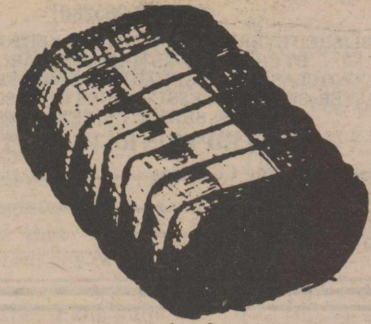




Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



# Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1984

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## All Around The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

With the arrival of April Fool's Day, the present publishers of the Briscoe County News will begin their twenty-sixth year in Silverton. We might have been one of the worst April Fool jokes Silverton ever had!

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed Friday.



James Davis and his son-in-law, Tom Bridges of Levelland, are pictured in the cockpits of two Ultra-Light planes which landed in the pasture at the Davises on Wednesday of last week. The plane on the left is a single-seat model, and the one on the right is a double-seat craft. The planes

have to weigh below 255 pounds and have an airspeed of less than 50 MPH to be classified as Ultra-Light. They are supposed to be the thing of the future for farmers to use to spray their own crops and are also being used in the larger cities by law enforcement departments.

## Fingerprinting Seminar

### Planned Here March 30

If your child were lost, could you help the police find and identify him or her?

In order to help parents feel safer, the L. O. A. Junior Study Club is sponsoring a fingerprinting seminar Friday, March 30, 1984. This is for every child in Silverton and the surrounding area. There is no age limit; even infants may be fingerprinted. The only requirement for a child to be fingerprinted is that a parent **MUST** be with the child in order to give permission and to take the fingerprint card home.

Several questions have been asked concerning the purpose of fingerprinting children. Some reasons for taking advantage of this service are:

(1) Hundreds of children disappear each day, some never are recovered. If the authorities had access to the fingerprints of the lost child, it would greatly aid in the recovery of the missing child.

(2) The fingerprint cards are kept by the **PARENTS**. No one else has access to these cards unless the parents give the card to them. There are no duplicate cards made so you, the parents, have the only copy.

(3) Since fingerprints never change, this procedure need only be done for each child once.

A schedule has been set up for each age group. Remember, a parent **MUST** accompany each child or they will not be fingerprinted. Please be on time for your child's class time. The sessions will be in the school auditorium.

Kindergarten	8:30- 9:30
First Grade	9:30-10:30
Second Grade	10:30-11:30
Third Grade	11:30-12:30
Fourth Grade	12:30- 1:30
Fifth Grade	1:30- 2:30

Sixth Grade 2:30- 3:30

Infants and Preschoolers 3:30

If there are any older children who need to be printed, they will also be fingerprinted at 3:30 p.m.

Please take advantage of this service; it is for your benefit and protection that this is being offered. There are no reasons for offering this other than as a service for all our children. A tragedy may happen in our area—not only in the large cities. Help us protect our children with every opportunity offered to us.

If you have any questions concerning the fingerprinting seminar, you may contact Cathey Weeks.

## Absentee Voting Ends Next Tuesday

Absentee voting ends Tuesday, April 3, for the elections to be held Saturday, April 7.

Two terms are expiring on the board of trustees of the Silverton Independent School District, and only the incumbents, J. E. Patton, jr. and Dewey Estes, have filed for places on the ballot.

Three councilmen are to be elected to fill the expiring terms of John Bowman, Donnie Martin and David Tipton, and these incumbents are the only ones who had their names listed on the ballot.

Absentee voting in the city election is at the City Hall, and in the school election, absentee votes can be cast at the office of Verlin B. Towle.

Dwain Henderson returned home Saturday after having been a surgical patient at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview for the past 2½ weeks.

## Ford Bros. Circus Coming To Silverton

Ford Bros. Circus is coming to Silverton on Friday, April 13, with internationally known circus superstars presented in a widely varied program of almost two hours duration. The circus will erect the huge canvas tent at Wood Memorial Rodeo Arena and show time is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

Advance tickets are on sale now at the City Hall, Caprock Food and Nance's Food Store. Advance tickets are \$2.00 for children under 12 and \$4.00 for adults. Tickets at the circus box office on circus day are \$3.00 for children and \$6.00 for adults.

To make this circus program possible, a large number of skilled and accomplished performers and trained animals have been recruited from throughout the circus world. In one display the Ford Bros.' lovely circus starlets perform aerial acrobatics on the Spanish web in perfect harmony while the sensational trapeze star, Miss Christa from Czechoslovakia, performs a heart stopping routine high above the center ring.

Among other featured displays are three herds of performing African and Indian elephants spotlighted by American's only herd of performing baby elephants; African jungle lions trained and presented by Sir

Gauntlet inside the giant steel arena; center ring display of the trained Siberian zebra fantasy; Spanish Andalusian stallions; military marching horses; Ford Bros. K-9 review; baby African pygmy goats; Skippy the high school educated chimpanzee; delightfully trained Russian black bears; Arabian camel caravan; two of nature's natural enemies come together to perform the unbelievable Tiger Riding Elephant Duo; the thrilling high flying trapeze; from the Ford Bros. clown college comes Professors Lucky, Smiley, Spoofo, B. J. and their Asinine Associates; Peruvian llama review.

In addition, see the world's largest traveling zoo, including baby hippopotamus from the River Nile; from Sumatra comes Goliath the giant orangutan; from the South African Velts comes the largest living bird, Mahatma, the racing ostrich; Chris, the sky-scraping giraffe; exotic subtropical parrot, and many more.

All this will be topped off by Mr. Big Top, the circus performance director, who will lead the live circus band, and artist in a salute to the return of the old-fashioned circus on parade.

The Allen Kellums visited in Amarillo over a recent weekend with their son and family, the Joe C. Kellums.

## SENIOR CITIZENS TO HAVE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, at the Senior Citizens Center.

Dominoes will be played and there will be a program.

## CLINIC ASSOCIATION TO MEET APRIL 12

The Briscoe County Clinic Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. April 12 at the City Hall in Silverton.

All members are urged to attend.

