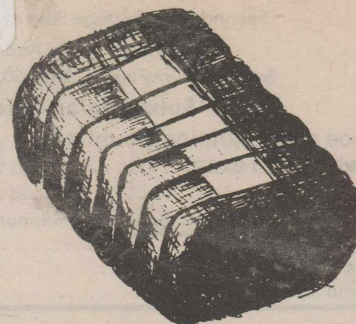


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All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



For a number of years Lawana Cruse, mother of Debra Smith and mother-in-law of the former Lisa Younger, has written stories that she read to her children and grandchildren. She received a most extraordinary Christmas gift this past holiday season. Her daughter, Melody Hysinger, compiled some of these stories into a book entitled *A Collection of Children's Stories*, which contains ten of the stories that were her favorites.

You have read poems by Lawana Cruse in the *Briscoe County News*, especially during the Christmas season.

Amber Womack, granddaughter of Fred and Vivone Arnold, was exhibitor of both the Grand Champion Lamb, a 135-pound Suffolk, and the Grand Champion Steer, a 1245-pound Crossbred, at the Floydada Junior Livestock Show.

Silverton Firemen are sponsoring a big Valentine Ball Saturday night, February 11, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Show Barn. Tickets are \$15.00 each. A steak dinner will be served and music will be provided by Three-Quarter Band.

The firemen are attempting to raise the money to pay off the balance on the new Suburban they purchased several months ago.

Tickets are available from any of the firemen or can be purchased from Jerry Patton at the City Hall. Deadline for buying tickets is Saturday, February 4.

Plan now to take your sweetheart out for a really big evening.

Show Barn To Be Set Up For Stock Show

It is time to set up the pens at the Show Barn for the 1995 Briscoe County Livestock Show. The set-up day will be Monday, January 23, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Livestock Show will be held January 26-28.

Schedule for the show will be January 26--steers and heifers, weigh and show; January 27--lambs and swine, weigh-in; and January 28--lamb show, swine show and sale of animals.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center.

Members of the Methodist Church will be hosts for the luncheon.

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

Briscoe Stock Show Set For January 26-28

Briscoe County's annual Livestock Show is scheduled to begin with weigh-in of steers and check of beef and dairy heifers between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. January 26. The cattle show will begin at 7:00 p.m. that day at the County Show barn in Silverton.

Show activities January 27 will include weigh-in of swine and sheep between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

Showing in these divisions will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Show Barn.

The Buyers' Club will serve a brisket supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. Saturday with awards and auction set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The ninth annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, sponsored by the Burson family, will be presented to the outstanding 4-H or FFA mem-

ber who has excelled in the areas of feeding, fitting, showmanship and personal effort during the feeding program.

The show's general superintendent will be Perry Brunson, and he will be assisted by Bennie Reagan. Show announcers will be Aaron Younger and Jimmy Davidson, and the show secretaries are Bena Hester and Nancy Wood.

Judging the cattle will be David Lust of West Texas A&M University. The sheep and swine will be judged by Jim Tucker, Wellman Vo-Ag instructor.

Another judge will choose those to be honored for outstanding showmanship.

All exhibits will be under the control See STOCK SHOW —

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Physician's Assistant Visits in Silverton

Representatives from High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo and a physician's assistant from southeast Kansas were in Silverton last week to attend a community meeting and make further plans regarding the re-opening of Briscoe County Clinic.

More than 100 people attended the meeting in spite of there having been conflicts that took some away from the city to ball games, etc. that evening. An optimistic attitude was displayed toward the opening of the clinic.

It has been emphasized that if you or your family has not completed one of the questionnaires that were printed in the *Briscoe County News* and *Valley Tribune*, that you do so as soon as possible. The information on the questionnaires will be used to let High Plains Hospital personnel know what services are needed or expected in Silverton. A few copies of the paper

with the questionnaire in it still are available, if you no longer have yours. Take your completed questionnaire to City Hall, Nance's or to Anthony Kingery.

Physician Assistant Joe Foust, his wife, Kathy, and their 15-year-old daughter, Jennifer, and seven-year-old son, Joshua, seemed to be favorably impressed with the clinic facility and Silverton in general. Even though they seemed to be willing to move here, no final word has been received on this.

High Plains Hospital will be operating the clinic here as a FirstCare clinic and will offer the FirstCare insurance that can be used at the clinic and at High Plains Hospital. It is expected that there will be some minor renovations underway at the clinic soon, but as of this writing no word has been received on a date that is being targeted as opening day for the clinic.



Texas House Speaker James E. (Pete) Laney presides over the 150-member Texas House of Representatives.

Cancer Center Screening is Offered Feb. 13

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Briscoe County Clinic in Silverton, 702 Commerce, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. The program is certified by the FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.

The total cost of the screening is \$70.00. Ask about funding that is available for free breast screenings and mammograms.

Please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673 today for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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To apologize when you've hurt another person . . . To admit error when your reputation for honesty is at stake . . . To be unselfish when a little grab might enrich you . . . To face a sneer when the sneerer makes you want to fight . . . To be considerate when people get on your nerves . . . To achieve success and remain humble when you are tempted to crow . . . To keep trying when many failures have tested your patience . . . To think a little more before you act when your temper is up . . . To maintain a high standard of living when others take shortcuts . . . But . . . You'll certainly find that all these things pay . . . In the end!

BE THE BEST OF WHATEVER YOU ARE

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, be a scrub in the valley . . . But be the best little scrub at the side of the hill . . . Be a bush if you can't be a tree . . . If you can't be a bush, be a bit of grass, some highway to happier make . . . If you can't be a musky, then be a bass, but be the liveliest bass in the lake . . . We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew . . . There's something for all of us here . . . There's a big work to do and there's a lesser to do . . . And the task we must do is the one that's near . . . If you can't be a highway then just be a rail . . . If you can't be a sun, be a star . . . It isn't by size that you win or fail . . . Just be the best of whatever you are!

Slow me down, Lord, ah's going too fast. Ah can't see my brother when he's walking past. I miss a lot o' good things day by day; I don't know a blessing when it comes my way. So slow me down, Lord, I want to see more of the things that's good for me. A little less o' me and a mite more o' You, Lord. I want the heavenly atmosphere to trickle through. Let me help a brother when the going's tough. When folks work together it ain't so rough. Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk with some of your angels, the little ones. Just slow me down to a walk, Lord.

