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City Councilman F. E. Hutsell was pictured with Tom Wuertz of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Johnny Tiffin, fire department president, and Dwight Ramsey, fire chief, during the certification tests done on Silverton's fire truck Monday. The truck passed two of three tests, but narrowly failed the volume test because of not having sufficient horsepower. *Briscoe County News Photo*

City Fire Dept. Now Facing Co$tly Problems

Monday, July 11, was the day of the 5-year inspection for certification of the Silverton Fire Department, and while the department passed almost every test with flying colors, the old 1966-model fire truck failed to pump a sufficient volume of water due to the truck's horsepower.

What this means to every resident who carries fire insurance on property is that without the fire department's certification, rates will increase sharply—probably about $150.00 a year on smaller homes and as much as $250.00 a year on larger homes.

A new truck would cost $100,000, but would save those who buy fire insurance big bucks. The catch is that the $100,000 isn't available.

A new motor could be put in the truck, but the fire department would have to certify every year that all parts are still available, as well as proving the truck could pump the required volume of water. Being positive about the availability of all parts is "iffy", at best.

Monday's inspection was conducted by Tom Wuertz of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, and in addition to testing the truck, which passed two of the three tests, he examined fire department records on training, conducted pressure readings on various fire hydrants, etc.

Wuertz will submit his report on the Silverton Fire Department, and final word on certification may be several months away.

Without fire protection, it could become difficult for local businesses and homeowners to get insurance at any price.

Mobile Office to Be Here Tuesday

U. S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be in Silverton Tuesday, July 19, from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the courthouse.

The mobile office allows the Congressman to bring his office's services directly to this constituents.

"I have always believed that to be an effective public servant you have to go to the people and hear their wants and needs," Sarpalius said. "I was elected not just to represent you, but to serve you. That's why I have this mobile office."

The mobile office will be traveling to each town in the district on a periodic basis. For more information, contact Guy Brown, Community Representative, at 817-767-0541.

Baptist Church to Hold Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Silverton will be held July 18-22.

An adventure on the "Trail of Treasures" awaits children ages four through grades six (just completed), to enjoy bible activities, games, music, bible stories, refreshments and mission stories.

Trail pre-enrollment will be Sunday, July 17, at 3:00 p.m.

Trail School will be held Monday through Friday, July 18-22, from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Parents Night begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the church.

Call the church office, 823-2412, if transportation is needed.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Friday

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

Hosting the luncheon will be members of the Church of Christ.

Briscoe County Approved to Hay And Graze CRP

Briscoe County has been approved to hay and graze 1994 CRP acreage. Because of the severe weather conditions during the 1994 growing season and carry-over effects of 1993 disasters, the growth and yield of hay and pasture have been affected, and the Secretary determined it appropriate to authorize emergency haying and grazing of CRP.

CRP participants in this county who own or lease livestock and have suffered a 40 percent loss of normal production of hay and pasture may use hay harvested and grazing from CRP acres. They also may sell harvested hay or rent or lease standing CRP acreage to a livestock producer in an approved county, who has suffered a 40 percent loss of normal production of hay and pasture.

Prior to haying or grazing this acreage, the producer must: (1) obtain prior approval of the County Committee; (2) maintain cover so the land is adequately protected from wind and water erosion; (3) leave at least 25% of each field or contiguous fields unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife cover; (4) only take one cutting of hay (for haying), or follow the stocking rate approved on the Forage Inventory and Annual Grazing Plan (for grazing).

There will be a 25% reduction in the CRP rental payment for the current year, and haying and grazing of the acreage must be completed by September 30, 1994.

Contact the Briscoe County ASCS office for additional information.

Cholesterol Screening Is July 21 at City Hall

The Texas Department of Health will be holding a Cholesterol screening at Silverton City Hall on July 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a $4.00 charge per person.

Walk-ins are asked to sign in at the door and will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other screening available will be Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Health Risk Profiles, Nutritional Counseling, Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) boosters.

For further information, please contact the Texas Department of Health at 995-3638.

Classes to Have Reunion Soon

The classes of 1945-1961 of Silverton High School will meet for a reunion at 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 12, in the school cafeteria.

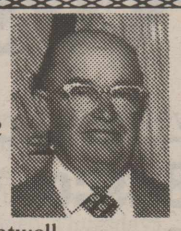
Relatives, former teachers and friends are invited to join the members of these classes.

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I don't know about you, but I realize full well that I am already firmly entrenched in the eighth one . . . "O-o-oh!" Where has time gone? Surely Job knew what he was talking about when he said, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle" (Job 7:6). And as a friend suggested, "The hurrier I go, the behinder I get." The most precious commodity we have today is not silver or gold, but time. John Randolph reminds us that "Time is the most valuable and the most perishable of all our possessions." When we squander it on things that don't matter, we are so foolish. Paul warns us, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:15). When we look around at the times we can see that the days are truly evil, with sin rampant in our world. However, Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it." What we need to deal our time is a heavenly perspective. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on heavenly things and not on things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:1-3).

What will we do with time? Henry David Thoreau's observation challenges our thinking. "As if you could kill time without injuring eternity." Will we then injure eternity? We each are given twenty-four precious hours daily. How will we use them? Faithfully?

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When you kill time, remember it has no resurrection . . . Growl all day and you are sure to be dog-tired at night . . . Faith makes the difference between cowards and calebs . . . When a man says that church seats are too hard and uncomfortable—then goes on Saturday and sits in a drizzle for hours watching 22 men pushing one another back and forth across a mud lot—who is he kidding? . . . The old adage: Most of the footprints left in the sands of time are made by workshoes . . . The quickest way to acquire self-confidence is to do what you are afraid to do . . . A wife who has good horse sense never becomes a nag . . . Is your Christianity ancient history or a current? . . . Every year I live, I am convinced that the waste of life lies in the love we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence which will risk nothing. Shirking pain misses happiness as well . . . Courage doesn't consist of knowing no fear but of conquering it . . . You cannot change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future . . . And if you are just a spark? All fires are the same size at the start . . Wild oats take something out of the soil of a man's life that no system of rotation (crop) can restore . . . Love is not blind, it just doesn't tell what it sees . . .

Weather Hotter, Drier Than Norm

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of June 1994 turned out to be warmer than normal with below normal precipitation.

Temperatures averaged 3.8 degrees above normal and ranged from 5.8 degrees above normal at Olton to 2.1 degrees above normal at Matador. Silverton's temperatures averaged 78.8 degrees, slightly below the South Plains average of 79.0.

Maximum temperatures averaged 2.5 degrees above normal and ranged from 7.9 degrees above normal at Levelland to 3.9 degrees above normal at Big Spring. The highest temperatures reported during the month were 118 at Paducah and 117 at Spur, both the 27th. Many new monthly as well as all-time record-high temperatures were set on the 27th and the 2-3 days before and after that. Silverton's high temperatures averaged 93.8 degrees, slightly above the South Plains average of 92.8.

