

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



A former Silverton resident, John R. Skaggs, who now makes his home in Plainview, is remodeling a building he owns at 705 Broadway which will be a new restaurant called the Broadway Diner.

The building has been in his family since 1921, and he wanted it to be something that would be a credit to downtown Plainview. It is next door to the Skaggs Building which his grandmother built in 1928 and which his family owned until 1978.

In a letter he wrote me recently, Mr. Skaggs commented on Eddie Guffee, administrator of the Museum of the Llano Estacado located on the Wayland Baptist University campus. He said that Mr. Guffee has spent many hours excavating sites in Briscoe and Floyd counties and documented some of the very early travels in this area such as the Texan-Santa Fe Expedition.

Mr. Skaggs said that Mr. Guffee is the only person he knows that speaks and writes the Comanche language and is truly an expert on the Comanche Indians of this area. He added that Mr. Guffee has set up some outstanding displays of life in this area which are very interesting, and that anyone going to Plainview should take time to go by the museum. He concluded by saying, "Free admission makes it one of the great bargains anywhere."

We have a friend who is wondering if people would like to have a directory of local mobile telephone numbers. He says he will have one printed if everyone will contribute their numbers. If you would like to see this done, just call the Briscoe County News and give us your mobile number.

We received word of the death last week of Mary Catherine Brown, who was married to Silverton native Sam Brown. She is a former Silverton and Tulia resident. An accomplished musician, she was a music teacher. She had been in active recovery at a therapy center in Birmingham, Alabama following a stroke. Sam was commuting from their home in Aniston each day to be with her. We have been told that the incidence of stroke runs in Mary Catherine's family.

Hopefully, when family members who traveled from here to Alabama for the services return, they will bring us a complete obituary.

Fire Department Meets Tonight

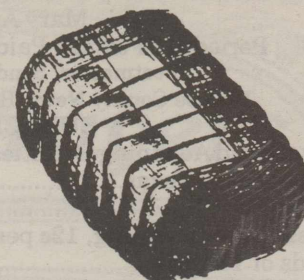
Members of Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the City Hall.

Supper will be served.



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Jay Stinson's Relay for Life team had a car wash at Allsup's Saturday. Team members pictured are (left to right) Brooke Garvin, Rev. Stinson, Sandi Tomlin, Kurby Garvin, Tyler Young, Krista Smith, Julie Weaver, Lori Griffin and Taylor Griffin. Proceeds of their car wash will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Briscoe County News Photo

Guinea Bed Race Is New Event For National Trails Day

A new event of National Trails Day in Quitaque will be a Guinea Bed Race, sponsored by the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce.

Entries will be taken up to one hour before the race. Registration will be at 4:00 p.m. on the parking lot of Merrell Food.

If you wish to participate you must sign a waiver statement and submit it with registration form. Each team member must sign.

For more information, rules or waiver statement, call Donna at 806-455-1193 or Marie at 806-455-1456.

First prize for the fastest to finish the course will receive \$100. Second place for the fastest will receive \$25. The Best Designed and Decorated Bed will be the recipient of \$50. To be judged for the best designed bed, it must be entered in the morning parade. The only stipulations on the bed are that it must have at least four wheels that are on the ground at all times and be able to carry a mattress. Brakes, steering wheels, or mechanisms are optional.

Two beds will be available for the use of racers who do not have one available to them. A team consists of five members--four pushing and one riding the bed holding the guinea. Each team member must wear a helmet.

There will be a Poker Run for

motorcycle enthusiasts during the Trails Day celebration, and this will start with a parade at 10:00 a.m. a quarter mile north of Allsup's in Quitaque. The People's Choice Bike Show and registration for the Poker Run start at 11:00 a.m.

The Poker Run will be run through approximately 50 miles of the scenic Caprock area. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three places and the event is sponsored by Rolling Plains Motorcycles.

The National Trails Day celebration begins with a pancake breakfast from 7:00 until 9:00 a.m. at the Quitaque fire station.

Events include kids games, a bake sale, bands, homemade hot sauce contest and public tasting, barbecue lunch, National Trails Day Art Show, cow patti bingo, white elephant sale and from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. a street dance and Spanish dance.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the scenic Caprock Canyons State Park, which features lots of hiking and biking trails and is home of the JA Bison Herd.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, June 8
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
City Hall in Silverton

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary To Be Observed

In honor of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters, their children are inviting you to an open house at their country home on the afternoon of Sunday, June 13.

They invited friends and neighbors of the couple to come by to extend best wishes on the occasion of this special day.

