

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Cynthia and Martin Younger spent Christmas in the home of her father near Lubbock.

Johnny and Karen Tiffin and Brandi Rice spent Christmas Day together at their home.

Both Bailey Hill and Shafe Weaver were transported to hospitals by the Silverton Ambulance Service during Christmas week.

Skating Party

The skating party sponsored by Briscoe County Activities Association will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. January 4, 2003.

Those who wish to skate must bring their own skates, rollerblades and skateboards. No admission is charged, and some candy and soft drinks will be available for sale.

Junior Livestock Show Slated January 9-11

The Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 9-11 in the Vance Price Memorial Barn at the Valley School.

Steers, goats and sheep are to arrive at the show barn Thursday, January 9, and the hogs are to arrive Friday, January 10.

Weighing and sifting will be: Steers-3-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9; sheep and goats-10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, and hogs-12 noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10.

Showing schedule includes steers, 5 p.m. Thursday; hogs, 8:30 a.m. Saturday; sheep, 7 p.m. Thursday; goats, immediately following the sheep.

Turkey Jamboree

The next Turkey Jamboree will be January 4, 2003 at the old Turkey High School Gym.

Entertainers will include Benny Brown from Amarillo; the Adams Brothers from the Clarendon and Canyon areas, and the Dewbres from Crosbyton.

There also will be a Talent Showcase and entertainment by the Turkey Gems.

Quitaque Masons will have the concession stand with hamburgers and all of the trimmings. The food is always good; the entertainment is free and door prizes are given.

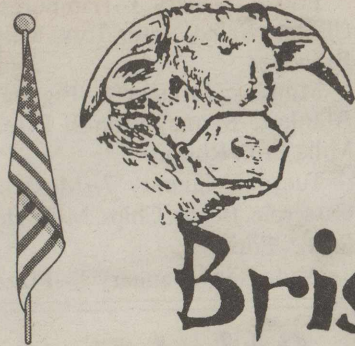
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Owls, Lady Owls Won Second-Place Trophies In Annual Hoot-Out Tournament Last Week

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls both were winners of second-place trophies in the annual Hoot-Out Tournament played here last week.

Both teams played their first games with Bovina. The Owls won their game 63-51 and the Lady Owls advanced on a forfeit due to the Bovina girls having some illness on their team.

In the second round, the Owls won their game 71-36 over Hart and the Lady Owls won 53-44 over Memphis. The Junior Varsity Lady Owls, who replaced Bovina's girls in the tournament, lost their game 71-8 to Hart.

In the championship finals, the Lady Owls lost 39-29 to Anton, and the Owls lost 73-53 to Memphis.

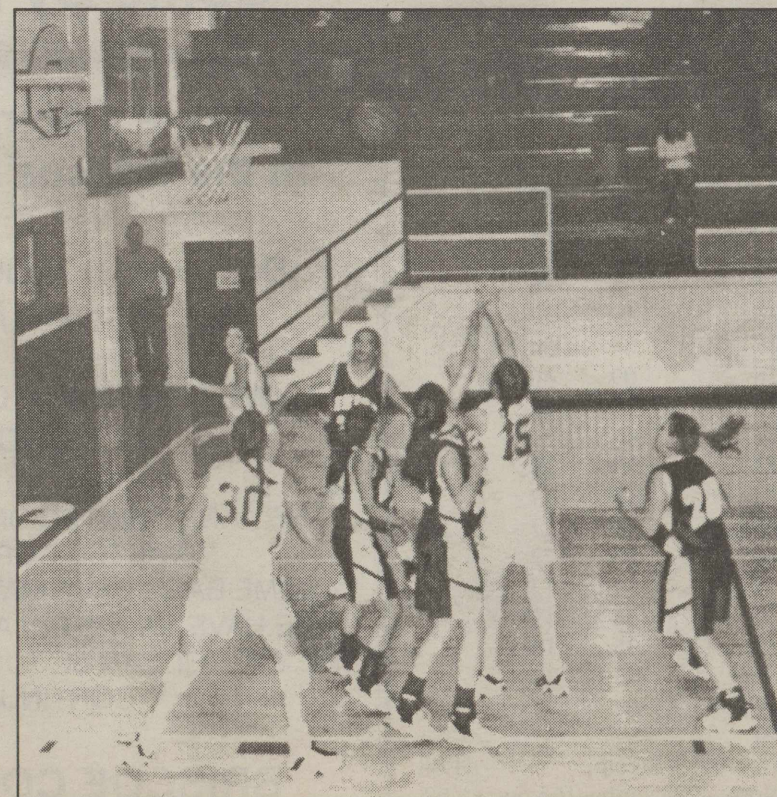
The Junior Varsity Lady Owls dropped their game 78-13 to Valley.

Winners of the tournament were Anton girls and Memphis boys. Third-place winners were Highland Park girls and Anton boys.

Consolation brackets were won by White Deer girls and Bovina boys.

FIRST ROUND GIRLS

Anton	11	15	11	27	64
White Deer	8	7	7	13	45



Krista Hale (15) takes a shot while Kassie Strange (30) watches for a rebound.

