

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Note to Grover: Do you have your hummingbird feeder filled up and ready to go? I saw a hummingbird checking out our feeder Saturday afternoon.

I was visiting with David Johnston last week, and he told me he had received his insurance license on Monday.

He is an agent for Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a Conesco Subsidiary. He will be working in the Lubbock area for a while, and then wherever he finds a need.

Well, folks, the bluebonnets and other wildflowers are blooming most everywhere downstate now. We should have planned to go look at them this week, but made eye appointments that spoil that for us. We will be out of the office today (Thursday) because of the appointments and will be going to the Dallas Metroplex next week. We are really going to see Molly, but any old excuse will do. We'll probably be gone from Thursday through Sunday.

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center. Members of the Assembly of God will be hosts for the luncheon.

Terry and Ann West hosted a family gathering to celebrate Easter Sunday.

Those attending were Glenn and Winnie Smith, Donnie and Sandy Perkins, Becky, Danny and Ami Dunn, Clay, Patti and Tucker Lowrance, Magan and Matt Whittington, Bronc, Amy, Butler and Forrest Otis, Brad, Jeannine and J. T. West, Brian, Christy, Brianna, Emily and Addison West, Lynn, Connie, Jeff, Sonya, Derik and Gavan Smith, Criss, Kristi and Harley Wadlow, Ruby Hester, Tobe Riddell. Glenn and Winnie were happy to have all their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present.

The day was spent visiting, eating and watching the children hunt Easter eggs. Little Addison West found the prize egg.

Please cooperative with those who built the shelter on the courthouse yard by not parking vehicles beneath the awning. This is causing the concrete to crack.

Early Out Changed

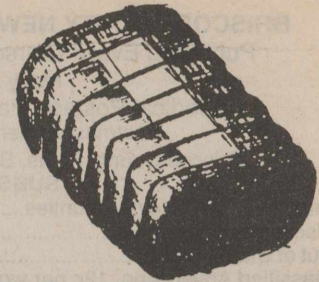
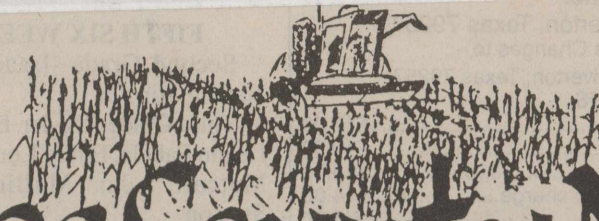
Early out for April 20 has been changed to April 17 to help accommodate the track meet on the 17th.

Please arrange your calendar so you won't be inconvenienced by this change.

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Briscoe County 4-H'ers Compete In Decision-Making Contests

The Panhandle District 4-H Consumer Decision Making contest was held Saturday, April 7, at the Texas A&M Center in Amarillo, according to Cory Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences.

Eighty-nine youth from the 21-county district competed.

Youth were given possible consumer situations and products to rate from best choice to least desirable or least economical. The products research and rated by the youth included bottled water, luggage, watches, auto insurance, on-line shopping, cameras, and laundry detergent. The contest uses critical thinking and decision-making skills. To prepare for the contest, the youth studies consumer guides, participated in a comparison shopping day in Lubbock, and

practiced making decisions about the products.

Briscoe County took two Junior (age 9-11) teams and one Senior (ages 14-19) individual to compete. All participants fared extremely well.

The first Junior team, consisting of Nichole Schott, Townlii Ziegler, Heather Tiffin and Charla Rhoderick, placed fifth high overall.

The second Junior team, consisting of Kyla Minyard, Torrey Fuston and Maria Valdez finished in eighth place.

Individual honors went to Senior Krystle Clinton, 11th; Juniors Nichole Schott, 5th; Charla Rhoderick, 13th; Maria Valdez, 16th; Torrey Fuston, 18th; Kyla Minyard, 23rd; Heather Tiffin, 25th, and Townlii Ziegler, 27th.

'Nothing But Net' Basketball Camp To Be Held Here in June

The 'Nothing But Net' Basketball Camp will be held in two sessions, June 18-22 and June 25-29, in the Silverton School Gym from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. four days a week, and until 12:00 noon on Fridays. Each session costs \$40.

The camp will be directed by Silverton coaches and former players.

Session 1 will be for incoming fourth, fifth and sixth graders. The first 40 will be accepted, and the deadline for registering is June 4.

Session 2 is for incoming seventh and eighth graders. The first

40 will be accepted, and the deadline for enrolling is June 11.

The daily schedule will include ball-handling, shooting form, passing, dribbling, mass defense, rebounding. There will be games and contests each day.