Youth Group To Have Car Wash

Silverton Youth Group will be having a car wash and bake sale Friday, June 11, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Silverton Oil Company. Profits from the car wash and bake sale will be used to help pay for their trip to the Youth Evangelism Conference in San Antonio.

Top Christian vocalists and musicians as well as high energy, inspirational youth speakers will be a part of this exciting event.

Support the community's Christian youth at these fund-raising events.

For the best flavor, tea should steep for three to five minutes before serving.

Caprock Jamboree Goes Onstage Again Saturday

Performers who will be going onstage at the Caprock Jamboree Saturday night, June 5, are Jodie Boudreaux of Lamesa; Annie Lauri of McDade, Texas; Jack Stone of Muleshoe; Rick and Brenda Sudduth of Canyon, and Ron Brunson of Plainview. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn located on Southeast Tenth Street in Silverton.

This promises to be another great show. Bring a folding chair for your comfort, if you have one; if you don't bring a chair, one will be provided for you.

The "Barn Raisers" will be serving the mesquite-grilled hamburgers beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is free, and an evening of family entertainment is promised all who attend.

Relay For Life Promises To Be Unique Event

Friday, June 11, the Relay for Life promises to be a unique event held to raise funds for cancer research and to bring together families and friends to celebrate those who have survived cancer and to remember those who have not.

Relay for Life is a team event in which walkers or runners compete against each other to raise the most money and to have the most unique theme. The event will be held at the Valley ISD track. One member of the team is on the track at all times. Teams consist of eight to sixteen people representing various businesses, civic groups, social organizations, church groups and families. Whole the Relay for Life is in progress, a community party atmosphere is created with entertainment, food, games and camaraderie.

The event is unique and it offers something for everyone. Cancer survivors will kick off the Relay for Life with a Survivors Lap. After sundown, luminarias will be lighted in memory of those who have lost their battles with cancer and in honor of survivors. It will be truly breathtaking to see the candlelit bags lining the track.

See Relay For Life--
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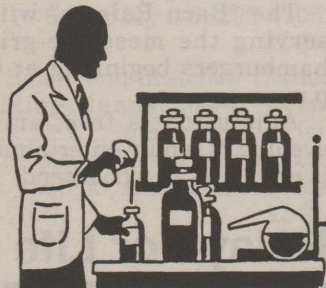
Obituary

SILAS C. (BLUE) BROWN

Services for Silas C. (Blue) Brown, 87, of Lockney were scheduled to be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Mr. Pete Moseley and Mr. Stuart Smith were to officiate. Burial was to be in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown passed away May 30 at Floydada.

He was born December 12, 1911 at Detroit, Texas, and married Ostella Miller November 16, 1931 in Hollis, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death July 26,



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1991. He married Jewel Busby May 26, 1992 at Lockney.

He farmed at Hollis, Oklahoma before moving to the Turkey-Quitaque area in 1939. He farmed until he retired in 1989. He had also worked as a tractor mechanic in Turkey, in addition to farming. He had lived near Lockney since 1992.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Quitaque for many years. He had been a member of the Church of Christ in Lockney since 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Brown of Lockney; two daughters, Patsy Rhoderick of Lubbock and Melanie Camp of Jacksboro; three sons, Bennie Don Brown and Carl Brown, both of Amarillo, and Robert W. Brown of Plainview; two stepdaughters, Judy Norris of Floydada and June Collins of Petersburg; a brother, Stidham F. Brown of Olympia, Washington; three sisters, Lea Belle Braker of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Pearl Morrison of Houston and Dorothy Meadows of Roseburg, Oregon; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were to be Richard Rhoderick, Roger Brown, Brent Brown, Brett Brown, John Farley, Danny Brown, Jonathan

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He said to them: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Relay For Life--

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A moment of silence and special music concludes this ceremony.

As the night grows later, there will be a pajama contest, local talent and other fun activities to keep everyone entertained. The Relay for Life will end the next day with a closing ceremony and a final Victory Lap for all participants.

Each team has been asked to raise a minimum of \$50 before the event. Prizes are offered for those raising more money. All of the money goes directly to the American Cancer Society's life-saving research, education and patient service programs. Other fundraising opportunities exist for the Relay for Life, such as corporate underwriting and sponsorship, the sale of luminarias and individual donations.

Relay for Life offers many opportunities for the public to learn more about cancer in their own community. People from Turkey, Quitaque and Silverton are taking part in this event.

Cancer survivors will be there to remind everyone that cancer is not always a death sentence. Their testimonies provide a way for the public to become aware of the strength and courage shown by cancer patients.