Anton: D. Synatschk 20, M. Synatschk 11; White Deer: Petty 13	Valley 17 15 13 8 53
Highland Park 15 21 13 21 70	Valley: Wheeler 23, Pigg 20; Highland Park: Stockard 19, Blalock 14
Memphis 9 10 14 11 44	Hart 8 3 18 11 40
Hart: Furis 14, Garcia 10; Memphis: Conley 19, Newsome 12	Bovina forfeit
Lady Owls	

FIRST ROUND BOYS

Anton	10	15	9	24	58
Bye	22	18	20	21	81
Valley: Cruse 16, Ortiz 13; Memphis: Guy 31, Newsome 18	Highland Park 6 9 10 18 43				
Hart 13 13 21 10 57	HP: Solejacks 15; Hart, Marin 16, Velasquez 16				
Bovina 7 17 9 18 51	Silverton 14 16 20 12 63				
Bovina: Chisom 19; Silverton: Ivory 22, Martin 20, Hale 13					

SECOND ROUND GIRLS

Anton	12	15	12	11	50
Highland Park 6 14 11 11 42	Anton: Am. Synatschk 16, Amy Synatschk 15; HP: Stockard 12, J. Stockard 12				
Memphis 9 16 14 5 44	Lady Owls 17 11 13 12 53				

Silverton: Griffin 14, Hale 14; Memphis: Newsome 21, Wiganowski 11	White Deer 9 13 11 18 51
Valley 7 9 10 19 45	White Deer: Petty 20; Valley: Wheeler 20
Hart 25 16 12 18 71	Silverton JV 3 5 1 0 9
Hart: Farris 22, Garcia 13; Silverton: Strange 4	

SECOND ROUND BOYS

Anton 6 11 5 14 36	Memphis 15 22 21 19 77
Memphis: Henderson 34, Guy 20; Anton: Reikor 8	Hart 8 9 13 6 38
Owls 21 21 16 13 71	Silverton: Martin 26, Ivory 24; Hart, Wiley 8
Valley	Bye
Highland Park 10 11 15 19 55	Bovina 12 12 17 15 58
Bovina, Chisom 35; HP, Solejacks 11, Littlejohn 11	

THIRD ROUND GIRLS

Valley 24 39 58 78	Silverton JV 0 2 3 13
Valley: Wheeler 27, Pigg 18; Silverton, Craiker 8, D. Strange 5	White Deer 18 29 37 58
Hart 13 25 34 41	

White Deer: Petty 32, Davis 6; Hart, Farris 12, Carrasco 9	Highland Park 19 31 40 48
Memphis 3 16 22 34	HP: Molina 13, J. Stockard 11; Memphis, T. Newsome 30, Sainz 4

Anton 12 28 31 39	Lady Owls 5 14 25 29
Anton: Amanda Synatschk 17, Knight 8; Silverton: Young 9, K. Strange 6	

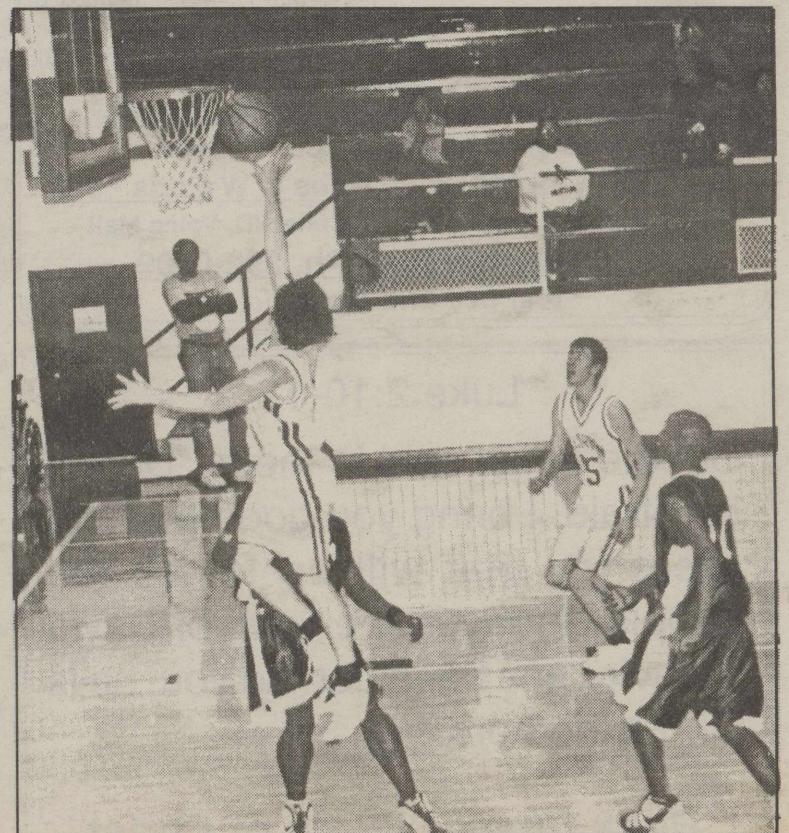
THIRD ROUND BOYS

Valley 17 28 30 34	Bovina 18 36 49 62
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Hart 9 20 32 49	Anton: Reikor 24, Moore 13; Hart: Velasquez 14, Marin 10, Wiley 10
Memphis 22 34 56 73	Owls 10 20 33 53
Memphis: Henderson 29, Guy 27; Silverton: Ivory 19, Martin 19	

Contest Winners

Winners of the Christmas Decoration contest were the Matt Kast home, first place; the Perry Brunson home, second, and the Doug Chery home, third place.

