

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Well, now; let's get this rather unpleasant task out of the way first. You know that our overhead is rising along with that of everyone else who is in business these days. The fuel-cost adjustments and postal increases cause us to need additional income to be able to withstand these pressures.

On January 25, the price of subscriptions to the Briscoe County News will increase. Instead of \$15.50 for subscriptions in Briscoe and adjoining counties, the price will go up to \$17.00, which will be close to 35c an issue. The cost of subscriptions elsewhere in Texas will advance from \$16.50 to \$18.00, and the subscriptions mailed elsewhere will go up from \$17.50 to \$19.00.

The per-copy price in the newspaper box will remain 50c.

This will be the first increase in subscription price since 1995.

Kayla Coleman of Samnorwood is a student at Clarendon College, and was named to the Dean's Honor List for having a GPA of 3.6 or better. She is the granddaughter of LaRue and Beefy Garvin and is the great-granddaughter of Valeria Weaver.

Due to an oversight, the name of Diamond Williams was omitted from the Christmas Greeting Page. Her donation was received, but was misplaced for a short time, causing the omission.

Both Brandon and Jordan Sarchet were named to Dean's Lists for the fall semester at Texas Tech University. Brandon is a candidate for graduation in May. The boys are grandsons of Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet of Silverton and Johnnie Rogers of Quitaque.

They and Will Hester enjoyed a couple of days of skiing at Ruidoso before Christmas.

The Silverton Girl Scout troops will be selling cookies Saturday, January 13 through Saturday, January 20. If you are interested in more information or want to place an order for cookies, call 823-2395. The girls will use the money earned in this fund-raiser to finance projects throughout the year. They greatly appreciate the support of the community.

Cy Comer received his degree at Texas Tech at the end of the fall semester. He began his college work at Wayland Baptist University and transferred to Tech after a couple of years. He is a member of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, having taken his basic training in San Diego, California.

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Briscoe County News

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A checker tournament was held in the class of Mrs. Tina Nance last week during the bad weather. Brooks Brock won the tournament and the right to play Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner for the grand championship Monday of this week. Marchell Curry placed second, Skyler Beesinger was third and Logan Fabela won fourth place in the class.
Briscoe County News Photo

Youth Drama To Be Presented at First Baptist Church January 14

Like many of you who believe in Christ, at First Baptist Church members believe that Jesus Christ is alive, and He is not far from them.

The Youth Group at First Baptist Church is offering a precious gift to the community. They want you to go beyond simply being told that God is real and that He loves you. They want you to experience the real God, and his real love.

Please come to see the drama, "Silent Jesus," just after the six o'clock evening service on January 14. The drama is perfect for the community to see how Christians believe that Jesus is at work in their lives. It doesn't matter if you have never set foot in a church, are a non-attending member, or are at church every time the doors are open. First Baptist Youth welcome you to see Jesus in action.

Weigh Down Seminars Continue

As you consider goals for 2001, is weight loss or Bible study one of them? It is possible to combine them in a Christ-centered weight loss seminar that has been featured on such shows as 20/20 and Larry King Live.

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 sla-

very of overeating 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.

The 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, January 11, 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 the weight loss journey in the form of weekly video instruction. Each participant in the seminar also receives a set of audiocassette lessons and a student guide/workbook to enhance and strengthen their home study dur-

JV Lady Owls Win One, Lose One In Lazbuddie Tournament Last Week

College Information Hotline Available

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC), the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) have announced its 16th annual toll-free College Information Hotline (877-782-7322). Hotline 2001 will be available January 13 and 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time). The College Information Hotline, which is the largest project of its type in the nation, provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and their families.

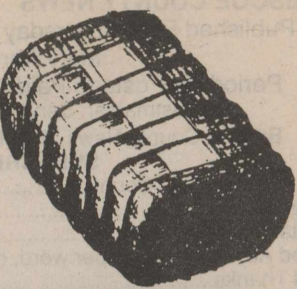
The College Information Hotline is available to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities, or special programs. Callers also may request information from specific colleges and universities or information about any college in the United States. Spanish-speaking counselors and admission representatives from more than 25 public and private colleges and universities in Texas will be on duty.

In previous years, callers have predominantly been high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests are beginning to come from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or have never attended, and veterans with questions about their benefits. In 2000, volunteers handled approximately 600 college admission and financial-aid related calls.

TACAC and TASFAA would like to thank the Loan Star Group, The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation and Wells Fargo for their support in serving the students of Texas.

ing the week.

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 information, please call Carolyn Lowrey, 823-2412 or 823-2255.