Minimum temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees above normal and ranged from 4.6 degrees above normal at Morton and Olton to 2.1 degree above normal at Muleshoe. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 53 degrees on the morning of the 8th at Muleshoe. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 63.8 degrees, more than a degree below the South Plains average of 65.2.

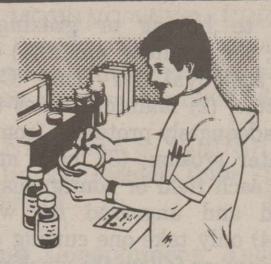
Precipitation averaged 2.13 inches below normal and ranged from 0.33 inches below normal at Muleshoe to 3.62 inches below normal at Paducah. Silverton's precipitation totalled .83 of an inch for the month, higher than the South Plains average of .78, but much below this area's normal.

Comings And Goings

Guests in the J. D. Nance home this week were his sisters, Betty Heines of Lakeville, Indiana, Norma Scarborough of Amarillo and Edna Grant of Plainview.

Robert and Betty McPherson have been visitors with Howard and Betty Heines in Lakeville, Indiana.

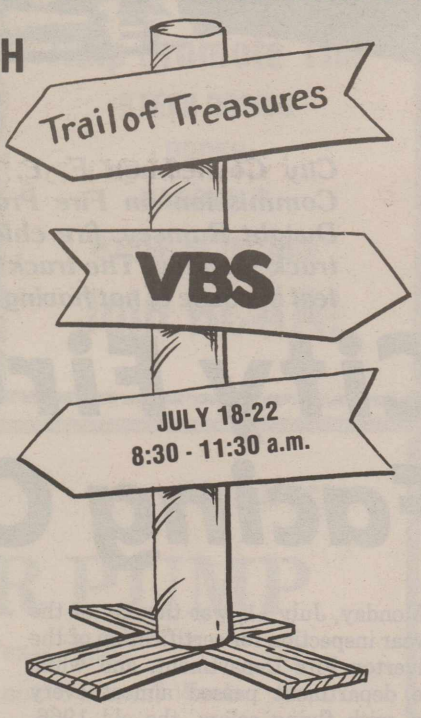
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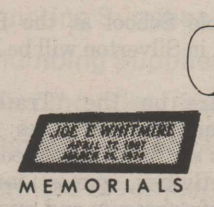


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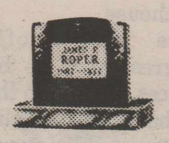
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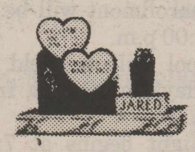
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Looking Back

through the files of the

Briscoe County News

July 12, 1984—Amarillo man, Michael Scott Adair, 21, becomes Lake Mackenzie's third drowning victim . . . Potter County Extension Agent Jim Smith has won the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Search for Excellence award for the state of Texas . . . Luck was with Bob Arnold and his uncle, Glenn Allen, when the two were working in close quarters on a pressure pump at the home of Glenn and Sylvia Allen. A rattlesnake crawled over Glenn's boot and Bob killed it as it moved away . . . Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill have moved from Sonora back to Silverton . . . David and Denise Kellum, Robert and Betty McPherson and Wayne and Becky Norman will host a square dance here Saturday night . . . Nick Long and his wife, Melissa, have announced plans to move from Plainview to Perryton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon to observe golden wedding anniversary . . . Vickie Meurer, bride-elect of Joe Edd Arnold, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday afternoon . . .

July 11, 1974—Citizens asked to conserve water . . . Dorothy Powell has been named Lamb County Extension Agent . . . New clinic building finished this week . . . Construction has begun on the new Thompson Implement Company building which is being built on Main Street east of the Briscoe County News . . . Jerry Patton was rushed to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview about noon Friday after he received a deep cut on his right wrist while helping the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department fight a fire in a storage barn at the home of Leona Yancey . . . Virginia Clardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallington, was attending a ballgame in Quitaque when she fell, striking her head on concrete. She is resting at home this week with a concussion . . . Mrs. Gabe Garrison was taken to Central Plains Hospital Saturday and underwent surgery there Tuesday morning . . . Strategic Air Command flying low-level practice missions over Briscoe County . . . Briscoe County, which already has provided one important Early Man archeological site this year, is now yielding another which boasts evidence of the Folsom culture dating from 8,000 to 10,000 years ago. Excavations have begun at the site three miles north of Quitaque in the vicinity of Lake Theo . . .

July 9, 1964—Silverton Scouts on their way to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge are Roy Len Long, John Montague, Buddy Comer, Darrell Long, Donald Weast, Gary Whitfill, Larry Comer, Paul Ray McWilliams, Yater Muckleroy and Rick Martin. They are traveling by chartered bus . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Self and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bomar and family spent the holiday weekend in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer, Mike and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown and Rita, Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Brown spent the holiday weekend at Ruidoso, New Mexico . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McJimsey, Douglas and Vicki spent the holiday weekend in Plainview with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence . . . Richard, Lauran and Jeanna Fulton of Canyon are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer . . . Bud Vaughan was a patient in the Tulia hospital last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gill are parents of a son, Eber Allan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arbadean Butcher are parents of a son, Michael Wade . . . Mrs. Ruby Elliston is a patient at Swisher County Hospital . . . Rusty Arnold made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allison and Tony were honored with a housewarming at their new home Sunday evening . . . Sam B. Brown was on the Dean's Distinguished Honor List at Baylor University for the spring semester . . .

July 20, 1954—Scattered rains in Silverton area . . . Norman M. Jasper training at Fort Bliss . . . Mrs. Jay Jones has leased the Silverton Cafe and plans to open for business Saturday morning . . . Glynn Bunch, agricultural teacher and FFA Chapter advisor, asks that all members be present at the meeting Monday night . . . Gay Merrell McPherson and Bonnie Watters attended the Merrell family reunion near Quitaque . . . Briscoe County Farm Bureau to sponsor beauty pageant . . . Mrs. Joe Wayne Brooks, the former Donna Mayfield, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Clyde Lightsey . . . S. R. Turner was honored at a seven o'clock family dinner in his home on July 15, his birthday anniversary. Those attending included Mrs. Oneal Watson and Donna Faye, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Turner and children, Mrs. S. R. Turner and the honoree, Mr. Turner . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Frizzell of Happy spent Saturday here to enjoy the local election with home folks. They were overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Francis. Jerry Frizzell, who had been here a month, returned home with his parents . . . Miss Janice Turner is serving as an assistant dietician at the Presbyterian Junior High Camp at Ceta Glen . . . Mrs. Ola Yancey was called to Fort Worth because of the tragic death of her nephew, Billy Wayne Holmes, who was electrocuted while working on a construction job . . .