There were many beautifully decorated homes, and this made the job tough for the out-of-town judges.



Dustin Hale (5) goes up for a layup while Ty Reed (55) looks for a rebound.

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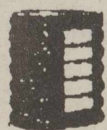


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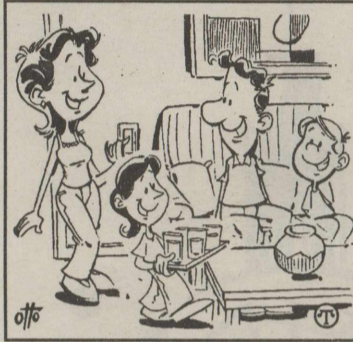
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Parent To Parent Helping Single Parents

by Rich Weiss
(NAPSA)—Help often comes when you need it most and expect it least.



There are ways single parents can find friendship and support.

When my wife told me she wanted to end our marriage, the news hit me very much by surprise.

I became sick both emotionally and physically. I couldn't deal with the notion that after nine years of marriage, five of which included kids, I would have to leave my family.

A few months after the separation, a friend suggested I contact a group called Parents Without Partners, Inc. (PWP). Reluctantly, I took his advice.

It turns out joining PWP was the best decision I ever made. The members I met made me feel comfortable and right at home. Many of those people were in the same situation as me and could relate to my feelings.

Also, I could hardly believe how many events were planned. Not only were dances, parent educational and social functions scheduled, but there were also many activities geared toward the children of PWP members.

I recommend PWP to any parent who has become single through separation, divorce, death of a spouse or simply never married. For more information, visit the Web site www.parentswithoutpartners.org.

• Mr. Weiss was president of the Greater Northeast Chapter of PWP. He is now married and no longer a single parent.

No one is so generous as one who has nothing to give.

French Proverb

In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different.

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For us, there is only the trying. The rest is not our business.

T. S. Eliot

It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.

Roy Disney

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2003). Cotton producers in the Pemian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 21, 2003. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-867-1212.

Beltwide Cotton Conference is January 6-10

U. S. cotton producers can tune in to practices that can turn over profits during the 2003 Beltwide Cotton Conferences January 6-10 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville.

Theme of the 2003 forum is "In Harmony--Research, Resources, Results."

For further information, visit the NCC's web site at www.cotton.org/beltwide or call 901-274-9030.

Weariness can snore upon the flint, when resty sloth finds the down pillow hard.

William Shakespeare, Cymbeline

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

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Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

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

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

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:**
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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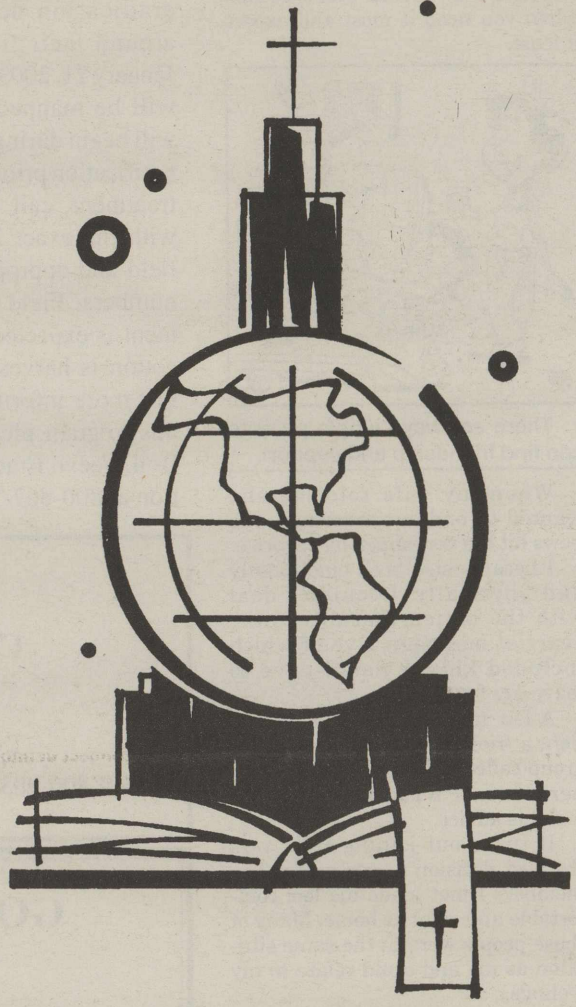
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**Strengthening
Our Faith**



*For where two or three come together
in my name, I am there with them.*

Good News Bible Matthew 18:20

Jesus tells us in the Bible that, "...whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." These are such comforting verses for us to know that God is with us whenever we are praying and meeting with fellow believers. However, this verse by no means denotes that God is not with us when we are praying alone, because God is always with us and He has told us that He would never leave us or forsake us.

