

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Good news! The WIC program is available for pregnant women, children up to five years, and infants who are eligible can receive free immunizations. Children up to five not eligible may still receive immunizations for a small \$20.00 fee. WIC is located at the Briscoe County Clinic every second Thursday of each month, or call 806-259-5004 and leave a message. 2t

Leo Comer returned home from the Veterans Hospital on Wednesday of last week.

Concession stand workers at the varsity football game Friday, October 6, with Amherst will be the following:

Group in charge--Bryan & Lane Burson, Cam & Missy Forbes

7:30 p.m. - First Half - Rick & Beverly Minyard, Janie Davila

Second Half - Doug & Lisa Cherry, Rhett & Sylvia Perkins

The following Thursday, October 12, the workers for the Samnorwood Junior High game will be:

Group in charge--Wayne & Colleen Reed, Ross & Melissa Estes

5:30 p.m. Lane & Paula Garvin, Harlen & Linda Vernon

I would like to thank J. T. West for letting me have one of his kittens. I know it's hard to give one of your babies away, but I promise we will be very good to her. We have been lonesome since our kitty died.

Public Notice

This is to notify the citizens of Silverton and the surrounding area that due to personnel shortages, Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service will no longer be able to guarantee 24-hour service. If you have an emergency and are in need of an ambulance you may have to rely on Quitaque or Tule Creek EMS. Silverton EMS is sorry for this inconvenience.

Volunteer Firemen To Meet Tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday, Oct. 5) at the City Hall. Supper will be served.

Fans Invited to the Pep Rallies

The Junior High Pep Rally will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday in the Owl gym.

The High School Pep Rally will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Owl gym.

Fans are invited to attend these pep rallies and help cheer the teams on to victories.



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Owls Entertain Homecoming Crowd With Big 45-0 Victory

Silverton's Owls crowned their Queen, and heard Miss and Mr. Flame and the Pep Squad Beau announced last Friday, and then came to play as they hosted the Lefors Pirates at their Homecoming game. A lot of the Owl reserves came off the bench to play alongside and in place of varsity players, fulfilling their dreams to get a few quarters toward lettering.

When Lefors kicked off to open the game, Isaiah Ivory carried the ball to the Silverton 23. Andrew Francis picked up 11 yards and Clint Ivory added a first down on the Lefors 30. Issac Garcia and Andrew Francis picked up several yards before Andrew hit Isaiah with a pass which was good for another first down on the Lefors 11. Andrew ran for a couple of yards before the Owls lost the ball via the fumble.

The defense held Lefors to minus yardage on their first play, and on the second Red Ivory intercepted a Lefors pass and scored with 6:41 remaining on the first-quarter clock. Garcia kicked the Pat, and moved the Owls into an 8-0 lead.

Adrian Ramirez kicked off and Garcia recovered the onside on the Lefors 34. Isaiah scored on the next play. Garcia kicked the PAT, and with 6:27 to be played in the first quarter, the Owls held a 16-0 lead.

Ramirez kicked off and Lefors took the short kick on their 35. They passed for a nine-yard gain, before running to the Silverton 8. Garcia made what appeared to be a touchdown-saving tackle, but the play was called back for an illegal use of hands penalty against the Pirates. On fourth down, Lefors punted to near the goal line.

Clint charged for a yard and Garcia picked up a first down on the Silverton 25. Andrew ran for seven yards and Red Ivory hit Garcia with a touchdown pass with 2:56 remaining in the first quarter. There was no Pat, and the Owls held a 22-0 lead.

Lefors took the onside kick, and Chase Comer stopped the play. On first down, Lefors moved the ball to midfield, stopped by Nick Vargas and Ramirez. Ramirez and Duncan Vernon stopped the next

play after a two-yard gain. The Owls were flagged for a face-mask violation, which gave the Pirates an automatic first down on the 26.

Garcia, Vargas and Red Ivory provided defensive leadership on the next series of plays, which culminated in a first down on the Silverton 11. Lefors received an illegal motion penalty back to the Silverton 15, and as the second quarter began, Comer recovered a Lefors fumble on the Silverton 23.

Clint rumbled for 11 yards on first down, and Isaiah ran to the Lefors 11 with 9:08 remaining before halftime. Ramirez moved the ball to the seven, after which Red passed to Ramirez for a touchdown with 8:21 remaining on the second-quarter clock. Clifton Baker carried the PAT into the endzone, and moved the Owls into a 29-0 lead.

Clint kicked off and Vernon brought down the Lefors returner. Vargas and Comer held the next play to no gain, after which the Owls received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty to give the Pirates a first down.

It took Lefors four downs to make a first down because of defense of Andrew, Red, Garcia and Vargas. Lefors passed for an 11-yard gain, stopped by Red, after which Garcia performed a quarterback sack. Comer and Garcia teamed up to stop the offense, and the ball came back to the Owls on the Silverton 10.

Vernon ran for a first down at midfield, and Monty Wood passed to Clifton Baker before Vernon carried a first down on the Silverton 16. The Owls weren't able to get the ball into the endzone on this series, and the first half ended.

Clint kicked off to open the second half, and John Arnold stopped the runback. Vargas, Andrew and other Owls completely foiled Lefors' series of plays, and the ball went over to the Owls with 7:46 still to be played in the third quarter. On the first play, Garcia ran all the way for a touchdown, kicked the PAT, and gave the Owls a 37-0 lead.

Clint kicked off and Vernon stopped the runback. The Pirates

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service is Now Facing Closure

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service is very near to having to shut its doors. Federal and State laws require that an Ambulance Service must have two certified technicians on board to respond to an emergency call. At this time SVAS has applied to the Texas Department of Health for a personnel variance which would allow SVAS to respond to emergency calls with one certified technician and one qualified driver.

Mike Lindsley, Texas Department of Health representative, stated in a public meeting Monday, September 25, 2000 that the variance would probably be granted but was not positive. Texas is the only state in the United States that still offers a variance to emergency services and will more than likely in the future discard this assistance. If SVAS is granted a variance it will cover the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will only be in effect for one year.

Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service would not need to apply for a variance if it had more personnel. SVAS is staffed by ten active certified paramedics or technicians; out of these ten volunteers, five work out of town, the other

five are faced with being able to take off from their jobs in the case of an emergency.

What would you or your family do in an emergency situation when no one responds to your call for help? Who is going to be around to take care of your injured child on that football field or playground? Can you bear to know that someone hurt at the scene of a vehicle accident is lying there for hours before emergency personnel can respond? All of these situations can be avoided if more people were willing to dedicate a few hours of their time to become a volunteer with SVAS.

Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic and being a volunteer for the community where you and your family live can be a very rewarding experience. Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service would like to invite you to become part of their organization and reap the rewards of serving your friends, family and community. For information on becoming an EMT or Paramedic, you may contact Connie Smith at 823-2317 or visit with any of the SVAS members.

