished first in the 400 meters and Brittany Perkins won third in the 2400 meters.

In the seventh grade division, Thor Patton won second in the 2400 meters and sixth in the 800 meters.

George Alanis won second in the 1200 meters and 800 meters.

The 1600 meter relay team of Jesse Reynolds, Albert DeLeon, Ramon Martinez and Tanner Young earned sixth place.

In the eighth grade competition, the 1600 meter relay team won first and the 400 meter relay placed second. Both teams are run by Bert Vasquez, Beau Brock, Logan Fisher and Chance Rhoderick.

Chance won first in the 400 meters and Logan placed second in the 200 meters.

## Lady Owls Win Third Place in State Meet

Competing against schools of all sizes in Texas, the Lady Owls went into powerlifting competition at Killeen last week and emerged as the third-place state team winner.

Monica Garcia qualified for state competition, but was unable to take part.

Collinsville won 25 points, which was good for first place team. High Island scored 22 points and was the second-place winner. The Lady Owls won 21 points, which was good for a third-place finish.

Tarran Forbes won first place in her weight class: squat, 210; bench, 90; deadlift, 250; total, 540.

Brooke Garvin also won first place in her class: squat, 310; bench, 130; deadlift, 320; total, 760.

Krystal Clinton won second in her class: squat, 310; bench, 115; deadlift, 260; total, 605.

Kassie Strange placed fourth: squat, 230; bench, 100; deadlift, 250; total, 580.

Duncan Vernon and Clifton Baker will advance to their state meet at Texas Christian University on March 25.

## High School Teams Place At Groom

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls won a handful of ribbons at the Groom Track Meet recently.

The Lady Owls won second in the 400 meter relay, the 800 meter relay and the 1600 meter relay.

Running legs on both the 400 and 800 relays were Taylor Griffin, Lori Griffin, Amanda Estes and Bryn Mayfield. The 1600 relay was run by Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelcy Simpson, Kassie Strange and Bryn Mayfield.

Amanda Estes placed third in the 100 meter dash, sixth in the triple jump and third in the long jump.

Taylor Griffin won third in the triple jump.

Chelsey Cherry finished fourth in the 400 dash.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds won first in the 3200 meter run.

## Swisher Electric's Annual Meeting Set For March 29

Swisher Electric Cooperative's 61st annual membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2001 at Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a catered buffet supper, followed by the business meeting commencing at 7:15 p.m.

This year's meeting centers around "the smart choice" when it comes to electric utility deregulation. In their annual report to members, the cooperative's management explains that in the states where deregulation has been tried, it hasn't worked very well for most consumers. The cooperative's position is that the smart choice is to "wait and see" how deregulation works in the rest of Texas before committing the cooperative to an irreversible course.

Two director positions will be voted on by members. Incumbent director Jimie Reed is opposed by Bryan Bishop for position one, while incumbent Ross O'Daniel is opposed by Brad Sharp. Candidates for both positions were selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January.

Drawings for door prizes will conclude the meeting.

Brooke Garvin won fourth in the shot put.

The Owl 400 and 1600 relay teams both placed sixth. Legs on both relays were run by Andrew Francis, Red Ivory, Isaiah Ivory and Nic Vargas.

Andrew Francis won second in the 400 meter dash.

Nic Vargas won fifth in the 100 meter dash.

Clifton Baker won fifth in the shot put.

## FDA Regulation Prohibits Certain Feeds For Cattle

In 1997 the Food and Drug Administration adopted a regulation prohibiting the feeding of any ruminant derived protein (meat and bone meal) to cattle and other ruminants.

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## NOTICE

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

## CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU! I don't know how I can find the right words to thank everyone for the concern shown since my surgery.

The many cards, food, flowers, money, words of encouragement, and, most of all, the prayers, have provided the strength needed during this difficult time.

Thank you once again!  
Ruby Hester and family

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## CARDS OF THANKS

Words cannot express the deep love and appreciation that we feel to each of you who expressed sympathy through food, flowers, cards, and prayer during the illness and loss of our dear Daddy and Grandpapa. We feel so fortunate to be able to lean on such caring friends in this sad time in our lives, and we are so blessed to have such caring people in a place that we will always call home.