## Windbreak Trees Have Arrived

You may pick up your windbreak tree orders from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. today (Thursday, March 29). If you did not place an order or you want some extra trees, come in early for your choice of trees. Slow release fertilizer tablets are also available.

To insure 90%-plus survival rate of your windbreak trees, install a drip irrigation system. This is also a great asset in time saved for about the price of a garden hose.

If you have any questions regarding this, call the Soil Conservation Service office at 823-2320.

## Senior Citizens To Present Musical

Come one, come all to the Spring Jubilee beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 30, in the school auditorium.

Local talent will perform. There will be singing and musical instrumentation.

The program will be sponsored by Silverton Senior Citizens.

Admission will be \$2.00. Circle the date on your calendar now, and plan to attend the Spring Jubilee.

## SONS CARRYING ON BUD'S GLASS BUSINESS

Bud Perkins continues to receive treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. While he is unable to continue operation of Bud's Glass in Silverton, his sons, Donald and Floyd Perkins, will do glass work on weekends. Mrs. Perkins has asked that those needing glass work please call 823-2366 or 823-2284 until further notice. She and the rest of the family appreciate your business and cooperation.

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**OBITUARIES**

**ROY A. MORRIS**

Graveside rites were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Silverton Cemetery for Roy Alford Morris, 77. Officiating was Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Arrangements and burial were under the direction of Schooler-Gordon of Silverton.

Mr. Morris died at 4:00 a.m. Saturday at Wilbarger General Hospital in Vernon after a lengthy illness.

Born April 29, 1906 in Grayson County, Oklahoma, he was the eldest of the 12 children of the late Henry A. and Mamie Morris. The Morris family moved to Briscoe County in October of 1928 in a T Model Ford car and a Ford truck from Cooke County. They traveled two days, spending their first night in a large vacant house in Quitaque because there were no overnight accommodations. Enroute to their home on the Smiley Ranch, they were forced by high water to go up the Quitaque Cap and around by the road that led to the Schott Cap. They farmed and ranched for Ben Smiley, and Roy Morris and his brother, Lee, worked for W. E. Schott and Jno. Burson breaking horses and feeding cattle, trapping a little on the side to make extra money.

The Morris brothers and Oneal Watson took a string of horses and wagons and went to Kim, Colorado to work for Jno. Burson on a ranch, staying three years

**LOIS HOLLINGSWORTH**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen Eloise (Lois) Hollingsworth, 82, were conducted at 2:00 p.m.

before returning to Briscoe County.

Roy Morris married Vivian Ingram in Silverton on April 14, 1939, in the living room of the Earl Cantwell home.

A retired welder, Mr. Morris had been a member of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, was a Mason, and a former playing manager for Silverton's team in the Irrigation Baseball League. He had been a member of the Baptist Church since the age of 12.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian, of the home in Silverton; a daughter, Mrs. J. G. (Gretchen) Whitfield of Dothan, Alabama; a son, Arnold Morris of Grand Prairie; nine sisters, Avis Lewis of Spokane, Washington, Mary Lou (Bobbie) Webb of Dimmitt, Eunice Bailey, Norma (Ann) Moore and Vicki Thrasher, all of Amarillo, Ora Ruth Gasner of Owatoma, Minnesota, Lila Rhoades and Elsie Deppe, both of Fort Worth, and Jean Autry of El Dorado, Kansas; two brothers, Lee (Pete) Morris of El Monte, California and Alvie Morris of Cushing, Oklahoma; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ricky Morris, James Bradley, jr., Gail Bullock, K. N. Tiffin, Gene Vaughan and Freeman Tate.

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Monday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Officiating were Earl Cantwell and J. D. Nance, ministers.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Silverton. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Hollingsworth died at 2:30 a.m. Saturday at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia following a lengthy illness.

Born October 11, 1902 in Stonewall County, she was the daughter of the late P. R. and Martha Dennis. She married Jord Hollingsworth March 1, 1972 in Silverton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

Mrs. Hollingsworth had a green thumb and enjoyed operating a small plant store in her home.

Survivors include her husband, Jord, of the home in Silverton; one daughter, Mrs. Willetta Edwards of Silverton;

two step-daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Jo Ann) Clayton of New Bloomfield, Missouri and Mrs. W. D. (Peggy) Rowell of Lindsay, California; one step-son, Jack Hollingsworth of Portland, Missouri; one brother, Dolph Dennis of McLean; 14 grandchildren, including Fred Edwards and Mrs. Stan (Roma) Martin, both of Silverton, Tommy Edwards of Quitaque and Gary Edwards of Turkey; and 17 great-grandchildren.

**E. C. PYLE**

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Central Church of Christ in Tulia for E. C. Pyle, 82, who died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, where he was admitted March 6.

Officiating was Harold Kennamer, minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Pyle was born July 15, 1901 in Elmore City, Oklahoma. He was married there to Mabel Miller on April 3, 1920. Mr. Pyle moved to Tulia in 1950 from Kress. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mary Ruth Pruitt of Tulia, Wanda Hodges of Edmondson and Clara Marie Mahan of Arlington; two sons, Chester Pyle of Spearman and Joe Pyle of Guymon, Oklahoma; a sister, Savilla (Doll) Richardson of Kilgore; 18 grandchildren, including Mrs. Fred (Linda) Minyard of Silverton, and 16 great-grandchildren, including Katrice and Anthony Minyard of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Jim McGowen, Eugene Jackson, Jay Thornton, Ted Vestal, Foy Acker and Don Alexander.