Silverton's Junior Varsity Lady Owls received a bye, won one game and lost one game in the Lazbuddie Tournament last week.

They opened the action by losing a close game to Farwell before taking a big victory over Spade.

Kurby Garvin led the offense for the Lady Owls by scoring 14 points against Farwell. Lori Griffin was right behind her with 12 points to her credit. Also scoring were Kelcy Simpson, six, and Kassie Strange, five points.

Lady Owls JV	2	12	22	37
Farwell	10	28	34	42

In their final game of the tournament, the Lady Owls whipped Spade 55-22, taking control early in the match and building it throughout the game.

Lori Griffin had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a big 20-point effort. Kassie Strange also scored well, getting 16. Kurby Garvin hit a three-pointer and enough more points to total 10. Also scoring was Kelcy Simpson, nine.

Lady Owls JV	13	30	44	55
Spade	4	8	13	22

Cotton Conference Slated January 23

The Caprock Cotton Conference is scheduled for January 23, 2001 at the Plains Baptist Assembly between Ralls and Floydada. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Three CEU's will be given this year, one in Integrated Pest Management and two in General. The cost of the conference is \$25.00 (they will accept pre-registration until January 12, and after this date a \$10 late fee will be collected). This will include lunch, a conference cap and program materials.

The program will start at 8:00 a.m. with topics on Marketing Outlook, Crop Insurance Program, State Wide Water Management Guidelines, Economics on Energy Comparison, Update on Plains Cotton Growers Association, No Till Cotton Management, 2000 Insect Recap, What To Expect from Boll Weevil Eradication and Varieties and Harvest Aids. The conference will be over at about 3:30 p.m. Registration information is available from the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices.

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Thank you so much for all the kindness you showed to Mother through these past months. All the letters, cards, phone calls and visits brightened her spirits daily.

The food you brought to the church and all the kind words you expressed certainly honored her spirit of giving. She loved to call Silverton home and she loved all of you.

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

The Family of
Jo Mallow Hamilton
Sandra Rampley and Family
Becky Brown and Family

We would like to thank Gordon Lowrey for removing the snow from in front of the funeral home.

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Just want to express THANKS! to Dewey Estes and Fred Strange for taking the time to shovel ICE and SNOW off the front walkways of the post office. I can't say enough about our former and RETIRED postal employees. I guess that dedication to the service continues even long after you're gone. As far as Dewey Estes, his excuse to everyone was that he was working off a ticket by performing a COMMUNITY SERVICE

I checked with the Sheriff's office and none of us can remember giving Dewey a ticket even though he may have deserved one at one time or another. Ha!

Thanks,
Hoot Barker

We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, phone calls, cards, visits and every other act of kindness that was shown to us when D. M. Cogdell passed away. We are very blessed to live in this wonderful caring community. Thank you for helping to make a difficult time easier to bear.

May the good Lord bless and keep each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Billy and Bette Cogdell
and family

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.



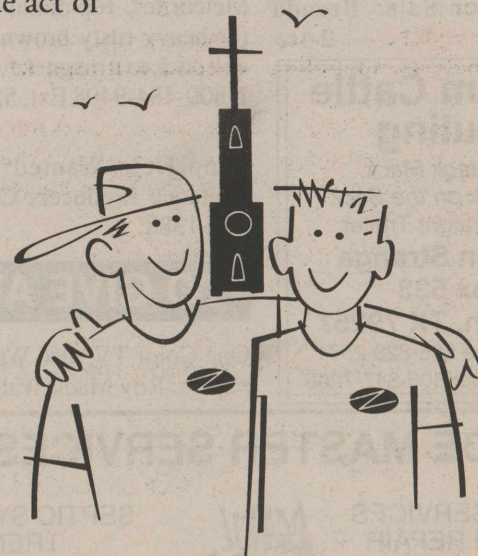
Good Friends are a Blessing



Developing friendships requires patience and nurturing. It's true that the old saying, "a friend in need is a friend indeed" is quite appropriate. A good friend is considerate of your feelings and problems, and they are there for you when you need help. An act of kindness and friendship may be as simple as visiting someone when they are ill, driving someone to an appointment, or just visiting and spending time with someone. The Bible tells us that we should not forsake our friends and that a friend loves at all times. Christ has always been our supreme friend. He told us that He would never leave us or forsake us. He has been our friend and helper more than we will ever know. When Christ died on the cross for our sins, He demonstrated the ultimate act of love for us. Although we may not be asked to give up our lives for our friends, our Lord's example of love and compassion should be reflected in our daily lives. At times, everyone needs support and help, and sharing God's love with others reflects the love that God has for us.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

R.S.V. John 15:13



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Obituary

FLOYE MAE CARTER McCracken

Funeral services for Floye Mae Carter McCracken, 94, of Quitaque were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2001, with Benny Young, Richard Edwards and Barry Francis officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCracken was born December 25, 1906 at Serrett, Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She departed this life January 7, 2001 at Lockney, Texas. She was the third of seven children born to W. J. and Thornton Carter.