A SOLDIER'S CONVERSION

Look, God, I have never spoken to You . . . But now, I want to say "How do You do" . . . You see, God, they told me You didn't exist . . . And like a fool, I believed all of this . . . Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky . . . I figured right then they had told me a lie . . . Had I taken time to see the things You made, I'd have known they were not

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High Plains Baptist Hospital Outlines Proposed Services

A new rural health clinic will open soon in Silverton for residents of Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey. The clinic staff will include a billing clerk, LVN and a mid-level practitioner, or what's considered either a physician assistant or nurse practitioner. This staff, with a supporting cast of medical specialists and services at High Plains Baptist Health Systems, soon will be the new team in this area. The clinic will be complimented by a team of rural clinic specialists whose only job is to insure the success of the clinic. The mid-level practitioner is the key quarterback of the team. The following is a description of what that role means for the community, as prepared by Dave Clark, senior vice president, High Plains Baptist Health Systems.

A family nurse practitioner (FNP) is a registered nurse (RN) who has been certified through a recognized family nurse practitioner program of advanced education and expanded skills. These skills enable the FNP to work closely with a physician to provide family health care.

A physician assistant (PA) is a graduate of an accredited physician assistant training program and is registered as a physician assistant with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

Both physician assistants and family nurse practitioners work under a physician's supervision, using established protocols (written plans for specific diseases or conditions) in carrying out health regimens for patients. The supervising physician visits the clinic, in person, at least once a week and is immediately available by phone, or is only thirty minutes from the clinic for emergencies. Both the FNP and the PA can prescribe medications according to written

protocols. The supervising physician assumes responsibility and legal liability for the health care services provided by the FNP and PA.

Both FNP's and PAs often are found working in medically underserved areas where a great need for health care services exist. They can obtain a health history, perform a physical examination and manage the medical care of acute and chronically ill patients.

Some of the more common problems treated and/or managed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants include diabetes, high blood pressure, colds, flu, strep throat, ear infections, tonsillitis, anemia, arthritis, asthma, back pain, kidney and bladder infection, sinus problems, allergies, bronchitis, chickenpox, pink eye, skin rashes, boils, ringworm, warts, diarrhea, stomach disorders, bedwetting, headaches, female/male problems and many others.

They also can provide immunizations and preventive health measures to patients of all ages and can take care of minor injuries such as burns and cuts. When confronted with any problems that they cannot handle in the clinic, nurse practitioners or physician assistants use the referral system available to them at High Plains Baptist Hospital or the doctor of the patient's choice.

FNP's and PAs have been trained and understand the importance of health education. They can assist their patients with nutritional information, dental hygiene education, family planning and child development guidance.

EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Sign Up Now!!

Don't forget to sign-up for the *Lifestyles Choices* program which will begin meeting on Monday, January 23, at 5:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton.

The *Lifestyle Choices* program is designed to help participants to develop a more healthy lifestyle through proper diet and exercise. There is no cost to attend the program; however, participants are asked to pre-register by calling the Briscoe County Extension Office, 823-2131, Ext. 12.

Program participants will meet weekly through the duration of the program.

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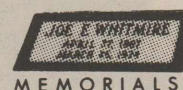
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Looking Back

through the files of the
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January 17, 1985—New officers of the Camera Club are Walter Taylor, president; Kathy Frizzell, secretary-treasurer, and Randy Stark, program chairman . . . Mrs. Terry Grimland has been a patient this week at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . . Mrs. Don Curry has been a surgical patient at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . A blanket of snow and the coldest temperatures of the season left Silvertontites slipping and sliding Saturday, but most of the snow melted Sunday and a warmup is underway this week . . . Owlettes win first district game . . . Junior High teams win pair of games from Hedley . . . Linda Vaughn, a graduate of Silvertown High School, was among the 1,093 Southwest Texas State University students who filed for degrees awarded in winter commencement ceremonies December 21 in Strahan Coliseum . . .

January 14, 1975—Butch Brannon was among those on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Clarendon College . . . E. H. McGavock is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Arnold are parents of a daughter, Sally D'Ann . . . Mrs. D. T. Northcutt returned home from Swisher Memorial Hospital Monday . . . Mrs. Gladys Arnold left Wednesday morning for Houston where she entered M. D. Anderson Hospital. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Hamilton of Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bob Smith are parents of a son, Jason Wade . . . New officers of the Terra Cotta CowBelles are Mary Darnell, president; Wayma Bomar, first vice-president; Sonja Smith, second vice-president; Elen Avent, third vice-president; Nancy Dunlap, recording secretary; Doris Jennings, corresponding secretary; Donaleta Garrison, treasurer; Doris King, Beef for Father's Day chairman . . .

January 21, 1965—Funeral services conducted for Henry Clay Mercer, 84 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doug Forbes are parents of a son, Stephen Craig . . . Perry Thomas was a patient at St. Mary's Hospital from Tuesday until Sunday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris are spending ten days at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico . . . Earl Cantwell entered Swisher County Hospital Monday for minor surgery . . . J. L. Webb has been a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital since Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lowrey visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Green and children, over the weekend . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grabbe, Pat and Donna visited her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Stevie Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morgan, jr., Shelley and Kim Sunday afternoon . . . Ed Hutsell underwent surgery on his right foot at the Medical Center in Plainview Friday. The foot was injured in a cotton stripper accident before Christmas . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill May in Canyon Sunday . . .

January 20, 1955—The beautiful rock in the Tule crossing has been taken down to make space for the new paved road which is being built that will join Armstrong County, and which in time will form a connecting link between Post and Borger. To all who have seen this unusual formation so many times, and have learned to enjoy and appreciate it, this loss brings sadness . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smithee are parents of a daughter, Charlotte Jan . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Turner will be at home on Sunday, January 30, between the hours of two and five o'clock, to receive friends and relatives on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L.

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McWilliams, jr. are parents of a daughter, Janet Lee . . . Mrs. Lee D. Bomar, who underwent surgery at the Silvertown hospital last week, was able to return to her home on Tuesday . . . Silvertown boys win Tulia basketball tournament . . . Mrs. D. N. McGavock was honored with a family party on Tuesday evening of last week in honor of her birthday anniversary . . . A. E. Frizzell and granddaughter, Mary Amber, were Sunday guests of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Long, Nancy and Nicky . . . Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison were Carroll Garrison and Kay, Messrs. and Mmes. Vernon Garrison and family, Don Garrison and family and Pascal Garrison and children . . . Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Loudermilk and children and Edwin

Dickerson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman and daughters Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orville Turner and Orville Baker returned home Monday night after having been in Collinsville to visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bates . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Dale of Quitaque were overnight guests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham, Benny and Judy . . .