"You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough."  
 -William Blake

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject To Action of the Democratic Primary

For United States Representative, 13th Congressional District of Texas:

**JACK HIGHTOWER**  
 [Re-election]  
 Vernon, Texas

For State Senator, 30th District of Texas:

**BILL SARPALIUS**  
 [Re-election]  
 Canyon, Texas

For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

**SHAFE WEAVER**  
 [Re-election]  
 Silverton, Texas

**T. V. McCLURE**  
 Silverton, Texas

**JIMMY MYERS**  
 Silverton, Texas

For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 3:

**F. E. HUTSELL**  
 Silverton, Texas

**BERYL LONG**  
 [Re-election]  
 Silverton, Texas

For Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

**BRUCE TIFFIN**  
 Silverton, Texas

**RICHARD [Dick] ROEHR**  
 [Re-election]  
 Silverton, Texas

**JACK CHANDLER**  
 Quitaque, Texas

For Tax Assessor-Collector, Briscoe County, Texas:

**FAIRY McWILLIAMS**  
 [Re-election]  
 Silverton, Texas

**POLLY JARRETT**  
 Silverton, Texas

For Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

**JAMES EDWARDS**  
 [Re-election]  
 Silverton, Texas

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to Action of the Republican Primary

For United States Representative, 13th Congressional District of Texas:

**BEAU BOULTER**  
 Amarillo, Texas

**Vet Science Projects To Begin Here Today**

Vet Science projects will begin March 29, 1984 at the Briscoe County Extension office.

The meeting will be held from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m.

Supplies needed for the course are pencils and a pad for notes.

**LOCAL ARTIST WINS**


**AWARD AT MEETING**

Mrs. Ewing (Louise) Vaughan has been notified that she was third-place winner in the oil painting division of the Swisher Electric Cooperative Art Show held recently in Tulia.

Title of the painting is "Wheat Ready to Harvest." The painting was entered by Gilford Flowers of Happy, who is the owner of Mrs. Vaughan's painting.

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**LOOKING BACK**  
through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**MARCH 29, 1979**—Fishing is improving at Lake Mackenzie . . . Last rites held for Lonnie Wesley . . . Mrs. Winnie Wimberly buried . . . Staci Mayfield on area track honor roll in the mile run . . . Cheryl Tiffin, Donnie Gene Roberts wed . . . Former Briscoe County Judge O. R. Tipps buried

at Wichita Falls . . . Liz Brown selected for UIL one-act play All Star Cast, Ramona Clay receives honorable mention . . . Methodist Church to have spring house cleaning . . . Dr. Paul Glasson to vaccinate pets here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Jon LaBaume, Kelli and Coy have recently spent a week visiting in Neosho, Missouri . . . Missionary to Kenya to speak at Assembly of God . . .

**APRIL 3, 1969** — Crockett Grabbe chosen for recognition in Merit Who's Who Among American High School Students . . . Mrs. Mary Jane Montgomery, 86, buried in Amarillo . . . Kim Cornett undergoes surgery for placement of a pin in her broken elbow . . . Mrs. Wylie G. Byrd, 95, buried here . . . Mackenzie water vote expected soon . . . Kathy Self to marry Lynn Frizzell . . . Harrell Minyard is home after serving two years in the armed forces . . . Kay Stephens, Larry May marry in Lubbock . . .

**MARCH 31, 1949**—4-H Club boys who took calves to the Lubbock Fat Stock Show were Kenneth Stephens, Bill Stephens, Donnie Stephens, Pat

Northcutt, Jim Whitfill, W. D. Rowell, Fred Kellum, G. W. Chappell and Don Ledbetter . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Dudley are parents of a daughter . . . Names on the ballot for the school trustee election are Lee Deavenport, Gordon Montague, John Lee Francis, Johnnie Burson, Roy Mayfield, Printz Brown, Fred Mercer, Hugh Nance, Edwin Crass, Wayland Fitzgerald, Oner Cornett, Carver Monroe and Dee Garvin . . . Named to the high school honor roll were Nadyne Gamble, sophomore; Teresa Crass, Marion Arnold, Joan Clemmer, Joy Reithmayer, Donald Paige, juniors; Joye Brown, LaRue Gilkeyson, Betty Bradley, seniors . . . E. T. Turner

dies of injuries received in car crash . . . Mrs. Clyde Mercer was hostess to Helping Hand Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald West and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones and daughter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. West Saturday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Esdell Hutsell took Flunoy Hutsell to Amarillo Sunday where he took a plane for Seattle, Washington. He plans to return with his brother, Lt. Riddell Hutsell . . . Miss Bonnie Dell Chappell, who is attending the seminary at Fort Worth, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chappell . . . Mrs. Alvin Jackson is president of WMU . . .

**MARCH 30, 1939**—W. A. Dickerson passes away . . . Crop prospects aided by rain . . . Mrs. W. E. Sherman was a gracious hostess last week to the ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary . . . Edythe Wimberly and Georgia Kirk open new beauty shop . . . Things the senior boys had to say about their ideal girls: Not only does Donaleta Seaney have a cheerful disposition, but she is also very good looking, neat in dress and friendly. Lucile West is nice looking and has a nice personality. "Always has a smile, always pleasant" was the remark about Willene Bomar. Freda Wimberly has good manners and a likeable disposition. Evelyn Coffee is a good sport and has nice manners. Ruby Lee Steele is nice looking, has nice manners, and shows good sportsmanship. Someone said that Pauline Steele had nice quiet manners, good looks, and in fact was a swell girl. Ardis Joiner has nice manners, good looks and is a good sport. It was said that Nona Lee Deavenport had a sweet disposition, good manners and was also a good sport . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle are visiting with friends in Amarillo and Canyon this week . . . Mrs. Willie West entertained her twin daughters Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner . . .

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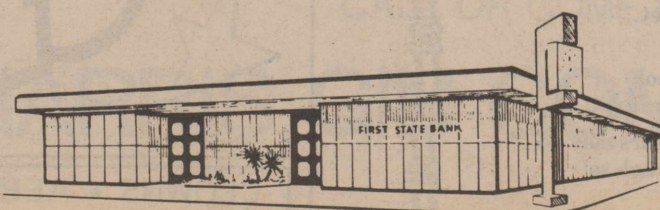
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

March 30—Wilma Gill, Cynthia Glenn, Lisa Farley, Roberta Griffin, Earnestine Meier, Molly Bomar

March 31—Sylvia Trevino, Angela Henderson, Terry Davis

April 1—Anne Bryant, Nnette Kennedy, Otis Polley, Billy Settle

April 2—Kathy Brown, Paul Brannon, Becky Drew, Danny Perkins

April 3—Will Rowell

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...**

March 31—Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones

April 2—Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Straley

April 4—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Vardell



**PRIORITY**  
Revival Music Leadership Group

## Spring Revival Begins

Spring Revival meeting at First United Methodist Church in Silverton will be held April 1-4 with Rev. Willard Moody as guest evangelist. He is a PRCA calf roper from Wynnewood, Oklahoma. He now resides in Roswell, New Mexico.