When a young girl she moved with her family to Atoka, Oklahoma where they lived in a tent and covered wagon until her father could clear the land and build a house for his family. He cut trees and hauled them to the mill to be cut into lumber to build the house. At the age of 14 she was baptized

into Christ by a Church of Christ minister, Charlie Magness, who was holding a meeting at Woolard's Chapel. They walked to a nearby creek where the baptism took place. She remained a faithful member of the Church of Christ the rest of her life, attending church at Gasoline until the church disbanded and then meeting with the church in Quitaque.

In 1924 she moved with her family from Atoka, Oklahoma to Gasoline, Texas where she met and married Amos Boone McCracken May 9, 1926. They were married in the living room of her parents' home in Gasoline by a neighbor and Church of Christ minister, J. T. Whittington. Three children were born to this union, Paulita Joyce, who married Joe Young of Tulia; Stewart Boone, who married Lavada Davidson of Quitaque, and Glenda Juan, who married Alvie Francis of the Rock Creek community.

Floye and Boone McCracken lived in the same house, which Boone built and they moved into as newlyweds, until 1972. Boone

Locals Win Three Of Four Games At Kress Jan. 2

The Owl teams drove to Kress and won three of the four-game series on January 2.

The Lady Owl JV opened the action with a 30-19 victory. Lori Griffin led the offense by scoring 12 points. Also scoring were Kurby Garvin, eight; Kassie Strange, five; Kelcy Simpson, four, and Brandi Rice, one point.

Lady Owl JV	10	16	22	30
Kress	7	13	15	19

The JV Owls dropped their match after having led at the end of each of the first two quarters. Darin Martin led the scoring with 12 points. Adding to the score were Eric Minyard, seven; Ty Reed, four; Caleb Francis, three; Colt Smith, one point.

Owl JV	9	17	19	27
Kress	7	14	27	37

Tarran Forbes led the offense for the Lady Owls by scoring 14 points. Also scoring were Taylor

added a room now and then as the family expanded. In 1972 they bought the Carter house in Quitaque and left the house on the farm. Living in town was a new experience for them; however, hardly a day passed that they didn't go back out to the farm and the old house that held so many happy memories. Boone passed away in February 1978 after they had celebrated 51 years and nine months of marriage. Mrs. McCracken continued to live in Quitaque.

The couple had nine grandchildren, Benny Young, Jo Beth Edwards, Stanley Young, Barry Francis, Ronnie McCracken, Becky Drew, Connie Gold, Jill Brown and Katy Henderson.

There were 23 great-grandchildren, Heather Raney, Jeremy and Zachary Young, Christopher, Kevin and Kimberly Edwards, Jared, Nathan, Andrew, Caleb and Jacob Francis, Travis and Garrett McCracken, Patrick, Matthew and Kaitlyn Drew, Jessica and Tyler Gold, Chelsea, Nelson and Carter Brown, Sarah and Annie Henderson.

There are two great-great-grandchildren, Machaila and Caleb Raney.

Besides her parents, Mrs. McCracken was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers, Alma Monk, Ethel Carter, Hugh Carter, Ray Carter and Hayden Carter. One brother, Ralph Carter of Lubbock, survives as well as many nieces and nephews.

"Grandma," "Maw Maw" or "Grandma Floye," as she was called by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, was devoted to her family and enjoyed a special personal relationship with each of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was loved deeply and will be missed greatly!

Griffin and Chelsey Cherry, eight points each; Julie Weaver, six; Bryn Mayfield, three; Brooke Garvin, Jenny Young and Amanda Estes, two points each.

Lady Owls	14	24	33	45
Kress	8	14	23	34

Red Ivory had the hot hands as the Owls defeated the Kangaroos 57-49, and rang up 20 points, while his brother, Isaiah Ivory, was contributing 17 to the cause. Also scoring were Andrew Francis, eight; Issac Garcia, six; Matt Strange, four, and Adrian Ramirez, two points.

The Owls had to come from behind to win the game.