Booster Club Meets Tuesdays

Silverton Booster Club meets at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays in the base-

ment of the field house. Everyone is invited to attend and review the film of the football game.

Call Rick Minyard or Barry Francis for information.



Taylor Griffin, senior candidate, was escorted by Tyler Young and crowned as Football Queen at the homecoming football game Friday night. She was presented a bouquet and the traditional helmet crown, in addition to congratulatory kisses. Briscoe County News Photo

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Puppies to give away: Mostly border collie. 847-2533. 39-2tc

CARDS OF THANKS

Thanks for your prayers and concern while I was in the hospital and since I've been home. All are appreciated very much.
Leo Comer

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, food, prayers and every act of kindness during the illness and loss of lem. We hve been, and continue to be, so touched by your love and support. We are blessed to live in such a loving community. God bless you all.
The family of Lem Weaver

Thank you for the telephone calls, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. Your concern and friendship have been appreciated very much during this time when I've been having problems.
Mary Wilkinson

In parts of rural England it was once believed by some that after the mulberry tree had sprouted its leaves there would not be another frost that year.

SERVICES

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

AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitauque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 26-tfnc

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Cross Country Team Does Well In Lubbock Meet Saturday

The Lady Owl cross country team traveled to Lubbock Saturday to compete against 344 of the area's runners.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds led the Lady Owls with a time of 14:18 in the two-mile race, setting a new personal record (PR).

Kassie Strange (15:16) was next. Bryn Mayfield came in third with a time of 15:20. Also setting a new PR was Jenny Young (15:55) and Tarran Forbes (16:16), also setting new PRs for themselves.

Kurby Garvin (16:55) and Chelsey Cherry (17:06) finished sixth and seventh for the Lady owls.

Each young lady who bettered her time did so by at least 50 seconds.

Congratulations on a job well done!

The cross country team will be going to a meet in Petersburg Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today. --Sydney Smith

In England and parts of America it is believed by some that if your nose itches you will become angry, see a stranger, kiss a fool or be in danger.

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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.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Jay Stinson, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
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Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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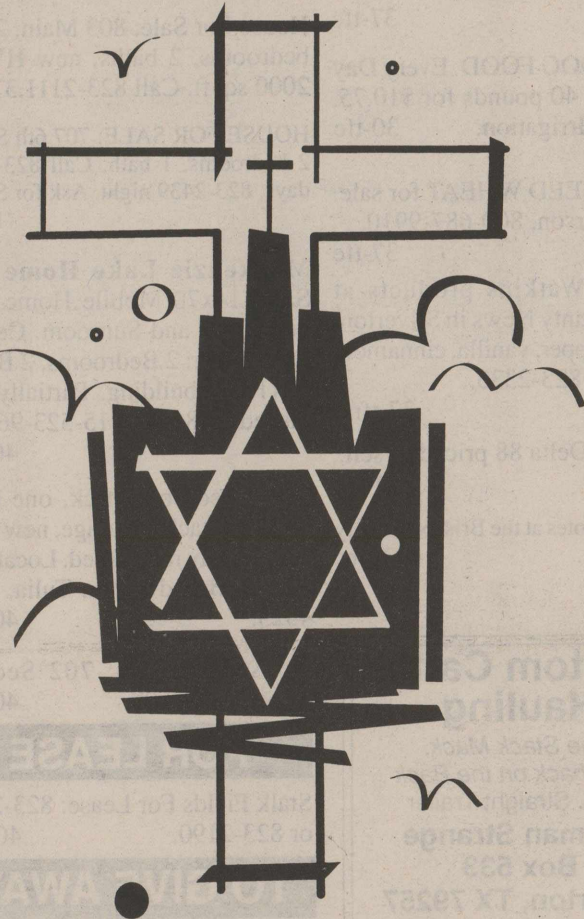
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Yom Kippur is a solemn Jewish holy day described in the Bible, in Leviticus 16. It is a day of atonement set aside for man to be in agreement with God, and a day of prayer, fasting, and repentance of sin. It is wonderful to have this special religious holiday to remind not only the Jewish faith, but everyone, that reconciliation between God and man is necessary for our happiness and salvation. However, we should keep in mind that living our lives in harmony with God is not just a once-a-year occasion; we should be mindful of God's mercy and love for us every day of our lives. God's bountiful blessings are endless and He asks so little from each of us in return. We should always keep in mind what the Bible tells us: "Know that the Lord is God! It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100:3).



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Obituaries

TENIS PESINA

Funeral services for Tanis Pesina, 82, of Plains, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 24, at Primera Iglesia Bautista with the Rev. Alejandro Ruiz, jr. officiating, assisted by the Rev. Pedro Reyes.

Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Pesina died Friday, September 22, 2000, at her residence in Plains.

She was born November 9, 1917 in San Saba County, to the late Felix Asebedo and Donaciana Robles Asebedo. She married Tiodoro Garza in October of 1934 in San Saba. He died in 1968. She moved to Plains from Floydada in 1999. She was a homemaker and member of the Woman's Missionary Union and Templo Getsemani Assembly of God.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Sandra Garza of Floydada; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Christina Guzman of Floydada, Anita and Ernesto Rocha of Plainview, Nickie and Isaias Jimenez of Plains and Mary G. and Paco Garcia of Floydada; three brothers,

VIVIAN TIFFIN

Funeral services for Vivian R. Tiffin, 85, are to be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, at the Silverton United Methodist Church. Rev. Jay Stinson, pastor, and Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Tiffin was born August 26, 1915 in Athens, Texas, and passed away October 2, 2000 in Tulia.

She was reared in the Flomot Community, and married Keyth Tiffin in 1935 at Estelline. He preceded her in death February 25, 1994. She also was preceded in death by a son, Doyle Tiffin, June 7, 1997.

She and Keyth Tiffin owned and operated a dry goods store in Silverton from 1946 until they retired in 1981. She had been a member of the Silverton United Methodist Church for over 50 years, and had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 53 years.

Survivors include two grandsons, Bruce Tiffin of Canyon and Jeff Tiffin of Silverton; a daughter-in-law, Betty Nan Tiffin of Silverton; a sister, Merle Austin of Lindale; two sisters-in-law, Gusteva Pyron of Orange and Lila Pyron of Corpus Christi; and four great-grandchildren, Hanna Tiffin

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made their best offensive gain (27 yards) of the game, with Isaiah saving a touchdown on the Silverton 23. Andrew, Garcia and Vargas were doing a good job of defense, and on fourth down Garcia performed a quarterback sack. The ball went over to the Owls on the Silverton 20.

Wood was at quarterback and handed off to Vernon who galloped 10 yards. Wood passed complete to Tyler Reed and Baker picked up the yard needed for a first down at midfield. The ball went back to the Pirates at the end of the next series.

Lefors made a first down, with Vargas saving a touchdown, then fumbled and the ball was recovered by Vargas on the Silverton 30 with 33 seconds remaining in the third quarter. As the fourth quarter opened, Vernon ran for a first down on the Lefors 20, and Baker ran for a six-yard gain. Wood passed complete to Reed, before the ball went back to the Pirates on the Lefors seven.