July 20, 1944—Sgt. Linwood Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Davis of Albany, has been in service four years with the Air Corps. He is stationed in India for several months. He formerly attended Silverton Schools. He is a nephew of Mrs. Alvin Redin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley went to Childress Sunday to get their daughter, Mary, who has been visiting there the past week . . . Mr. Dudley's mother, who is also visiting there, will return here Friday . . . Mrs. Wood Hardcastle and Mrs. Bill Thompson and boys of Pampa spent from Sunday until Wednesday in

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SILVERTON SCHOOL HOMECOMING AUGUST 13, 1994

This is YOUR INVITATION from the
Silverton School Homecoming Committee
to attend HOMECOMING '94

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

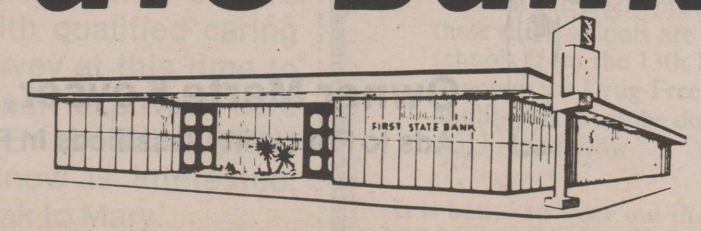
Brunch served from 10:30 - 11:30 — Cost $5.00

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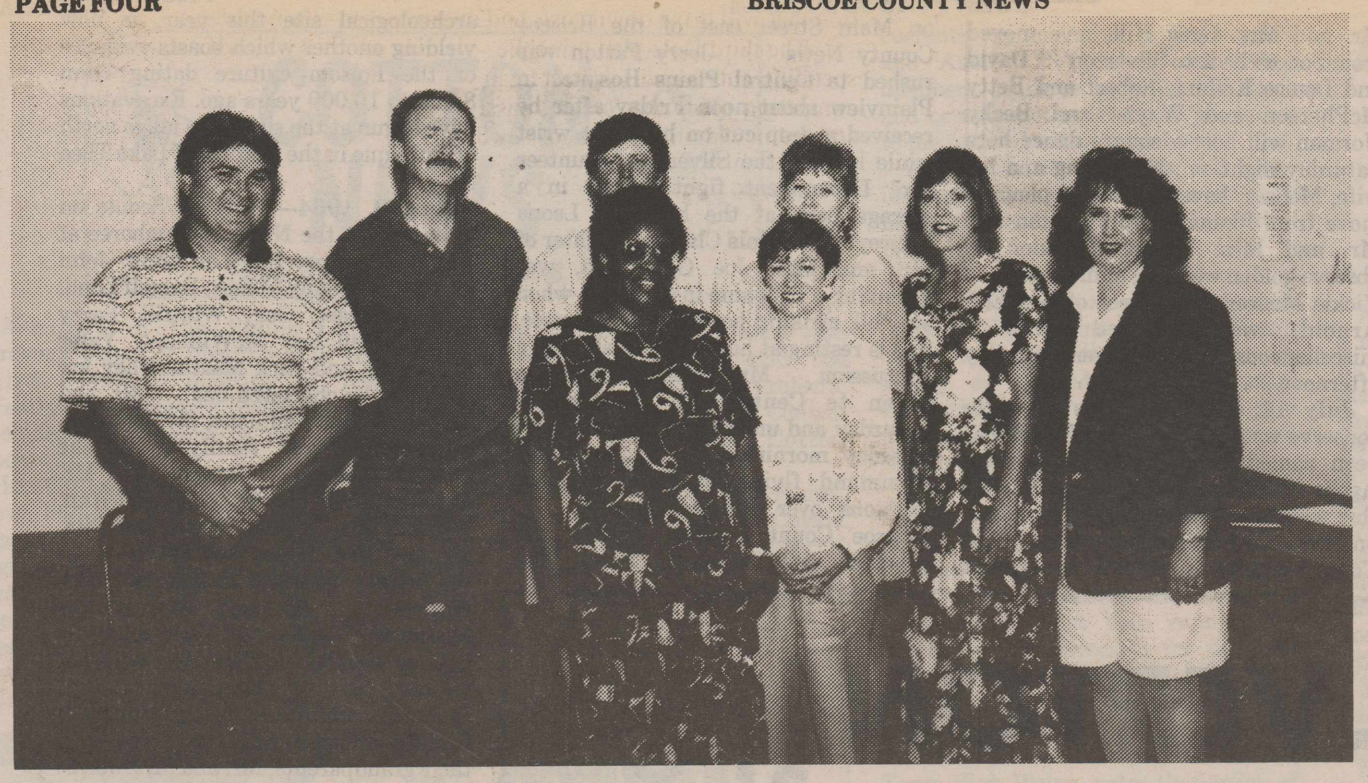
ALL SILVERTON RESIDENTS who attended Silverton Schools are encouraged to be present to greet our OUT-OF-TOWN Classmates. Out-of-towners EXPECT to see YOU at Homecoming! Please don't disappoint them!

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Silverton High School Graduating Class of 1969 has a reunion recently. Those attending were (back row, left to right) Cletus Grady, Jimmy Walker, Larry Comer, Kathy Self Woodard, Juannah Nance Jennings, Carol Ann Montague Turner; (front row) Betty Weathered Cooper, Carron Montague.

New Arrivals

Clyde and Denise Parham are parents of a daughter, Courtney Paige, born at 1:04 p.m. on Monday, July 4, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed eight pounds and five ounces and measured 21¼ inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Parham of Paris; Linda Parham of Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marvin Hill, Conroe. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Fern Hill of Houston and Mrs. Lillian Parham of Paris.

Kari and James Alan Patton are parents of a son, Bryce Alan, born June 10 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed six pounds and twelve ounces, and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

Grandparents are Jane and Hugh Holden of Princeton; Mary Jane and J. E. Patton of Silverton; Dr. and Mrs. Graham Lantz of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Shorty and Ruth West and Lallie Patton, all of Silverton.

Referrals to probation departments, the point of entry for juveniles into the justice system after arrest, rose 23%, from 88,734 to 109,158. Violent crime referrals jumped 161%, from 2,762 to 7,217.

Looking Back—

Silverton with relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland of Canyon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee . . . Ware Fogerson, P. H. McKenney, Speedy McKenney, Orlee Mills and Edwin Davis spent the weekend with their families. They are following the wheat harvest . . . George Seaney purchased the Jewett apartment house this week. They plan to move there this fall . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote, "Some lady called Mrs. McCracken the other day and asked if she had any dill. Mrs. McCracken thought she said Bill, and so she said he was at the elevator. The lady said, 'No I want dill to put up pickles.' 'Well Bill's pretty busy now with the harvest, but I'll ask him if he wants to do it'. Confidentially, I think old Bill is pretty salty myself, but I doubt if he could make dill pickles" . . .