Parents and friends of campers are invited to come watch any sessions of the camp they wish, but especially on Friday for demonstrations and awards.

All campers will receive T-shirts.

Each camper is asked to bring a sack lunch, and there will be a one-hour lunch break each day.

Junior Class To Serve Enchilada Lunch April 22

Members of the SHS Junior Class will sponsor an enchilada lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 22.

The menu will include enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, drink and dessert.

Cost is \$5.50 for adults, and \$3.00 for children 10 and under.

Take-out orders will be available. For take-outs, call Linda Vernon, 823-2395 or Rosa Vargas, 823-2129 to place orders.

Your support is appreciated.

Rabies Clinic Set Here May 17

There will be a rabies clinic for your pets from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the City Hall in Silverton.

News Office To Be Closed

The newspaper office will be closed today (Thursday, April 19 for dental appointments) and again April 26-29 for a few days of vacation.

30th Bob Wills Day Set to Kick Off April 28 in Turkey

The 30th Anniversary of Bob Wills Day will be held in Turkey, Texas Saturday, April 28, with many of the events to be held at the Bob Wills Center.

Activities begin with an auto-graph party and jam session with former Texas Playboys from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. Thursday, April 26 in the old high school gym. Charge will be \$5.00 per person.

A dance from 9:00 until 12:00 midnight Friday, April 27, will be played by former Texas Playboys. Admission is \$10 per person at the Bob Wills Center.

Saturday, April 28, a pancake breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 a.m. by the Turkey/Quitaque Lions Club. This will be held at the Bob Wills Center Cafeteria, and will be all-you-can-eat. A parade through downtown Turkey will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and this will be followed by a barbecue at the Bob Wills Center at 11:00 a.m. April 28.

A fiddlers contest will be held Saturday, April 28, at noon in the auditorium center and gym. Admission is \$5.00.

The afternoon program on April 28 is free and begins at 2:30 p.m. on the old football field east of the Bob Wills Center. The program consists of all the former Texas Playboys who are present. This will be one of the largest groups ever assembled in once place. Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy award winning author.

Saturday, April 28, a dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Admission for this dance will be \$10.

A midnight breakfast will be served at 11:00 p.m. at the Bob Wills Cafeteria.

A community worship service will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the old football field adjacent to the Bob Wills Community Center.

The Bob Wills Museum will be open at the Bob Wills Center, and you are invited to visit the Bob Wills monument on the west end of Main Street. Bob Wills Foundation souvenirs will be on sale at the Center, including tapes, records, caps, T-shirts. Many artisans will exhibit their wares in an arts and crafts fair, and barbecue

and soft drinks will be available for purchase at a concession stand in the east end of the Bob Wills Center.

Youth Revival Sponsored By Rock Salt Group

A Youth Revival sponsored by the Rock Salt Youth Group will be held April 21-22 at the Rock Salt Building in Silverton.

The worship leader and speaker will be Rich Smith of Levi Ministries.

Events will begin Saturday with a pizza party at 6:00 p.m. followed by praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. There will be an ice cream fellowship at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday activities will begin at 4:00 p.m. with fun and games. Hamburgers will be served at 6:00 p.m. and praise and worship will follow at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to help in any way, call Jay or Michele Stinson at 823-2149 or 823-2140 or Rick or Jana Beesinger at 823-2046 or 823-2401. Some things needed are people to help with cooking, serving, clean-up and donations of money or food.

Few Trees Still Available at Caprock SWCD

A few trees are still available at the Caprock Soil & Water Conservation District office in Silverton. These include three one-gallon Bur Oaks at \$7.00 each.

Hardwood seedlings are available at \$1.50 each. These include Shumard Oaks, Hybrid Cottonless Cottonwoods, Honeysuckle and Catalpa.

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SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada, 1-806-983-3635. 16-tfnc

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REAL ESTATE

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TO GIVE AWAY

Puppies To Give Away: Nine Weeks Old. Two male, two female. Frances Gamble, 823-2095. 16-1tc

CARDS OF THANKS

The children of Riddell C. Hutsell would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their support and comfort during the loss of our father: Pastor Randy Mullin and Jimmy Burson, who upon such short notice, provided a beautiful church service. Also the members of the First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal the day of the funeral. A special thanks to Duane Reynolds for his caring concern during this difficult time in our lives.

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The residence of the Independent Executrix is Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas. The post office address is:

c/o William P. Smith
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 119
Silverton, Texas 79257

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 9th day of April, 2001.