January 18, 1945—R. J. (Jack) Montague is back in the States after completing 35 missions over Germany. Jack is a Staff Sergeant and has been in Europe six months as a gunner on a B-17 Bomber in the Eighth Air Force. He has something over 300 hours of combat flying and has been awarded the Air Medal and several oak leaf clusters . . . Pvt. William McIntyre

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came in Friday for a few days while enroute to Camp Beal, California. He expects to go overseas soon . . . Bud Perkins, who is with the Seventh Army in France, has been advanced to Pfc., according to a letter written Christmas Day . . . Silvertown's two boys basketball teams won an Invitational Tournament at Quitaque the past weekend. The girls lost out at the first of the tournament, but the boys' teams came through to victory in their own brackets . . . Sgt. Raymond Hunt entered service February 1941 and is now in New Guinea. He was awarded the Bronze Star in New Guinea for gallantry. He arrived overseas in August 1943 . . . Sgt. Howard Hunt entered service in

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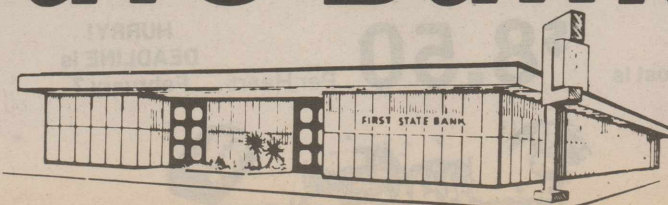
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Silverton Sweeps Four Games at McLean Fri.

Silverton's teams did something at McLean last Friday night that they had not done before—they swept the series with victories over all the Tiger teams.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls led off the action with a 29-13 victory. These girls play well together and haven't been challenged seriously this year. They led at the end of every quarter: 6-4, 16-6, 24-8, 29-13.

Shauna Kingery led the offense by scoring 11 points, and Kenzie Burson was right with her with 10 points to her credit. Also scoring were Kimmie Blazier, six, and Molly Brooks, two points. Lori Chandler rounds out the team of five. Shauna got a three-point play during the game.

The Junior Varsity Owls also play

with five. They trailed 7-8 at the end of the first period, and went up 15-14 before halftime. They held a 29-24 advantage at the end of three, and at the buzzer the scoreboard reflected a 36-35 victory for the Owls.

Andy Bullock led the offense by scoring 11 points. Also scoring were Jared Francis, eight; Hector Martinez, seven; Leland Wood, five; Will Hester, four points. Leland, Hector and Andy all dropped three pointers into the baskets.

The Varsity Lady Owls had some problems in their game, with four of the five starters benched with four or five fouls each during the last half.

The five girls who weren't in foul trouble carried the game on to their 49-47 victory, aided at the last by the starters who were back in the game.

Michelle Warren and Molly Bomar tied for scoring honors with nine points each. Lori Brannon caged eight; Brandi Brunson and Leslee Weak, six points each; Shannon Weaver and Dedra Johnston, five points each; Lacy Brunson, one point. Dedra and Shannon dropped one three-pointer each.

The Varsity Owls were in contention the entire game, but didn't put it away until the fourth quarter. Scores at the ends of the quarters were: 14-14, 20-23, 36-36, 62-56.

Jack Cherry had the hot hand and burned the baskets with 26 big points.

Trey Wyatt also did well while getting 18 big points. Also scoring were Arnold Garza, six; Brandon Sarchet and Cy Comer, five points each; Zeb Holt, two points. Wyatt rang up two three pointers and Sarchet got one.

The Owls traveled to Patton Springs Tuesday night, and will host Cotton Center Friday in the first home game in ten days.

Next Tuesday, they travel to Hedley to begin the District campaign.

Lady Owls Win, Owls Lose at Motley County

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls traveled to Matador for four games with Motley County High Tuesday night of last week, with the Ladies taking a pair of victories and the Owls losing their matches.

The Junior Varsity Owls opened the set-to with a 36-50 loss, even though they never trailed by much in the game and led throughout the first half. Scores at the ends of the quarters were: 11-4, 20-14, 28-36, 36-50.

The Owls came out with Leland Wood and Andy Bullock hitting three pointers early. Hector Martinez added a long shot in the second quarter and Bullock hit two more before the game's end.

Bullock led the scoring with 14 points. Also scoring were Jared Francis, nine; Martinez, eight; Wood, three; Will Hester, two points.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls, playing with five players like the JV Owls, just ran all over the Lady Matadors. They led at the end of each quarter: 19-8, 34-22, 42-34, 50-41.

Kenzie Burson led the offense by scoring 19 big points. Shauna Kingery and Kimmie Blazier rang up ten points each, Lori Chandler registered seven and Molly Brooks tossed four points into the baskets.

The Varsity Lady Owls had a bit more trouble with the Lady Mats in their game, probably because the Motley girls are getting tired of getting beaten by Silverton who led at the end of each period of play: 16-10, 29-20, 41-28, 55-37.

Molly Bomar led the offense by scoring 19 big points, and Brandi Brunson was right behind her with 15 to her credit. Other scoring was by Shannon Weaver, who registered a three pointer and made a total of eight points; Dedra Johnston, who made two three pointers and seven points; Leslee Weak, four, and Lacy Brunson, two points.

The Owls played with determination in their game, and did a better job against the Matadors than they have in previous games. The Owls lost two games to the Motley boys by a total of about 30 points per game, and Tuesday dropped their match by only 14 points. One of the Owls said a Motley player told him that the teams had better not play again because the Owls just might win the next one.

Scores at the ends of the quarters were: 13-14, 31-40, 47-65, 74-88. The thing that really hurt the Owls and probably kept them from winning the game was a scoring slump shortly after the midway stop that dropped them about 20 points behind. They rallied and had a good fourth period, but were unable to crawl out of the hole they had

dug themselves into.