In this verse, I believe Jesus is stressing how important it is for us to continue meeting and praying together. Going to church services, attending various religious gatherings, or meeting together as a family to pray are all good and honored by our Father in Heaven. Building each other up and strengthening our faith are very important and necessary for us to live a victorious life.

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Obituary

J. W. FOUST

J. W. Foust, 83, of Amarillo died Sunday, December 22, 2002.

Memorial services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Robby Barrett officiating. Private burial was held earlier at Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Foust was born April 30, 1919, in Silverton. As a teenager he worked for the Briscoe County News. He was graduated from West Texas State University in 1943. He was working for Whitney Printing in 1953 when he began his own print shop with his wife, Nell, in their single-car garage. The business began by printing checks and making rubber stamps.

In 1957, the Fousts merged their business with Whitney Printing and moved to a new location. In 1974, the Fousts moved the business to 15th Avenue and Polk Street. In 1999 Whitney Printing bought the printing department of Russell Stationery to form Whitney Russell Printing.

Two of the Fousts' children continue to work for the company, which serves more than 400 banks in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas.

In 1963, Mr. Foust served as president of WTSU Ex-Students Association. In 1990-91 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from WTSU. He was a member of Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and had served as a board member and treasurer.

He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church.

He and his company contributed to many charities and donated in-kind printing services to many charitable events.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters; a son; two sisters, Sue Carroll of Austin and Lola Fern Gregory of Clovis, New Mexico; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild; five nephews and a niece.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials be to Kids Inc., 2201 E. 27th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79103 or West Texas A&M University Foundation, P. O. Box 60766, Canyon, Texas 79016.

Immunization Clinic is Jan. 10

The next immunization clinic is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on January 10, 2003 at the Silverton School.

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Luke 2:10-11

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 2--Steak, Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Potatoes,

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, January 2--School classes resume

Friday, January 3--High School vs. Groom, here, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 6--7th and 8th Grade vs. Tulia, there, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7--High School vs. Valley, there, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9--Board Meeting; JV & JH in Lazbuddie Tournament

Saturday, January 11--Lazbuddie JH & JV Tournament concludes

High School vs. McLean, here, 6:30 p.m.; Briscoe County Stock Show; Immunization Clinic, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Every calling is great when greatly pursued.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

The measure of a man is the way he bears up under misfortune.

Plutarch

As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live.

Goethe

Let not thy will roar, when thy power can but whisper. .T. Fuller

WEATHER

December Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

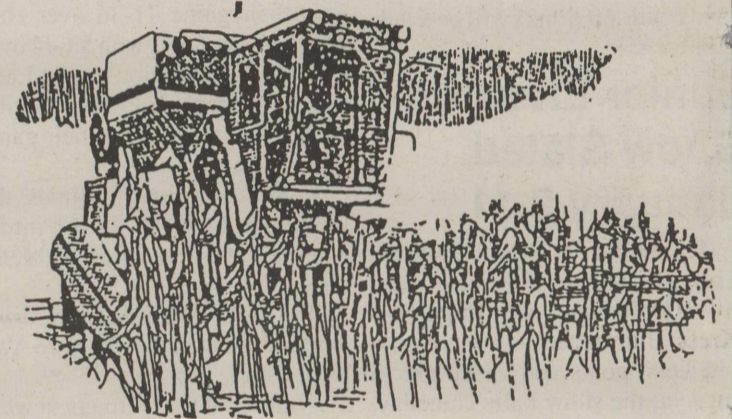
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20	46	20	
21	59	19	
22	55	27	
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29	64	27	
30	57	32	
December Precip.			1.48
Normal December Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2002			19.59
Normal Annual Precip.			21.22

Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter
 Friday, January 3--Hamburger, Apple Crisp
 Cheese, Salad, Tater Tots, Milk, Thursday, January 9--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans,
 Brownies Mashed Potatoes, Cheesy Biscuits
 Monday, January 6--Pig in a Blanket, Beans, French Fries, Milk, Honey & Butter
 Milk, Fruit Roll-up Friday, January 10--Chili Dogs,
 Tuesday, January 7--Mexican Casserole, Beans, Chips, Milk, Hot Muffins
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 Wednesday, January 8--Pizza, *No furniture so charming as books.*
 Sydney Smith

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

October 29, 1992--Dedra Johnston placed third in the District Cross Country Meet in Wheeler and will advance to the Regional Meet in Lubbock Saturday . . . First bale of cotton of the season was ginned by Johnson's Gin from the Joe O'Neal farm northeast of Silverton . . . Friday's game with Lazbuddie is critical for Owls . . . Charlie Baker, 43, taken by death . . . Owls come from behind, take 55-25 victory over Three Way Eagles . . . Christy West is Football Queen . . . Mike Hall is new Pep Squad Beau . . . JoDee Robison and Kami Martin lighted the homecoming flame . . . Silverton firemen defeat Quitaque in fundraiser . . . Maria Castillo, 14, won the High Plains Epilepsy Association's poster child contest and will represent the agency at various events . . . Alton Riddell recently was elected to the Carbon Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors . . . Kevin and Becky Drew of Coppell are parents of a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edwards are parents of a son, born October 16 . . .