Thank-you so much and God bless each of you.

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I want to thank the community of Silverton for all of the acts of kindness during the illness and passing of my father, Riddell Hutsell.

Sincerely,  
Rick Hutsell

We want to thank the people of Silverton for the wonderful gestures of kindness shown to our family in the passing of our father and granddaddy, Riddell Hutsell. We appreciate everything that you have done to make us feel at home in this wonderful community. Thanks so much for everything.

God bless each of you.  
Wayne, Ellen, Adam, Eric  
and Ian Hutsell

We want to thank our loving community for the out-pouring of sympathy during the illness and passing of my husband, our brother, and uncle, Riddell Hutsell. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful food, flowers and kind words and prayer because we couldn't have gotten through this without each of you. Riddell has always called Silverton his home, and we will always be grateful for the wonderful things that each of you did to make his passing a little easier. God has blessed us with wonderful friends and family, and we thank each of you for helping us make it through this difficult time in our lives.

Walburg E. Hutsell  
Ed and Earlyne Hutsell  
and family  
Flute and Junis Hutsell  
and family  
Joedell and Tomiko Hutsell

## CARDS OF THANKS

It's great to be 90 years old and remembered by so many with birthday cards, phone calls and prayers.

Thank you,  
Joe McWaters

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Hal Rogers, Minister

**SUNDAY:**  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

**SUNDAY:**  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY**  
Mens Group.....6:30 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**  
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Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

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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.

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Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

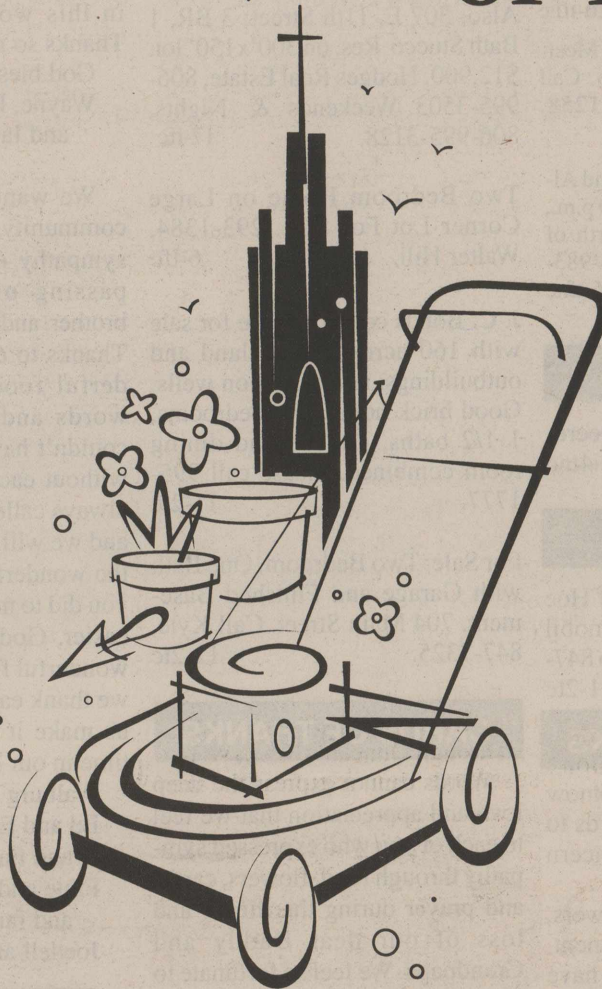
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**WEDNESDAY:**  
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

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

# It's That Time of Year



It's that time of year once again when I have to check and see if the blade on my old lawn mower needs sharpening, or more importantly, if it will even start up after the long winter. Springtime is the time of year when we have to start thinking about the many things to do outdoors: cutting the grass, fertilizing, taking care of the plants. It is also the time of year when we think about new beginnings. After a cold, snowy winter, it is refreshing to put away the winter clothes and look forward to the warmer weather. The new birth of spring is also a good time to start thinking about our relationship with our Lord, and perhaps see if our personal life needs any sprucing up. Maybe there is something in our lives that could use a little spiritual fertilizing to help it grow and flourish. God is the Great Gardener, and although He is concerned with our outside responsibilities, He is more concerned with our spiritual life.