Rev. Moody's wife, Donna, is a GRA barrel racer. They have two sons, Bobby, who is 14, and Joe Wayne, who is seven years old.

Rev. Moody was the president of the Cowboy Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 1979-80. He has roped most of his life, and in 1968 he joined the PRCA. The first year he roped and rodeoed full time was 1975. He went to the National Finals that year and for the next four consecutive years. He is a co-holder, with Barry Burk and Phil Lyne, of the fastest time (8.5) on one calf at the NFR in 1978.

The revival music leadership will be under the direction of a singing group from Lamesa which calls itself PRIORITY. The



**REV. WILLARD MOODY**

group is composed of Jenny McClendon, Cany Smith, Gary Barron, Layne Heald and Rick Smith. Their desire is to make



There was a little girl  
Who had a little curl  
Underneath her mother's hairnet.

But when she went to school  
A photographer sat her on a stool  
And her picture was the very best yet!

The years may come, and the years may go,  
But the hairnet still makes us laugh so!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Ambulance Service Has Guest Speaker

Dave Clark was guest speaker for the monthly meeting of Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service Tuesday night of last week at the City Hall. His topic was "Acute Chemical & Smoke Inhalation." He was accompanied to Silverton by Dr. Tim Brady.

During the business meeting which was presided over by Anthony Kingery, new equipment purchased for the ambulance was inspected. It was

decided to have an ambulance standing by during major fire calls.

A program for the public, "What To Do Until the Ambulance Gets There," was discussed.

Attending were Bruce and Susie Tiffin, Janice Hill, Anthony Kingery, Larry Comer, Dick

Roehr, Dale McWaters, Bill and Della Boling, J. L. Self, Van Breedlove, Emmett Tomlin, Jarus Flowers, James Edwards, Mary Ann Sarchet, Riley and Sandy Harris, Tom Burson, LaRue Garvin and Lynn Frizzell.

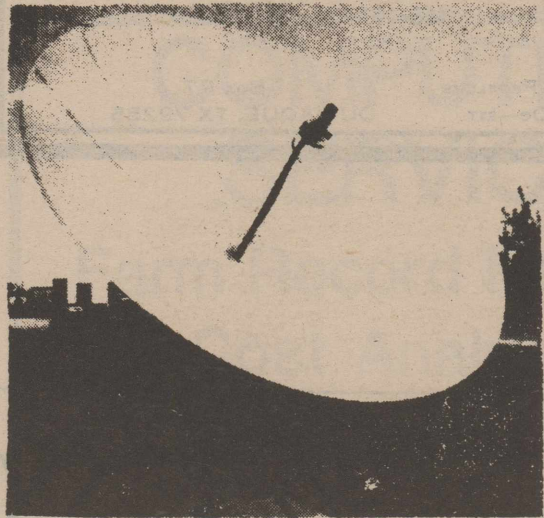
The ambulance service regularly meets the second Tuesday night of each month at the City Hall.

"What I value more than all things is good humor."  
— Thomas Jefferson

Jesus Christ Lord of their lives, to exalt Christ in both praise and worship. They are a group of lay people—farmers and homemakers, who are active in the music ministries of their local churches. They see their ministry as one of encouraging and refreshing the heart of the Body of Christ. At least two of them will be in the services each night.

Revival services will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Monday services are at 6:30 a.m. with a men's community breakfast, and at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday services are a ladies noon luncheon and at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday services are a 7:00 a.m. breakfast for all and at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Wayne (Tina) Nance is the local chairman of evangelism, and she and the congregation invite all people to these services of fellowship and worship.



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## All-District Team Selections Announced

Girls and boys All-District basketball selections have recently been announced.

The boys first team was made up almost entirely of Valley players, Will Williams, Cox, Jeter, Tommy Williams, Clardy and Shannon, and one player from Hedley, Phelps. Honorable mention went to Cal Brannon of Silverton; Malloy of Lakeview and Cox of Hedley.

The girls first team was made up of Lisa Lavy and Lee Ann Durham, both of Silverton; Sherri Hendrix and Mary Dowd, both of Valley, and Twannah Hall of Hedley.

Honorable mention went to Tammi Edwards, Silverton; Lupe Rosales, Lakeview; Fulbright and Clay of Valley, and Holland of Hedley.

## Tennis Players Looking To District Meets

Silverton High School tennis players are looking to their district meets, the girls division to be played at Plainview April 3-4 and the boys division to be played at Plainview April 10-11.

The girls team is made up of Tammi Edwards, Lee Ann Durham, Kristy Fogerson, Jeannita Stephens, Stephanie Ramirez, Tonnette Miller, Shellie Cornett, Donna Tomlin, Melissa Stone, Kori Baird and Katrice Minyard.

Boys who are playing tennis this year are Cary Fleming and Scotty Harris.

## Track Teams Go To Lorenzo This Weekend

Silverton High School's track teams go to Lorenzo for a meet Saturday.

Members of the boys team are Warren Jarrett, who pole vaults; David Schott, who pole vaults and runs the 200 meters; Cal Brannon, who runs the 800 meters and a leg on the 400 meter relay; Rene Ramirez, who runs the 1600 meters and a leg on the 400 relay; Russell Simpson, who enters the 100 and 200 meter dashes, runs a leg on the 400 meter relay and long jumps; Cary Fleming, who high jumps, and David Lemons, who runs the 1600 meters.

The boys entered a track meet at Groom March 17 and another at Sundown March 24.

At Groom, Fleming placed second in the high jump; Schott won second in the pole vault, and Simpson ran third in the 100 meter dash.

At Sundown, Jarrett won third in the pole vault, Fleming won third in the high jump and Schott was fifth in the pole vault.