December 9, 1982--Silverton Tournament opens today . . . Silverton's teams win trophies at Cross Tournament . . . Public invited to Mackenzie ground-breaking ceremony . . . Teen Retreat signup underway . . . L. O. A. Junior Study Club honored Mary Ann Rauch and recognized her accomplishments and service to Silverton students . . . Mrs. Terry Grimland is guest speaker for Third Grade . . . Pheasant hunting season opens here Saturday . . . Officers and directors appointed for the community center project are W. H. Fitzgerald, chairman; Tina Nance, secretary; Cathey Weeks, treasurer; Mary Ann Sarchet, reporter; Polly Jarrett, Lanita Cantwell, Bailey Hill, Ashel McDaniel, Calvin Shelton and Tobe Riddell, directors . . . Choirs to present program of popular music and Christmas songs . . .

November 16, 1972--Owls to close season with Memphis Cyclones Friday night . . . Christmas Greeting Page to help improve City Park . . . Juniors to present class play Saturday night . . . Tax workshop to be held here tonight . . . New WSCS officers installed here. Mrs. George Seaney served Thanksgiving refreshments to Mmes. Ori Alexander, Frank Hunt, G. Mayfield, Kate Turner, Jennie Fisher, Bob Hill, Vance Childress, Monroe Lowrey, Albert Mallow and Lorena Edwards . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rampley are parents of a son, Jeff Davis Rampley . . .

November 1, 1962--Jay Towe

and Sheila Jarnagin presented as Halloween King and Queen . . . The Halloween King and Queen chosen from the elementary school are Jimmy Burson and Kay Strange . . . Mrs. J. B. Lanham, 85, laid to rest here . . . Robert H. Rhode was one of the freshmen scoring highest on entrance examinations at Hardin-Simmons University this fall . . . Roland Montague, 13, fell at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montague, Friday, breaking his right arm and pelvis . . . Sam Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Brown, performed with the Baylor A Capella Choir in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bland Burson of Channing spent the weekend here with his brothers and their families, Messrs. and Mmes. Tony, Troy and True Burson . . .

November 13, 1952--Mrs. Jean Grundy, Mrs. Printz Brown and Mrs. Albert Mallow arranged a surprise house warming for Mrs. Bryan Strange in her newly completed farm home west of Silverton Friday night . . . Mrs. Georgia Weast of South Plains was taken to the Lockney hospital Thursday afternoon after receiving injuries in a car-truck accident . . . Corporal James S. Gilkeyson, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gilkeyson, has been transferred from the Armed Forces Information School to the Far East Command . . . Silverton defeats Matador 21-7. Joe Wayne Brooks scored three touchdowns for the Owls and Zephyr Bingham kicked three extra points . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ken-

neth Morehouse moved this week to Memphis . . . Mrs. Rusty Arnold recently underwent minor surgery in the Memphis hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter and Ronald were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens Friday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox and Latresa were business visitors last Thursday in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and children spent the weekend in Abilene with her parents . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ingram and family of Tulia visited in the Mart Norris home Sunday . . .

November 5, 1942--Mrs. Joe L. McWilliams, the former Miss Gaynelle Douglas, was honored Monday afternoon with a formal tea and shower in the home of Mrs. H. S. Sanders, assisted by Mmes. George Weast, Wylie Bomar and Edd Thomas . . . Perry Thomas, who a few months ago closed his shoe repair shop because of scarcity of leather, is announcing this week that he will again be open for business in the Palace Theatre building . . . Wayne Crawford was inducted into the Army Tuesday and is here for a ten-day furlough before reporting to active duty at Fort Bliss, Texas . . . Only 276 people took the time and trouble to vote in the general election Tuesday . . . James Davis has been selected for training as a Naval Aviation Cadet and will be ordered to active duty shortly . . . Mmes. Homer Sanders and Edd Thomas entertained at the home of Mrs. Sanders with a beautiful seated tea from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. last Thursday, honoring Mrs. Paul Rogers. The rooms were attractive in a fall setting of crysanthemums in colors of orange and bronze . . . The senior candidate, Dorothy McMurtry, won the queen's race with a total of 4800 votes at the

Happy Birthday-

January 2--Cade Holt
January 3--Shawn Johnson, Rene Rampley, Luree Burson
January 4--John Colby McCoy, Wynter Dudley, Wendell Reed, Valeria Weaver, Able Asebedo, Jon Ivory, Gail Arnold
January 5--Amy Fuston, Glenda May, Angie Aguilar
January 6--Lindsey Sweet, Will Hester, Connie Netro, Todd Towe
January 7--Maynard Greeson, Rose Marie Trevino
January 8--Dedra Johnston Wiggins, Leo Fleming, Lupe Couch, Elton Cantwell, Terry West, Christian Joseph Taitano

Happy Anniversary-

January 2--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed
January 6--Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bingham

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

Mark Twain

A bore is a person who talks when you want him to listen.