Owls	10	23	44	57
Kress	15	26	37	49

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, January 15--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Veg. Stix, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Tuesday, January 16--Beef & Cheese Taco, Hot Sauce, Salad, Beans, Milk, Brownie

Wednesday, January 17--Chili Con Carne, Veg. Stix, Cheese, Milk, Sweet Roll

Thursday, January 18--Baked Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, January 19--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie

All Around the Town-- Continued From Page One

Cy is the son of Larry and Cindy Comer and is the grandson of Leo Comer. Larry and Cindy have another son, Miles, and a daughter, Lisa, both of whom also are students at Texas Tech.

Michelle Gamble will be a candidate for graduation from Amarillo College at the end of the summer session. She expects to be employed in radiology in Plainview following her graduation. She is the daughter of David and Connie Warren and is the daughter-in-law of Stan and Frances Ann Gamble. Her husband, Anthony, is employed by the City of Silverton.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Jan. 11--Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12--Owls vs. Paducah, here, 4:00

Saturday, Jan. 13--Wellington Powerlifting Meet

Monday, Jan. 15--Nazareth Junior High, here, 5:00

Friday, Jan. 19--Owls at Valley, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 22--Valley Junior High, here, 5:00

Tuesday, Jan. 23--Nazareth, here, 4:00

Friday, Jan. 26--No School; County Stock Show at Valley

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

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

January 1, 1981--Michael Kern of Nazareth and Cynthia Edwards win all-expenses-paid Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest sponsored by Swisher Electric Cooperative. They will receive a 12-day trip to Washington, D. C. in June for winning a speech contest held at the cooperative's offices in Tulia... Harley Redin and Gene Mayfield will be installed as members of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame... Shelly Harris, 17, has entered the Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Pageant as Miss ABC Rodeo Queen and is being sponsored by the ABC Rodeo Club of Lubbock... One of the newest residents of the Caprock country is John Crowell, District Conservationist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. He and his fiancée, Michele Neis, will be married Saturday in Abernathy... Mr. and Mrs. Al Hall are parents of a son, Joseph Delbert... Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ramsey are parents of a daughter, Dara Gwynn...

January 7, 1971--The tri-state area continued in the grip of the winter's worst storm at midweek, as stranded travelers and residents in the northern Panhandle sought to resume activities after having been virtually immobilized by a blizzard Sunday... Eight indictments handed down by Briscoe County Grand Jury... Neal Crawford buried here Wednesday... Members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ were invited to the J. D. Nance home to see the old year out and welcome the new year last Thursday night... Santa Claus was a surprise visitor in the home of Mrs. Lois Posey on Christmas Day... Mrs. D. H. Davis was hostess for a Christmas Eve supper for all of her children, grandchildren and her great-grandchild. All were present except one grandson and his family... Cliff Walker to receive B. S. degree at Hardin-

Simmons University... James Wesley Schott, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schott of Clovis, New Mexico, was buried January 4... The Brown family reunion was held at Kirkland Dock near Brownwood recently... Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill are parents of a son, Denny Wayne... Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tomlin and Donna have moved to Silverton, where he will be associated with House Chevrolet...

January 5, 1961--Residents play safe; check diphtheria immunity... Frank Cobb of Tulia, whose ranch lies north of Silverton, has recently returned from attending the On Top Hereford Breeders' Sale at Alliance, Nebraska, where he purchased two herd bull prospects for his registered herd in this county... Cold moist air covered the area this past week. December 29 a trace, .02 of an inch, was received and on December 31, .26 of an inch fell in the form of sleet and rain. According to Raymond C. Bomar, Silverton's official weather recording instruments have measured 23.36 inches of moisture for the year which has just retreated like a lamb... The March of Time Study Club held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. G. W. Lee. Co-hostesses for the party were Mrs. D. T. Northcutt, Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson... Graveside rites for the stillborn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol D. Davis of Hart were held in the Silverton Cemetery Saturday, December 31... Christy Ann Price, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Price of Quitaque, died Tuesday, December 3, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo...

January 4, 1951--Light snow gives greatly needed moisture... Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Norris of Plainview spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Norris... Mr. and Mrs. Andy Chappell and son, G. W., were moved the first of the week from a Floydada hospital to the West Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The three Chappells were injured in a car accident Christmas Day on the highway between Silverton and Floydada... Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marshall and family visited Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Smith, in Plainview... Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and family spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Rex Puckett, in Phoenix, Arizona...