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**Obituary**

**LINDA DALLUGE OWENS**

Funeral services for Linda Dalluge Owens, 56, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 15, at First Baptist Church in Tulia with the pastor, Rev. Charles Davenport, officiating. Burial was at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque, with arrangements directed by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Owens died at her home in Amarillo at 9:00 p.m. Monday, March 12.

She was born Linda Chandler on January 11, 1948 in Nashville, Arkansas. She was reared in Quitaque and graduated from Quitaque High School in 1963. She graduated from McBride's School of Hair Design in Plainview.

She moved to Tulia and married Richard Dalluge in 1966 and was a beauty operator there until she moved to Amarillo in January 2000. She was employed by the JCPenney Hair Salon.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Tulia.

She was preceded in death by her father, O. E. Chandler; one brother, Robert Earl Chandler, and by her husband, Richard Dalluge.

She is survived by two daughters, Charmayne Dalluge Bullock of Amarillo and Keitha Jones of Tulia; her mother, Louise Chandler of Quitaque; a sister, Barbara Chandler Scroggins of Amarillo; one granddaughter, Raven Jones of Tulia; one nephew, Jon Pigg of Quitaque; and a former husband,

**National Agriculture Week Proclaimed**

WHEREAS, the week of March 18 to 24, 2001, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, and

WHEREAS, Throughout our history people have confirmed the vast resources of our land, and

WHEREAS, Sam Houston reported to the President of the United States, "I have traveled near 500 miles across Texas, and am now enabled to judge pretty near correctly of the soil, and the resources of the Country, and I have no hesitancy in pronouncing it finest country to its extent upon the globe";

WHEREAS, T. R. Fehrenbach wrote, "Our ancestors came to Texas in search of land. And land became the basis of the Texas dream," and

WHEREAS, Davy Crockett said, "I must say as to what I have seen in Texas, it is the garden spot of the world, the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here," and

WHEREAS, The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry-Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Texas' farmers and Bart Owens of Quitaque.

The family suggested memorials be in memory of Chandler Miles Pigg, great-nephew of Linda Owens, Meningitis Foundation of America, 7155 Shadeland Station, Suite 190, Indianapolis, IN 46256-3922, 1-800-668-1129.

**Texas Agricultural Extension Service News**

Provided by Brandon McGinty, County Extension Agent-Ag

Farmers and ranchers who suffered large drought-related losses in 2000 should begin the application process now for low-interest emergency loans.

The deadline for submitting applications to the USDA's Farm Service Agency is August 20, but growers should begin the process

ranchers have made agriculture the second largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's economy, and

WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat, and

WHEREAS, The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agriculture production--including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

WHEREAS, Texas farmers and ranchers exemplify a rich tradition of producing food and fiber to meet growing global demands, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County declares this National Agriculture Week in Briscoe County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.

THEREFORE, in official recognition whereof, I, the undersigned, do hereby affix my signature the 12th day of March, 2001.

/s/ Ted Kingery,  
 Briscoe County Judge

**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.

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 may be limited on what they can do in terms of fertility. Milo, sunflowers, soybeans and sorghum hay are options for crops that require less water in some regions of the state.

**RESEARCH LAUNCHED TO CONTROL PESTS WITHOUT INSECTICIDES**

A search party has been mounted in Mexico to collect natural enemies of the cotton fleahopper. This pest causes \$35 million in annual losses to the Texas cotton industry. Researchers have found a microscopic wasp known to feed inside fleahopper eggs. Goal of the research is to produce Texas cotton without insecticides.

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Briscoe County News

**March 7, 1991**--Meeting called to plan Briscoe County's centennial birthday... Flag missing from Jack Strange residence... Tonya Gerhardt, a junior at Graham High School and granddaughter of Freeman and Jackie Tate, wins trip to Nation's Capitol... Lanita Cantwell is hostess to Southwest Extension Homemakers Club... Luke Thompson to be honored on 80th birthday... Doug Bradford selected as Fireman of the Year... High school students on the honor roll are John Cavitt, twelfth; Langdon Reagan, eleventh; Stephen Cavitt, Aimee Francis, Christy Nease, tenth; Matt Francis, Kami Martin, Christa Tucker, Ashleigh Wyatt, ninth grade...