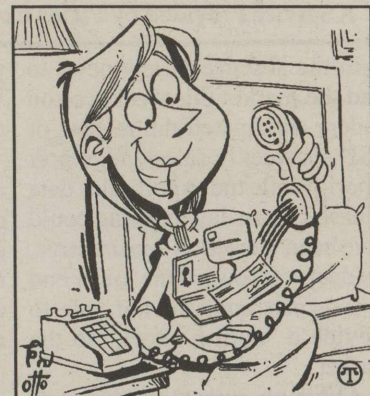
Ambrose Bierce

Halloween Carnival . . . The Clay Fowlers have purchased the R. E. Douglas property where the O. C. Andersons have been living . . . J. H. Burson sold cattle this last week to Mr. Cobb of Tulia and Mr. Middlebrook of Crowell . . . Mrs. Hugh Nance left Monday for Brownfield to meet her husband who will come in off maneuvers this week . . . Students from Canyon who spent the weekend with their families were Evelyn Coffee, Faye Gene Davis, Mary Cowart, Junior Brannon, Gene Morris, Carl Dean Bomar and Willie Amel Smithee . . .

TRAVEL SMART TIPS

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Cotton Market weekly

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In thin trading, cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange were lower Thursday as trade selling pulled prices back from the 18-month high scored in the session on December 23.

With a reduced number of traders the next few weeks due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, market observers said choppy trading is anticipated, and the market will have difficulty finding continuity.

Despite the lack of fundamental news and a holiday-shortened week of trading, analysts said the market was not impacted by the National Cotton Council's (NCC) domestic mill consumption data Thursday. NCC estimated U. S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.56 million bales in November based on data collected by the U. S. Census Bureau. Although higher than the previous month, the figure was lower than market expectations of 7.7 million bales.

"The report is a disappointment, but it didn't have much of an impact on Thursday's trade due to the growing discrepancy between the Census Bureau numbers and the U. S. Department of Agriculture data taken from Step 2 certificate applications," said one analyst. "The USDA data strongly favors a higher consumption number," he added.

USDA's export sales figures also had little effect on the market this week. According to the department, net export sales of 2002-03 crop U. S. cotton totaled 178,600 bales in the week ended December 20. The figure was 16 percent below the previous week and 26 percent lower than the four-week average. Turkey was the primary buyer for the week with purchases totaling 34,300 bales. Indonesia and Thailand rounded out the list of top three buyers of U. S. cotton with acquisitions of 29,700 and 22,100 bales, respectively.

Export shipments for the week, at 182,300 bales, were seven percent lower than the previous week but nine percent higher than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico and Indonesia.

Although export sales and shipments were healthy, one analyst said that with high expectations for strong sales and exports to meet USDA's 10.8 million bale export figure for the season, the December 20 export numbers can be viewed as good but not excellent.

"Also, there is increasing pres-

sure on the market to make sales in the second half of the crop year at a time when prices are not cheap," the analyst commented.

Meanwhile sales on the spot cotton scene remained strong. In fact, sales of cotton by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the four trading days ending December 26 totaled 39,077 bales, an increase from the previous week when 32,426 bales were sold. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 40.40 to 42.34 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 39.08 to 40.59 cents per pound.

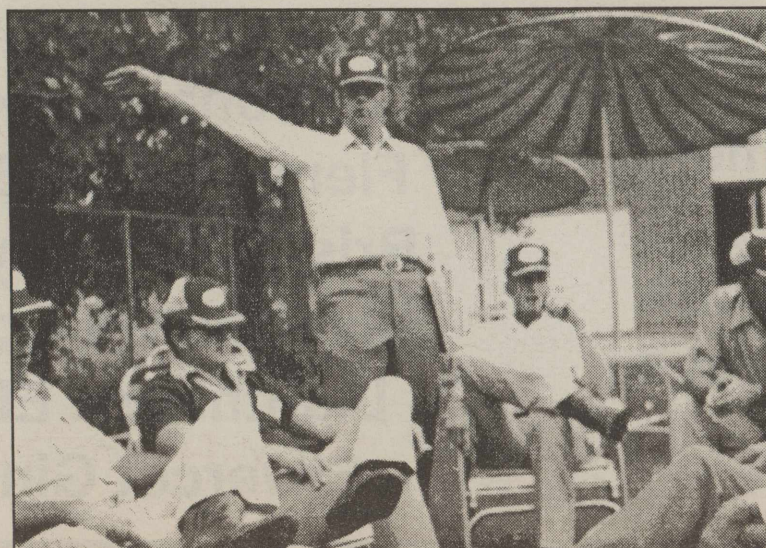
In other news, most of the cotton now is off the stalk throughout the Cotton Belt. In fact, almost all of the cotton on the Texas High Plains now is out of the field, and harvesting operations are running at peak season levels on the Rolling Plains. In both areas, cotton yield and quality are holding very well considering the amount of wet weather experienced this fall.