News From The Silverton Library

New books in the Silverton Public Library include "100 Moore Years," donated by the Moore County Historical Museum; "Remember Me," by Mary Higgins Clark; "Old Songs in a New Cafe," Robert James Waller. These stories let you inside Mr. Waller's mind and world. A work of non-fiction, this book is as wise and moving as his best-selling novels.

Another new book is "The Chamber," by John Grisham. In 1967 in Greenville, Mississippi, known Klan member Sam Cayhall is accused of bombing the law offices of Jewish Civil Rights Activist Marvin Kramer, killing Kramer's two sons. Cayhall's first trial with an all-white jury and a Klan rally ends in a hung jury. Twelve years later the case is reopened by an ambitious district attorney.

New books in the genealogical section of the library include The DAR Patriot Index 1966 and DAR Patriot Index Volume II and 1982 Supplement to the DAR Patriot Index, donated in memory of Penny Arnold.

Hours at your public library are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 2:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Family Gathers At Ruidoso Inn

J. D. and Lois Nance hosted a family gathering at the Ruidoso Lodge on the River in Ruidoso, New Mexico last week.

Those attending with the Nances were Rex and Faith Redies, Plainview; Fares and Nanda Lahoud, Michael and Christopher, Fort Worth.

The group enjoyed attending the show and dinner at the Flying "J" Ranch, playing golft, fishing, playing games, sightseeing, and being together.

This has been a family vacation tradition for the past seven years.

Reception to Honor Former AFS Student

Everyone is invited to join in celebrating the visit of 1964-65 Exchange Student Johan Bull-Njaa and his family from Norway at a reception Sunday, July 17, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank.

The event will be hosted by Johan's American family, the Pascal Garrisons.

You are invited to come by to welcome Johan back to Silverton after twenty years.

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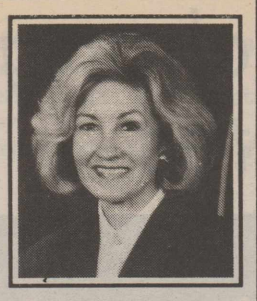
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Health Care Reform Must be Responsible

Everywhere I go in Texas, from diners to courthouses to picnic grounds, I find that people want to talk mainly about a single subject — what their representatives in Washington are going to do this year to our health care system. Quite frankly, Texans are worried — and a bit confused — about the debate over health care reform. Ordinarily, after a year of debate on an issue, the two sides are clearly drawn. That's not the case now. Even Washington veterans have little idea what will happen. It's not surprising given this uncertainty that citizens are unsettled about the subject.

In my view, the year-long national debate over possible health care improvements has produced a national consensus on <u>what Washington should not do</u>.

Texans have repeatedly told me they do <u>not</u> want government takeover of one-seventh of our economy by an expensive new government bureaucracy. They do <u>not</u> want new taxes, or so-called employer mandates, that will sabotage our fragile economy. They do <u>not</u> want the government to ration health care, or to limit their access to the doctor of their choice.

That's why I was proud to be one of 39 senators last week who endorsed Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole's health care compromise plan. This bill makes improvements in the world's best health care system while protecting its quality and the right of each individual to select the doctor of his or her choice. The Dole plan is based on free market principles, not government dictates. It avoids the mandates, additional taxes, and excessive government regulation that characterize several other plans, including the Clinton Administration's.

The Dole bill is based on three sound and affordable principles. The first is guaranteed access to coverage. The Dole alternative accomplishes this by eliminating pre-existing condition exclusions that affect many Americans. In contrast to the government-mandated universal coverage of Clinton's plan, we offer guaranteed <u>access</u> to coverage for all Americans — without individual or employer mandates.

Second, the Dole bill improves the private health care system. Rather than impose costly government regulation on businesses, our plan encourages businesses to enter the private health care market, and fosters competition that will drive down costs and improve our private system.

The third Dole plan principle — financing solely through government spending cuts — will protect against increasing the deficit. In contrast to competing plans that create massive bureaucracies, the Dole alternative streamlines administrative costs, while not adding one penny to the deficit or to taxes.

The Dole alternative meets an important challenge. It gives small businesses access to the same health care enjoyed by both Congress and the President. Under this plan, the self-employed and small employers with 2 to 50 workers may participate in all health benefits plans offered to all civilian federal employees, including Congress and the President.

It has taken a year of nationwide discussion to frame the questions and educate Americans on what they stand to gain -— and lose — with different bills. The culmination of this debate is reflected in the Dole plan, which, in its first two days, gathered a startling 39 senators behind it — far more than any of the other bills.

Our plan provides universal <u>access</u> to coverage without jeopardizing our health system or our economy. This plan is based on good old-fashioned common sense. I hope the President will work with us for responsible reform.

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BY J. ROBERT HUNTER

Texas Insurance Commissioner

"An Insurance Shopping Primer"

Most of us are on tight budgets. A dollar spent on insurance is a dollar you can't spend for other things. You can stretch your budget by following some basic rules for insurance shopping.

Ask yourself: Do I really need this?

Don't buy out of fear or sentimentality, being particularly aware of insurance policies like cancer insurance, life insurance on children or pet insurance. You should insure against catastrophic financial concerns, not emotional ones. Most people should consider only these five basic kinds of insurance: health, auto, homeowners, life and disability, with health insurance being the only insurance we all need.

Take your time and shop around.

Never yield to pressure to buy now. Know what you want, then get quotes from several agents and companies. Call 1-800-252-3439 for Texas Department of Insurance rate guides comparing prices for auto, homeowners, Medicare supplement and workers' compensation insurance. Focus groups found that an hour of telephone shopping with a rate guide could save an average of $100 on auto and $85 on homeowners insurance. That's good money for an hour's work.

Cover expensive, uncommon losses — not little things, sure things or extreme rarities.

It's a waste of money to insure against small losses you could pay for yourself. Because covering such losses is expensive, most people buy coverage with deductibles. Set your deductible high enough to make sure your policy covers only losses that would create financial strain.

Insurance makes no sense if the chances of a claim are either 100 percent (too many claims drive up the premium) or zero (you will never collect). If it's a sure event like an occasional fender scratch, insurers will charge you a premium large enough to cover it, plus profit, overhead, commissions, etc. If it is a zero-risk event, such as falling satellite insurance (yes, they write this), you are just wasting money to buy it.

Ask: Does the policy protect against all the events I am concerned about?

A policy covering you only if you get cancer is not as good as a comprehensive major medical policy. A mortgage retirement policy is less desirable than a life insurance policy that not only pays your debts but provides an income for your family if you die.

Beware of buying insurance that is related to a bigger sale.

Insurance offered with a bigger sale almost always is not a good deal. Your eye is not on the ball, and the extra cost may seem small compared to the total. Some examples are credit insurance when you buy a car, pet insurance at the veterinarian's, and contact lens insurance at the optician's office.