Jack Cherry led the offense by burning the baskets with 29 points, getting seven of them in the first half and 22 in the second half when he really turned it on. Trey Wyatt also scored in double figures with 15, including two three-point plays. Adding to the score were Arnold Garza, nine; Zeb Holt and Jon Ivory, six points each; Brandon Sarchet, five; Cy Comer, four points.

Junior High Wins Two At Groom

Silverton's Junior High teams played three games at Groom Monday night, and brought home victories in two of them. Groom is a perennial playoff team, and has good teams on all levels.

The Seventh Grade Owls led off the action with a 24-21 victory with all players taking part in the game. The Owls led at the end of each quarter: 7-2, 15-8, 16-11, 24-21.

Nathan Francis led the offense by scoring 13 points. Also scoring were Jordan Sarchet, five; Paul Donahoo, four; Charlie Bomar, two points.

The Junior High Lady Owls earned a 37-17 victory over the Lady Tigers with seven players sharing the scoring. Lindsey Jennings had a very good game and scored nine points for the Owl Ladies. Also scoring were Sara Kirchoffner, who also did well in the game and caged eight points; Dara Ramsey, seven; Misty Wilkinson, five; Destiny Ivory, four; Lindsey Weak and Lori Edwards, two points each.

The Eighth Grade Owls dropped their match 38-57. Jared Holt led the offense by scoring 15 points, and Jay Arnold was right behind him with 14. Adding to the score were David Gamble, three; Jeremy Holt, Matt Martin and David Donahoo, two points each.

The Junior High teams will be playing in a one-day tournament at Kress Saturday. They will be at home next Monday and will be hosting the teams from Lakeview.

Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

BREAKFAST

Monday, Jan. 23--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk
Tuesday, Jan. 24--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Wednesday, Jan. 25--Sweet Roll, Juice, Milk
Thursday, Jan. 26--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk
Friday, January 27--No School

LUNCH

Monday--Deli Sandwich, Fries, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday--Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli and Cheese Sauce, Vegetable Stix, Hot Rolls, Brownie, Milk
Wednesday--Beef and Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Thursday--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Syrup, Butter, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Monday, Jan. 23--Lakeview Junior High, here
Tuesday, Jan. 24--Hedley, there, 6:30
Friday, Jan. 27--No School; Stock Show Preparation; Lakeview, there, 6:30
Saturday, Jan. 28--Stock Show
Monday, Jan. 30--Valley Junior High, here, 4:00
Tuesday, Jan. 31--Samnorwood, here, 5:00

Junior High In Kress Tourney

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in a tournament at Kress Saturday. The other teams entered are San Jacinto, Valley and Kress.

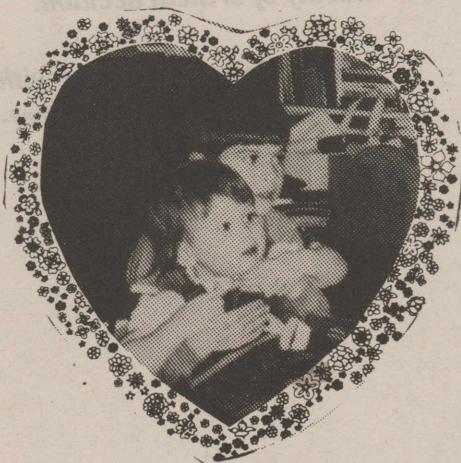
The Lady Owls are scheduled to play Valley at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Owls and Valley at 12:15 p.m.

Winners advance to play at 4:15 and 5:30 p.m., and losers play at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m.

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Junior High Teams Do Well At Lockney

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls went up against some good teams in the Shorthorn Tournament at Lockney last week, and did well against the tough competition.

The Eighth Grade Lady Owls, the only Silverton team to win its game on Thursday, came back and dropped the championship game 29-35 to Lockney Black. This gave the Lady Owls second place in the tournament.

Misty Wilkinson led the scoring with 14 points Saturday. Dara Ramsey tossed eight points into the baskets; Sara Kirchoffner, three; Lindsey Weak and Lindsey Jennings, two points each.

The Seventh Grade Owls earned third place by beating Petersburg 34-30. In the last 40 seconds of the game, Nathan Francis tied the score at the free-throw line and put the Owls a point ahead. The Buffs turned the ball over, and Francis was fouled again. He went back to the line and hit both ends of the one-and-one to ice the victory.

Francis burned the baskets with a big 23-point effort. Also scoring in the game were Paul Segura, four; Paul Donahoo, Daniel Reagan and Charlie Bomar, two points each, and Jordan Sarchet, one point.

The Owls had to come from behind to take the win, after the Buffs had jumped out to a 5-10 first-quarter lead. At halftime, the Owls trailed 11-16, and were behind 22-24 at the three-quarter stop. Francis scored all 11 of his team's points in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

The Seventh Grade Lady Owls were making a good come-back in the tournament against Petersburg Saturday and had led throughout much of the game when a rally by the Lady Buffs handed the Lady Owls a 12-15 defeat. Dara Johnston led the scoring with a three pointer and a total of nine points. Also scoring were Kendra Wood, two, and Lori Edwards, one point.

The Eighth Grade Owls came out for their game with Nazareth looking a little sleepy Saturday morning, and trailed 2-6 at the end of the first quarter. Nazareth built a 7-15 lead before halftime, but the Owls narrowed the gap to 17-18 before the three-quarter stop. The Owls finished with a 29-26 victory and third place in the tournament.

Jay Arnold and Jared Holt tied for scoring honors with 10 points each. Also scoring were Matt Martin, four; Jeremy Holt and David Donahoo, two points each, and Lorn Estes, one point.

THURSDAY

Silverton Junior High's Lady Owls rolled to victory over the Lockney Red Team in the first round of their tournament at Lockney Thursday night. The teams were tied 8-8 at the end of the first quarter, but after that it was all Lady Owls who led: 20-14, 32-18 and finished ahead 49-22.

Dara Ramsey burned the baskets with 19 points, while Misty Wilkinson lighted the boards with 13 points. Adding to the score were Lindsey Jennings, eight; Sara Kirchoffner, seven, and Lindsey Weak, two points.

The three other Silverton teams lost their first-round matches. The Seventh Grade Lady Owls had a very tough night, dropping their game 40-4. Dara Johnston and Lori Edwards each scored a basket for the Lady Owls.

The Seventh Grade Owls played a very good game against some of Lockney's best players on their White Team. The Owls could pull within a point of the Shorthorns, but never were able to tie or move into the lead.