Law Firm of
William P. Smith
P. O. Box 119
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By: /s/ William P. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 00792843 16-1tc

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

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

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

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

WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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

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

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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

La Iglesia de Dios De Jesus
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Armando Davalia, Pastor

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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.

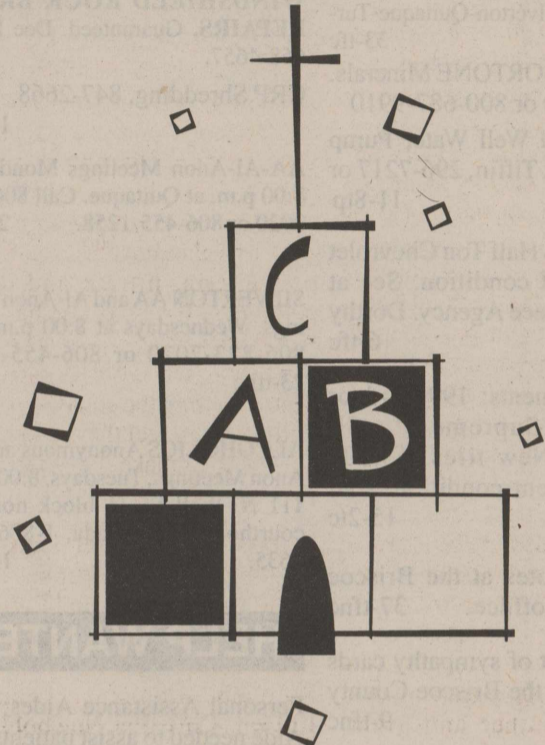
Becoming Children of God

In the Bible, our Lord speaks frequently about children and being childlike: "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14). We are also told that, "to all who receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God" (John 1:12). As adults we have a tendency to over-analyze everything and live our lives on the basis of logic. In comparison, children trust completely in their parents or guardian, and they depend on them for all of their physical and emotional needs. They don't worry or fret about what tomorrow will bring; they trust that someone will always take care of them.

We should strive to develop a loving and trusting relationship with God, and we should be confident that He has our lives in His control. We should not be overly concerned when things don't work out like we think they should; accepting God's will in our lives is part of being a child of God.

I assure you that whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.

Good News Bible Mark 10:15



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Weigh Down Workshop To Begin Another Series

The Weigh Down Workshop's *EXODUS Out of Egypt* seminar is a Christ-centered program that teaches participants to replace their devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper, more satisfying devotion to God. Participants are losing 10, 20, 50, 100, even 200 pounds, with no special foods, no pills, no exercise routines, no fat-gram counting, and no gimmicks! By learning to transfer their focus and passion for excess food over to a focus and passion for God, thousands of people are being delivered from the slavery of over-eating and dieting and are losing

weight permanently. They have discovered that God can change your heart so that you truly have no desire to eat if you are not physically hungry.

This Bible-based weight-loss seminar is open to both men and women, so please make plans to attend the free orientation that will be held Thursday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. At the orientation, you will learn more about the 12-week seminar that guides you through your weight-loss journey in the form of weekly video instruction. Each participant in the semi-

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Fifth Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, nar also receives a set of audiocassette lessons and a student guide/workbook to enhance and strengthen their home study during the week.

Come learn more about the Weigh Down Workshop's *EXODUS Out of Egypt* seminar, the program that is changing peoples' lives as well as their weight. For more information, or if you are interested but cannot attend the orientation class, please call Carolyn Lowrey at 823-2412 or 823-2255. You will be welcomed at the free orientation!

Musical Family To Return To Gem Theatre

The New Musical Grays' Stock Company will make a return appearance at the Gem Theatre in turkey on Saturday, April 28. Curtain time is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. The comedy-music-variety show is

Lindsey Mullin, Laura Scarborough

Sixth Grade--Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed

Seventh Grade--Jacob Francis, Ethan Long, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Ninth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelcy Simpson

Tenth Grade--Patricia Acevedo, Krystle Clinton, Bryn Mayfield, Galen Smith, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

Eleventh Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Kurby Garvin, Amy Maciel

Twelfth Grade--Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

sponsored by the Turkey Heritage Foundation and Gem Theatre, and is partially funded by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

The Grays are members of the Texas Touring Artists of the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Admission is \$10.00 and advance reservations and information are available at (806) 423-1273. Due to limited seating at the Gem Theatre, the purchase of advance tickets is recommended.

The New Musical Grays were organized in 1992 by Bill and Dell Gray of Floydada, not only as a tribute to the Gray family's show business legacy but also to revive reepertoire and vaudeville entertainment in the restored theatres throughout the Southwest. The Original Musical Grays toured the same territory with their tent and vaudeville shows from the mid-1920s until 1940.