Beware of "low-cost" group policies.

You might receive insurance ads from groups where you are a member. Although the ad might say "low cost group," these might not be as good a deal as an individual policy. Call at least one other company for its price on similar insurance.

J. Robert Hunter was president of the National Insurance Consumers Organization (NICO) for 13 year before becoming Texas Insurance Commissioner in 1993.

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Wilkins-Lowrey Vows Exchanged June 25 In wellington Rites

Wedding vows were exchanged by Julie Kay Wilkins and Frank Alan Lowrey in a double-ring ceremony at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the First Baptist Church in Wellington with Lt. Col. Randal Wilkins Cason, sr., cousin of the bride, performing the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilkins of Wellington, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey of Silverton.

Registering guests for the occasion was Tara Smallwood of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The registry book was placed on a table covered with a white cutwork cloth and adorned with a small brass basket filled with royal blue and red flowers.

White candles were lighted from two large double-heart brass candelabra, each flanking the top of the stairs. Another arc-shaped brass candelabrum was placed in the center and was also lighted. Each candelabra also was adorned with large red bows. Greenery added a touch of decor, surrounding the candelabra and the altar. Other decorations were large red bows attached to pews halfway up the center aisle.

At the front of the altar stood the couple's unity candle, engraved with the wedding invitation. As the mothers were escorted down the aisle by the groom, each carried a small white lighted candle with red and blue ribbons and placed it beside the unity candle.

Before the ceremony a selection of songs chosen by the couple was played as the guests were being seated. The "Wedding March" was played by organist LaRue Garvin of Silverton. During the ceremony, musical selections were presented by Dr. Scott Sauer of Wellington and Melissa Hall of Amarillo, who sang the duet, "To Me." She also sang a solo, "Go There With You." Toward the end of the ceremony, the songs, "I Cross My Heart" by George Strait and "Keeper of the Stars" by Tracy Byrd were played.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Tom Wilkins.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with re-embroidered Alencon lace and built-in crinoline. The ballgown bodice of satin was embellished with hand-beaded and re-embroidered Alencon lace. The basque waistline was trimmed with re-embroidered lace with satin loops at the back of the waist. The shirred ballgown sleeve was accented with hand-beaded medallions. The full satin skirt was enhanced with scattered beaded medallions and built-in crinoline cathedral train. The bride also wore a fingertip veil which fell from a crown of pearls and sequins. She carried a nosegay with a cascade of white roses with red accents.



Mrs. Frank Lowrey

To carry out bridal tradition, the bride chose two pennies minted in the years of birth of the bridegroom and herself as something old. Her wedding dress represented something new. For something borrowed, she wore a diamond tennis bracelet loaned to her by bridesmaid Leslie Frith of Amarillo. She also wore a blue lacy garter for something blue.

Penny Davis of Wellington, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Haynes of Stratford, Monti Davis of Littlefield, Leslie Frith of Amarillo and Christy O'Brien of Canyon.

The matron of honor and bridesmaids wore royal blue taffeta tea-length dresses with dropped waists and short puffy sleeves. Two ruffles encircled the bottom of the skirts and were accented with bows. The ruffles fell short in front and tapered down in back. They also wore matching royal blue shoes. Their bouquets were nosegays of white roses with red accents.

Danlyn Cason of Abilene, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She was dressed in a royal blue tea-length taffeta dress with short puffy sleeves. Her dress was accented with a royal blue rose on its front and two roses in back. She carried a small crystal basket full of white flower petals.

Jim Cogdell of Silverton served as best man. Groomsmen were Cody Garrison, cousin of the groom, of Midland; Scott Hickman of Amarillo; Corey Brown, cousin of the groom, of Lubbock, and Denny Hill of Silverton.

Serving with Brown and Hill as ushers were David Wilkins, cousin of the bride, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jerry Dan Davis, brother-in-law of the bride, of Wellington.

Dakota Smith of Quitaque, nephew of the groom, was ringbearer. He carried a white pillow fashioned by the groom's mother featuring a handstitched square of red hearts and roses in the middle and the name of the bride and groom and wedding date in blue inside the square.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

Serving guests at the bride's table were Keri Bigham of Pampa, Debora Barton of Wellington and Xaviera Caison of Lubbock.

The bride's wedding cake was a traditional white three-tiered cake with cascading red roses on each cake. The cake was tiered up from the bottom with a red and white rose centerpiece. Scalloped pearls and beads also adorned each layer of the cake. The three satellite cakes, with the smallest one in front of the main cake, held miniature descending staircases with miniature groomsmen and bridesmaids descending from both sides of the bottom cake. On top stood a pair of glass swans forming a heart surrounded by white silk flowers. Pineapple punch was poured from a silver bowl and mixed nuts were served.

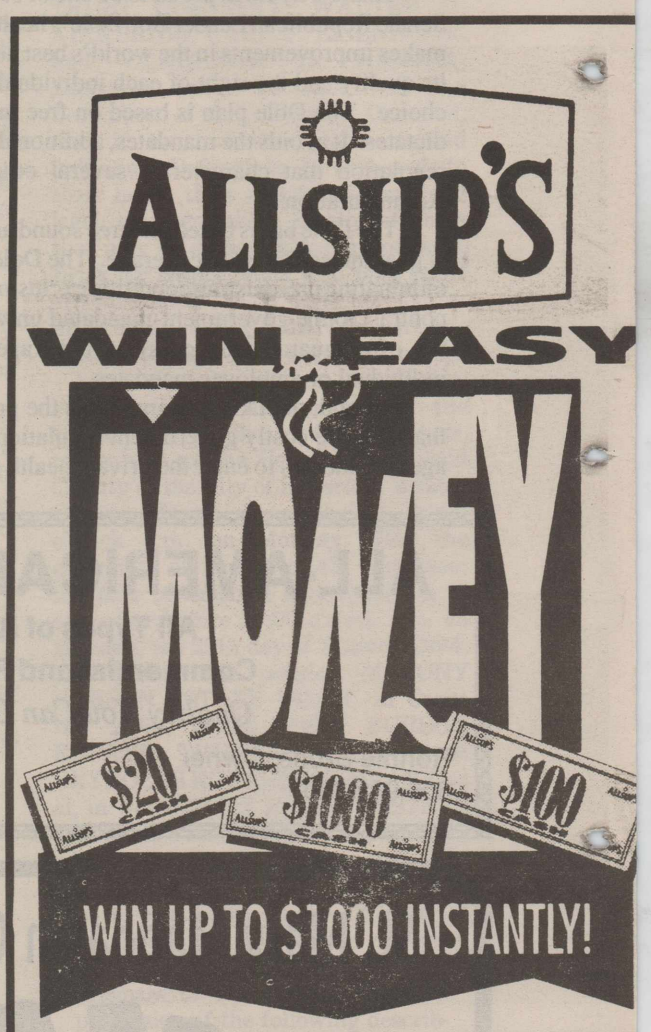
At the groom's table, a variety of fresh fruits, cheeses, dips and iced tea were served to guests by Angie Smith of Quitaque and Shavonne George of Kress, sisters of the groom.