January 17, 1946--Shafe Weaver recently was promoted in Manila, where he has been stationed for the past five months. He is in the infantry. Sgt. Weaver has been overseas six months and has been in the service since February 1944... Bank will open next Wednesday... Silverton looks good to Jjm O'Malley, who'd never

been in the Panhandle until six weeks ago, so he has gone in business here. He bought the Corner Cafe from Mrs. Gladys Jackson... Snow, rain soak county; wheat prospect given big boost... Mrs. Amos Persons, member of a widely-known pioneer Briscoe County family, passed away Wednesday of last week at her home in Quitaque. Funeral services were held Thursday. Mrs. Persons was the mother of Mrs. W. E. Schott of Silverton and of County Commissioner Ray Persons... Wilton Whitehead, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead, was painfully injured in the hand by the accidental discharge of a 12-gauge shotgun while hunting last Thursday. He dropped the gun. Robert Isbell and Ray Teeple were with him... B. L. Chandler, who lives near Quitaque in Briscoe County, is featured in an article in the January issue of Capper's Farmer, entitled, "Green Feed for 12 Months"... Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold have moved to their home near the Baptist Church... Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dickerson spent Monday in Amarillo... Mrs. Hugh Nance and Mrs. C. M. Strickland were in Tulia Monday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers are the proud parents of twins, a boy and

a girl. Mother and babies are doing nicely... Miss Elvira Wesley had as her dinner guests Sunday evening Miss Mildred Wesley and Eudean Watters of Quitaque, A. T. Brooks, jr., Virgil Crow and Oscar Weaks... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens are the proud parents of a daughter, named Sandra Gean, who weighed six pounds and thirteen ounces... Miss Merlene Yates who is attending school in Lubbock, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates...

January 2, 1941--Members of the Silverton Girls basketball team are Bobby Allred, Wynona Lee, Ruby Weast, Neta Bob Carter, Pauline Steele, Opal Weast and Frances Simmons... Miss Jessie Mae Rose, Home Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration in Briscoe County, and Mr. Obra Watson, prominent farmer of this community, were married in Lubbock Sunday, December 22... Miss Evelyn Wakefield and Leonard McGavock were united in marriage Tuesday, December 24... Members of the high school basketball squad spent six days of their Christmas vacation on a basketball tour during which they played five games at Millsap, Springtown, Emory, Cross Roads, all in Texas, and Hollis, Oklahoma... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan

and family left Tuesday for Brownfield to make their home... Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace are critically ill with double pneumo-

Happy Birthday-

January 11--Townlii Ziegler, Rex Holt, Cy Comer, Melissa Woods, Debra Grabbe
January 12--Cecilia Castillo, Jimmy Myers, Tomas Rampley
January 13--Mary Tom Burson, Cindy Reed, Dee Turner, Krista Hale, Leslie Burkart, Isaac Reyna
January 14--Shanea' Lynn Russell, Kathy Kingery, Rena Schott, Ann Payne, Ralph Hill
January 15--Crystal Miller, Juan Ramirez, Janet Henderson, Ashley Smith, Travis Self
January 16--Sheryl Breedlove, Santos Garcia, jr., Ernest Garcia, Rusty Miller, Louise Vaughan
January 17--Aubri Renee Perry, Ashley Glenn, Matthew Hutsell, Beverly Minyard, Kent Carpenter, Jerry Cole Patton

Happy Anniversary-

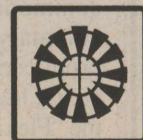
January 14--Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Reed

To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first.
--William Shakespeare, Henry VIII

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Printing this report in red ink possibly could be the most appropriate means of describing this week's activity as the cotton market suffered one of the strongest one-two punch combinations in recent memory to begin the new calendar year: a worse than expected domestic consumption report and a surprisingly bullish Chinese production estimate.

One market analyst described the two reports as the "coup de' grace" from which the cotton market will not recover quickly. He added, "This is not only a new year, but a new ballgame for all of us."

The Chinese production estimate from the country's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) included a stunning increase in China's 2000-crop production that slammed cotton futures prices in heavy trading on January 2. NBS put the crop there at almost 20 million bales, and it touched off widespread conjecture among traders and analysts, including some in China, regarding accuracy of the estimate.

Some traders in China continue to maintain their forecast of the 2000-01 crop at 17.45 million bales, almost steady with the previous year's crop. The All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives also is sticking with its estimate of just more than 16.89 million bales. BridgeNews quoted an official in the agricul-

tural division of NBS saying its higher output estimate is attributed to expanded cotton area and improved yields. The official, however, failed to provide any statistics for both the planted area and yield, BridgeNews reported.