**March 5, 1981**--Hearing to be held Wednesday on cloud seeding issue... Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hardin are parents of a daughter, Aileen Beth... Mr. and Mrs. Roger Younger are parents of a daughter, Tyra Paige... Market barrows were entered in the Houston Livestock Show by Kevin Brent Grabbe, David Gee, Roger Cantwell, Mark Patton, Russell Couch, John Segura and Walter Perkins...

**March 11, 1971**--Candidates on the school trustee election ballot are John T. Francis, Douglas C. Forbes, J. E. Patton, jr., G. W. Lee, Jarus Flowers and L. D. Griffin... Merle McMurtry will present a program on Indian crafts at the meeting of L. O. A. Junior Study Club Monday... Rev. Larry Wilson will be the new pastor of the First Baptist Church... Funeral services for Earl James Minyard were conducted Wednesday at the First Baptist church... Fred Strange has compiled a four-year history of the rainfall measurement in Silverton. These are the figures: 1967-14.13 inches; 1968-23.30 inches; 1969-24.26 inches; 1970-10.61 inches... Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary at their home Friday... "Sombremos and Sashes" was the theme of the Seventh Annual Young Homemakers and Young Farmers banquet held in the school cafeteria...

**March 23, 1963**--Early spring snows leave 2.00 inches of moisture... Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunagan observed their 60th wedding anniversary on March 17... Mrs. Dyrle Maples was honoree at a lullaby shower in the home of Mrs. Don Cornett Saturday... Hayn Kite to be new pastor of Silverton Church of Christ... T. F. & Redin of Silverton will sponsor a team in the National AAU Tournament which will be held in St. Joseph, Missouri April 2. The team will be made up of Wayland College freshman basketball players and girls chosen from several area

high schools... Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whittemore are parents of a daughter, Mary John... Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cagle were in Plainview Saturday afternoon...

**March 6, 1951**--Simpson Chevrolet Company plans new garage building... Billy Self home from Corpus Christi hospital... Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Rance Stephens, Mrs. Robert Isbell and Mrs. Lona Lawrence were supper guests in the Barney Stephens home Saturday night... C. G. McEwen was a business visitor in Amarillo Friday... Mr. and Mrs. Tom Olive visited his mother, Mrs. T. G. Olive, Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Autry and children visited relatives in Plainview Sunday... Mrs. T. R. Whiteside is spending this week in Mineral Wells...

**May 2, 1946**--Announcement was made this week by Bob Hill that he has sold the Hill Grocery Store to Hugh Nance and Chester Strickland... J. B. Norris this week purchased the Bomar Feed and Seed Store from Dick Bomar... Betty Lesley, 16, a junior in Silverton High School, died Thursday morning in the Tulia hospital from injuries received in a car wreck which occurred Wednesday night about five miles east of Quitaque. Slightly injured in the wreck were Bobby McWilliams, a senior; Joe Lynn Allard, a junior; Milton Clemmer, a junior; Bobby Bradford, a senior; Clovis Hill, a student at West Texas State, Canyon; Dorothy Bailey, a senior... Miss Polly Steele of Lubbock spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele... Mrs. Robert McJimsey and Robbie Sue are visiting in Amherst with Mrs. Lois Smithee... Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele were in Tulia last Sunday afternoon on business... Carrie Dell Watters spent the weekend with Eudean Watters at Quitque... Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards made a business trip to Plainview Monday... Bernice May is visiting his sister, Mrs. Cora Reeves, in Canyon...

**April 3, 1941**--Dick Cowart is back in the grocery business here on the same corner that housed a Cowart Grocery Store for nearly a half century... Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Hatch Anderson is still playing April Fool jokes. His Missus was trying to sleep a little late April first, and Hatch went over to the kid's bed and hollered that the kid had a tooth. I guess that there was plenty of action for a little while"... Mrs. Lem Weaver and daughters returned Thursday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson, in Kirkland.