As guests entered and left the fellowship hall, they were encouraged to sign their names and words of encouragement on a computer-printed banner as a keepsake for the bride and groom.

Instead of throwing the traditional birdseed, guests released red, white and blue balloons into the air as the couple left the church.

After returning from their wedding trip to Branson, Missouri, the couple are making their home in Amarillo.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Wellington High School. She is a WTAMU senior majoring in nursing. She also is a member of Chi Omega sorority, a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Amarillo and is employed by Dr. Astuto's orthodontics



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July 19—Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels

July 20—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haertling

office in Amarillo.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Silverton High School and received the diesel mechanics certificate from TSTC. He is employed by Plunk Landscaping in Amarillo and is the owner of Infinity Enterprises.

REHEARSAL PARTY

The rehearsal dinner and party were held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 24, at the First Baptist Church auditorium and in the Heritage Room of the Wellington State Bank.

Following the rehearsal at the church, members of the wedding party and families departed for the dinner in the Heritage Room.

Consisting of brisket and barbecue sauce, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, tea and apple dumplings, the dinner was served by the groom's family.

During this time, the bride and groom presented gifts to the members of the wedding party.

A wooden wagon filled with sunflowers and red zinnas served as the centerpiece on the serving table.

Mrs. Cox Named to Dean's List at Tech

Keeley Burson Cox was named to the Dean's List for the spring 1994 term for earning a 3.5 or above GPA on 12 or more credit hours.

Mrs. Cox is a senior at Tech, majoring in family studies in the College of Human Sciences. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Rhenda Burson of Silverton and is married to Kraig Cox.

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EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent
Home Economics

Suggestions For Great Grilling

Do you have problems using your grill? Do you sometimes get the meat a little charred on one side? Well, hopefully the following suggestions for grilling will improve your results:

★Choose meats that are low in fat to avoid flare-ups from dripping fat.

★Avoid marinades or basting sauces that contain a lot of fat.

★Cover the grill with aluminum foil. Punch a few holes in between the grids to let juice drip out.

★If dripping fat causes heavy smoke, move the food to another section of the grill, rotate the grill or reduce the heat.

★Learn to control the fire. Cook meat until it is done, but without charring it. Remove any charred or burned material that forms on the food. Do not eat it.

★Wrap foods such as fish and vegetables in foil to protect them from smike.

★Reduce grilling time by precooking many foods, including poultry and ribs, by boiling or cooking in the microwave; however, immediately place precooked foods on the grill to complete cooking and give it that grilled flavor. Partially-cooked foods may develope bacterial growth that causes foodborne illness.

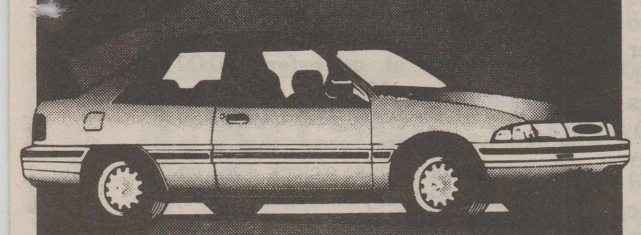
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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY: I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Silverton Basketball Camp. This authorization shall waive, release and absolve the Silverton I.S.D. and the camp staff from any and all liability for injury or illness incurred at the camp. I give the staff permission to act for me according to its best judgment in any emergency. I also certify that _____ has no physical problems which would impede his/her participation at the Silverton Basketball Camp other than those noted on an attached sheet of paper.

SIGNED _____

Basketball Camp Scheduled Here

The annual Silverton Owls Basketball Camp will be conducted in the school gym here July 25-29. The primary purpose is to improve the fundamental techniques of basketball and challenge each camper regardless of present abilities.

"Even though we want our campers to have fun and enjoy good fellowship, our emphasis is still on hard work so that campers will actually improve the skills that will make them become better competitors," said Coach Donnie Dutton, one of the directors of the camp.

Dutton has completed his second season as head boys coach in Silverton High School. The 1993-94 Owls made the playoffs for the second consecutive year as they finished the season as District Runner-up. Prior to coming to Silverton, Dutton was head coach at Harper and an assistant at Abernathy. Dutton has over eight years of coaching experience at the high school and junior high levels.

He will be assisted in the camp by Roger Whipkey and Clyde Parham.

Coach Whipkey has completed his first season as head girls' coach in Silverton High School. The Lady Owls amassed a record of 17-13 to put Whipkey's career coaching record at 40-22. His experience includes two years as head coach and four years as a player at Panhandle State University.

Coach Parham has been assistant basketball coach in Silverton High School for the past four years. Prior to coming to Silverton, Parham was head coach at Gordon. He has over six years of coaching experience at the high school and junior high levels.

Each camper will receive personal instruction and attention, offensive and defensive fundamentals, daily practice and competition, three-on-three tournament play, a camp T-shirt and Friday night clinic session and games.

A special feature of the camp is the Friday evening session. All parents and friends of campers are invited to attend and see the drills and activities demonstrated by campers, who will be divided according to age and ability to play in team competition.

Boys and girls between the ages of 9-14 (1994 third-eighth graders) may participate in the camp. They may be from any school and any city.

Reservations will be accepted as they are received. If enrollment is great, the camp will be divided into two sessions, with the third-fifth graders going from 8:00-11:30 a.m. and the sixth-eighth graders attending either afternoon or night sessions.

The cost is $40 per camper and includes instruction and camp T-shirt. This fee must be paid before a camper begins activities in the camp. All payments are to be directed to Donnie Dutton, Box 287, Silverton, TX 79257, telephone 806-823-2086.

Please complete the registration form, which needs signature for parental consent.

Nickelodeon's Wild & Crazy Kids Hit Six Flags Over Texas

Nickelodeon, the only television network just for kids, is bringing the slimey and messy excitement of its hit show "Wild & Crazy Kids" to Six Flags Over Texas July 16-17.

The touring show is emceed by its TV host Donnie Jeffcoat and Phil Moore, host of Nickelodeon's popular game show "Nick Arcade."

As the show begins, the audience is divided into three teams which go head-to-head against one another on stage in some of the messiest and craziest stunts from the TV show.

One is the "Slimey Crossword Puzzle," in which contestants dig into a vat of slime, pull letters out and then dash across the stage to a game board where they must work with team members to construct words that solve a puzzle.

In "My Cup Runneth Over," the players compete against one another to fill "leaky" cups on their heads with oozy substances such as Nickelodeon's infamous green slime.