Your local Relay for Life contact is Fred Strange, 823-2222. Luminarias are still on sale for \$5.00 each.

Collins, Jason Williams, Jamie Moyer, Josh Brown and Brian Williams.

Memorials may be made to Texas Boys Ranch of Lubbock.

WEATHER

24-HOUR MAY READINGS

6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	56	45	1.75
2	51	40	.80
3	69	41	
4	68	47	
5	64	40	
6	61	35	
7	59	36	
8	73	36	
9	81	55	
10	65	50	.51
11	78	42	
12	58	42	
13	66	42	
14	66	52	
15	87	56	
16	86	57	
17	85	52	
18	67	43	
19	70	41	
20	77	49	
21	85	54	
25			.38
26	80	57	.55
27	67	53	.83
28	66	51	
29	72	53	
30	79	57	
31	90	63	
Total May Precip.			4.82
Normal May Precip.			3.11
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			11.09
Normal Precip.			
Year to Date			6.78
Soil Temperature			69°

Silverton School Honor Roll

Sixth Six Weeks

Second Grade--Tyler Garvin, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick

Third Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Lindsey Mullin

Fourth Grade--Dusty Burson, Drew Reed, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Clay Strange, Claudia Vargas

Fifth Grade--Hanna James, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Seventh Grade--Caleb Francis, Ty Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Eighth Grade--Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

Ninth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Elida Garcia, Kurby Garvin, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

Eleventh Grade--Heather Bowling, Nathan Francis

Twelfth Grade--Lindsey Jennings, Leslie Burkart, Donny Burson, Dara Ramsey, Lindsey Weaks, Josh Breedlove, Misty Wilkinson

SECOND SEMESTER

Second Grade--Tyler Garvin, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange

Third Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Lindsey Mullin

Fourth Grade--Dusty Burson, Ami Dunn, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Claudia Vargas

Fifth Grade--Jacob Francis, Hanna James, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Seventh Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Ty Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Eighth Grade--John Arnold, Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

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LOOKING BACK

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Briscoe County News

June 1, 1989-Bubonic Plague discussed at meeting . . . Approximately half an inch of rain fell on Silverton Tuesday night, accompanied by a fierce electrical storm which set fire to a pasture west of town . . . Valley High graduated eighteen last week. John David Harmon was valedictorian, and salutatorian was Dana Jackson . . . Nancy Wood has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Clarendon College . . . In honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception Sunday . . . An old-fashioned breakfast in the Georgia Allard home replaced the usual afternoon meeting time for Southwestern Extension Homemakers . . . Colleen and Wayne Reed are parents of a son, Drew Colby . . . The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley was the setting for the last activity of the Future Business Leaders of America for the current school year . . .

May 31, 1979-Florida largemouth bass have been stocked at Lake Theo and Greenbelt Lake. Smallmouth bass will be stocked at Lake Theo and White River Lake . . . Jeff Jones underwent surgery Monday at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas . . . Mrs. Maude McJimsey, 78, buried here Friday . . . Mrs. Obra Watson is a patient in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo . . . Briscoe County men who served in Vietnam included Johnny Butler, John D. Baird, Mike Baird, Charlie Baker, Kelsie Baker, jr., Ricky Boggs, Guy Breedlove, Roger Brunson, George Calvert, Mike Chandler, Bobby Cochran, Carol D. Davis, Dwin Davis, Clyde Dudley, Billy Mac Farley, Don Fugett, Tim Gamble, Norberto Garcia, James George, Roy George, Travis Gilkeyson, Donald Gonce, Doug Gowin, Johnny Griffin, Ron Hall, Joe Hamilton, Randel Hamilton, Verlon Hamilton, Rex Harmon, Robin Harmon, Johnny Helms, Ralph Hill, Robert Hughes, Ronnie Hutcheson, Joedell Hutsell, Wesley Ivory, Grady Lee Jacobs, Alan R. James, Felix Johnson, Jack Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Johnny Jowell, Joe C. Kellum, Billy Jack Loudermilk, Bailey Loyd, Joe Lucero, Larry May, Jerry Maupin, Lonnie McDonald, Lynn McDonald, George McJimsey, Glen McWaters, Mike Mercer, Billy Merrell, Warren Lee Merrell, Jay Miller, Freddie Minyard, Dellis Monk, Eddie Monk, Horace Morrison, Roy Morrison, Carl Minyard, Harrell Minyard, Mike Norris, Filiberto Patino, Wendell Patterson, Jerry Perkins, Gary Payne, Kenneth Peugh, Stan Price, Dale Ramsey, Dwight Ramsey, Jimmy Reed, Verlin Rice, Clifford Rowell, Finas

Scoggins, Joe Seay, Dale Smith, Roy Dwain Smith, Terry Sperry, Donnie Stephens, Allen Thomas, Royce Thornton, Doug Turner, Orville Turner, jr., Emmett Tomlin, Guinn Turner, Kenneth Vines, Arnold Lee Weathered and Carl Wayne Woods. Keith Rowell and Lupe Leal were killed in Vietnam . . .