Scoring at the end of the quarters reflected: 6-14, 23-26, 34-39 and 46-54.

Nathan Francis and Jordan Sarchet led the offense by ringing up 18 points each. Also scoring were Daniel Reagan,

four; Paul Donahoo, Paul Segura and Mickey Juarez, two points each.

The Eighth Grade Owls led through much of their game, but trailed by three points as the final seconds ticked off the clock. Donny Burson came downcourt with a three-point desperation shot that fell into the basket just ahead of the buzzer to tie

the game at 45-45, but the Owls were unable to score in the overtime period and lost 45-48.

Jay Arnold led the offense with 19 big points, and Jared Holt also scored in double figures with 13. Adding to the score were Jeremy Holt, five; Burson, three; Matt Martin and Lorn Estes, two points each, and David Donahoo, one

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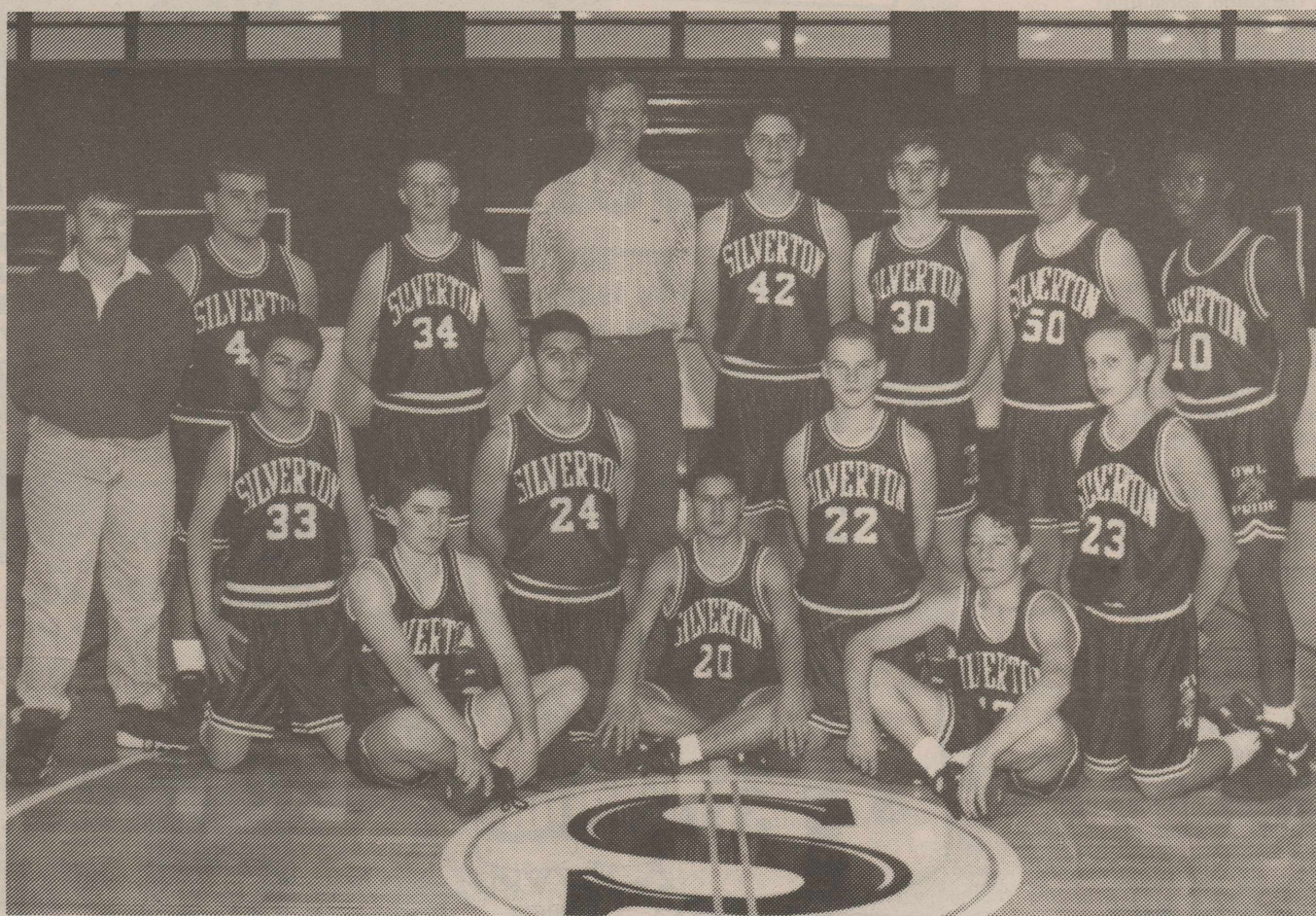
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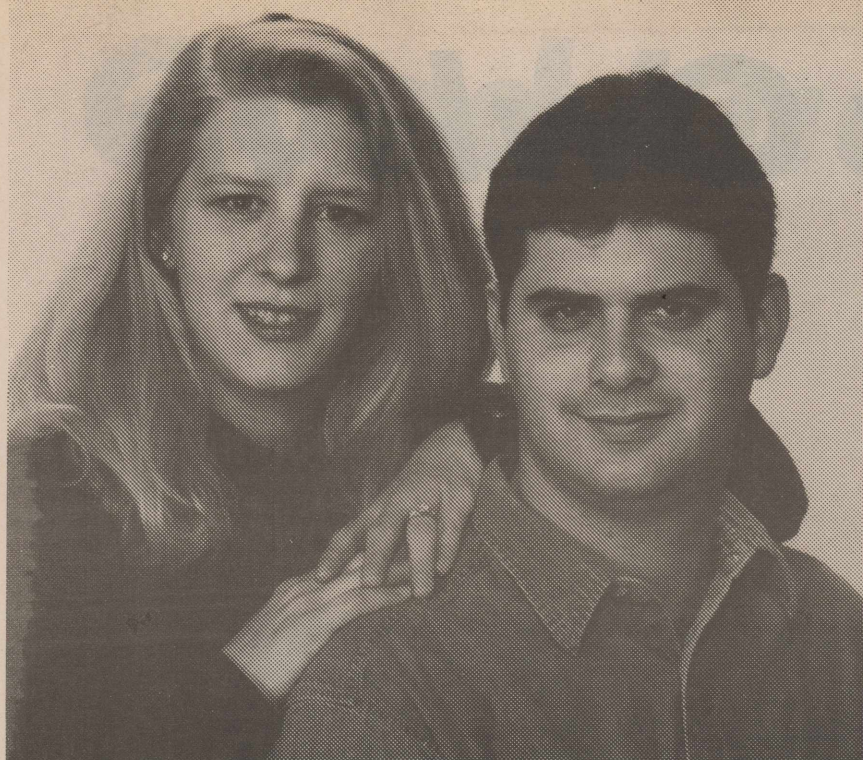
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January 24—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott

Letter to the Editor

Greetings:

Again, we appreciate your cooperation in letting your readers know that there is help for those living with another's alcoholism or other drug abuse. I do hope you can run this

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Thanks for your help.