... Mrs. Arnold Brown entertained the Jolly Stitchers Club in her home Wednesday... Mr. and Mrs. Dee McWilliams are the proud parents of a son, Jerry Dee... G. W. Lee is home from Alpine where he has been attending Sul Ross State Teachers College... Berle Fisch, Gordon Fore, Hollie Francis, Alva Jasper and Purlyn Hodges were guests in Amarillo Thursday night... Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rowell are parents of a daughter, Bonnie Juanice...

**January 14, 1930**--County hatchery is ready for operation...

Talking pictures are planned for Silverton by Palace management... Jeff Gunter had the misfortune Sunday night to lose his Whippet Motor Car to thieves. The car was in his residential garage but not locked, and a clear get-away was effected by whoever drove it off. No clue or trace has been found... R. F. Stevenson is an expert rifleman... R. M. King Grocery moves down Main Street on the W. C. Smithee lot on Main Street just south of the southwest corner of the square. The sheet iron building of Jno. Burson across the street was skidded onto the vacant lot

and remodeled for the grocery firm... The London Bridge Club met in the lovely home of Mrs. E. G. Snapka Thursday afternoon. A delightful afternoon was spent at bridge within the warm and cozy reception rooms, after which a two-course lunch was served, consisting of salad, heated grape juice, pickles, jello and cake to members of the club...

*The green rooms found in theaters were so named because the walls were often painted green to rest the eyes of actors after expo-*

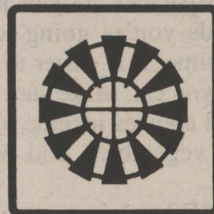
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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Presenting the first major speech of her newly begun tenure as the 27th Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman discussed the focus the Bush Administration will take toward U. S. food and fiber policy.

Veneman appeared before the attendees of the 2001 USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum in Arlington, VA.

Secretary Veneman highlighted the need for an improved safety net for the production sector that works within an open market framework.

She added government cannot force solutions and that the approach taken by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest challenging different commodity groups to come together to develop a comprehensive set of program alternatives was one that should improve the overall process.

Of note in her speech was mention of the important role pest/disease prevention and eradication programs would have in helping producers eliminate production robbing problems and increased costs.

Veneman discussed key areas for the Administration including: pursuit of an aggressive trade

policy to expand exports and open new markets; provide a strong safety net and continue toward market-based solutions; expand efforts to improve food safety and the use of new technologies; develop new regulations within a sound science framework; and work toward pro-Agriculture reforms to tax policies.

With the Administration yet to release its budget Veneman was unable to provide significant level of detail of the key points she highlighted. Also lacking was comment about potential short-term relief that might be advanced to aid producers in 2001, and on the status of publication of the final rule to trigger the release of 2000 disaster assistance payments.

In other presentations given Thursday, World Trade Organization Director-General Mike Moore and Ambassador Rita Derrick Hayes, Deputy U. S. Trade Representative to the WTO, discussed the progress that has been made and the potential for further agreements when the next round of talks begins later this year.

Opening the first day of the Forum was a panel discussion keyed around the development of new Farm legislation at the end of the current program.

Commodity specific break-out sessions were conducted Friday, with the Cotton session focusing on the outlook for the U. S. and projections for foreign production and consumption, and an overview of trends for U. S. textile trade.

Senator Robert Duncan, District 28, has introduced two agriculture related bills to the 77th Texas State Legislature, both targeted toward helping agricultural producers.

SB 717 makes technical clarifications to law governing the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

First, the bill gives the Ag Commissioner the ability to appoint advisory committees for active or proposed eradication zones. Appointed committee members would be provided the same legal immunity as is currently provided to Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board members. Appointed committees would be subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Second, SB 717 ensures that the Boll Weevil assessment lien will not be bound by changes to Chapter 9 of Texas Business and Commerce Code that take effect June 2001. The changes to Chapter 9, enacted in the 76th Legislature (1999), will add provisions for agricultural liens that would not be in accord with the original intent of the BW Assessment lien statute.