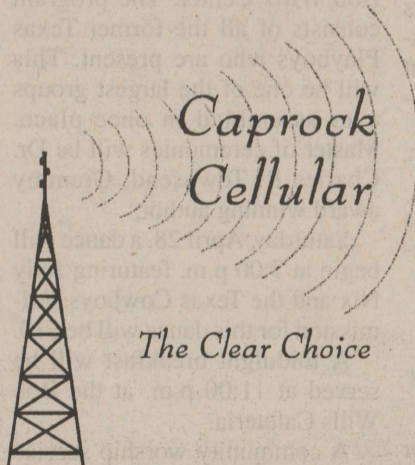
Others on the program include Washtub Jerry--the only "tub-bass" player in the field of cowboy entertainment today. He also is a rocket scientist. Also Brady Rasco, a fantastic young fiddler from Lockney; Candi Carthel, a wonderful young single who has won many awards for her singing and songwriting, and others.

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through the files of the
Briscoe County News

April 4, 1991--ISRA Roping with A, B and C divisions begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at Wood Memorial Arena and is being sponsored by the Briscoe County Activities Association . . . Cotton farmers' questions to be answered in April 11 seminar . . . Funeral services conducted for Dr. Carlos McLeod, 62, a former pastor of the First Baptist church in Silverton . . . Seven members of the Owl and Owlette track teams have qualified for competition in the State Six-Man Track Meet Saturday in Brownwood. Julie Graham will be competing in the shot put, 100 and 300 meter hurdles and high jump. Bradley Brunson will compete in the 110 meter high hurdles, 300 meter hurdles and shot put. Stephen Cavitt will be in the 100 meter dash. The Owl sprint relay team, composed of Stephen Cavitt, Lyndell Ivory, Bradley Brunson, Brian Martin and alternate, Lance Holt, also qualified for state competition . . . SHS will be represented by Kirk Couch and Stoney Hubbard in doubles, Brian West and Ashleigh Wyatt in singles at the District Tennis Tournament Monday . . . Those who will be taking part in the District Golf Tournament are Braden Towe, Lance Bradford, Josh Brooks, Kirk Couch and Ashleigh Wyatt . . . Tonnette Perkins, a computer science technology student, was named to the Texas State Technical Institute-Amarillo Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll for the winter quarter . . .

April 2, 1981--Varsity Owls win Happy Relays . . . Dani Whitfill and Eber Gill were named to the All-Star Cast at the conclusion of the UIL One-Act Play contest in Clarendon Tuesday . . . Wildcat to be drilled soon on the G. Mayfield place . . . Leon Martin is continuing to receive treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . . Silverton's Junior High Owlettes won second place at the Groom Track Meet Friday. Miami scored 88 points to take first place honors, and the Owlettes were right behind them with 84 points . . . Frank Hunt was taken to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview by the Silverton EMS Friday night . . .

April 8, 1971--John T. Francis, Doug Forbes and L. D. Griffin elected to terms on the board of trustees of the Silverton ISD . . . Jack Robertson is new Boss Lion of Silverton Lions Club . . . The Owls captured third place at the district track meet and qualified seven for regional competition. They are Marvin Self, who easily won both the shot put and discus; John Minyard, who won first in the high jump; Fineas Ivory, who won first in the long jump; David Kellum, who placed second in the

880; David Holt, who ran second in the 100; Thomas Self, who won second in the 330 intermediate hurdles . . . Silverton Judo Club won nine trophies in tournament held here. Trophies were won by Mike Cornett, Jim Alexander, first place; Jack Robertson, jr., Stan Martin, John Burson, Jay Long, second place; Tad Cornett, Augustin Fabela, Pete Juartez, third place . . . Cathy Jones initiated into Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity at Clarendon College . . .

April 13, 1961--TF&R Teens, who represented Silverton in the National AAU Tournament held in St. Joseph, Missouri, arrived here Sunday. The team is composed of Wayland College freshman and several outstanding high school senior players. They defeated Snow White of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and National Cash Register of Dayton, Ohio before losing to the Topeka Boosters of Topeka, Kansas in five overtimes. The Teens went on to defeat a men's basketball team composed of members of the press, radio and television staffs in St. Joseph in an exhibition game . . . The high-flying Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland College have brought home the National AAU Girls Basketball Championship title for the sixth year out of the nine years they have participated in the tournament. The Queens and several of the top players from other teams in the tournament will form an All-American team, coached by Harley Redin, and will play a 21-day tour of Russia . . .