June 12, 1969-Bond election called for building new City Hall . . . Heavy rainfall received over the weekend . . . Named to the Dean's Honor Roll at West Texas State University are Martha C. Mills and Lela Margaret Tomlin . . . Coaching staff to include Bill Stovall, Tom Wright, Tom Pearson and Bill Wood. Charles Payne has been employed as the Elementary School Principal . . . Tina Schott and Jennie Fisher have been chosen as Chapter Mothers of the Eastern Star Chapter . . . Mrs. George Masey, the former Miss Linda Yancey, was honored at a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. G. H. Wilkinson Tuesday . . . Miss Roy Dale Garrison is enroute to the National 4-H Citizenship Shortcourse in Washington, D. C. . . .

May 28, 1959-Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McJimsey and son spent the weekend at Lake Altus . . . Bailey Childress of Austin arrived here Sunday to spend his vacation with his wife and other relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield, Mrs. W. W. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Breedlove attended the graduation exercises at WTSC Sunday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman and Jealeta and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hamilton spent Sunday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Marshall and Patti Carol . . . Inette Shelton and Nelda Franks of Tulia spent Thursday night of last week with Inette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton, Martha and Virginia Sue . . . Miss Barbara Shipman and L. V. Woody were married in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Shipman, in Plainview May 9 . . . Kathy Peugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh, is recuperating satisfactorily from a recent appendectomy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, Frankie and Gary attended the high school graduation exercises in Kress Thursday night. Myrna Sue Bingham, niece of Mrs. Hunt, was a member of the graduating class . . .

June 2, 1949-Private First Class Jack D. McDaniel graduated this week from the Air Force Communications School at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois . . . Silverton received .94 of an inch of rain Saturday afternoon . . . Grady E. Martin, son of Mr. and

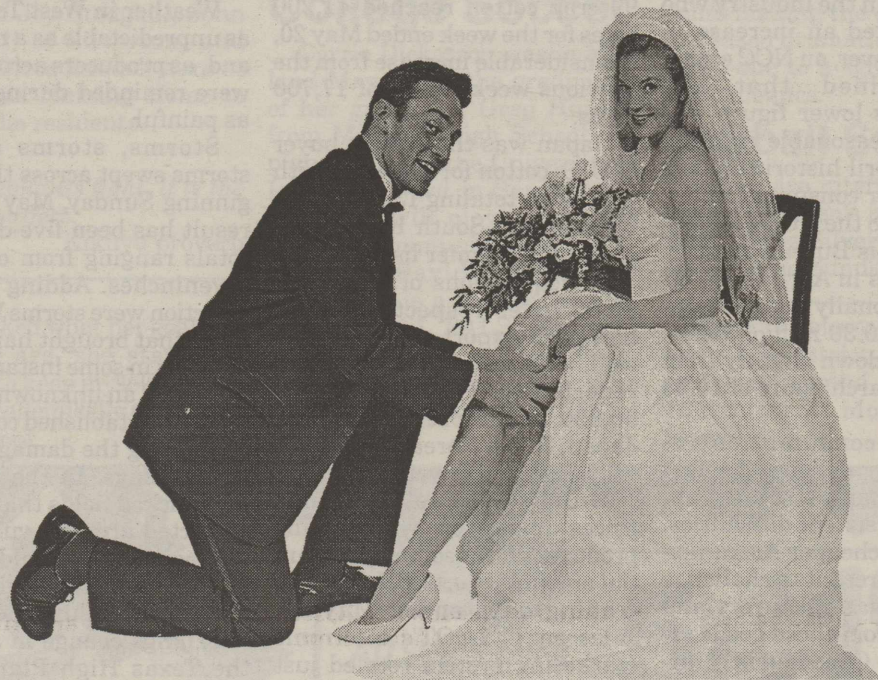
Mrs. W. W. Martin, received his bachelor of arts degree in graduation exercises held at Southern Methodist University May 31. A veteran, Martin majored in psychology. Before going to SMU, he attended Arkansas A&M College. He was active in college football and basketball . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rampley have been notified that the body of their son, Billy Cornett Rampley, was being returned to the States for reburial. He was killed in service of the American Merchant Marines in January 1945 after serving more than three years . . . Senior Class on trip to Gulf Coast this week . . . Doris June Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown, re-

ceived the bachelor of music degree in commencement exercises at North Texas State College Sunday . . .