Best regards,
Don W. Henderson
Plainview Al-Anon Family Group
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New Arrival

Michael and Jan Williams of Amarillo are parents of Sydney Michelle Williams, born December 28, 1994 at 11:10 p.m. She weighed nine pounds and 3/4 of an ounce, and was 20 1/4 inches long.

She was happily greeted by her sister, Cheyenne D'Lee, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Ellison and Ruth Williams of Kress and Duane and Shirley Reynolds.

Resolve to Prevent Fires in New Year

Start 1995 with a resolution to prevent fires. That's the recommendation from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, a state agency involved in various aspects of fire prevention and fire suppression.

"The beginning of the new year is a good time to start new fire-safety habits that could save your life and your home," said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the commission. "By taking a few simple steps, you can develop new habits that can significantly reduce the risk of losing your home or family to fire."

Hines explained that the threat of fire is so frightening that many people refuse to think about how they can prevent fires or to become better prepared to deal with fire. "But compared to some of the popular new year resolutions, such as losing weight or learning a new language," he said, "fulfilling a resolution to practice fire safety in the home is actually very easy."

The Commission on Fire Protection suggests the following steps to get your family started on a fire-safe year:

(1) Get rid of your dead Christmas tree.

The largest number of Christmas tree fires occur during January when the trees have been put out for trash collection. Take used trees and branches to recycling centers or landfills. This will keep children from being tempted to experiment with matches or lighters and the dried greenery.

(2) Pick a day to check your smoke alarms each month.

Pick one day each month, such as the day your mortgage payment or rent is due, and mark that day on your calendar as "Test the smoke alarm" day. That's a good use for the calendar you

got for Christmas

(3) Buy new smoke alarms.

Fire incident reports gathered by the Commission on Fire Protection show that, in homes where fires occur, only one in every three has a smoke alarm and about half of those do not operate properly. If your smoke alarm is more than 10 years old or sounds "false alarms" frequently, replace it with a new one. Buy more so that each bedroom has its own smoke alarm. Read and follow the directions to be sure that the alarms are installed correctly.

(4) Resolve to stay in the kitchen whenever you are cooking.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in Texas each year. "We could save millions of dollars in property loss and prevent tremendous personal suffering if everyone in Texas simply watched the stove while they were cooking," Hines said. Start cooking only when you are sure that you will not have to leave the room. If you need to leave the room, turn off the stove, fryer or other cooking appliance.

(5) Replace your cigarette lighter with a new child-resistant disposable lighter.

Fires caused by children playing with lighters and matches are the leading cause of fire injuries to children, according to Commission statistics. Look for labels that say "child-resistant" when you buy lighters. (The lighters meet new Consumer Product Safety Commission standards that went into effect during 1994.) Then keep the lighter, as well as matches, in a place that cannot be reached by children. If you have old-style lighters or if your child has shown an interest in playing with matches or lighters, consider keeping matches and lighters in a locked container or cabinet.

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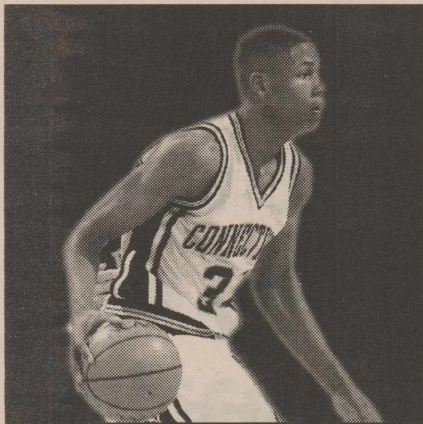
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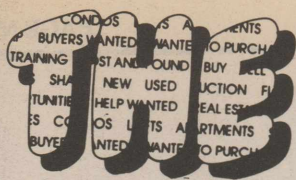
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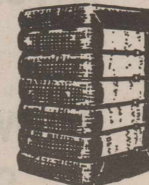
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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending January 5

Volatility continues to be a feature in the cotton market as high futures prices instill nervousness among traders. This scenario follows heavy fund involvement resulting in significant profits by traders who now appear to be cashing in some of their chips.

U. S. cotton market observers remain bullish about the country's position in the world export market, but extreme futures market volatility in recent days has confounded potential buyers. Exporters say that the fickle market sent some potential buyers to the sidelines to try to sort out where the prices may head next. Nonetheless, some sales have been made and demand seems to be strong.

USDA's weekly export report did not show particularly large sales, but some exporters noted that the report reflected business during the week of the Christmas holiday. USDA announced export sales of 1994-5 U. S. cotton increased a new 17,500 bales in the week ended December 29. Featured buyers were Egypt, Taiwan and China.

An information-packed speech by U. S. cotton merchant William B. Dunavant, was the highlight of the Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio this week. He contends that Pakistan and India will need to buy at least 750,000 more bales of cotton this season, with the U. S. and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) of the former Soviet Union the most likely suppliers. Dunavant painted a bullish picture as he added that tightening world stocks will continue this season into the next, further boosting prices.

India's Cotton Advisory Board echoed Dunavant's prediction this week by estimating the country will import 389,583 bales of cotton in the 1994-95 season. Weather and disease have ravaged India's 1994-95 cotton crop, and output could be as low as 9.74 million bales.

Also this week, more details were released regarding Egypt's crop shortfall in 1994-95. Unofficial estimates put Egypt's 1994-95 harvest figure at 1,501,500 bales. According to the U. S. attache' in Cairo, the smaller cotton crop was due in part to a failure by farmers to embrace a government pest control initiative. The attache' said farmers were either ignorant of the government's policy or were unwilling to implement it.