April 5, 1951--Mr. and Mrs. Abner A. Dunagin celebrate golden wedding anniversary . . . City Tailor Shop sold to Kenneth Sharp by his father-in-law, V. L. Stewart . . . Those enjoying the Easter Egg hunt on the river Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Masey and boys, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self and Zobie, and Alton Riddell. They cooked dinner over an open fire and everyone enjoyed the egg hunt after lunch . . . R. C. Hutsell and son, Esdell, were business visitors in Olton Wednesday . . . Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Brooks were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks and son, Joe Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brooks, Mrs. Jim Brooks and Nancy Jane, and Joe Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace and family left Tuesday for Strathmore, California, where they will make their home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May and son, Van, and Mrs. J. H. May visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May at Gunter, Texas last week and also visited points in Arkansas . . .

May 30, 1946--Harvest was of-

ficially opened last Friday . . . Winona Francis has been presented the Pi Omega award for being the most outstanding senior girl at West Texas State College . . . Total rainfall received here so far this year is 2.07 inches. Total rainfall in 1945 was 16.28 inches . . . Gabe Garrison is seeking election to the position as commissioner from Precinct 4 . . . Installation of a new pump by the City of Silverton was completed the first of this week in order to increase the water supply to those who are being served through the city water system . . . Ruby Weast was chosen Beta Queen of 1946 by Epsilon Beta, a campus fraternity at West Texas State College . . . Ethelyn Bailey is bride of Loyd May . . . Mrs. J. T. Persons entertained with a shower in her home at Quitaque for Mrs. Loyd May . . . Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes and Shirley were in Tullia Monday on business . . . Earl and Buster Allard left Wednesday for their home in Oakland, California . . .

April 24, 1941--Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "One of the greatest publicity stunts ever staged for a rodeo was Sunday when W. E. Schott, rodeo manager, deliberately fell from a bucking,

galivanting bronc in order to break his arm and thus bring it forcefully to your attention that we will have a big rodeo here July 11 and 12. This should really go down in the annals of publicity efforts as the greatest of them all" . . . Mrs. Theron Crass was hostess to the LTD Sewing Club Tuesday. There were eight members present . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard and son spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard at their home on the RO Ranch . . . Mrs. J. S. Long is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Byrd . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Montague and daughter, Geraldine, and Mr. and Mrs. George Weast spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives in Denison and Sherman . . .

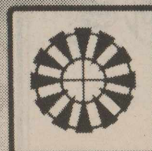
February 13, 1930--Misses Lillian and Helen Brooks and Gertrude King visited Mrs. J. H. McClendon Monday afternoon . . . Glenn McWilliams was a weekend visitor in the W. E. Lemons home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Welch visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Crow Friday evening . . . Raymond Grew visited in the Jno. Vaughan home Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Strange visited in the E. L. Stephens home in the Lakeview community Sunday . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele of Plainview were callers in the J. Lee Francis home Sunday . . . Milt Jasper had some threshing done last week . . . Earline and Hazle D. Roberson spent Sunday with Francis and Evelyn Tucker . . . Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Jeff Burson opened the doors of her lovely home to the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Breaker, as a tribute of respect and sympathy for them in the loss of their home and contents and most of all the loss of themselves from our town. Dr. and Mrs. Breaker have been in this vicinity long enough to be classed as "pioneers." Their friendship and loyalty to the people here together with all that the word pioneer implies, make them very dear to the hearts of many friends here and it would be expressing it mildly to say the community regrets to see them leave . . . Hudson Garrison, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison had a number of friends in the home Saturday afternoon for his birthday party. Present were Billie Lou Lowry, Nora Mae Thompson, Bertie Castleberry, Jean Alexander, Gladys Faye Johnson, Adell Graham, Cleo, Charline, Paschal and Hudson Garrison . . .



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Juanita Stephens Honored With Birthday Party

Juanita Stephens was honored with a belated birthday party on Saturday, April 7, in the Silverton School Cafeteria. The event began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 6:00 p.m.

The cafeteria was decorated with pastel balloons, floral bouquets and photographs. The luncheon consisted of brisket, beans, potato salad and all the trimmings. Grandson Darrell Thornton read several poems including one written by him especially for Grandmother. There was a "Memory Jar" and throughout the day memories would be pulled out and read to the group.

A large cake and punch were served to over 90 guests. Granddaughters and great-granddaughters served refreshments. As a special surprise all the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren sang "In the Garden."

Elvis was in the house as well as screaming uncontrollable ladies. Songs from "The Sound of Music" to country to Christian were sung by anyone wishing to perform.