Meanwhile, traders in China said there have been no factors to support the NBS estimate. The traders, however, noted strong cotton prices in early 2000 prevented cotton area from shrinking further despite the government's efforts to limit cotton planting, and 2000 planted area is seen as roughly in line with the 1999 acreage, sources told BridgeNews. Other sources noted unfavorable weather in northern and eastern China during October should have cut yields. USDA's latest estimate of Chinese cotton production was 18 million bales.

The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) plugged the NBS figure into its latest estimates showing world cotton production will total 87.27 million bales, up from last month's estimate of 85.57 million. ICAC's projection of world cotton consumption was virtually unchanged from last month. The net result is an increase of about 2.02 million bales in projected world ending stocks.

The second blow to the cotton market this week was a dismal domestic consumption report. Based on Census Bureau data, the

High Plains Cotton Conferences, CEU Opportunities

January 9-13--Beltwide Cotton Conferences, Anaheim, California

January 15--Southern Mesa Ag Conference, Dawson County Annex Building, Lamesa

January 17--West Plains Ag Conference, Hockley County Fairgrounds (Women's Building), Levelland

January 23--Caprock Cotton Conference, Plains Baptist Assembly, Floydada

January 24--North Plains Cotton Conference, Friona

January 25--Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Coliseum, Muleshoe

January 26--Hale County Cotton & Soil Fertility Conference, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview

February 20--Sandyland Ag Conference, Gaines County Community Building, Seminole

The expression "all that glitters is not gold" is a misquotation. Shakespeare wrote, "All that glitters is not gold."

The safety pin was invented by Walter Hunt of New York City in 1849. He sold his patent rights for \$100.

The gibbon is believed to be the smallest member of the ape family.

The average life span of a coin is about 25 years.

National Cotton Council (NCC) put annualized mill use at 9.12 million bales. One trader stated the report was worse than expected with declining consumer demand attributed to the fall in mill use.

On a more positive note, the Federal Reserve announced a cut in the U. S. federal loan rate that sent the stock markets higher. One analyst stated the move could help U. S. textile mills as their debt will be less expensive to carry. Likewise, the lower rates should help weaken the dollar compared to other currencies, and that should help boost U. S. cotton export sales. The Fed's move to lower interest rates may have come at an opportune time since world supplies of 2000-01 cotton for export are tightening, and the United States becomes the only country with adequate stocks for sale.

The spot cotton market seemed to react to the futures market nosedive this week. Online sales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton by producers totaled 9,968 bales in the week ended January 4, a 35 percent decline from the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the Internet trading system ranged from 44.56 to 50.01 cents per pound compared to a range of 47.40 to 50.01 cents the previous week.

Holiday Home Movie Magic

(NAPSA)-Picture the whole family enjoying special events on video, and you may see why home movies can be a fun way to preserve the past. The next time family and friends come together, try making the moment last by capturing it on film.

Change Camera Angles. Different angles can dramatically change the scene. Shooting up at the scene, for example, causes the subject to appear larger, while shooting down can make objects seem smaller than they actually are.

Zoom Away From Distractions. Zooming in on a subject can change the entire situation of a scene. The zoom feature on your camera can help keep the audience's attention where you want it.

Use The Camera's Features. JVC National Product Specialist, Allan Holland, suggests using built in faders and wipes that are included on many video cameras for an easy way to upgrade production quality. This might give your home video a more professional appearance.

Avoid The Shakes. When filming, it's a good idea to use a tripod or the picture stabilizer option that is available on many video cameras. A shaky camera can detract from the action of your film.

Be A Part Of The Action. If your camera has an LCD monitor, using it while shooting a scene can help the videographer enjoy the event more. In addition, the rotating monitor can make it easier to videotape infants and toddlers from their eye level.

Be Prepared. It's a good idea to have extra videotapes and charged batteries set aside prior to taping an important event.

Shed New Light On A Situation. If your subject is standing in front of bright lights, serving to darken the shot, open the iris of the camera to allow more light to enter the lens. Also, some cameras feature a "back lit" switch which can be used to help lighten up a situation.

Use Your Camera. Keeping a video camera on the top shelf of the closet does not guarantee that life's precious events will be caught on tape. Try to remember to use your camera as often as possible.

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Silverton Owls & Lady Owls 2000 - 2001 Basketball Schedule



The Owls--(left to right, first row) Eric Minyard, Nathan Baker, Chase Comer; (second row) Dustin Hale, Adrian Ramirez, Isaiah Ivory, Red Ivory, Andrew Francis; (third row) Caleb Francis, Colt Smith, Issac Garcia, Payton Estes; (back row) Ty Reed, Darin Martin, Matt Strange, Tyler Young, Josh Allen.