Dunavant also projected U. S. production in 1995 at 20.6 million bales compared to the USDA's most recent estimate of 19.573 million for the 1994 crop. Dunavant feels that when cotton futures hit the 95-cent to \$1-per-pound level, rationing of cotton will begin. "That doesn't mean they can't go higher. Yarn prices in the U. S. and the world could reach a whole new upward level. Prices could go up and stay up setting a whole new level for the future of cotton," Dunavant said. He projected 1995-96 world production at 89.3 million bales as compared with 1994-95 output of 86.8 million. His projected increase is due to the incentive for China, Pakistan and India to produce. "The real key in the next 18 months for price movement is who holds the exportable cotton," Dunavant added.

The New York Cotton Exchange saw record annual volume in 1994, with a total of 4.68 million contracts traded, surpassing the previous record set in 1991 by two percent. Cotton traded on the exchange set record daily volume and open interest marks.

Meanwhile, spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT for

the five trading days ending January 5 totaled 26,709 bales, down from the previous week's total of 79,288. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 77.94 to 79.79 cents per pound.

An import quota allowing 867,531 bales of cotton to be brought into the U. S. became operative late last week. The current farm bill requires an import quota when the average spot price for a single month exceeds more than 130 percent of the average spot price for the previous 36 months. On December 30, the average spot price for SLM 1 1/16 was 81.92 for the month of December, which was 136 percent of the 36-month average. In spite of the fact that the opening of the quota in the past has brought very little cotton to the U. S., the announcement seemed to have a bearish psychological effect; however, any sizable imports to the U. S. are unlikely due to the current worldwide cotton shortage.

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Social Security Recognizes Role Of (Grand)parents

by Terry Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

More and more grandparents find themselves assuming the role of parents in the absence of their own children because of death or disability. When this happens, Social Security may recognize the grandparent as the "parent" for benefit purposes.

When the grandparent retires, becomes disabled, or dies, the grandchild may be able to qualify for benefits if certain conditions are met. Generally, the biological parents of the child must be deceased or disabled, or the grandchild must be legally adopted by the grandparent.

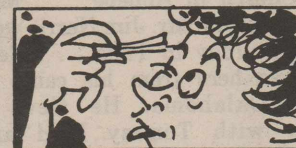
In addition, the grandchild must have begun living with the grandparent before age 18 and received at least one half support from the grandparent for the year before the month the grandparent became entitled to

retirement or disability insurance benefits or died. Also, the natural parents of the child must not be making regular contributions to his or her support.

If the grandchild was born during the one-year period, the grandparent must have lived with and provided at least one-half of the grandchild's support for substantially all of the period from the date of the grandchild's birth to the month the grandparent became entitled to disability or retirement benefits.

The grandchild may qualify for benefits under these circumstances even if he or she is a step-grandchild. However, if the grandparents already are receiving benefits, they would need to adopt the child for it to qualify for benefits.

For more information on how grandchildren may qualify for benefits, call your nearest Social Security office.



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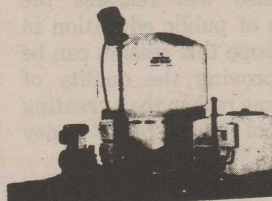
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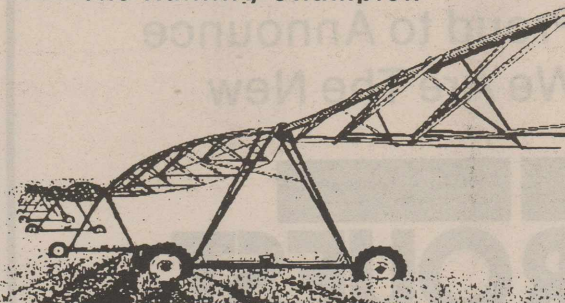
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July 1940. His work is in an Army Hospital. He was ward mat. in Beaumont Hospital for four years and how has a medical discharge. He is at the Blue Bonnet Ordinance Plant in East Texas . . . Pvt. Alfred L. Hunt entered service in August 1940. He has been with Co. E 9th Inf. in Germany. He was wounded in France in June 1944 and received the Purple Heart. Since then he has been in the hospital again for his hearing. He went overseas in October of 1943 . . . Pvt. James A. Stout has received the Good Conduct Medal . . . In a double-ring candlelight ceremony, Miss Freda Wimberly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Grady Wimberly, and Lt. Harold C. Seefeldt, USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seefeldt, were married at University Baptist Church in Abilene . . . Miss Annie Vardell and Mr. Jim Norris were married Saturday in Tulia . . . Cecil Seaney was here from his camp at Norman, Oklahoma. He flew in Saturday with Tommy Bird and returned Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside were in Dallas to market the first of the week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. R. Seay were dinner guests in the J. A. Ziegler home Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steele spent Sunday in the Charlie Johnson home . . .

March 27, 1925—Bonus raised; charter granted for railroad. Actual work will start as soon as right-of-way and terminal are secured; committee at work . . . Vigo Park willing to meet Silverton halfway in constructing a passable road through beautiful Tule Canyon . . . Silverton has outgrown its school and last year it became necessary to erect a frame building on the school ground to take care of the domestic science and agriculture departments. A bill has been passed during the present session of the Legislature, by both the House and the Senate, making this an independent school district, and it is now on the governor's desk for signing. Silverton High School has 18½ affiliated credits and if this bill becomes a law, our schools will go forward. If it is killed, our teachers and pupils have wasted their time this year, as far as ever having their work recognized by other institutions of learning . . . The Haylake school house, seven miles east of Silverton, was destroyed completely by fire Sunday night about dark. The fire originated when some young men were pouring gasoline into the tank of the lighting system, lighting up for the singing which was to be held. One of them was

holding a paper torch which fell in the gasoline and the blaze spread so rapidly that it got beyond their control. A later explosion of the tank made it impossible to put out the fire, after assistance and water arrived. The building was one of the best country school houses in this county, having been built only a few years ago. It was built by a bond levy and only about half of the bonds had been paid off. The community still owed about \$1,200 on it and their insurance had been allowed to lapse . . .

Briscoe Stock Show Set For January 26-28

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of the management but the show in no case will be responsible for any damage that may occur.

All cattle must be weighed in by 5:00 p.m. Thursday. All swine and sheep must be weighed in by 6:00 p.m. Friday.