Members of the girls team are Angie Lowrey, who runs the 1600 meters, puts the shot and throws the discus; Tammi Edwards, who runs the 400 and 800 meter dashes, 1600 meter relay, and throws the discus; Lisa Lavy, who runs the 200 meter dash, 400 and 800 meter relays; Alesha Patton, who runs the 400 meter dash, 400 and 1600 meter relays and long jumps; Shavonne Lowrey, who runs the 200 meter dash, 800 meter relay, throws the discus and puts the shot; Nicole Whitfill, who runs the 100 meter dash, 400 and 800 meter relays, and triple jumps; Kristy Fogerson, who puts the shot; Suzann Settle, who runs the 100 meter dash, 400 and 800 meter relays and long jumps; Tonnette Miller, who runs the 800 meter dash and 1600 meter run; DeLynn Fitzgerald, who runs the 400 and 800 meter dashes and a leg on the 1600 meter relay team.

The girls also competed at Groom and Sundown.

Those placing at Groom were Angie Lowrey, fourth in shot put; Shavonne Lowrey, fourth in discus, sixth in shot put; Tonnette Miller, second in 800 meters and fifth in the 1600 meters; Alesha Patton, third in the 400 meters and fourth in the long jump.

The sprint relay team, composed of Suzann Settle, Alesha Patton, Nicole Whitfill and Lisa Lavy, placed third. The mile relay team, Tammi Edwards, Angie Lowrey, Alesha Patton and DeLynn Fitzgerald, won fourth. The 800 meter relay team, Lisa Lavy, Shavonne Lowrey, Nicole Whitfill and Suzann Settle, placed fifth.

At Sundown, placings included Angie Lowrey, second in shot put; Shavonne Lowrey, fourth in discus; Alesha Patton, third in 400 meters and second in long jump; Tonnette Miller, first in 1600 meters and fifth in 800 meters.

The 400 meter relay, composed of Alesha Patton, Suzann Settle, Nicole Whitfill and Lisa Lavy, won fifth.

The boys placed ninth at

Sundown with 12½ points, behind Anton, Amherst, Valley, Sudan, Whiteface, Ropes, Sundown and Lazbuddie, and ahead of Smyer, Wilson, Meadow, Whitharral and New Home.

The girls finished in seventh place at Sundown with 46 points, behind Ropes, Whiteface, Amherst, Valley, Sundown and Anton, and ahead of Wilson, Meadow, New Home, Whitharral and Smyer.

The girls go to their District Meet at Sudan on April 6.

The boys go to Sudan April 7, to Levelland April 14, and to their District Meet at Sudan April 19.

### AS A MAN THINKETH

Gerald Beasley

#### WHERE'S THE BEEF?

A little old lady, advertising hamburgers, has become famous for "Where's the beef?" Many, including presidential candidates, are borrowing the question.

Most like plenty of beef on their sandwich. A dry bun with scarcely a smell of meat isn't very appealing.

Lives can be empty of meaning—dry buns with no meat.

"The Preacher" of Ecclesiastes "applied" himself in many worldly, fleshly indulgences. Said he, "All this have I seen in my days of vanity" ("meaningless life," N.I.V.). Thank God he finally sensed the pervading emptiness, then exhorted, "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man" (A.S.V.).

Paul speaks of being "filled to all the Fullness of God" (Eph. 3). He did not ask, in despair, "Where's the beef?"

Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." He knew His Father's will, and this awareness filled Him with unswerving purpose. "... not my will, but thine be done."

"... solid food is for the mature" (Heb. 5:14, N.I.V.). "Where's the beef?" See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

### MORE CROP ACREAGE IN '84

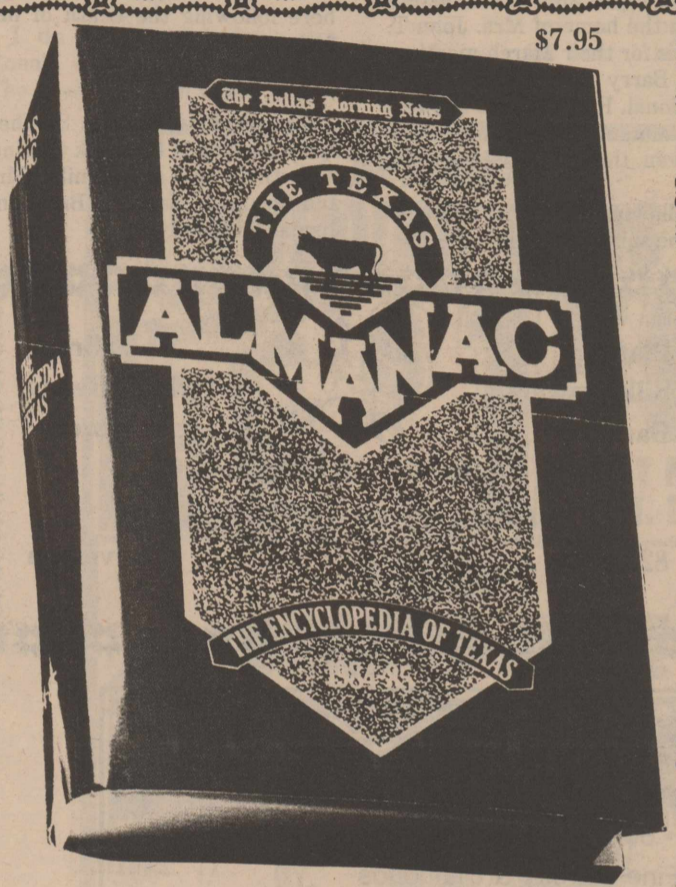
"More in '84" seems to be the trend as farmers across the country gear up to plant spring crops.

More crop acres will help agribusinesses and livestock and poultry producers but may mean lower prices to crop producers at harvesttime, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Nationwide, planting intentions show these percentage increases: corn, 36; cotton, 35; grain sorghum, 26; rice, 29; spring wheat, 18, and soybeans, 3.

Texas farmers plan to plant 48 percent more corn, 41 percent more rice and eight percent more soybeans but will increase cotton acreage only 25 percent and grain sorghum 16 percent.

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## Methodist To Begin Revival April 1

"Jesus Is Lord" will be the theme for a revival to be held at the Silverton United Methodist Church April 1-4. Willard Moody will be the visiting evangelist.