Lefors was unable to move the ball, and on fourth down Isaiah took the Pirate punt back to the Lefors 20.

Vernon ran for a first down on the four, after which he added a touchdown with 4:47 remaining in the game. Garcia kicked the PAT, and brought the score to 45-0, automatically ending the game under the 45-point rule.

This week the Owls host the team from Amherst, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

of Canyon, and James Tiffin, Britany Tiffin and Heather Tiffin, all of Silverton.

Memorials may be made to the Silverton United Methodist Church Elevator Fund.

Entrance Exam Friday For SPC Nursing Class

The final pre-entrance exam this fall for spring enrollment in the South Plains College associate degree nursing program is scheduled Friday, October 6.

The exam will be given 1-5 p.m. in the nursing computer lab in the Technical Arts Building on the Levelland campus. Fee is \$20.

The exam is among requirements for entrance into the spring nursing program.

Raymond Asebedo of Midland, Johnny Asebedo of Silverton and Frank Asebedo of Fort Worth; two sisters, Justa Juarez of Silverton and Josefina Cervantes of Snyder; 21 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren..

A son, Joe Lupe Garza, and a brother, Paul Asebedo, are deceased.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Hands of West Texas, P. O. Box 1118, Lockney, Texas 79241.

Local Student Helps Design Mission To Mars as an "Aerospace Scholar"

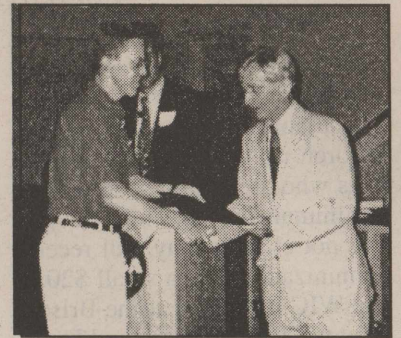
Tyler Young was one of 25 Texas high school students who spent a week at the Johnson Space Center in Houston using their math and science skills to design a human mission to Mars.

Young was nominated by Speaker of the House Pete Laney to be a part of a unique educational experience, called the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program. The program is the result of a partnership between NASA - JSC and the State of Texas to encourage students to pursue engineering options in school.

After being nominated, Young began the program with distance- and web-based learning experiences that culminated in a one-

Students successfully completing the two-year program will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree and will be eligible to take the State Board Exam (NCLEX) for registered nurse licensure.

To pre-register, contact the SPC Office of Guidance and Counseling, 894-9611, Ext. 2530.



Tyler Young and Astronaut John Young

week long visit to JSC in Houston. Young and his teammates used their imagination, coupled with math and science skills, to develop a plan for how humans will get to Mars and then learn to live and work on the planet's surface.

Their expertise came from a series of classroom sessions, field trips, hands-on projects, and assistance from JSC employee-mentors, provided them with insight into the challenges of living and working in a hostile environment.

For additional information on the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program, visit the web site at: <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/>

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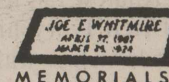
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through the files of the
Briscoe County News

September 27, 1990--Post Office asks extra help to get holiday overseas . . . Two-vehicle accident at the intersection of a county road and SH 284, one mile south of the blinking light on Highway 86 west of Silverton, Sunday night sent four people to area hospitals where two are still in serious condition . . . Services conducted for Nannie J. Bomar, 90 . . . Those attending the meeting of the Silver Star 4-H Club were Kara Kingery, Molly Bomar, Holly Nance, Zack Baldwin, Christina Stephens, Kimberly Blazier, Jeremiah Brooks, Monty Wood, Brandon Sarchet, Carrie Baird, Brandi Brunson, Sally Baldwin and County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson . . . Owls lose first game to McLean, 55-20 . . . Rob Weaks, senior center and defensive end for the owls, was injured in workout last week . . . Amy Brannon becomes Mrs. Kyle Stewart in double-ring ceremony . . . Buck Wesley honored at a party on his 84th birthday anniversary . . .

September 18, 1980--Owls defeat Ralls, 14-0; look to McLean Friday . . . Mrs. Don Garrison had the misfortune of spraining her ankle at her home Monday . . . Leo Fleming is recuperating from back surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo . . . Donnie Martin is continuing to recuperate from oral surgery . . . Sloan Grabbe dislocated his elbow in an accident Saturday . . . The descendants of John and Hattie Lou Turner are having a reunion in the Silverton School Cafeteria Sunday . . . In the Little Wranglers Rodeo, held during the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair last week, Scotty Harris won first in steers. In the Jackpot Rodeo, Shelly Harris placed second in barrel racing, and Ronald Welch was second in calf roping. Mrs. Allen Kellum won numerous first-place ribbons with her canned goods, fruit and vegetables . . . Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Coleman, jr. are parents of a daughter, Kayla . . . Cynthia Edwards participating in State Fashion Revue in Abilene this week . . .

September 10, 1970--Owls open season here with Turkey Turks . . . Owl Tri-Captains Alvin May, Terry Bomar and Bill Strange will be leading the way as SHS meets the Turkey Turks in the first game of the season . . . Post Office to close on Saturdays . . . Johnny Jowell, son of Mrs. J. E. Jowell of Silverton, was featured in an article in the Dumas newspaper recently. The paper reported that Jowell, one of eight beginning teachers this year in the Dumas Independent School System, came more than 2,000 miles (from service in Vietnam) to take the first assignment of his teaching career at Green

Acres Elementary School . . . Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McWilliams and family have moved to Lone Star, where he is the new manager of Wilson Grain Company . . . L. O. A. Study Club members met Monday for the first time in the new club year and enjoyed a salad supper. Mrs. Dean Rowell presented the new yearbooks to members. Three new members of the club were initiated in an impressive candle-lighting service directed by Mrs. John Schott. The new members are Mrs. Richard Souter, Mrs. Wayne Nance and Mrs. Stanley Fogerson . . . Weekend visitors with Mrs. Mildred Reid were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baird and Paul Ray of Alvord . . .

September 15, 1960--Jimmie House has been appointed registrar for the Childress-Hall-Briscoe-Cottle-Collingsworth county draft board in the Silverton area . . . Irrigation League's Most Valuable Player award presented to Norvell Breedlove. Two of the local girls, Joyce Brooks and Terry Lee, beautiful in their evening dresses, played their parts magnificently as they handed the president the awards and curtsied to the recipients. At the conclusion of the program, the president crowned the girls League Sweethearts . . . Bronchos buck Owls 40-0 . . . Mrs. Harvey McJimsey was honored with a pink and blue shower Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. Walter Bean. Other hostesses were Mmes. Riely Yates, Glenn Smith, Doyle Stephens, Carl Satterfield and Ted Hester . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brooks are parents of a daughter, Lynda Lee . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gill are parents of a daughter, Tracy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hardin are parents of a daughter, Linda Lea . . . Zobie Self and Sam Brown are students at Wayland Baptist College this fall . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones visited Mrs. Freda (Jonsie) Jones at the hospital in Wichita Falls Sunday. She had been there several days for treatment, but expected to return to her brother's home on Monday . . .