Owl and Lady Owl Schedule

Friday, Jan. 12th

Paducah, There

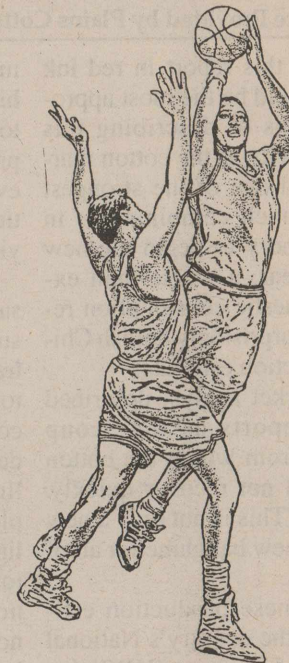
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Valley, There

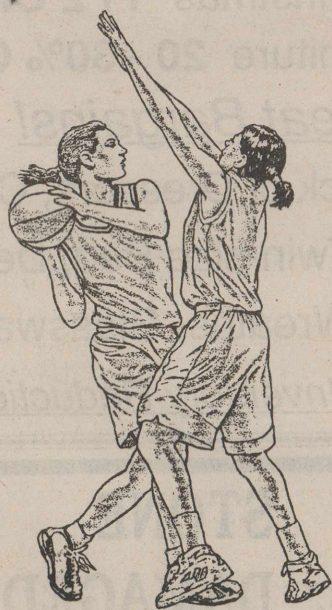
Junior High

January 15h

Nazareth, There



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Lady Owls--(first row, left to right) Bryn Mayfield, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Amanda Estes, Kami Wilson; (second row) Rachel Vangresheppe, manager; Kelcy Simpson, Tarran Forbes, Kurby Garvin, Brooke Garvin, Brandi Rice, Caatherine Reyna, manager; (back row) Kendra Rhoderick, manager; Taylor Griffin, Lori Griffin, Chelsey Cherry, Kassie Strange, Julie Weaver, Jenny Young, Coach Jodi Card.

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Owl Teams Win One at Paducah

Three of the Owl teams traveled to Paducah last week and did pretty well against the always-tough Dragons.

The Junior Varsity boys opened with a 47-34 loss. They started very slowly and weren't ever able to make up any ground in the game.

Scoring was by Nathan Baker, 13; Darin Martin, six; Caleb Francis, five; Payton Estes, four; Josh Smith, three; Eric Minyard, two, and Ty Reed, one point.

Owl JV	1	5	24	34
Paducah	8	19	31	47

Baker hit three shots from downtown and Smith hit one in the game.

The Lady Owls earned a 54-47 victory over the Dragon ladies in a game that was close most of the way.

Chelsey Cherry had the hot hands and tossed in 18 points. Also scoring were Taylor Griffin, nine; Amanda Estes, eight; Jenny Young and Bryn Mayfield, six points each; Julie Weaver, four, and Tarran Forbes, three points.

Lady Owls	11	23	43	54
Paducah	11	23	32	47

The Owls were led in scoring by Isaiah Ivory, who rang up 19 points. Also scoring were Andrew Francis, nine; Red Ivory, seven; Issac Garcia and Matt Strange, six points each; Adrian Ramirez, five; Dustin Hale, two points.

Isaiah hit three shots from outside the arc.

Owls	12	25	45	54
Paducah	14	33	59	76

WEATHER

6:00 a.m. Daily January Weather Readings

	High	Low	Precip.
1	25	22	
2	27	19	
3	30	18	
4	48	20	
5	48	25	
6	55	30	
7	56	34	
8	47	25	
9	52	24	
Total Precipitation in January			.00
Normal Precip. for January			.65
Total Precip. in 2001			.00
Normal Precip. for 2001 to Date			.65

pound and put a new face on the balance sheets of many growers.

Bank representatives are scrambling for ways to prevent the unfair penalization of growers who, through no fault of their own, have been adversely affected by drought, cost increases, and low prices.

Many growers are simply unable to project a positive cash-flow situation due to the effects of variables over which they have no control.

The second part of PCG's short-term relief initiative would entail changing the 2001 Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment rate and authorization of a second AMTA payment for the 2001 crop year.

PCG is suggesting all 2001 AMTA payments be calculated using the 1998 payment rate of 8.17 cents per pound.