Members of the community are invited to come for a time of fellowship and to hear God's Word.

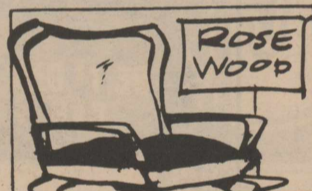
The following events are planned.

Sunday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. Youth Hike and Supper, 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, April 2—6:30 a.m. Community Men's Breakfast, 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, April 3—12:00 Community Ladies' Covered Dish Luncheon, 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday, April 4—7:00 a.m. Morning Worship and Breakfast, 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship



The attractive rosewood that is seen often in fine furniture, does not come from rose plants. It's the name of several types of wood of the botanical genus *Dalbergia*.

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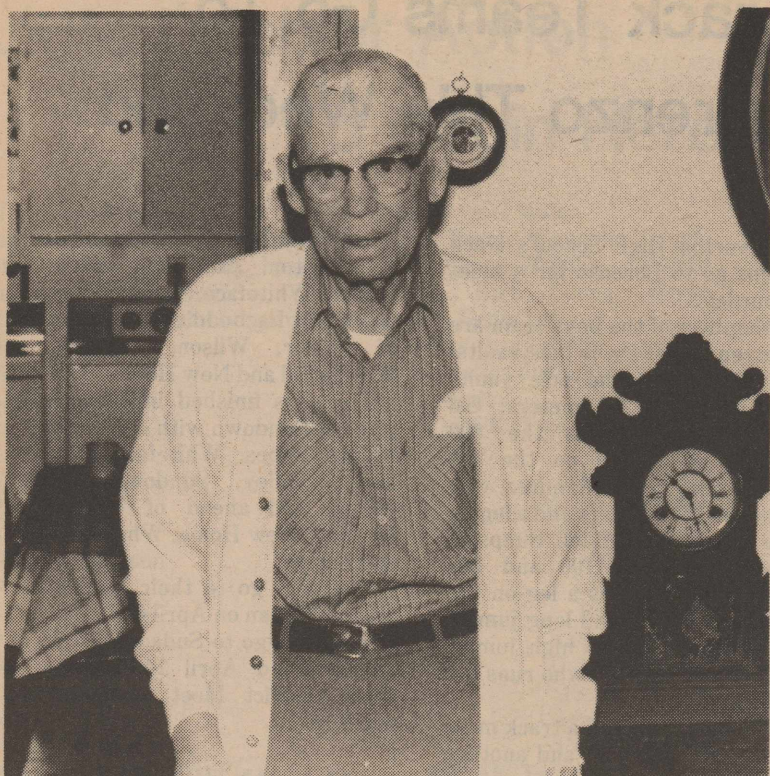
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R. E. BROOKSHIER

## R. E. Brookshier Celebrates Birthday

R. E. Brookshier turned 97 on March 14, and on Sunday, March 18, his children, grandchildren and friends helped him celebrate the event.

Probably one of the eldest residents in Briscoe County, Mr. Brookshier enjoys relatively

good health. He has lived here since 1910, and was very active in community and church activities in his younger years. He is a member of the Silvertown Church of Christ.

Among those helping him celebrate his birthday were his son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Mary Thompson, who live with him; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bromhall and children, Devine; Mrs. Wayne (Pam) Rampley and children, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Gracie Thompson and children, Beeville, and friends.

Mrs. J. E. (Mary Dee) Minyard was taken to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Thursday of last week by the Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service. She continues to receive treatment there.

Mrs. Claude (Verna) Allison continues to receive treatment in the cardiac care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Her sons, James, of Lubbock, and Tony, of Lawton, Oklahoma, have been at her bedside along with her husband during much of the time she has been in the hospital.

## Personality Selections Released By Yearbook

Mrs. O. C. Rampley, yearbook advisor, has released the following student and faculty personality selections for publication. These students will be featured in the 1984 Owlet. If you wish to purchase a 1984 yearbook, but have not yet done so, please contact her at the high school. The yearbooks sell for \$12.60, tax included.

Warren Jarrett and Tammi Edwards were selected as Mr. and Miss SHS. Barry Eddleman and Kori Baird were chosen as Most Handsome and Most Beautiful.

Best Dressed students designated were Shavonne Lowrey and Joe Ramirez.

Kathy Brown and Jim Forbes were chosen as Most Popular.

Most Athletic students are Lisa Lavy and Cal Brannon.

Jena McFall and Monroe Hill were designated as Wittiest.

Necole Whitfill and Cary Fleming were chosen as Friendliest.

Those elected to Who's Who were Tammi Edwards and Cary Fleming, seniors; Estella Trevino and Russell Bingham, juniors; Kristy Fogerson and Rene Ramirez, sophomores; Katrice Minyard and Fred Moreno, freshmen.

Good Citizenship awards were designated for Alesha Patton and Dick Cogdell.

Chosen as Most Likely to

Succeed were Soledad Garcia and Dick Cogdell.

Angie Lowrey and Stephen Stephens were chosen as Most Dependable.

Angie Lowrey is this year's D.A.R. Good Citizen.

Jena McFall was chosen as the Most Outstanding Student.

### Mrs. Francis Hosts P.A.S.S.

The Prayer and Share Sisters met in the home of Mrs. John T. Francis for their March meeting. Mrs. Barry Francis read the devotional. Roll call was answered by naming "something that is sin even though it is legal by law."

"Following in Christ's Steps" was the subject of study.

The group was happy to have Esther Trevino join them as a new sister.

Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald will be hostess for the April meeting which will be April 12 at 9:30 a.m. The program will be "Total Fitness." Any lady in the community who is interested in studying with the group or just attending any of the meetings is welcome.

Mrs. Roy (Vivian) Morris returned home a week ago last Saturday after undergoing surgery for an aneurism at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Mrs. Bud (Gretchen) Whitfield of Dothan, Alabama has been here with her mother and remained here following the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet spent Sunday in Lubbock visiting with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon, Jordan and Molly.