September 21, 1950--Funeral services held for W. K. Grimland, 74 . . . Little Pamela Marler, 3 1/2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marler, fell out of the back seat of her parents' car onto the pavement last Sunday afternoon about a mile this side of Quitaque, while her father was driving fifty miles an hour . . . Fairy Lena Morrison becomes the bride of C. L. McWilliams . . . Tom Brooks receives master of art degree from University of Texas . . . Work on a new building for First State Bank is just about completed and the arrival of the new bank fixtures is being awaited . . . Mrs. Glenn

Bunch was hostess to Circle Two members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Wednesday. Mrs. Lem Weaver was in charge of the program. The devotional was read by Mrs. Shafe Weaver . . . Flunoy Hutsell left Tuesday for Abilene where he enrolled at Hardin-Simmons University. His father and Esdell accompanied him to Abilene . . . Mrs. C. L. Wilson has accepted a job as clerk in the Nance's Food Store . . .

October 31, 1946--Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pyron and Tyler arrived last week for a visit in the home of their daughter, Mrs. K. N. Tiffin, and family . . . Mrs. Ben Garvin re-

ceived a very painful injury to the forefinger on her right hand early last Friday morning when she was washing and caught her finger in the wringer of the washing machine . . . Mrs. Bob McDaniel, Linda Beth and Wanda Sue, were Plainview visitors Saturday and Sunday . . . A number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Will Newman Sunday to honor her on her birthday . . . Mrs. Leavie Lindsey enjoyed having her children with her Monday to help celebrate her birthday . . . Mrs. Berton Hughes and son, Robert, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall in Memphis this week . . . Mrs.

M. A. Brock and son, Ralph, of Lubbock spent Sunday with their son and brother, Earl Brock, and family . . .

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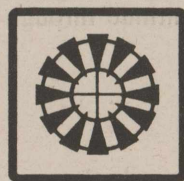
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This summer's passage of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 carried high hopes for many producers. In many cases those hopes will be quickly realized.

For some of the items included in the Bill, however, the process of implementation will no doubt include a fair amount of both starts and stops.

For the major items, such as premium subsidies and Actual Production History (APH) yield adjustments, the effects will start being realized beginning with the 2001 growing season.

For issues more complex, such as proposed APH adjustments for producers who participated in successful area-wide insect control programs like boll weevil eradication, there will be study, review, publication of proposed rules and comment periods that will have to

be worked through.

Altogether, however, many items scheduled for implementation are moving ahead quickly. One of the most crucial for many producers is the APH Yield adjustment language that would allow producers to substitute a yield equal to 60 percent of the County "T" yield in lieu of any yields recorded below that threshold.

Producers will be given a great deal of latitude in determining how to utilize the "yield plug" as it is being called and should be careful to weigh the overall effect of the substitutions.

With the maximum latitude they are expected to receive, it is advised that producers spend the extra time it takes to see what the differences will be in both potential coverage levels as well as determining potential premium cost

changes that might result.

One size will definitely not fit all in this regard and producers are encouraged to consider every possible combination before making any changes via the "yield plug."

Overall, however, it appears that the process should help may producers stabilize their APH yields that have been so adversely effected by multiple disasters.

Another quick benefit will be the implementation and use of a revised subsidy structure for all APH policies as well as the addition of identical subsidy levels for Crop Revenue Coverage policies.

The additional subsidy dollars that will be available to CRC policy-holders is expected to bring a renewed interest in the revenue product by cotton producers.

Previously CRC coverage on cotton was simply cost prohibitive and few elected to go with it.

For now the implementation process is moving ahead and many more provisions should be able to be fully enacted by 2002.

More and more the writing on the wall seems to indicate another disaster relief package will be needed to help agriculture limp its way through another year of devastating weather and economic pitfalls.

PCG President Ronnie Hopper, Vice President Mark Williams, Secretary-Treasurer Rickey Bearden and Executive Vice President Steve Verett recently spent several days in Washington, D. C. discussing the needs of producers and floating ideas about how to best target assistance where it will do the most good.

PCG representatives discussed the fact that irrigated producers, typically able to make it through dry conditions, have found themselves struggling to stay up with the demands of the crop.

Nothing has come easy for dryland producers either, as that crop has taken a much more drastic route to economic misfortune.

Dry weather during the months of July, August and September have decimated the potential of a dryland crop that was doing well until subsoil moisture accumulated earlier in the year played out.

The overall effect will be pretty similar as all producers, regardless of production practice, will struggle to find ways to pay out at the end of the growing season.

A key idea that will again be included in any disaster program will be the inclusion of harvest incentive.

Much discussion was centered around increasing the incentive to producers in a way that would add benefits while still encouraging the harvest of crops and support the industry's infrastructure, from ginning to warehousing.



Brooke Garvin and Adrian Ramirez light the Spirit Flame at the homecoming football game last Friday night. They were chosen Miss and Mr. Flame on the basis of their contributions to the spirit of the student body.

Briscoe County News Photo

Seventh Grade Owls Defeat Groom Cubs

The seventh grade football team traveled to Groom last Thursday for another gridiron battle. These young men gave an outstanding performance, defeating the Tiger Cubs 32-19.

The Owl special teams played exceptionally well led by Yance Forbes and Ramon Maartinez kick-off returns for touchdowns.

Thor Patton, Joseph Baeza and Josh Maciel made some key hits on the kick-off team. The offense was led by the great decision-making of Gid Mayfield, the great hands of Jake Francis, Jeronimo Garcia's speed for three touchdowns, and some tough blocking by Albert Deleon.

The defense stepped up their play in the second half, holding the Tigers to one touchdown. Jake Francis made many key tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Groom attempted to throw the ball in the second half but was denied with the glove-like coverage of Mayfield and Forbes. The seventh grade travels to Chillicothe today for another exciting game.

Junior High Football Schedule

Eighth Grade Owls

Oct. 12--Samnorwood	H	5:00
Oct. 19--Groom	H	5:00
Oct. 26--Hedley	T	5:00
Nov. 2--Happy	H	5:00
Nov. 9--Valley	T	5:00

Seventh Grade Owls

Oct. 5--Chillicothe	T	5:00
Oct. 12--Amherst	H	5:00
Oct. 19--Valley	T	4:00

The last president to be born a British subject was William Henry Harrison, born in 1773.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Sorry to be late with this. I never notice until I see the red circle.

I always look forward to the paper, especially "Looking Back," even though we have been gone 42 years.

I graduated in 1944 and went back in 1950 to teach school and coach until 1958. Still have a few classmates there (Ed Hutsell, Buck Hardin, J. C. Fowler, Rex Holt) and a lot of friends.