May 11, 1939-Twenty-nine seniors in '39 graduating class . . . Lucile Weast is valedictorian with an average of 94.46 . . . Sleepiness causes two wrecks this week . . . Large crowd attends divorce trial here . . . Miss Ona Blocker and Dixie Thrash married April 17 . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Buchanan are parents of a son, Alfred Best Buchanan . . . Mrs. Carver Monroe and daughter, Caryle, are spending this week in Lockney with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson . . . Mr. and Mrs. True

Burson returned from Mineral Wells the first of the week after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brooks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard were in Turkey Thursday . . .

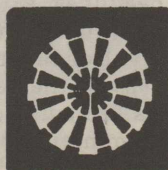
May 30, 1929-The Silverton Milling Company is completing an addition of equipment to the mill that is of much import to the whole county and is destined to aid our most infant industry, the feeding-out of cattle for the market on home-grown grain and sorghums converted into manufactured products right here in Silverton . . . A new mail service is forecast in the action of the post office department in advertising for bids to carry the mail between Quitaque and Silverton . . .



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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended May 27

Speculative selling pressured futures prices this week as the cotton market closed lower four out of five days. Market observers anxiously awaited the release of two key reports, the National Cotton Council's (NCC) April mill use data and USDA's weekly export sales report, in search of fresh fundamental news.

NCC's domestic cotton consumption data provided a surprise to some in the industry who had anticipated an increase in mill use. However, an NCC economist explained that the organization's lower figure was well within reasonable expectations since April historically is a slow month for consumption.

According to the NCC's assessment of Census Bureau data, U. S. textile mills in April used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 10.30 million bales. The figure is down slightly from the revised March figure of 10.38 million.

Domestic consumption remains healthy despite the fact that domestic mills still are grappling with persistent difficulties. The influx of cheaper Asian textile products presents a challenge to domestic manufacturers and competition from these goods remains tough. Consequently, inventories continue to be high in most U. S. factories. Fortunately, good news could be in the future for U. S. textile mills. An improvement in Asian economies eventually should raise consumers' buying power in those regions, which could have an effect on Asian exports.

"As the economies continue to rebound, consumers will have the money to spend, and they will begin to purchase their own textile products; therefore, Asian textile mills won't have to look to the

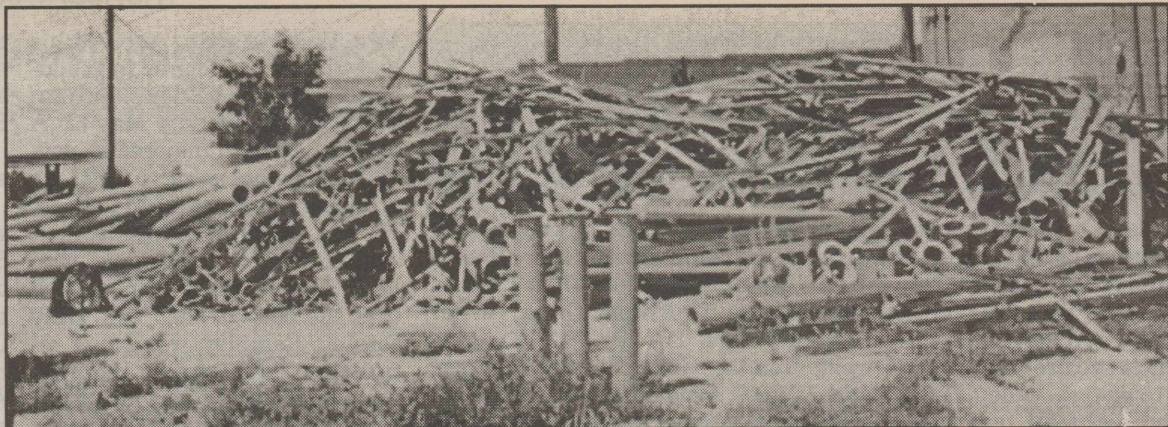
U. S. as much for a market for their products," an NCC economist said. At some point the pressure on U. S. mills and textile products should ease, he added.

In other news, USDA's export sales report was perceived as supportive by market observers but still was not enough to boost the market. The department reported net export sales of 1998-99 crop cotton reached 41,200 bales for the week ended May 20, a considerable increase from the previous week's sales of 17,700 bales.