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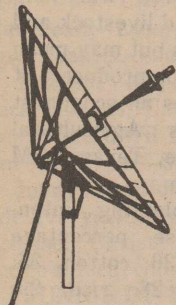
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# Serious Thoughts On President Reagon

by Mrs. Rita Mullin's  
Third Grade

If you are having trouble forming your political views, maybe we can help you. The students' names have been omitted to protect the innocent.

I like our President because he loves his country and the people that live in it. He tells us about crime, but he takes too long making a speech—especially when there is a good show on TV.

I do and then I don't like Ronald Reagan, our President. The reasons I don't like him is

because he didn't withdraw the troops out of Lebanon on time and I don't like the people that are trying to get the school changed from eight to five-thirty. He does keep the economy low enough we can afford it and he is trying to get prayer back in school. I like him because he is better than Jimmy Carter, our retired and former President.

I like the President because he believes in God and he loves people and his family and he doesn't like war or fighting. I would vote for him; I hope he wins.

I don't like President Reagan because my father hates him and my mother likes him. My father is not going to vote for him. My dad turns off the TV when he is on and he wrote a letter to him.

He loves his wife.

He gets to fly all over the world, and he always gets his work done. He is not a lawyer and he gets up at 5:00. I don't get up until 7:20 and it is hard!

I like him because he is the 40th President of the U. S. of America. He helps our country to seeing if they are voting for him or for somebody else. I hope he wins and I will say, "Ha."

He stays on TV all the time; he is nice and brave.

I like him because he tells us that we are safe and then when we are being shot at. I thank God for making all the Presidents so they could take care of me and all the American people and the Mexican people too. I like them all but he is the best one.

He gives our country some money to buy more flags and he helps the poor people. We would thank him for what he does. He says for them to speak up when he can't hear them.

I hope to meet this man sometime in my life. He is a polite man to our State. He is nice and he says stuff like it would be in the years of the army.

I don't really know much about him but I don't hate him.

I don't like him because last year he said he was going to try to take the stamp money down or take it away from my family.

He makes us fight against Asia and makes us fight the war and he is the one who makes us start the war and that's when we get killed. I don't like him on every channel of the TV either.

It is hard for me to say why I like him but my family always watches him when they say a special day for him to come on TV. Sometimes he is funny and most of the time he is not funny at all.

Those people ask him a lot of questions. He is nice to them.

He can get a free taxi ride and if we let our flag drag the ground he wants us to burn it. He gets a free this and a free that. I like him because he smiles or laughs and he is happy. He does not have to do all of this and all of that. He makes sure it is right! He does not take money from us. It is time you found out why I like him; it is because he is happy.

I like him because he is nice to us and he has a suit. He has nice clothes and a big black car. He has a big house and a big kitchen and a big yard.

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Tax his pants,  
tax his coat,  
Tax his crops,  
tax his work,  
Tax his tie,  
tax his shirt,  
Tax his chew,  
tax his smoke;  
Teach him taxes  
are no joke.  
Tax his tractor,  
tax his mule,  
Teach him taxes  
are a rule,  
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tax his gas,  
Tax his notes,  
tax his cash;  
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# Little Dribbler Action Set To Begin Here

The schedule of games has been set up for Little Dribbler action which is set to begin Tuesday night, March 27.

Dates and times of the games follow:

**MARCH 27**

- 5—Maroon - Red
- 6—Green - Blue
- 7—Red - Green
- 8—Yellow - Blue

**APRIL 3**

- 5—Blue - Red
- 6—Green - Maroon
- 7—Red - Blue
- 8—Yellow - Green

**APRIL 6**

- 6—Green - Red
- 7—Maroon - Blue
- 8—Green - Blue
- 9—Red - Yellow

**APRIL 10**

- 5—Maroon - Red
- 6—Green - Blue
- 7—Yellow - Blue
- 8—Green - Red

**APRIL 13**

- 6—Green - Maroon
- 7—Blue - Red
- 8—Yellow - Green
- 9—Red - Blue

**APRIL 17**

- 5—Blue - Maroon
- 6—Green - Red
- 7—Red - Yellow

- 8—Green - Blue

**APRIL 24**

Make-up games

**APRIL 28**

All Day Sports

On Tuesdays, the Pee Wees play at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., and on Fridays, the Pee Weeks play at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, the Juniors play at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. and on Fridays at 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Shirts will be furnished. Socks and shorts are to be provided by the parents.

A one-day tournament - contest day is scheduled for April 28. There will be a hot shot contest, free throw contest and ball-games.

April 24 was scheduled for make-up games.

Members of the teams and their coaches are:

**PEE WEE DIVISION**

**Green Team**—Dana Martin, coach; Brian Martin, Gwen Clardy, Amy Minyard, Stan Gamble, Zane Henderson, Kevin James

**Red Team**—Dwight Ramsey, coach; Brian West, Jeff Grimland, Amy Ramsey, Jennifer Grimland, Russ Baird, Lance Smith

**Blue Team**—Lynn Frizzell and Danny Francis, coaches; Langdon Reagan, Monica Arnold, Jessica Lemons, Casey Frizzell, Aimee Francis, Wil T Bomar

**Maroon Team**—Shelly Gould and Jenny Bradford, coaches; Lyndel Ivory, Abel Maciel, Christy Nease, Christy McWaters, Lance Bradford, Gilbert Moreno

**JUNIOR DIVISION**

**Red Team**—Jerry Miller, coach; Emmy Garcia, Robby Weaks, Mike Miller, Clay Mercer, Carrie Ann Grabbe, Julie Towe

**Green Team**—Lynn Smith, coach; Jeff Smith, Terry Miller, Melissa Garcia, Tonya Clardy, Teddy Hubbard, Penni Fogerson

**Yellow Team**—Darrell Reynolds, coach; Kendal Minyard, Anthony Minyard, Bradley Brunson, Wayne Henderson, Tonya

Baird, Crystal Miller

**Blue Team**—Waynelle Couch, coach; Tracy Tomlin, Edward Moreno, Kirk Couch, Bryan Ramsey, Genie Lavy

Parents have been assigned various duties during the games. They include:

**CLOCK [Two Games]**

- March 27 Jerry Miller  
Kathy Frizzell
- April 3 Marsha Brunson  
Sandi Tomlin
- April 6 Mike Mercer  
Lynn Frizzell
- April 10 Paula Bomar  
Kathy Hubbard
- April 13 Dale McWaters  
Kathy Frizzell
- April 17 Linda Minyard  
Perry Brunson

**BOOKS [Two Games]**

- March 27 Judy Miller  
Dorothy Martin
- April 3 Raye Smith  
Jenny Bradford
- April 6 Terry West  
Lynda Fogerson
- April 10 Patsy Towe  
Carolyn Reagan
- April 13 Latresa Minyard  
Pat McWaters
- April 17 Donna Francis  
Alice Grabbe

If you can't be there to work at your assigned time, you will have to get your own substitute. If you are down to work, please be on time. If you don't know how to keep books or run the clock, someone will show you how. If you aren't down to work and you're willing to help, contact Dale McWaters or Kathy Frizzell.