Thanks for keeping the paper going.

Bill Ellis
Dumas, Texas

Dear Editor,

Receiving a well informed newspaper from my home roots keeps me in touch of my former life. Knowing things there are well taken care of proves to me my young growing years in Briscoe County is still a beautiful dream.

Thanks, Merriman Sims



Issac Garcia, 2000 Pep Squad Beau, was pictured with the Head Cheerleader, Taylor Griffin, at the homecoming football game Friday night.

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County FSA Office Offers New Loan Program For Farmers

The Briscoe County Farm Service Agency is offering a new loan program to assist beginning farmers and ranchers unable to obtain financing from normal commercial credit service channels.

There are two programs targeted for this assistance, accord-

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mr. Tom Davey, Manager of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, will be received at the offices of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority until 6:00 p.m. 17th day. October. 2000 for the painting of the tank interior and exterior of the approximately 650,000 gallon ground storage tank entitled:

PAINTING OF TANK INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COUNTY LINE GROUND STORAGE TANK

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the offices of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, Mackenzie Reservoir, Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, Texas 79257, telephone (806) 633-4326, and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., at the above address as follows:

Cost: \$50.00 per set, NONREFUNDABLE

A Cashier's Check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

Tom Davey, Manager
Mackenzie Municipal
Water Authority 39-3tc

ing to Ross James, Ag Credit Manager for the local FSA office.

The first program is the Farm Ownership Program designed for the farmer who has farmed for more than three years but less than ten years and whose farm acreage is not more than 25 percent of the average-sized Briscoe County farm, which is around 250 acres, James said.

Under terms of this program, an applicant can apply for up to a maximum 250,000 loan by making a 10 percent down payment.

FSA would loan up to 30 percent of the loan funds at four percent interest for ten years with the remaining 60 percent of the funds coming from a commercial lender. FSA can provide up to a 95 percent guarantee if the lender requests.

The second program is the Operating Loan Program for the applicant who meets basic eligibility requirements and has operated a farm or ranch for five years or less.

The maximum loan amounts are \$200,000 for a Direct Operating Loan or \$717,000 for an Operating Guaranteed Loan.

"Farmers understand how complicated the farming situation has become and are looking at more tools to achieve financial stability," said James. "The FSA Loan Program includes regular operating loans and farm ownership loans, either direct or guaranteed to farmers."

"This time of year when many farmers are evaluating what to do next year," said James, "they may want to consider these programs in their plans if they want to expand their operation or need help in their present operation."

Information on these and other loan programs can be obtained at the Briscoe FSA Office at 410 Lone Star in Silverton or the Swisher FSA Office at 221 NW 2nd in Tulia, or by calling (806) 995-2318.

TASS to Conduct Production Survey

Staff at the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service are gearing up to perform their annual Production Practices Report survey as part of the Agricultural Resource Management Study.

The overall study is conducted as a source of reliable chemical use data for the Environmental Protection Agency as that agency proceeds with the review of existing pesticide registrations. The data collected provides actual chemical usage information to the EPA in lieu of estimated usage patterns that may or may not accurately reflect real-world situations.

Everyone asked to participate in the survey are encouraged to do

Plainview Civic Theatre To Present 'Plaza Suite' Oct. 14

Plainview Civic Theatre will present the Neil Simon Comedy "Plaza Suite" at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncey, Texas on October 14, 2000. This evening of dinner theatre will be preceded by a ribeye steak meal, catered by Nielson's Restaurant and Catering. The price for the show and dinner is \$20. Ticket outlets include First National Bank of Floydada, Nick Long Insurance Company of Floydada, and First National Bank of Lockney. Please call 983-3944 or 296-7013 for information.

Suite 719 of the Plaza Hotel in downtown New York is the scene for this three-act production. Each act is a glimpse into the lives of those who are spending the evening in this luxury hotel. "Visitor from Mamaroneck" finds Sam and Karen Nash dealing with their 23rd or 24th anniversary, and facing together their travels into the land of mid-life.

In the second act, "Visitor from Hollywood," we meet Jesse Kiplinger--a famous Hollywood producer--who tries to re-ignite his friendship with his old hometown girlfriend, Muriel Tate.

"Visitor from Forest Hills" draws us into the afternoon before the marriage of the only daughter of Roy and Norma Hubley, as they face the inevitable mishaps surrounding the big day.

"Plaza Suite" is directed by Amy Adrian and the cast includes David Huckabee, Tisa Whitfill, Kely Springer, Isaias Sigala, Denise Doucette, Ralph May, Brenda King, Jill Craig, Bill Howard, Levi Pohlmeier, Desi Pharis. Stage managers are John Lopez and Beth Voyles.

so in order that the most accurate and reliable information possible is available.

The future availability of many important agricultural chemicals could depend on the accuracy of the information collected in this survey. The ability to include realistic usage figures instead of estimated data is critical as the EPA continues to re-evaluate current crop protection products.

The TASS study will begin in October and continue through November 2000.

Web Watch

To find out how the Internet can be used to foster a small business, you can visit www.allbusiness.com

The Direct Marketing Association's consumer Web site, www.shopthenet.org offers tips on smart catalog and online shopping, and links to Web sites of favorite catalog and online retailers.



With the end of the lease agreement on Plains Cotton Growers, 4510 Englewood office location, a unique opportunity to retool and improve the facilities of the organization presented itself, right around the corner, literally.

That opportunity was the availability of a "build to suit" office location less than 200 feet away and the long-time relationship between PCG and the owners of the building, Wilkerson Properties, Inc. of Lubbock.

PCG's new address will be 4517 West Loop 289. The new office is located in the Southwest Crossing office park just south of the intersection of the Brownfield Highway (Highway 62-82) and West Loop 289.

The new offices provide the organization with a top notch facility designed and equipped to meet the technological requirements of the present and to continue taking advantage of future technological advancements.

Key to the final decision on relocating the PCG office was find-

ing a way to make the wisest use of both space and technology in order to allow PCG to keep improving its capabilities to the benefit of its producer membership.

"PCG's new office will enhance our ability to provide the best service to our membership in the most efficient, cost effective manner," notes PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "The Board of Directors and the PCG Executive Committee worked hard to make the most cost effective choice for the location of PCG's headquarters."

Verett adds that by leasing PCG office space, the organization can take advantage of the new location's unique combination of price, design and accessibility while also retaining the utmost flexibility should a different opportunity present itself in the future.

PCG's contact information will not change as the organization will continue to have the same telephone, facsimile and internet addresses. Only the physical mailing address will change to 4517 West Loop 289.