The event was presented to a very special mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Hosts for the

Ensure Safe Drinking Water

Provided by Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag

Homeowners and other individuals can take steps to ensure the safety of their drinking water, whether they live in urban areas with municipal water systems or in rural areas with water wells or other sources. If using a public water system, contact the local water company to find out what chemicals are in the water and how it is treated. Request a copy of the results of any water tests that have been recently conducted. Contact the local health department to find out how to test your own water if it does not come from a public water system. Owners of private water wells should have their wells tested frequently, at least once a year, to make sure the water is free of bacteria, nitrate and other pollutants. If your home has lead pipes, clear the pipes after they have gone unused for a period of time by letting the cold water flow until you can feel the temperature change. This makes the water safer for cooking or drinking.

party were Margaret Thornton, Wayne and Betty Stephens and Jerry Stephens; grandchildren, Roni Thornton, Darrell Thornton, Scott Thornton, Larry B. Hood, Stephen Stephens, Jeannita Ellison, Christina Newbold and Jay Stephens and their families.

Annual Bluegrass Festival To Be Held At Flomot April 20-21-22

It is time for the Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival in Flomot, Texas. The Festival will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 20, 21 and 22, 2001 on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. The official show will begin on stage at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21. The show continues until 11:00 p.m. on both nights.

Tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$10.00 each day.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning there will be a short devotional by Nathan Mueller, pastor of Flomot Baptist Church, followed by gospel music until noon. The Sunday events are free. The main stage will be outside on the west end of the Community Center gym. In the event of bad weather, the festival will move into the gym. Spectators are asked to bring their lawn chairs for the most

comfortable seating.

Nine bands will be playing during the festival. Bands playing on both Friday and Saturday include Yellowhouse, Shortgrass, Red River, Now and Again, Pecos Valley Bluegrass, Rocky Creek and Sundown. The South Plains College Band will play on Friday only. Buddy and Tina Wright & Co. will join the fun on Saturday. But the official bands are just half of the fun. All over the festival ground will be groups playing and jamming at all hours. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. Even if you just like to listen, you are welcome to wander the grounds and listen to the various groups.

The festival is an event that the entire family can enjoy.

In addition to the music on Friday, there will be food booths and arts and crafts. On Saturday there will be a car show, a square

dancers exhibition and a barbecue added to the festival. The barbecue will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be catered by Leslie Pigg of The Sportsman at Quitaque. Tickets to the barbecue can be purchased at the gate.

The emcee will be Bill Myrick from Odessa. Bill is a long-time bluegrass personality. He played with Bill Monroe in the fifties and currently has a bluegrass radio program on an Odessa radio station. Frank Cleveland again will provide the sound from Lawn, Texas. Frank is one of the best bluegrass soundmen around.

A large group of RV'ers is expected to start arriving on Wednesday, April 18 at the RV Park in Flomot. RV parking is \$7 per night with a festival ticket purchase. Tickets are \$10.00 each day with children 12 and under admitted free. Everyone is admitted free on Sunday.

For more information, call 806-469-5278 or chase down Seab or Max Washington.

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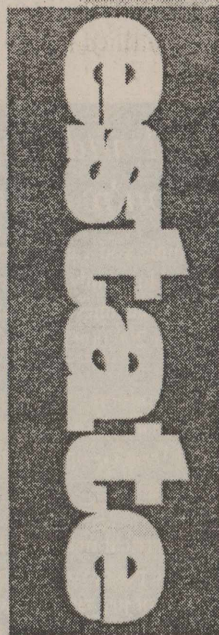
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Cotton Market weekly

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The cotton market saw more ups than downs this week as a slightly friendly 2000-01 world supply/demand estimate from USDA and diminishing tensions between the U. S. and China provided some support. Although interest waned in pre-holiday trading, huge U. S. export sales limited losses.

USDA's April alterations to 2000-01 world supply and demand project a 160,000-bale cut in ending stocks from the month before as the department placed the figure at 37.5 million bales. World production dropped by 620,000 bales and offtake fell 240,000 bales.

Weather related difficulties during the recent harvest contributed to a monthly reduction in Argentina's cotton output; however, an increase in Brazilian production partially offset the decrease. Financial concerns in India and Turkey resulted in production cuts in those countries as well as reductions in domestic use.

Changes to the U. S. statistical position were limited to a 200,000-bale cut in mill use, which produced the largest ending stocks figure since the 1988-89 season. However, USDA's 5.0 million bale U. S. ending stocks figure still was at the low end of the industry expectations. Sluggish retail demand and rising textile imports have forced some U. S. manufacturers to take spinning capacity off-line.