Team members slip into velcro jackets in "Creepy Crawling." They crawl around the stage trying to attract as many goofy items as possible.

During the "Wild & Crazy Kids" show, both kids and adults are given the opportunity to get messy and have good, sloppy fun in the process.

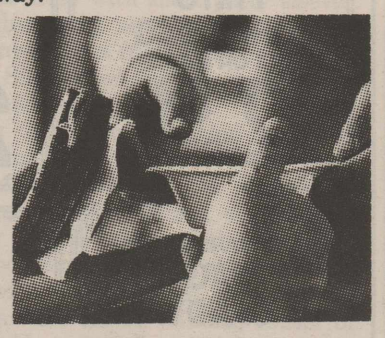
The shows will be presented in Six Flags' 1-800-COLLECT Music Mill Amphitheater at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

The shows are free with park admission.

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You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 29th day of August, 1994, and answer the petition of TONY BURSON ESTATE TRUST, in Cause No. 2750, styled TONY BURSON ESTATE TRUST v HICKOK & REYNOLDS ROYALTY COMPANY, et al, in which TONY BURSON ESTATE TRUST is Plaintiff and the parties to whom this writ is directed are Defendants, and which petition was filed in said Court on the 12th day of July, 1994, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Trespass to try title for title and possession of the following described real estate situated in Briscoe and Hall Counties, Texas:

All of Section No. 159, Block A-1900, E. N. Askey, Original Grantee, Briscoe and Hall Counties, Texas.

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WITNESS, BESS McWILLIAMS, Clerk of the District Court of Briscoe County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at offices in the City of Silverton, Texas, this the 12th day of July, 1994.

Bess McWilliams, District Clerk
Briscoe County, Texas

ISSUED this the 12th day of July, 1994.

Bess McWilliams, District Clerk
Briscoe County, Texas 28-4tc

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12	95	64	

Total Precip. in July	1.07
Normal Precip. for July	2.39
Total Precip. Year to Date	10.25
Normal Precip. Year to Date	12.95

Approximately 47 out of every 100 juvenile delinquents released from the state juvenile incarceration system will be reincarcerated as a juvenile or as an adult within three years.

OBITUARIES

MARY MILLER

Funeral services were pending at presstime for Mary Miller, 93, who died Tuesday in a Garland nursing home.

Services are planned at 2:30 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Silverton.

WENDELL FARLEY

Funeral services for Wendell Lee Farley were conducted at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Rev. John Hall, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Rest Haven Cemetery at Quitaque, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Farley was born June 18, 1929 at Nashville, Arkansas to Edgar and Pearl Farley. He moved to Quitaque with his family in 1947. He gave his life to Christ and was baptized April 7, 1948. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Mr. Farley married the former Roberta Duck September 9, 1949 in Silverton. They made their home in Quitaque most of their married life. He went to work for the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad in October of 1951 and retired from Burlington Northern Railroad June 1, 1991 with 39 years and eight months of service.

Wendell and Roberta Farley owned and operated Farley's Flowers and Variety in Quitaque from May of 1964 until they sold the business in January of 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by a brother, Wayne Farley, and by a daughter, Janice Lynn Farley.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Farley of Quitaque; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Linda Farley of Amarillo and Dennis and Lisa Farley of Quitaque; by one daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Jack Wellman of Quitaque; six brothers, E. J. (Jr.) Farley and Billy Farley, both of Quitaque, Glen Farley of Aztec, New Mexico, Gene Farley, Odell Farley and James Farley, all of Farmington, New Mexico; four sisters, Frances Lingo and Shirley Baugh of Farmington, New Mexico, Ethel Osborne of Gallup, New Mexico, and Louise Chandler of Quitaque; 10 grandchildren, April and Cory Farley, Jamie Richard, Ryan and Jessica Wellman, Melody, Vance, Randy and Mitchell Farley; one great-grandson, Matthew Farley, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Age, worry and infirmities have dimmed my creative mind, but I thank God that I had the pleasure of sharing some of my poems with you good folks at Silverton.

Nevertheless, I shall continue renewing my subscription for the BCN as long as I can read.

Thank you immensely!

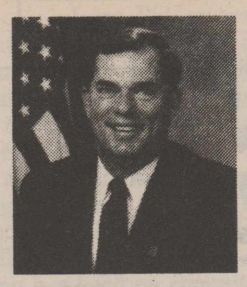
Loney Stout

P. S. I was 73 last March 31st, and have been up here for over 41 years—but it still seems like I lived at Silverton longer than I have in Amarillo—although it's not so.

Loney



Porcelain is made with ground up conch shells.



Congressman Bill Sarpalius

A View From the Hill

THREE SCHOOLS THAT ARE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW

Congratulations to three schools in the 13th District of Texas that have been selected to receive the 1993-94 Drug-Free School Recognition Award. They are Crockett Elementary School in Wichita Falls, Highland Park Elementary School in Amarillo, and Stephen F. Austin Middle School in Amarillo. 109 schools across the nation are being recognized this year.

The students, faculty, and administrators at these schools are extremely proud of the recognition they have received, and I am very proud of each and everyone of them. They have worked hard to implement and maintain drug-prevention and intervention programs and apparently all of them are working.

At Crockett Elementary School in Wichita Falls, the main program they have established is called "Too Smart to Start." Parents are encouraged to bring to the school different people from the community to encourage the students to stay drug-free. The purpose of this program is to bring in someone influential, to show the students that as long as they don't get involved with drugs, they can become anyone they want.

Crockett also has established parent discussion meetings. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about how to help ensure that their children remain drug-free. Officials at the school believe that the education of the parents must go hand-in-hand with the education of the students.

The Peer Assistance Leadership Program is another interesting program at Crockett. Students from the high school visit the elementary school periodically to take part in activities with the younger students. These role models help the younger students see that life is much better without drugs and alcohol.

At Highland Park Elementary School in Amarillo, several good programs have been established. "Natural Helpers" is a program in which several students receive training to counsel other students. When a student needs help, or simply needs someone to talk to about a problem they are having, or a problem their older sibling is having, they go the the "natural helpers." The helpers are trained to know when the problem is serious enough to send the student somewhere else for help.

Highland Park Elementary has set up a program called "Say it Straight." In this program, students are taught how to be open with their feelings. Another one deals with refusal skills and how to go about saying no. The McGruff Program is also going strong at Highland Park. The purpose of this program is to prevent children from becoming victims of crime.

Stephen F. Austin Middle School in Amarillo has set up several good programs, one of which is called "BAAD" or "Bears Against All Drugs." (Austin Middle School's mascot is the bear.) Those involved with BAAD help set up anti-drug assemblies during the year. They also help coordinate red ribbon week (a national drug education week), as well as wellness week, a week set aside to teach students about staying healthy.