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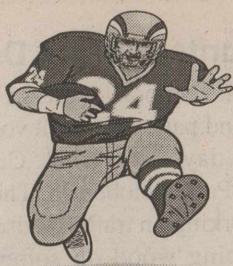
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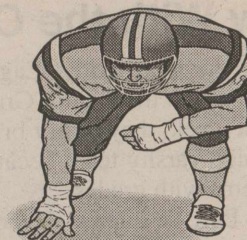
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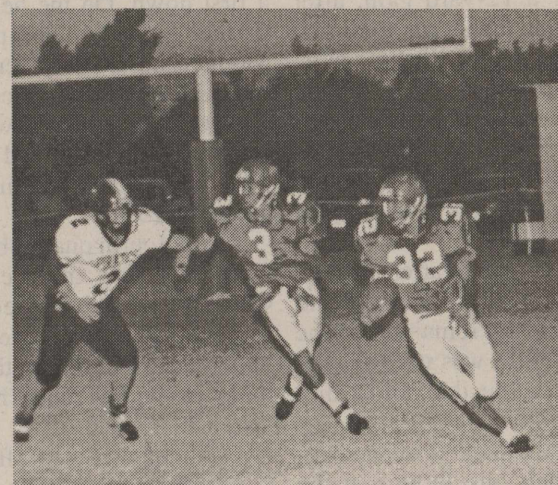
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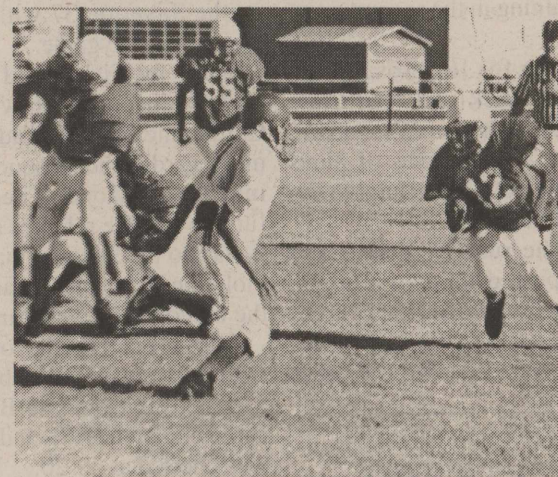
Duncan Vernon, gaining yards for the Owls.



Red Ivory, blocking for Issac Garcia



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Bert Vasquez, returning a kick.

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended September 28, 2000

The cotton market experienced minor pressure from meager weekly export sales. The U. S. Census Bureau's monthly cotton consumption report was slightly higher than expected but failed to offset pressure from the weakening technical outlook.

In August, U. S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 10.09 million bales, an increase from the upwardly revised July figure of 10.00 million, the National Cotton Council said. July consumption previously was reported at 9.94 million bales.

NCC's calculations were based on the August cotton consumption report from the U. S. Census Bureau issued on September 28. The annual figure was slightly higher than most analysts were expecting. In fact, several analysts had pegged annual mill use below 10.00 million bales as expectations ranged from 9.70 to 9.90 million bales.

The council noted that mills had taken additional downtime during the month of August, but it was not enough to affect overall cotton demand. A NCC spokesperson tied the steady rate of mill use to the resurgence in denim and apparel demand.

"Denim continues to be popular," the NCC economist commented. "Home furnishings have taken a beating lately, but apparel is making up for that and we are seeing benefits from the Caribbean Basin Initiative."

While the general perception has been that the Caribbean Basin Initiative, which takes effect on October 1, 2000, has not generated a sharp increase in mill use, the economist said it was contributing to mill activity.

"We are seeing some benefits of the initiative as mills are spinning yarn and making fabric to ship out to the Caribbean," she said.

The outlook for domestic consumption is optimistic as a sales increase in the home furnishings segment is expected ahead of the Christmas holidays and the Caribbean Basin Initiative is foreseen to have a positive effect on the textile sector for the rest of the year.

Sunshine, warming temperatures and a break from rain allowed producers to harvest throughout the Cotton Belt this week. In the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, defoliants are being applied to the crop, while harvesting is beginning in the Rolling Plains and East Texas, according to the state's agricultural extension service.

As expected, the weekly USDA crop rating as of September 24 rose one point to 35 percent in the

good to excellent category. Additionally, the condition index was near steady at 82.7 with 100 considered normal.

Traders said anecdotal reports of short-staple cotton in Mississippi and Louisiana were old news but still mildly supportive to the market. In Georgia, samples revealed discoloration from untimely moisture, and only half of the harvested cotton in Mississippi and Louisiana has been of tenderable quality. Drought is the reason for the short fibers, market observers said, while recent rain has added discoloration to cotton coming from the Southeast.

Meanwhile, export demand has been sluggish with the strong U. S. dollar discouraging overseas buyers. Europe has been slow to purchase U. S. cotton, and Asian buyers are focused on origins other than the United States. For the week ended September 21, net export sales of U. S. cotton were 88 percent lower than the previous week at just 5,400 bales. Turkey and Vietnam were featured buyers for the week.

Trading was more brisk on the spot cotton scene as 2,102 bales were sold on TELCOT in the five trading days ended September 28. The figure was considerably higher than the 519 bales sold the week before. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 44.83 to 55.16 cents per pound, versus a range of 46.00 to 54.59 cents the previous week.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 9--Ham Slice, Broccoli, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Roll, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, Oct. 10--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Wednesday, Oct. 11--Beef & Bean Burrito, Salad, Rice, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, Oct. 12--Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Oct. 13--Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread, Milk, Fruit

Happy Anniversary-

October 5--Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Drew

October 6--Mr. and Mrs. Danny Francis

October 7--Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tomlin

October 9--Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace

Silverton School Honor Roll

First Six Weeks

Second Grade--Isaac Reyna
Third Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Marchell Curry, Logan Fabela, Wendy Garcia, Emily Long, Tamra Metcalf, Molly Stinson

Fourth Grade--Tyler Garvin, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Charla Rhoderick, Reese Scarborough, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange, Townlii Ziegler

Fifth Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Calvin Daugherty, Shane Estes, Davin Fabela, Shandy Forbes, Angela Hunt, Lindsey Mullin, Michelle Ramirez, Laura Scarborough

Sixth Grade--Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins

Seventh Grade--Jacob Francis, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Tanner Young

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

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

Eleventh Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

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

Silverton School Activity Calendar

Thursday, October 5--7th Grade Owls vs. Chillicothe, there, 5:00

Friday, October 6--Amherst varsity here, 7:30; after-game party at Methodist Church

Saturday, October 7--Cross Country Meet, Petersburg, 9:00

Monday and Tuesday, October 9-10--CPR re-certification

Thursday, October 12--7th vs. Amherst, here, 5:00; 8th vs. Samnorwood, here, 6:00; JV vs. Miami, there, 7:00

Happy Birthday--

October 5--Skylar Brannon, Bryan Schott, Maria Maciel

October 6--Kaitlyn Marie Drew, Joe Kitchens, Alex Davis, Eloy Reyna, Reba Jo Garvin

October 7--Roy Mack Walker, LaQuetta Schott, Barbara Farnan, Mike Cornett, Josh Conder, Chad Davis

October 8--Conner Stafford, Jerry Baird, Joe Ramirez, Robbie Cartrite, Judy Segura, Clay Mercer, Sandra Rampley

October 10--Danny Dunn, Pauline Jarnagin, Ashleigh Wyatt

October 11--Taylor Brook Hill, Jimmie Sue Estes, Norma Birdwell, Jess Brannon, Patrick Drew

The way things are going for me, if I'd buy a pumpkin farm, they'd cancel Halloween.