It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.
Edward Bulwer-Lytton

Silverton Friends Having Fun--Can You Recognize Any?



Have more than thou showest, speak less than thou knowest.
Food, in Shakespeare's King Lear



NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.50	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately .4 % and therefore do not constitute a "major change" The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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| Brownfield | Los Ybanez | Seminole |
| Buffalo Springs Lake | Lubbock | Shallowater |
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| Coahoma | Midland | Slaton |
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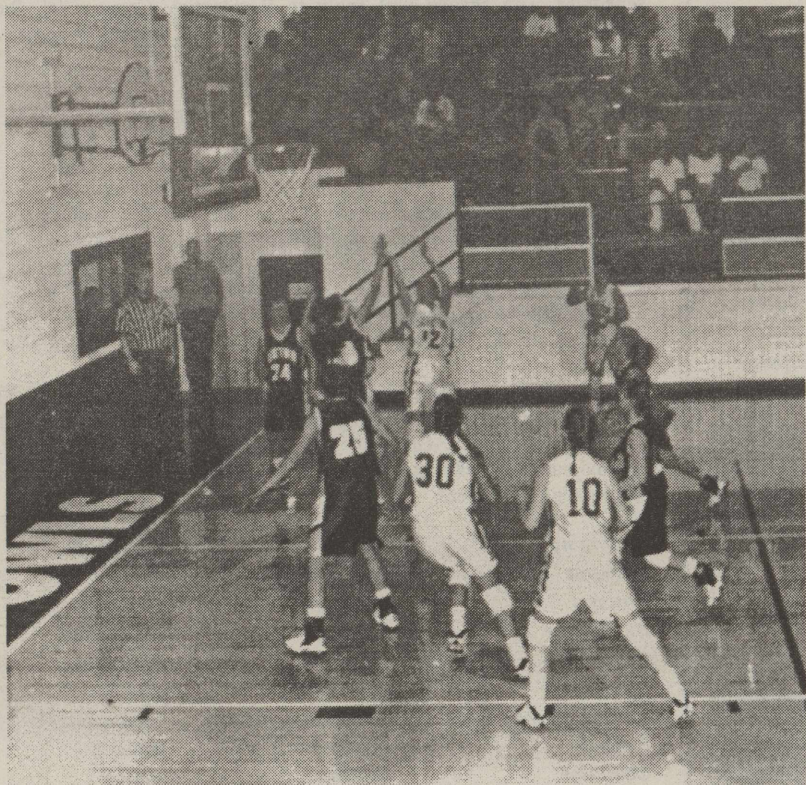
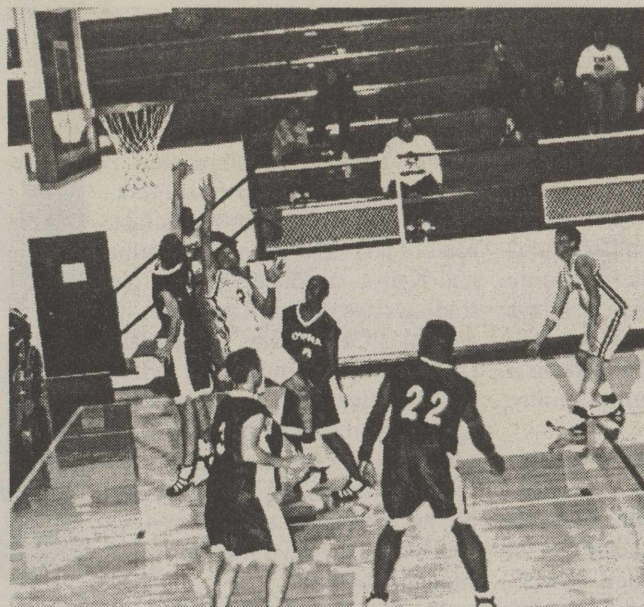
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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or at an Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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Cotton Market weekly

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In the absence of any news to lead the market this week, cotton traders anticipated the release of USDA's weekly sales and export report. While the export sales data released Thursday morning could have been viewed as constructive, the data was toward the lower end of forecasts and was not able to provide a "bullish shock" to the market.

Although current crop export sales remained fairly strong at 211,900 bales, registrations in the week ended December 12 dropped by 35 percent from the previous week. Turkey was the prime buyer for the week. In fact, total export commitments to Turkey now have reached 383,700 bales, compared to 819,100 reported at the same time one year ago. Other featured buyers included Mexico and Thailand.

Export shipments also slipped for the week at 195,400 bales, falling well below the 235,030 bales needed each week to reach Washington's forecast of 10,408,000 bales for the marketing year. Primary destinations for the week included Mexico, China and Brazil with shipments of 42,000, 41,700 and 25,300 bales, respectively.