Through Duncan's bill, BW assessment lien regulations are

moved into statute and the BW assessment lien could not be treated as an agricultural lien under Chapter 9. Duncan's concern is that the lien should remain being treated as a security interest created by a seller and that the original intent of the lien statute continue to be served.

Under SB 779, Duncan crafted legislation to protect agricultural producers who have contracted an agricultural product, but do not get paid. Under current law, growers are way back in line behind other creditors but this bill creates an agricultural lien that makes a producer's contract a priority.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and Texas Farm Bureau have worked closely with Senator Duncan and his staff on these bills to ensure the needs of producers are met.

*There are approximately 100 different varieties of goldfish. One, the golden carp, can live to an age of 50 or more.*

## Decorating Home Doesn't Have To Be Expensive

Provided by Cory Payne, CEA-FCS

Decorating a home or apartment for the first time can be inexpensive with a few tips. Look at rooms featured in magazines or on the Internet to determine your style and preferences. Knowing the desired look and the budget limitations is very important, especially for those who are decorating their first homes.

Start looking for furniture in parents' or friends' attics or store-rooms to find good quality furniture that isn't being used. Garage sales, resale shops, or moving sales are also full of bargains. For each room, pick one object to be the focal point. A rug with several colors can be used to bring the room's color scheme together.

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Silverton-Caprock SWCD	823-2431	12:00-1:00 p.m.
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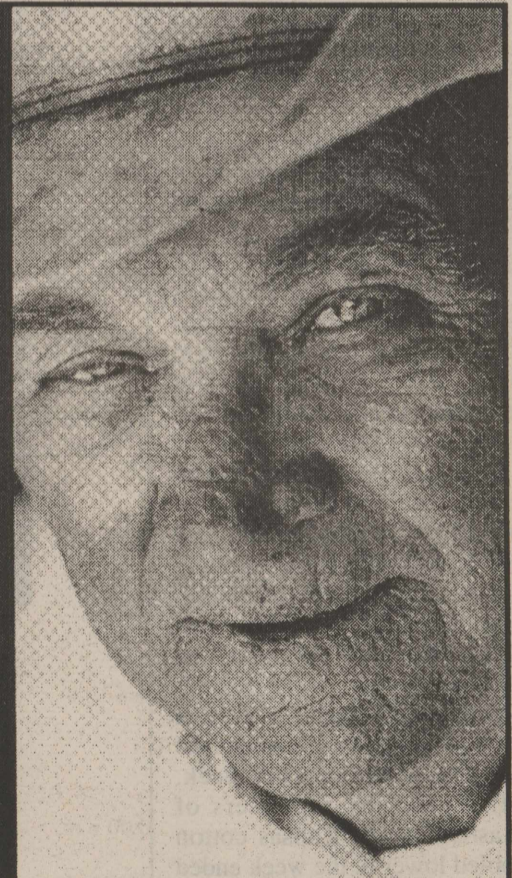
## "Don't squat with your spurs on."

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.

Eugene belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of West Texas coops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

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.

Texas electric cooperatives have been providing power to Texans since 1937. As coops, we are non-profit and member-owned. Watch for other articles to learn more about us and how we're responding to the challenge and opportunity of electric deregulation.



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# Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Buy the rumor or sell the fact? The old adage came to the minds of traders Thursday as cotton futures shrugged off the largest weekly U. S. export sales report of the season and plunged to new contract lows.

While net sales of 307,500 running bales in the week ended March 8 were a marketing-year high, some traders had optimistically anticipated a figure ranging from 400,000 to 500,000 bales. Initially, the market shot higher following the release of the report on March 15; however, trade selling and light fund selling soon drove the market to contract lows.

Throughout the week, rumors circulated among the trade that Turkey had purchased a sizable volume of U. S. cotton. Those rumors were confirmed in the weekly export report which listed Turkey as the featured buyer at 197,800 running bales. The figure is impressive, considering the country is experiencing a serious financial crisis and faces a major deadline on Wednesday when it must repay a large block of domestic debt or sell new government bonds.