Twins manager Billy Gardner

Lubbock Coop Distributes \$22.3 Million to Its Members

Extremes ranging from a record-breaking volume of cotton marketed to record downtime at its textile plants characterized fiscal year 2000 for Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA), according to reports presented during the company's 47th Annual Stockholders Meeting at its Lubbock headquarters Wednesday.

PCCA President and CEO Van May said the successes and struggles, which include a record 2,933,427 coop bales successfully handled and 100 days of downtime at the cooperative's denim operation at Littlefield accurately describe the extreme highs and lows throughout the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2000. In all, PCCA posted total net margins of \$15.6 million and distributed cash totaling \$22.3 million to its members. The cash distribution consisted of \$9.3 million in cash dividends, \$6.4 million in stock retirements and \$6.6 million in retirement of per-unit capital retains.

"Coupled with fiscal 1999's distribution, PCCA has paid almost \$63 million in cash to its member-owners in the past two years," May said. PCCA's Marketing Division had a successful season despite tasks of monumental proportions, including monitoring payment limits for all members on an entity-by-entity basis.

"The large crop coupled with an excellent performance by PCCA's marketing staff produced in excess of \$2 million in margins for this division," May said. "For those of us who have been around here awhile, the ability of this division to stay consistently profitable ranks as one of our greatest sources of pride," he added. "This year marks the twelfth straight year of profits for the Marketing Division. Let us never take that for granted."

PCCA's Pool Division reported record-breaking statistics by surpassing the previous volume record by more than 300,000 bales for its West Texas/Oklahoma pool, up 61% from the previous year. Likewise, South Texas pool deliveries exceeded the previous record by more than 310,000 bales and were up 178 percent compared to fiscal 1999.

"Taking the price advantage pool members received above the non-pool average this season multiplied by the bales in the pools equates to over \$36 million in added value to our pool members," May explained. "That number doesn't show in the financials, but is real nonetheless and represents a major reason why both pools continue to grow in popularity and size."

Despite severe droughts in Southwest Oklahoma and some Texas regions, PCCA's Warehouse

Divisions posted strong numbers for fiscal year 2000. Up 28 percent from last year, the Oklahoma Cotton Cooperative Association (OCCA) in Altus, OK totaled receipts of 203,594 bales and net margins of almost \$1.9 million, an increase of 19 percent from the previous year's earnings.

The Rolling Plains Cooperative Compress (RPCC) in Sweetwater, TX reported total receipts of 277,508 bales and net margins of more than \$2.6 million, a 138 percent increase from fiscal year 1999's margins. With a plant capacity of 310,000 bales, the year's volume enabled RPCC to efficiently utilize its facilities.

"Margins in excess of \$9 per bale at both locations this year are the result of excellent management in both operations combined with the loyal support of coop gins in those territories," May said.

Reduced production at the cooperative's American Cotton Growers (ACG) denim mill resulted from a decline in demand and a 15 to 20 percent excess capacity of denim production in North America which sent denim prices spiraling downward. Meanwhile, major transitions were occurring at ACG's major customer, Levi Strauss & Co. (LS&CO).

PCCA's fabric sales team launched a major initiative to seek and secure key, new denim customers even before fiscal 2000 began while maintaining LS&C as a major customer. Among the new customers are Old Navy, one of the fastest growing retail apparel companies in the world, and the VF Corporation whose products include Wrangler, Lee, Rustler and Rider.

"The transition of our ACG denim operation from a one-product, one-customer enterprise to a multi-product, market-driver supplier took its expected toll," May noted. "After 16 months of this transition we are just beginning to feel success in that effort as we are now sold out of denim for the next six months," he said.

Meanwhile, Mission Valley Fabrics (MVF) in New Braunfels, felt pressure from the flood of imports in the yard-dyed fabric arena, primarily Asian competition. PCCA worked throughout the year to ensure passage of the Caribbean Basin Initiative in congress to ensure MVF and other U. S. textile operations are competitive. A review of PCCA's recently announced joint venture to launch a business-to-business electronic trading company for cotton and cotton-related products concluded May's report.

"This should improve PCCA members' profits and access to buyers," he stated. In addition to PCCA, the joint venture includes Allenberg Cotton Co.

Silverton Rainfall Report For Year 2000

	2000	Yearly Average
January	.16	.65
February	.00	.60
March	2.52	.93
April	2.39	1.49
May	.80	3.11
June	9.10	3.78
July	.46	2.39
August	.00	2.64
September	.01	2.49
Totals	15.44	18.08

Garner Garrison Receives Award

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. recently named Garner Garrison of Ulysses, Kansas, Livestock Products Specialist of the Year. The award honors the Pioneer livestock products specialist who effectively communicates the nutritional sales and services, demonstrates outstanding training and coaching skills supporting livestock production and develops relationships with business influencers and producers.

Garrison, a livestock products specialist with the company's Southern Plains sales area, has worked with commercial feed

yards to provide valuable product information and promote the use of high oil corn, high corn starch products, high moisture corn and high moisture corn inoculant.

"Garner works with a number of commercial beef cattle and hog feeding enterprises with very unique needs," says Joe Ortner, Southern Plains field sales manager. "Garner is good at recognizing these individual needs and finding solutions to different livestock challenges. In fact, he has developed relationships to the point today that commercial feed yards now depend on him for his product recommendations.

Commercial feed yard managers who know Garner will acknowledge his positive influence on the industry."

Garrison has worked for Pioneer for 16 years as a microbial products specialist in Texas and Oklahoma and as a livestock products specialist in Kansas. He is a member of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, Kansas Livestock Association, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the Colorado Livestock Association.

Garrison was reared on a livestock and grain farm in Silverton, Texas. He is a graduate of Tarleton

State University in Stephenville, Texas. While at Tarleton, he was a member of the livestock judging team and received the TSU Award, one of the university's highest honors. Garrison and his wife, Dorcas, have four children, Cart, Cole, Christa, Kina and one granddaughter, Anna Camille. His mother, Bessie, continues to live in Silverton.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., a DuPont business, is the world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics to farmers worldwide, with headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Eighth Grade Owls Fight To 20-20 Draw With the Chillicothe Eagles

When the Chillicothe Eagles came to call on the Eighth Grade Owls last week, they didn't bring their Junior Varsity team because of problems with grades.

When Bert Vasquez kicked off, Chillicothe controlled the ball and Vasquez stopped the runback at the Eagle 36. Defense by Vasquez, Beau Brock, Joe Olivas and other Owls held, and the ball came to the Owls on downs.