No alterations were made to China's supply and demand numbers, but the country still was a focus of the market. The standoff between the U. S. and China over the incident between a U. S. military surveillance plane and Chinese jets appeared to be resolved this week when China approved the return of the U. S. military personnel, though the fate of the U. S. plane, which contains top secret military equipment, is unclear.

An end to this political scuffle could open the doors to more normal trade with China and increases chances China may issue cotton import licenses. Traders say the U. S. might capture as much as 400,000 bales of the business with shipment as early as July.

"I consider this a very significant event," a trader said. "But, it's not realistic for this market to rally too much; the objective is to find a level where export business stays

good," he added.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net U. S. export sales of 2000-01 crop cotton for the week ended April 5 at 179,400 bales with 2001-02 net sales of 220,000 bales. India, Pakistan, Hong Kong and Mexico were among the largest buyers of old-crop cotton. Traders said the sales to India were a positive factor as the country usually is in competition with the U. S.

However, analysts said Turkey and Mexico have yet to ship the bulk of their commitments, and with Turkey in an economic crisis and Mexico's textile industry suffering from the U. S. economic slowdown, there is a potential for export cancellations.

The department also reported U. S. export shipments were 164,600 bales as of April 5. According to traders, shipments usually drop dramatically after the end of March, and the fact that shipments still were steadily moving along was a positive sign.

Online sales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton for the week ended April 12 were down slightly from the previous week as 6,146 bales were traded versus 6,838 the week before. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the Internet trading system ranged from 30.92 to 35.43 cents per pound compared to 34.26 to 37.37 cents per pound the previous week.

Happy Birthday-

April 19--Linda Minyard, Jeanetta Bradford, Lauren Haylee Barbo

April 20--James Jarrett, Clinton Dickerson, Tanner Wood

April 21--Lynn Smith, Julia Couch, Chase Stidham

April 22--Kymberli May, Zane Henderson, Rex Fuston

April 24--Andrew Francis, Doree Brodeen, Kimmie Blazier, Mitchell Simpson, Valda Ferguson

April 25--Melanie Copeland

Happy Anniversary-

April 19--Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fleming

April 20--Mr. and Mrs. Eric Patton

April 24--Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stephens

The first patent awarded in the North American colonies was awarded in 1641 by Massachusetts for a method of extracting salt.

Letter to the Editor

I'm sending in my payment. I don't want to miss one. I really enjoy hearing from home, even though there aren't many left that I knew. I'm about to out-live most all my old classmates from Silverton or Haylake.

Thanks anyway and please excuse the mistakes in spelling since my stroke.

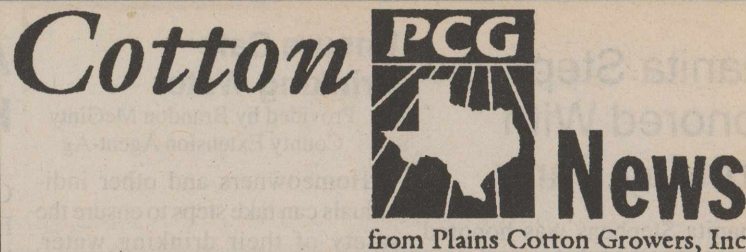
Will see you one of these days if it's the Lord's will.

Wilma Welch McElmurry

Texas Crop, Weather

Provided by Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag

Spring has sprung, and with it are growing insect numbers. Extension economist Jose Pena of Uvalde said warm weather and high humidity has caused increased insect populations in Southwest Texas. Producers are seeing a lot of insects in the larvae stage, and insects like the cotton root worm are starting to lay eggs. Pena said his area has been relatively free of insect problems for four or five years, but this year conditions are ideal for pests. Warm weather and added moisture have provided insects with more food. Southeast Texas had a few days of cold weather, but freezing temperatures didn't last long enough to significantly reduce insect populations. Black fly populations in East Texas reached a ten-year high in March.



Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. board of directors came together to select the officers to guide the organization during the 2001-02 growing season.

The PCG board re-elected Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg as the organization's 22nd President. Hopper was elected to serve his second term as President of the 45-year-old producer organization.

Also re-elected to officer positions within the organization were Mark Williams of Farwell as Vice President and Rickey Bearden of Plains as Secretary-Treasurer. PCG Bylaws limit terms of service for each officer position to two consecutive terms.

Also selected at the PCG board of directors meeting was the 2001-02 executive committee.

During the 44th PCG annual meeting, the PCG membership unanimously approved a plan developed by the board of directors to modify the composition of the executive committee.