Questions had arisen prior to confirmation of the sale as to whether Turkish importers would be able to obtain letters of credit to pay for their purchases. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's GSM-102 export credit guarantee program apparently helped, and Turkey has a large amount of credit guarantees available for cotton purchased this fiscal year.

A slump in upland export shipments to 145,500 bales, down 15 percent from a week earlier, may have detracted from the stunning sales jump. Although the week's shipments were lower than expected, they still exceeded the four-week average by 12 percent.

Meanwhile, sagging interest in cotton procurement permeated the spot cotton market this week. Online sales by producers of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton tumbled lower in the week ended March 15 as 5,502 bales were sold, a noticeable drop from the 13,938 bales traded the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the Internet trading system also plummeted as cotton prices ranged from 38.96 to 42.16 cents one week earlier.

Despite the fact that cotton profitability remains troubling and farm credit tight, traders are look-

ing for increased plantings this spring because of few alternative crop choices and improved moisture reserves across the U. S. Cotton Belt.

"We aren't discouraging any cotton acreage, except in Califor-

nia and Arizona, where the insurance program isn't as profitable compared to other commodities," a trader said.

While the western U. S. may see cotton acreage equal to a year ago, instead of an increase, much of that could be planted in pima cotton as upland cotton prices fall precipitously low, another analyst added.

Traders now are attempting to estimate exactly how much cotton U. S. farmers will plant. USDA is scheduled to release its prospective cotton plantings estimate on March 30. However, industry observers already are penciling in their guesses. A major cotton merchant estimates 2001-02 plantings at 16.5

million acres, an increase from the previous year when 15.5 million acres were planted.

Meanwhile, planting in South Texas has progressed under nearly ideal conditions. According to sources there, cotton planting in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has reached 75 percent. Further north, Coastal Bend producers have planted 90 percent of their anticipated acres and planting in the Upper Coastal Bend stands at 25 percent.

## Happy Anniversary-

March 25--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitfill, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis

## Happy Birthday-

March 22--Forrest Glenn Otis, Josephine Cerbantes, Amy Aguilar  
 March 23--Venita Howell, Kayla Rose McCoy  
 March 24--Chris Harrison  
 March 25--Sheila Reagan, Gary Martin, Karen Tiffin, Sunny Davis, Jeannine West  
 March 26--Lee True Burson, Amy Otis, Gordon Lowrey, Michelle Francis, Payton Estes  
 March 27--Zachary Ian Gill, Fred Minyard, Clay Schott, Marcus Hutsell, Karlie Green, Kylie Green  
 March 28--Lori House, Ginger Wadley  
 March 26--Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins



## 61st Annual Meeting

## Swisher Electric Cooperative

Thursday, March 29

Ezra Jones School Cafeteria  
 501 N.E. 4th Street, Tulia

To elect your board of directors  
 To learn the "Smart Choice"  
 Attendance and door prizes

Registration - 6:30 p.m.  
 Buffet Supper - 6:30 p.m.  
 Business meeting - 7:15 p.m.

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 Cogdell		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	

## Two-Cylinder Club To Have Antique Tractor Show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host the annual Ollie Liner Antique Tractor Show March 24-25 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Exhibits will begin arriving Friday afternoon and the show will be Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be antique tractors, antique farm machinery, stationary engines, miniature replicas and much more. Activities will include a parade of tractors each day at 2:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

Concessions will be available courtesy of the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association.

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is made up of collectors throughout the North Plains, South Plains and Rolling Plains of Texas, and a few collectors from Eastern New Mexico.



## Texas Agricultural Extension Service

EXPAND CHILD'S MIND THROUGH READING

Provided by

Cory Payne, County Extension Service-FCS

Between the covers of a book a child can discover endless possibilities. It is never too soon to begin reading to a child. Through reading, parents not only provide

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 26--Pizza, Corn, Salad, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit Cobbler

Tuesday, March 27--Turkey Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Fruit and Pudding

Wednesday, March 28--Submarine Sandwiches, Salad, Tator Tots, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, March 29--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, March 30--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookies

loving interaction for children, they also expand the child's world of learning.