Austin Middle School has also established what it calls the "Care Team." This is a group of adults on staff who volunteer to be available to students for advice or help. Another program is the "Random Act of Kindness." One day a week, students are asked to commit some sort of random act of kindness for someone else.

Officials at each of these schools say the most important things to remember in establishing drug-prevention and intervention programs are; start early, and never let up. They agree it is never too soon to start teaching children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. And they also agree that the programs must continue and expand. The establishment of one program will get you somewhere, but it won't get you to where you need to be in this war on drugs.

I am extremely proud to say I represent the district where these three schools are located, and I hope to see even more schools from the 13th District here in Washington next year to accept the Drug-Free School Recognition Award. I have no doubts that it can be done, and these schools are excellent examples to follow.

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It is better to wear out than to rust out.

—Bishop Richard Cumberland

COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers board of directors had their third quarterly meeting of 1994 Wednesday. Important topics discussed included the adoption of the 1994-95 operating budget.

In addition to the consideration of a new budget, the PCG board also discussed a variety of important legislative issues such as reform of the Federal Crop Insurance program and the reorganization of the United States Department of Agriculture and its agencies.

In addition to the discussion of legislative issues, the PCG board also heard reports and discussed the operation of two ongoing projects, PCG's High Plains Boll Weevil Control Program and the Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

"Cotton producers on the High Plains, as well as other parts of the Cotton Belt, are very interested in a number of legislative issues that will directly impact the manner in which they do business," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, who adds that, despite the tremendous number of legislative and regulatory issues currently on the table in Washington and Austin, PCG staff and board members continue to bring the ideas and concerns of area cotton producers to the table whenever possible.

Working with legislators and other industry officials is a key part of PCG's mission to represent High Plains cotton producers.

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Dry, hot conditions continue to beat down on High Plains cotton fields and many dryland cotton producers are sitting on the edge of their seats wondering if they will get enough rain to save at least some part of their rapidly-deteriorating crops.

Long-range weather forecasts don't hold much good news for producers hoping for an areawide rain to pull their dryland crops off the ropes or take some of the pressure off irrigation systems that have been running for several weeks. Forecasts for the next week to ten days say to expect little change in daytime temperatures and rainfall chances.

Kater Hake, cotton specialist for the Texas High Plains, notes that much of the dryland crop is now in serious need of rain. He adds that irrigated cotton continues to look good. For irrigated producers, the question is how long they can continue giving the crop the water it needs to do well.

The June 1 preliminary estimate of planted acreage released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service indicates about 3.27 million acres of cotton were planted on the High Plains in 1994; how much of this acreage will be taken to harvest and how it will yield is largely dependent on how the dryland crop comes through this long dry period and how well producers are able to stay with the irrigated crop.

As it stands now, significant portions of the dryland acreage could be lost, creating the potential for higher-than-normal acreage losses.

Juveniles placed in secure detention facilities increased 33%, from 24,517 to 32,696. Those placed on probation rose by 59%, from 8,434 to 13,391.

A Woman Raises The Question of Equity in Social Security

by Terry Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

A recent caller to our office said, "I'm a married woman who is working and paying Social Security taxes. My married sister is not working and is not paying Social Security taxes. When we're old enough to collect Social Security, my sister's benefits will be based on her husband's earnings even though she has never worked. It only seems fair that my benefit should be based on both my earnings and my husband's earnings. Otherwise, the Social Security taxes I've been paying will have been wasted."

The woman's assertion is one I hear fairly frequently these days—but it is based on some wrong assumptions.

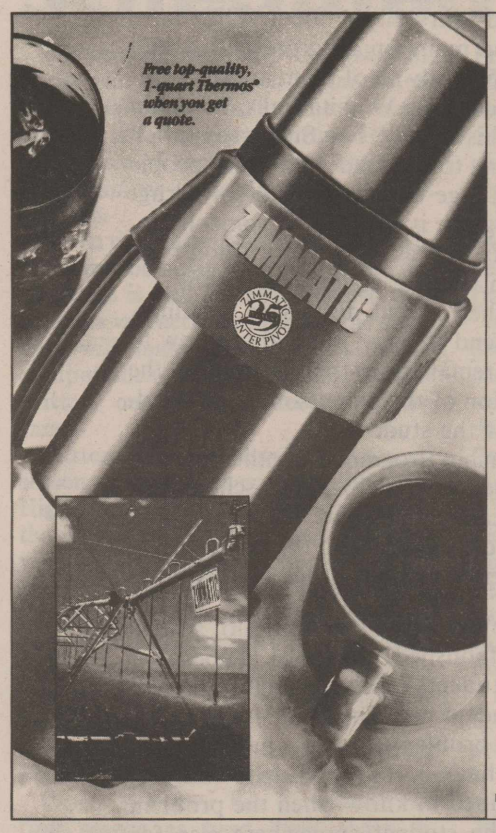
First, let me explain some program basics. If a woman is married, she can receive retirement benefits either on her own record or on her husband's. (At age 65, a spouse would get 50 percent of what the wage earner is entitled to at 65.) But whenever a woman is eligible for benefits as BOTH a worker and a spouse, she gets the HIGHER benefit of the two.

I know, however, that the whole issue of fairness for women under Social Security is a complicated one. And the Advisory Council on Social Security, which meets every four years, will have women's equity issues on its agenda when it convenes later this year.

Color It Red!

Color it red: the Independence Day weekend of 1994 was one of the bloodiest for traffic accidents on record, said L. B. Snider, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Amarillo. Sixty-five people died from traffic accidents in Texas, a record for a 78-hour Independence Day period. The 43 deaths on Sunday set a 24-hour record. Three wrecks claimed 31 lives, of which one claimed 14 lives, and a second claimed 11 lives, are now the sixth and seventh deadliest single accidents in DPS records, Snider stated.

"Nearly all of these fatalities were caused by driver errors such as failing to yield right of way, wrong side of road, and turning movements," Snider said. "Twenty-six of those killed were aged 15 or younger, and ten were five or younger." Most of these were not secured by a safety belt. Nine were riding in the back of pickups. One of the accidents was in the Panhandle area near Tulia in which excess speed and alcohol were suspected as causes.



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Library Opens ..... 9:15 a.m.
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Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
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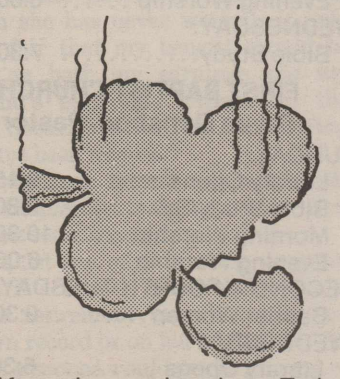
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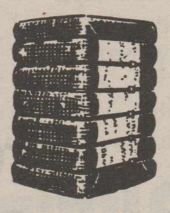
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