Japan was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton for the week with purchases totaling 13,200 bales. Canada and South Korea completed the premier list of buyers with acquisitions of 8,100 and 5,800 bales respectively. Net new-crop export sales rose as well, with sales of 42,500 bales reported for the week versus 30,600 in the previous report. Japan, South Korea and Mexico were featured buyers.

On the spot cotton scene, prices dipped lower dissuading producers from selling substantial amounts of cotton. In the five trading days ended May 27, sales on TELCOT's electronic marketing system totaled just 1,878 bales, compared to 3,209 bales the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing TELCOT ranged from 39.55 to 44.99 cents per pound, compared to a range of 39.48 to 46.01 cents per pound the prior week.

Approximately 69 percent of the prospective U. S. crop now is in the ground and adverse weather conditions have become a concern to those in the industry. Currently, conditions in Texas have captured market at-



Located at Rhoderick Irrigation, this is part of the wreckage of center pivot sprinklers destroyed by high winds in the storm May 9. A number of small buildings, storage barns and well houses were destroyed in the wind which clocked as high as 100 miles per hour. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Heavy Rain, Hail, Winds Alter Picture for 1999

Weather in West Texas can be as unpredictable as a rattlesnake and, as producers across the area were reminded during May, just as painful.

Storms, storms and more storms swept across the area beginning Sunday, May 9, and the result has been five-day rainfall totals ranging from one to over seven inches. Adding to the destruction were storms Wednesday night that brought hail, as big as softballs in some instances, which destroyed an unknown number of recently-established cotton fields.

Totaling the damage will take several days. In the meantime, rain slicked fields that cannot be protected are now vulnerable to high winds that could cause further damage to surviving crops from blowing dust and sand.

"Things change in a hurry on the Texas High Plains," notes Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Last week we needed just a little bit more moisture to get the last of our dryland acres planted and this week we are looking at the total devastation of hundreds of thousands of acres, mostly in established irrigated production areas, from repeated washing rains and hailstorms."

The timing of the destruction is presenting producers with difficult decisions. In areas that received the heaviest rainfall, and suffered the most damage, producers could conceivably be kept out of the field until after the Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) established final planting dates for cotton.

In that situation producers will have to decide whether to accept the insurance settlement on the cotton crop they lost and replant

tention as storms have deposited substantial rain and some hail in parts of West Texas, which may have affected some cotton there. Roughly 80 to 90 percent of the cotton in West Texas already has been planted but recent precipitation will result in some replanting. Producers in the area are becoming concerned about looming planting deadlines, as their seeding success will depend on the quick arrival of favorable weather. Sources in the region said once fields are sufficiently dry a closer examination of the crop will be conducted to determine the extent of damage.

a secondary crop or attempt to replant cotton three to four weeks later than normal knowing that the replanted acreage's yield potential has been cut by as much as fifty percent.

Making the decision is never easy, unless the field is totally wiped out. The trickiest decisions are made on acreage that has sustained only partial damage.

To help producers make these assessments the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has available two publications titled, "Making Replant Decisions" and "Effects of Stand Loss and Skips on Cotton Yield," which delve into the details to consider when assessing what that next steps should be.

The publications are available from county Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices or can

be accessed on the internet at the following addresses: http://soil-testing.tamu.edu/publications/800824-replant_pdf and http://soil-testing.tamu.edu/publications/800792-skips_ne.pdf

The files can be downloaded and then viewed and printed with Adobe Acrobat or the freely available Adobe Acrobat Reader software.

Time To Buy Your Luminarias

If you haven't bought a luminaria in memory or in honor of your loved one who had cancer, you need to do it now. They are \$5.00 each, and will be placed around the track at Valley School on the night of Friday, June 11. Call LaVern Kingery or Fred Strange for information.

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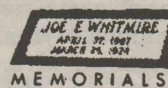
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Natalie Wheeler is Valley Eighth Grade Salutatorian

Natalie Wheeler is the daughter of Barry and Rebecca Wheeler and is the granddaughter of Billy and Janice Wheeler of Turkey and J. W. and Betty Reid of Silverton. She is the salutatorian of

the Valley Eighth Grade Class with an average of 93.5.

She competed in basketball, track and tennis. She has been a cheerleader for the past two years and was elected cheerleader in recent high school tryouts. Natalie is class president for the eighth grade. She participated in UIL in modern oratory, prose reading, spelling, writing and sci-

Couple Celebrates 46th Anniversary

John and Maebelle Francis celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary by hosting a backyard party for the members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ after Sunday evening services.

The weather was perfect for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

There were 33 members and five guests present.