Under the revised executive committee structure, the 25-county PCG service area was divided into three districts from which three individuals are eligible to serve on the

PCG executive committee. Those members are selected by other board members in their district and join the officer corps as members of the 2001-02 PCG executive committee.

The following is a list of the 2001-02 executive committee:

District 1: Kevin Riley, Castro Co., James Brown, Bailey Co., Dan B. Smith, Floyd Co.

District 2: Scott Harmon and Craig Heinrich, Lubbock Co., David Pearson, Lynn Co.

District 3: Mike Hughes, Dawson Co., Wesley Butchee, Gaines Co., Russell Lepard, Terry Co.

President: Ronnie Hopper, Petersburg

Vice President: Mark Williams, Farwell

Secretary-Treasurer: Rickey Bearden, Plains

Chairman: Don Langston, Lubbock

Past President: Jackie Burris, Wellman

In other activity, the PCG board of directors heard an update on the status of farm program legislation from National Cotton Council staff member Craig Brown of Memphis, Tennessee.

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Cotton  **News**
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Plains Cotton Growers has joined the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association as interveners in Southwestern Public Service Company's latest request for an increase in the fuel cost adjustment rate charged to its customers.

SPS's request was presented to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in February and seeks an increase in the rate charged to offset the cost of fuel used to generate electricity.

The SPS request, which has been amended slightly since its original submission, would also authorize the addition of a surcharge, added to customer bills, to offset the cost of fuel for the period October 2000-March 2001.

The increased fuel costs incurred by SPS during the period exceeded the previously approved fuel cost adjustment factor. SPS is prevented by law from adjusting its rates dynamically to account for changes in fuel costs. Accordingly the company must file with the PUC to recapture its fuel costs after they have been incurred.

The process also works in the other direction as SPS is also required to provide refunds, usually through billing credits to customers for those times when approved fuel cost adjustment factors exceeded the actual cost of fuel purchased by the company.

Currently SPS customers are in the process of paying two earlier

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 23--Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Brownie

Tuesday, April 24--Turkey Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Fruit & Pudding

Wednesday, April 25--Chalupa, Hot Sauce, Salad, Vegetable Stix, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, April 26--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, April 27--Chili Dog, Tater Tots, Milk, Fruit & Jello

fuel cost adjustment surcharges to offset the higher cost of fuel incurred by the company for the periods January - May 2000 and June - September 2000.

PCG's interest in the case stems from its responsibility to see that the interests of the area's irrigated producers are fully represented and that the proposed adjustments reflect as accurately as possible the actual cost of fuel incurred by SPS for the period in question.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, April 19--Regional One-Act Play at Levelland

Friday, April 20--HS Regional Academic UIL at Levelland

Saturday, April 21--State Judging Contests at A&M

Sunday, April 22--Junior Class Enchilada Lunch, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Silverton School Cafeteria

Monday, April 23--Regional Tennis Meet

Tuesday, April 24--Grades 3-8 TAAS Math; Church of Christ Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, April 25--Grades 3-8 TAAS Social Studies; Ed Ainsworth, Grades 5, 7, 8

2001 Precipitation Summary

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	3.23
April	1.49	.00
Totals	3.67	6.04

Friday, April 27--Grade 8 TAAS Science; Regional Track; Early-Out, 1:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 28--Regional Track Meet

WEATHER

6:00 a.m. Daily April Weather Observations

	High	Low	Precip.
1	60	41	
2	82	43	
3	84	49	
4	83	49	
5	89	47	
6	79	63	
7	75	45	
8	77	45	
9	85	54	
10	85	46	
11	74	44	
12	73	39	
13	70	37	
14	79	43	
16	77	45	
17	68	41	
Total Precip in April			.00
Normal Precip. for April			1.49
Total Precip. in 2001			6.04
Normal Precip. for 2001			
To Date			3.67
Soil Temperature			56°



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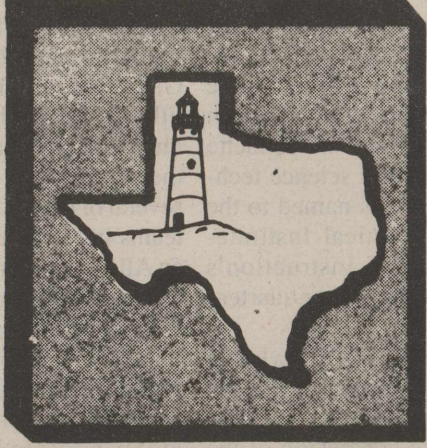
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