Animals must remain on the grounds until all judging is complete for that day. All animals qualifying for the auction will need to be present.

All exhibitors must be bonafide members of FFA chapters or 4-H clubs in Briscoe County and enrolled in the Silverton or Valley schools.

All animals must have been the property of the owner and exhibitor throughout the feeding period. Such feeding period shall have begun before November 1 for sheep, beef heifers and dairy heifers; December 1 for swine, and steers must have been owned since July 1, all in accordance with the Texas Validation Regulations.

Each exhibitor shall show his or her own animals and be responsible for their care while on the show grounds, unless granted permission by the show superintendent. If a student is ineligible to show in accordance with House Bill 72, then the animal entered may be exhibited by a substitute showman, if he or she is a bonafide 4-H or FFA member in Briscoe County and enrolled in the Valley or Silverton school.

There will be no limit on number of animals entered; however, only two total animals per exhibitor will be allowed in the premium sale.

There is no minimum class size.

All bedding for the animals will be furnished by the show. Straw is permitted in cattle pens only.

The general superintendent and assistant superintendent will set the auction rules, guidelines and

percentages.

The sheep show superintendent is Bryan Burson, and he will be assisted by Warren Lee Merrell. Classes will be broken at the discretion of the superintendent in regard to breaking by breed and/or weight and sale percentage.

Max Weaver is superintendent of the market and prospect swine shows, and he will be assisted by Mark Patton, Rex Yearly, Larry Comer and Stan Fogerson. A grand champion and reserve champion will be selected from the prospect and market show winners.

A pee wee showmanship class will follow the swine shows.

Bennie Reagan is superintendent of the steer and beef heifer shows, and he is being assisted by Billy Farley and Matt Kast. All cattle must be halter broke and manageable by the exhibitor or be subject to disqualification at the show's discretion.

Superintendent of the dairy heifer show is Larry Don Price, and he will be assisted by Rick Hester. No fresh dairy heifers will be allowed to show.

Clean-up day at the Show Barn has been set for 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 30.

The public is invited to attend the stock show to support the county's young people and to support the show by enjoying the brisket supper which will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. Saturday at the show barn.

Texas House Re-Elects Laney As Its Speaker

James E. (Pete) Laney, D-Hale Center, was re-elected as the 71st Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Laney pledged to help remove any barriers preventing people from contributing their talents and ideas to the Texas legislative process. "Every person should be able to make their voice heard in this chamber," Laney said.

He also noted that beginning now any citizen can have computer access to the legislative information systems. From home computers, they will be able to track the progress of legislation. He also plans to request committee hearings on ways to broadcast future House sessions so that all Texans can watch the proceedings of the House.

"I want the people of Texas to be a part of this process more than ever before," Laney said.

Laney also pledged to balance the state budget without increasing state taxes. "We are fortunate to have a strong economy generating state revenues," Laney said. "But the growing demands of education, criminal justice and federally-mandated programs will require difficult decisions on all areas of the budget."

Lawmakers also will reassess the entire structure of public education in Texas. "I truly hope this session can be devoted to improving the quality of education in Texas rather than creating yet another school finance plan," Laney said.

He also called for changes in the juvenile justice system. He said we must do a better job of dealing with juvenile offenders and protecting our citizens from violence.

Laney, 51, was first elected speaker in January 1993. A Hale Center farmer, Laney is married to the former Nelda McQuien. They have three children: daughter KaLyn Laney of Austin; daughter Jamey Laney Phillips of Lubbock; and son J. Pete Laney, a Texas Tech University student.

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Low-interest Agricultural Water Conservation loans to purchase and install water conserving irrigation equipment are available to farmers and ranchers. The loans along with information about the program may be available through your local underground water conservation districts, soil and water conservation districts, and irrigation districts.

The districts can loan this money directly to individual farmers to cover the cost of improving water use efficiency of existing irrigation systems or replacing it with modern water-conserving equipment such as Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) systems. Other loan applications include converting irrigated acreage to dryland farming and purchasing equipment for furrow dikes and water harvesting. The board also can provide a loan to a district to improve its irrigation facilities.

Agricultural Water Conservation loans are made available to local districts by the Texas Water Development Board. These loans carry a very competitive interest rate as a result of currently being bought down by a multi-million dollar U. S. Department of Energy Oil Overcharge grant provided to the board by the state's General Services Commission.

Since the program was approved by the Texas Legislature in 1986, \$22.8 million in 32 low-interest loans have been made to 12 districts, saving 10 to 20 percent of the water supplied through the improved irrigation systems.

Interested farmers should contact their local district or call Comer Tuck at the Water Development Board at 512-463-7983.

Attend The Firemen's Ball, February 11**Warm, Dry Weather Seen During December**

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of December 1994 was significantly warmer than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.4 degrees above normal and ranged from 5.2 degrees above normal at Abilene to 1.2 degrees above normal at Plainview.

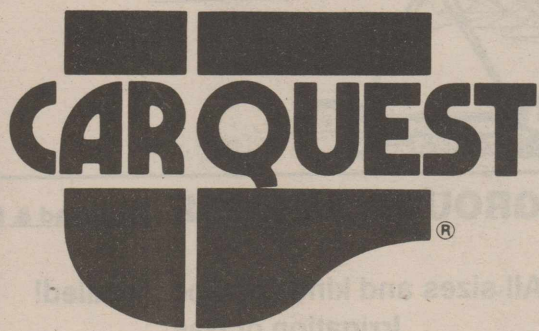
Maximum temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees above normal and ranged from 6.3 degrees above normal at Abilene to 0.6 degrees above normal at Lamesa. The highest temperature reported during the month was 79 degrees at Paducah on the 5th.

Minimum temperatures averaged 3.6 degrees above normal and ranged from 6.1 degrees above normal at Seminole to 0.6 degree above normal at Plainview. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 15 degrees at Muleshoe on the 10th.

Precipitation averaged 0.41 inch below normal and ranged from 0.77 inch below normal at Post to 0.03 inch below normal at Snyder.

Silverton's average temperature for the month was 41.4 degrees, about 2½ degrees below the South Plains average. The average maximum temperature here was 55.5, as compared with 57.8 across the South Plains. The South Plains average minimum temperature was 30.0 degrees, while Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged only 27.2 degrees. Silverton received 0.41 of an inch of precipitation, which was above the South Plains average of 0.27 but below the long-term normal for this area.

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