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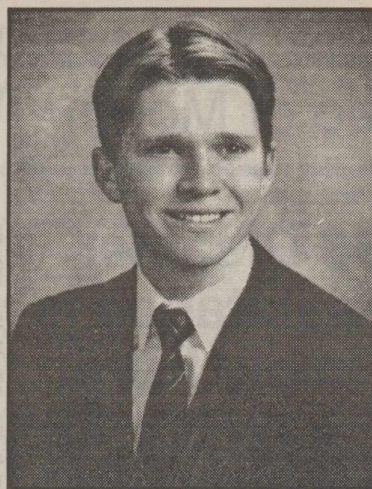
John and Maebelle Francis of Silverton and Louis and Oleta Randell of Turkey recently entertained at the Crosbyton Nursing Home on a Thursday. On Friday, Clifton and Joy Stodghill, John Francis, all of Silverton, and Louis and Oleta Randell were at the Floydada Nursing Home to entertain the residents.

When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers.

Kikuyu proverb

ence.

When asked what her goals for the future are, she stated, "I would like to keep myself athletically and academically motivated in high school.



Greg Hunter

Hunter To Play College Soccer

Carrie Dickerson was in Midland May 29 for the graduation of her grandson, Greg Hunter, from Midland High School. He plans to attend the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio where he will play soccer and major in communications.

Son of David and Rhonda Hunter, he is a member of Student Council, PALS, National Honor Society and Dawg Pack, and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Two Students On Dean's List at LCU

Leslee Weaks and Shauna Kingery were named to the dean's list at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 1999.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Leslee is the daughter of Gary and Cathey Weaks, and Shauna is the daughter of Anthony and Kathy Kingery. Shauna earned a perfect record of 4.0 for the spring semester.

The percentage of LCU students making the dean's list has increased dramatically in recent years due to a strong emphasis on academics.

Softball Sunday

If you are interested in playing with a men's softball group, meet at the Silverton Ball Park at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

He was selected to the first team All-District soccer squad and was named Duncanville Tournament Most Valuable Player.

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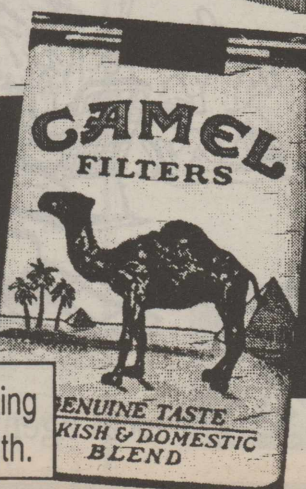
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Kathy Speck Makes Big Mark As May Employee of Month

Kathy Speck of MICU/CICU is May's proud recipient of University Medical Center's Employee of the Month honor.

She gained this honor through commendations from both her peers and patients under her care.

As the daughter of one patient wrote, "Kathy took the time to make sure my family and I understood what was happening. She never 'sugar-coated' things, but she made sure we all kept our spirits up."

She went on to say, "these may seem like small things, but I cannot begin to express how much her caring and concern meant to our family. She is a true asset to your organization."

Kathy believes in respecting the patients and adding a little humor into their lives as a part of their regular care. "Humor helps you to get to know your patients and their families," said Kathy.

Kathy also believes in making sure her patients know exactly who she is and what she is there to do.

"She was the only nurse who took the time to introduce herself not only to my mother, but to each and every visitor who came to support my family," Kathy's nomination stated.

UMC, Kathy feels, has the perfect atmosphere for this kind of care.

"The nurses have input with the patients, the doctors ask you your opinions and you are always learning," said Kathy.

Although she loves being a nurse, if you had asked her a few years ago about choosing nursing as her career, she would have laughed.

"I never even thought about being a nurse," said Kathy. "It's just not something I thought I would like."

The former Kathy Brown, she is a graduate of Silverton High School, and is the daughter of Don and Mary Brown. She is a sister of Liz Griffin and Missy Forbes.

She received her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech in Physical Education and later worked at UMC's Cardio and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Institute for five years before returning to school for a nursing degree.

In the year since her return to UMC as a nurse, she has won the respect of her peers in MICU/CICU.

"Kathy is a pleasure to work with," said a fellow co-worker. "Her positive attitude is contagious, which is a benefit to us all."

"She carries herself with a professional decorum and customer service attitude we all hope should abound in UMC," stated yet another nomination. "Kathy is pleasant and respectful of peers and authority at all times."

Kathy and her husband, Carl, recently bought a home and are

spending time enjoying their new environment.