Max Comer passed complete to Brock for a 12-yard gain, after which Logan Fisher ran for a first down on the Chillicothe seven. Comer passed to Chance Rhoderick for a touchdown on the next play. Fisher carried the PAT, and with 39 seconds remaining in the first quarter, the Owls moved into a 7-0 lead.

As the second quarter opened, the Eagles charged downfield and scored with 5:14 remaining in the first half. There was no PAT, and the Owls continued to hold a slim 7-6 lead.

Chillicothe kicked off and recovered their onside kick at the Silverton 37. The defense led by Comer and Vasquez held, and the ball came back to the Owls with 3:23 remaining in the second quarter.

Fisher ran for 10 yards, but after a quarterback sack, the Owls were unable to make a first down. Chillicothe's next series of plays was abbreviated by a fumble recovery by the Owls.

This time runs by Fisher and Vasquez picked up a first down, and Vasquez scored with 23 ticks remaining on the first-half clock. There was no PAT, and the Owls

moved ahead 13-6.

Vasquez kicked off again, the runback stopped by Olivas and Comer, and on first down Fisher tipped a Chillicothe pass up in the air and caught it as it came back down with three seconds remaining before halftime.

Chillicothe kicked off to open the second half, and Fisher made the runback. He also added a seven-yard run and Vasquez moved the ball to the Eagle 38 for a first down. On the next series, Comer passed complete to Vasquez, but the ball went over to the Eagles on the Chillicothe 24.

The Eagles scored with 1:01 remaining in the third quarter. They kicked the PAT, and moved ahead 14-13.

As the fourth quarter began, an Owl pass was intercepted by Chillicothe and carried to the Silverton 23. The Eagles scored with 4:22 remaining in the game, there was no PAT, and Chillicothe held a 20-13 lead.

Chillicothe kicked off and recovered their onside on the Silverton 35. The defense was led by Brock, Fisher and Rhoderick, and the ball went over on downs on the Silverton 37 with 2:43 remaining in the game.

Runs by Fisher and Vasquez picked up a first down on the Chillicothe 25, Fisher added eight more yards, and Vasquez carried into the endzone. There was a fumble and the referees ruled that it was no touchdown, that an Owl violation had occurred, and placed the ball on the seven-yard line.

Vasquez carried the touchdown with 1:54 remaining to be played. A pass from Comer to Brock was complete for the PAT, and the score was knotted at 20-20.

After the kickoff, the Eagles made another charge at the Owls, losing the ball on a fumble near midfield with 44 seconds remaining on the clock.

Comer passed to Brock for a first down on the 21, and Vasquez added another first down with 13 seconds remaining. The Owls carried the ball into the endzone and lost the ball on a fumble. The referees ruled that there was no touchdown, and the game ended with the 20-20 score.

The Eighth Grade and Junior Varsity Owls are idle this afternoon, and the Seventh Grade will play at Chillicothe at 5:00 p.m. after beating Groom there last Thursday afternoon.

Quitaque Quest

Bring your mountain bike and enter the NORBA-sanctioned race held in the scenic canyons of Caprock Canyons State Park. Twelve, 18 and 24-mile races are designed to challenge all levels of mountain bike riders. \$1,000 cash and merchandise prizes. Starts at 11 a.m. October 22.



Perry Thomas was recognized for 61 years in the boot-making business at the eleventh annual Boot and Saddlemakers Roundup in Brownwood September 29-30. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Perry Thomas Honored By Boot and Saddlemakers

Perry and Estelle Thomas and Becky Woods attended the eleventh annual Boot and Saddlemakers Roundup in Brownwood, Texas September 29-30. Over 250 boot and saddlemakers and 75 vendors of supplies from all over the United States attended the two-day trade show and swap meet.

A banquet was held Saturday evening and Thomas was surprised by being recognized for his 61 years in the boot-making business. He had been nominated for the award by Jim Blain Kennedy of Panhandle Leather Company in Amarillo and Doug McKellar, saddlemaker, Mineral Wells.

Thomas' business is the oldest in Silverton, having been operated continuously except during wartime and in recent times when the owner has undergone various surgeries and joint replacements. His wife, son, daughter and granddaughters have at times assisted in the operation of the City Shoe Shop when it was located in downtown Silverton and since it has been operated at his home.

Thomas' pastime is HAM radio, and he has assisted in emergency communications at various times in the past when his community or other communities have had no other contact with the outside world due to disasters.

Caprock Legacy

Entrance fee at Caprock Canyons State Park October 21 and 22 will be waived for the weekend (that means it's free!) Saturday will be filled with fun things to do, including guided hikes, birding, an archeology discussion, and a history talk. The South Plains Wildlife Rehab. Center will have several birds of prey there for you to see, too. Call ahead for the sched-

If men today, speaking of those, would see the treasure given to them by God, may see that a wife is the most valuable gift they have. For it is written: Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart!! It is sin!! and a disgrace to our loved ones. We should always be happy with what we have. One Lord, one husband, one wife, and/or one doctrine. . . If you're not married, stay away from what another paid a price!! So when we do, we will have (one) Christ. Praise God!! God loves you.

Pastor: Armando Davalia

Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Nina Martin

The Quilters last Thursday were Ruby McWaters, Ada Clay, Olet Warren, Sybil King, Nadyne Childress, Ann Norris, Juanita Howard, Bobbye Bean, Lallie Patton, Laverne Stephens and Nina Martin.

Nina brought the almost-pieced top for the fundraiser quilt and everyone approved.

Lallie had the misfortune of falling at the Post Office. She had to have stitched on her thumb. She is sore but doing okay.

The group voted Bobbye Bean as reporter sub for Nina when she is gone.

Games for when we are older (off the internet):

1. Sag, you're it
2. Pin the toupee on the bald guy
3. Kick the bucket
4. Red Rover, Red Rover, the nurse says bend over
5. Doc, Doc, goose
6. 20 questions shouted in your ear
7. Spin the bottle of Mylanta
8. Musical recliners

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Volunteer Work Day

Join Caprock Partners Foundation and park staff for a volunteer work day at Caprock Canyons State Park October 28. They will be working on trails, landscaping, replacing wood on some small bridges and working on other much-needed projects. This is your chance to help. It will be a day filled with work and camaraderie. If you are coming to volunteer, call ahead and they will hold a campsite. Meet at 9:00 a.m. and work begin about 9:30 a.m.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to call of its directors, a special meeting of the shareholders of First National Bank of Omaha will be held at its banking house at One First National Center in the City of Omaha, State of Nebraska, on Friday, October 13, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. to consider and determine by vote whether an agreement to merge the bank and First State Bank located in the City of Silverton, State of Texas under the provisions of the laws of the United States, shall be ratified and confirmed, and to vote upon any other matters incidental to the proposed merger of the two institutions. A copy of the agreement, approved by a majority of the directors of each of the two institutions, providing for the merger, is on file at the institution and may be inspected during business hours.

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