Experts suggest parents should start reading to children when they are as young as a few months old. Babies can look at pictures and listen to a parent's voice. Those older than eight months can even point to pictures in a book.

Reading provides opportunities for parents to bond with their children both emotionally and physically because most young children like to sit on laps when reading. Starting at a young age also helps children develop listening skills and build their vocabulary bank. Even though they may not write or spell yet, they can recognize syllables and learn the meanings of words. By reading to children, parents can cultivate the love of reading in their young children, and provide them with a lifetime of knowledge.

## EASY WAYS TO MAKE BETTER FOOD CHOICES

It's the start of a new year and many people have resolved to lose weight. The keys to healthy weight loss include a realistic weight goal, committing to regular physical activity and a nutritious diet. One of the easiest ways for people to make healthy food choices is by planning meals and snacks. If you know what foods you're going to eat ahead of time, it is easier to control what you eat. Make sure your daily food choices include plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

The USDA advises people to follow the Food Guide Pyramid. Choose most foods from the grain products group, and the meal and beans group. Fats and sweets can be included in a healthy diet as long as they are eaten in moderation. Get into the habit of reading food labels.

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Cotton

News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has finalized its line-up for the organization's 44th Annual Meeting April 6, 2001.

The PCG meeting will be held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association's 94th Annual Meeting and Trade Show April 5-6 in Lubbock.

Featured speakers at the PCG Annual Meeting include John Maguire, Vice President of Washington Operations for the National Cotton Council, and Phillip C. Burnett, newly-announced Chief Executive Officer of The Seam.

Maguire will be discussing the changing political climate influencing important agricultural issues in Washington.

He also will update growers on the status of efforts to expand budget authority for agricultural programs and on prospects for approval of additional emergency aid to growers in 2001.

Burnett will introduce The Seam to growers and explain the role that organization hopes to play in the cotton marketing system. Burnett is a 30-year cotton industry veteran and former CEO of the National Cotton Council.

The Seam is described as a totally neutral electronic global marketplace for the buying and selling of cotton and related products. The Seam's vision is to be the comprehensive marketplace for the global textile fiber industry.

The Seam hopes to increase the profits of its users through improved transaction process efficiencies, expanded exposure to potential customers and suppliers, access to real-time market information, and guaranteed trades.

Other scheduled presentations include a President's Address from current PCG President Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg; an update on Boll Weevil Eradication activities from Woody Anderson, chairman of the TBWEF Board of Directors; and an update on research conducted by the Plains Cotton Improvement Program by Dale Swinburn, chairman of the Plains Cotton Improvement Committee.

Swinburn also will discuss a recently completed evaluation of the cotton breeding system in the United States commissioned by Cotton Incorporated. The report brings into focus the situation facing the industry in terms of yields

## 2001 Precipitation Summary

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	2.44
Totals	2.18	5.25

and what potential exists for making further advancements in both yield and quality.

Following the Annual Meeting, the PCG Board of Directors will come together for its regular quarterly meeting. The PCG Board will elect its 2001-02 officer corps as well as select the organization's 2001-02 Executive Committee.

PCG officers are elected each year. Individuals are limited to serving a maximum of two consecutive terms in each of the three elected officer positions.

The 2001 Committee for the Advancement of Cotton (CAC) fundraising campaign is gearing up and the timing is critical for growers and individuals involved in the cotton industry at every level.

The CAC is the cotton industry's political action committee. Its purpose is to help support legislators that have shown strong support for agriculture and cotton in the past and to identify those legislators willing to support agriculture in the future.

The ability to cement relationships and help retain the industry's strongest congressional allies has never been more important than it is now.

With agriculture focused on surviving another bleak marketing year, the economics of farming are once again going to have to rely heavily on the approval of additional Federal aid. That is where the CAC can and does make a tremendous difference.

## 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	
14	72	36	
15	73	38	
16	50	24	
17	51	25	
18	46	33	.09
19	40	35	
20	58	32	

Total Precip in March	2.44
Normal Precip. for March	.93
Total Precip. in 2001	5.25
Normal Precip. for 2001	
To Date	2.18
Soil Temperature	46°