'98 Disaster Assistance is Finally Here

After months of delays and communication problems, the final phase of the 1998 Disaster Assistance Package passed by Congress last Fall is set for delivery. For producers the announcement is welcome news indeed.

USDA officials announced recently that information would be transferred to County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices on June 1. Producer payments will most likely start being sent out a couple of days later.

Producers with qualifying single or multi-year losses will receive payments totaling 84.9 percent of the amount of assistance they qualified for. This is markedly better than the projected 50 percent or lower payment rate talked about during the sign-up period.

Overall some \$2 billion in aid will go out to 266,000 producers this week under this phase of the program.

Exactly why the payment rate was set as high as it was is still unknown. The 84.9 percent payment factor caught almost everyone off-guard and provided a pleasant ending note to the overly long effort to get the emergency aid program delivered.

Timing of the payments for High Plains producers couldn't be much better as many producers are in the process of assessing damage from a two-week-long session of heavy rain and hail.

Don't Throw Brush Control Dollars Out Window By Spraying Too Soon

Pammy Millican
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Range experts say it is still too early to leaf spray mesquite and control prickly pear.

Experiment Station researcher Darrell Ueckert says now is not the time to effectively spray either of these pests.

Ueckert and Extension range specialist Allan McGinty developed Brush Busters techniques. Brush Busters uses individual plant control for the most effective, safest and most economical methods available.

Ueckert says most ranchers forget about the important 'window of opportunity' that can make or break any brush control project. He says for leaf-spraying mesquite, it is best to start when the leaves turn dark green and the soil temperature is seventy-five degrees.

Ueckert says now is the worst time to control prickly pear with herbicides because the plants are moving carbohydrates upwards trying to produce new pads and flowers. He says the best time is to spray prickly pear in the late summer after the new pads are mature and the fruits are dark red.

Herbicides applied too early will not be carried down to the crowns and roots, which is necessary for cactus control.

Happy Anniversary-

June 3--Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stafford

June 4--Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill

June 5--Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davis

June 6--Mr. and Mrs. Oford King, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridges,

BE ON LOOKOUT FOR KLEINGRASS PROBLEMS

Recent rains across much of Texas have been welcomed by farmers and ranchers; however, those rains also can trigger problems for sheep and goats grazing kleingrass pastures.

Range expert Darrell Ueckert warns producers that now is a critical time to be looking for problems in animals grazing on grass. He says kleingrass can be very toxic to sheep and goats, especially after spring rains stimulate a flush of new growth. The toxic substance in kleingrass reduces the animal's ability to eliminate a compound of chlorophyll from the blood.

He says this compound accumulates in the skin, making it very sensitive to sunlight. The animals essentially get severe sunburn and are marked by swelling of the ears and head. Animals suffering from these conditions usually die. Affected animals should be moved to deep shade or a dark barn for about a week and given feeds with little or no chlorophyll.

Ueckert says the safest management practice is never to graze animals on a kleingrass pasture. Kleingrass is also toxic to horses, but cattle appear to have no problems.

The word telegraph comes from the Greek words tele, which means "afar" and graphein, meaning "to write."

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Don Ledbetter

June 7--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Culwell

June 8--Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Grabbe

Happy Birthday-

June 3--Brit Parker, Glenda Couch, Donna Copeland

June 4--Crystal Storie, Steven Jasper, Lee Ann Nuckols, Holly Nance, Jackie Davis, Pete Hoyt, Katy Perkins

June 5--Jo Bidwell, Greg Culwell, Dwain Henderson, Lena Patino, Lana Patino, Calvin Daugherty

June 6--Tanner Wayne Cartrite, Patricia McJimsey, Norberto Garcia

June 7--Cord Griffin, Mark Reagan, Kendra Lee McCoy, Connie Warren

June 8--Justin May, Carrie Dickerson, Latresa Minyard

June 9--L. B. Garvin, Edna Estes, Maria Justice

Another Boom Year For Grasshoppers is Being Predicted

Grasshopper populations are booming across Texas. Extension entomologist Cliff Hoelscher says early indications point to a population that is more severe than last year. He says due to the mild winter, there was excellent survival of the egg cases in the soil.

Grasshoppers caused an estimated three-to-five million dollars in damage last year. Hoelscher says summer weed control will take away food from newly-hatched nymphs and make fields unattractive to egg-laying adults. Weed control also exposes grasshoppers to birds and other predators. Control is considered necessary if there are 21 to 40 grasshoppers per square yard in fields. Control measures include insecticides or baits. Hoelscher says baits tend to work slowly. At least 100 acres must be treated with insecticide for effective control. He says grasshoppers tend to migrate back into treated areas.

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Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

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Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
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