In the spot cotton market, sales of cotton by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers were tempered slightly by pre-holiday trading. In the five trading days ending December 19, 32,426 bales were sold compared to the previous week's sales of 63,547 bales. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 39.08 to 40.59 cents per

pound compared to the previous week's range of 38.08 to 40.40 cents per pound.

In other news, Uzbekistan could remain a top cotton exporter despite increasing domestic consumption as industry liberalization raises the possibility of more efficient production, according to a report from a USDA Foreign Agriculture Service commodity analyst who recently traveled to the Central Asian country.

"Uzbekistan, the United States' top competitor in international cotton trade, is undergoing important changes that will affect the world cotton market and U. S. cotton exports," the analyst reported.

"Specifically, Uzbekistan's textile industry has seen impressive growth over the past few years, and an ambitious strategy is in place to attract further foreign investment and increase textile exports. Meanwhile, the government of Uzbekistan is in the process of relaxing its highly centralized control over the cotton industry."

The report, published on a USDA web site, added that, "It is conceivable that Uzbekistan's cotton production will drop as producers are granted more freedom, and resource constraints, formerly obscured by government subsidies, prove unsupportable in the marketplace. In that case, cotton imports from the United States and elsewhere may be necessary to keep the spinning industry active." The opposite outcome, however, seems much more likely, according to the report.

"There is enormous potential

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

National Cotton Council representatives are once again requesting additional action by the U. S. government to bring about the promised opening of Chinese markets to cotton fiber.

NCC representatives here voiced a steady stream of concern and had numerous meetings with USDA, USTR and Chinese government officials in an effort to bring the Chinese tariff rate quota system in line with WTO trading rules.

Under the terms of the bilateral agreement reached between the U. S. and the People's Republic of China, cotton fiber markets in China would be opened through the adoption of Chinese import rules that conformed with international trading rules, specifically those rules that provide for the equal treatment of imported and domestic commodities.

Unfortunately, the TRQ rules China developed in 2001 and implemented in 2002 have failed to meet the requirements of the trade agreement they signed. While the Chinese marketplace has remained essentially out of reach in 2002, Chinese exports of cotton textile products to the U. S. are more than twice as large as they were in 2001.

The recent announcement was made by the Chinese that they would not change their TRQ rules for the 2003 year. The repeated refusal of the Chinese to modify their TRQ system to be in compliance with WTO obligations has prompted the U. S. cotton industry to ask that the USTR's office make one last effort to meet with the Chinese to work toward an agreement that would bring China into compliance with the requirements of their current trade agreement.

for increased cotton production in Uzbekistan with existing resources, and even limited liberalization will almost certainly lead to major advances in production and processing efficiency with higher returns at all stages." Therefore, the country "likely will have a large exportable supply of cotton for a long time despite growth in domestic consumption," the analyst noted.

Meanwhile, mostly favorable weather prevailed on the Texas High and Rolling Plains, and many farmers returned to their fields to harvest at a rapid pace. The retrieval of modules also gained momentum, and gins in the area are running full-force. If the weather conditions hold, harvesting the last 10 to 12 percent of the remaining cotton in West Texas should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Should the request once again be refused the NCC has requested that the U. S. seek a settlement dispute panel to force the Chinese to comply and to also consider additional action under the authority with the U. S.-China bilateral agreement on China's accession to the WTO.

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY GROWERS

Another up tick in the average price received by growers is being projected for the month of November as the preliminary average price received is projected at 41.40 cents per pound, up from the October average price of 39.00 cents per pound.

The weighted average price received by growers for the 2002 crop marketing year (August 2002 through July 2003) will be used to calculate the final counter-cyclical payment rate on the 2002 crop.

The upward movement of prices is a welcome sight to many growers and should have little, if any, effect on the final counter-cyclical payment rate.

Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobbye Bean

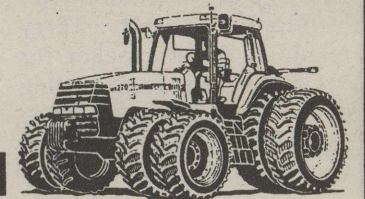
It must have been too cold for everyone to get out Thursday to quilt. Ann Norris, Diane Norris and Bobbye Bean were the only ones who braved the cold and quilted. Ann's Calendar Quilt is up and also Joy Stodghill's quilt. We quilted until noon and just stayed home where it was warm.

Charlie Parker had his daughter, Suzie, from Midland and son, Brit, Virginia and Randi from Bartlesville, Oklahoma home for Christmas. Mike, Diane, Ann and Ed Norris joined them on Christmas Eve.

Kyle, Lori, Kyler and Baylor Bean had the entire Bean family for Christmas last Sunday. Casey, Corrina, Christine, Corrine and Caleb came from Midland. Brent, Jan, Zach, Drew and Jill came from Amarillo. Walter and Bobbye arrived from Silverton. Gifts were exchanged and all enjoyed the family reunion. Bobbye and Walter went to Brent's on Christmas Day.

Due to the nature of the cotton marketing year and the time-frame that the majority of the crop is marketed it is unlikely that prices would rise fast enough to significantly increase the marketing year average.

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