Any short-term changes will hopefully get producers back in the game in 2001. They are, however, only the start of the policy work that will be taking place in 2001.

Efforts are also underway to develop a comprehensive set of long-term policy reform suggestions to set the stage for development of the next Farm Bill. The House Ag Committee is gearing up for another round of hearings and the issue is expected to be a top priority in 2001.

PCG is currently looking to initiate changes aimed at several areas key to shoring up the safety net provisions of current farm policy.

The balance that must be struck, however, is to provide an adequate safety net without decreasing the flexibility growers currently have under Freedom to Farm.

Long-term reform ideas that PCG is now looking into include: (1) A permanent increase in Marketing Loan rates for all program commodities; (2) Initiation of a voluntary set-aside program that producers can use to further increase loan rates along the lines of the "Flexible Fallow" program being studied at this time; (3) Initiation of counter-cyclical price protection mechanism to kick in automatically when prices are down,

Girl Scouts To Kick-Off Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts from eighteen surrounding counties will gather at JCPenney's in the South Plains Mall from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2001 to kick-off the annual cookie sale. Girls will participate in a number of activities, learning marketing and selling techniques, goal planning, customer service, money management and financial tracking. In addition, there will be games and cookie samples for everyone. January 13 marks the first day that cookies will be available to the public.

For the first time in nearly a decade, Girl Scout cookie boxes have a whole new look. Emphasizing the investment consumers make in a girl's future by purchasing Girl Scout Cookies, each box now says, "You'd be surprised what a Girl Scout Cookie can build: Strong Values, Strong Minds, Strong Bodies, Strong Spirit, Strong Friendships, Strong Skills, Strong Leadership, Strong Community." Inside one of the new packages, consum-

and (4) Continuation of some form of de-coupled payment mechanism similar to current AMTA payments utilizing updated acreage and yield figures.

In the coming months PCG will be seeking additional input throughout this process. The main conduit for surfacing, evaluating and then pursuing new program ideas is the PCG Board of Directors.

Current PCG member gins in the 25-county High Plains region earn a seat on the PCG Board automatically and are immediately entitled to take part in all PGC deliberations.

One of the key strengths PCG enjoys, and the main reason it receives the consideration it does at the State and National level, is the fact that over 70 percent of the cotton producers in the High Plains region pay dues to support the organization's efforts.

That level of support makes it clear that the messages PCG delivers and the situations it describes are not only accurate but carry the weight of a significant portion of the cotton growers in the region.

ers also will find a brand-new cookie called "Aloha Chips with Macadamia Nuts." This new cookie has a distinctive and exotic taste with its creamy white fudge chips and crunchy macadamia nuts.

This year's selection also includes the return of seven Girl Scout Cookie favorites including the popular Thin Mint, Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut), the Tagalong (layered peanut butter and chocolate), the Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut butter cremes), Trefoil Shortbread, Apple Cinnamon and Lemon Drops (crispy cookie with cream lemon chips).

Soon after Girl Scouts was founded in 1912, girls sold cookies in order to be self-reliant and to fund their own troop activities. In those early days of the program, girls baked the original shortbread cookies at home and held neighborhood bake sales. "Since the program first began, the Girl Scout Cookie sales have focused on helping girls learn real skills that help them succeed in life," said Lynn Buxkemper, interim Executive Director of Caprock Council. "This voluntary activity helps girls develop self-confidence, self-respect and a strong sense of community."

Over 4000 Girl Scouts from the Caprock Council's eighteen county area will sell cookies from January 13 through March 4. All cookies are priced at \$3.00 per package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806 748-0769) or phone (806 745-2855). For more information, contact Girl Scouts of Caprock Council at 806 745-2855.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls while teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting and its special girl-only environment, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.



Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, January 17, in Lubbock to discuss the organization's legislative priorities for 2001.

The PCG Board has been working for several months to fashion a preliminary set of goals to bring both short- and long-term relief to growers in 2001. The ill effects of the 2000 growing season piled on top of poor economic outcomes in previous years have virtually every link in the industry chain worried about the coming year.

At the top of the list are producers and bankers trying to figure out how to finance operations that face the worst of all situations--low

prices and increased costs.

Adding to the misery is the hit price projections took this week with an upward revision in Chinese production numbers. The change will no doubt alter forecast world supply and carryover projections and change the timeline for a price recovery.

In light of these and other issues PCG has focused on two immediate changes to benefit producers.

Chief among the policy changes PCG will be pushing for, and one that could make the most direct impact on producer cash-flows, is the immediate increase of the base cotton loans rate by 20 percent.

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