## Extension Homemakers Have Meeting

\*Southwestern Extension Homemakers met at 2:00 p.m. March 22 in the Rex Holt home for the regular meeting with the president, Polly Jarrett, in charge.

Flo Fitzgerald led the members in voicing the TEHA Prayer in unison.

Lois Nance led the TEHA Creed.

Roll call was answered by ten members and the County Extension Agent with "A Habit I Should Break."

Lanita Cantwell gave the TEHA Report, reminding members of the District Meeting in Plainview on April 5 at the Agriculture Center. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Members are asked to have the correct change for the \$1.25 registration fee. It is hoped that the club will have 100% of its members in attendance.

The nominating committee gave a report for next year's officers, and they are as follows: Lois Ziegler, president; Frances Kellum, vice-president; Flo Fitzgerald, secretary, and Lanita Cantwell, treasurer.

An interesting program on patios was brought by Lynda Fogerson. She showed slides of some lovely scenes of interesting patios that gave the members ideas to use in their own yards.

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The next meeting will be the Commissioners' Luncheon on April 25 at the First Baptist Church.

Present for the refreshments were Georgia Allard, Lanita Cantwell, Flo Fitzgerald, Polly Jarrett, Frances Kellum, Christene King, Lois Nance, Syble Teeple, Lois Ziegler, Lynda Fogerson, Briscoe County Extension Agent, and the hostess, Theta Holt.

Mrs. Delila McFall spent Sun-

day in Silverton visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFall, Jena and Justin.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Minyard and Ryan, Della Boling and Marie Boling visited Della's sister, Garma Ingram, at Community Hospital in Lubbock Sunday. They also visited Brenda Boling Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the Allen Kellum

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home recently were Fred and Judy Kellum, Edward, John and Suzanna of Canadian.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens were among those who attended the eightieth birthday anniversary observance for Harry Blair in Quitaque Sunday.

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## Tax Relief Available

Is the land you own being used for agricultural purposes? If it is, then you may be eligible for tax relief on that property.

According to Carlye Hill, chief appraiser of the Briscoe County Appraisal District, landowners have the option of applying either for agricultural-use valuation or for open-space land valuation on their property.

Applications should be filed before May 1 this year for any property to receive agricultural-use valuation, or for open-space land valuation on property that did not receive that type of appraisal in 1983. Applications received after May 1 and until the appraisal records are approved are subject to a penalty for late filing.

Two constitutional amendments permit taxation of land on its agricultural-use, or productivity, value, Mrs. Hill said. "This means that taxes would be assessed against the productive value of the land instead of what the land would sell for in the open market," she explained.

Mrs. Hill noted that the legal basis for special land appraisal is found in the Texas Constitution in Art. VIII, Secs. 1-d and 1-d-1. The two types of land and valuation are commonly called "ag-use" or "1-d" and "open-space" or "1-d-1," the chief appraiser added.

"The requirements for application and for qualification of both the land and the owner are different," Mrs. Hill said.

For 1-d ag-use valuation, the owner must file an application with the chief appraiser each

year. Some other requirements under this provision are that the land must be owned by a "natural person," not a corporation, partnership, agency or organization; the land must have been devoted exclusively to agricultural use for at least three years before the year application is first made; and the agricultural business conducted on the land must be the owner's primary occupation and source of income.

Also, the chief appraiser must determine that the landowner qualifies and must approve the application, and the owner has to file a sworn statement each year he applies, attesting to the land's agricultural use.

For the other type of land valuation, 1-d-1 open-space, the land may be owned by an individual, corporation or partnership, and the agricultural business need not be the principal business of the owner. Agricultural and timber lands and ecological laboratories are eligible for 1-d-1 appraisal.

However, the land must be involved in a qualifying agricultural use to the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area; it must have been devoted principally to a qualifying use for at least five of the past seven years; and, again, the chief appraiser must approve the application.

Once an application for 1-d-1 valuation is filed with the chief appraiser and approved, a landowner is not required to submit another application as long as the land qualifies, unless the chief appraiser requests another ap-

plication to confirm current qualifications.

At the present time, the 1-d-1 open space valuation is the only type applications Briscoe County taxpayers have applied for; therefore, taxpayers who have already been granted this exemption need not reapply.

Mrs. Hill also explained that the possibility for a "rollback tax" exists under either form of special land valuation. This liability for additional tax is created under 1-d valuation by either sale of the land or a change in use of the land. It extends back to the three tax years prior to the year in which the change or sale occurs.

Under 1-d-1, a rollback is triggered by a change in use to a nonagricultural purpose that would not qualify for productivity valuation. Taxes are recaptured for the five years preceding the year of the change.

The additional tax is measured, Mrs. Hill said, by the difference between taxes paid under productivity valuation provisions and the taxes which would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value.

Mrs. Hill noted that persons whose agricultural lands are located in more than one county must apply for productivity valuation with each county's appraisal district. Failure to do so could result in one or more taxing units taxing the property on its full market value.

More information and application forms are available from the Briscoe County Appraisal office. Personnel there will be able to assist landowners with the infor-

## Senator Bill Sarpalius Reports



AUSTIN — Understanding why various countries produce different educational strengths can be shown by looking closely at the basic differences in their educational approaches.

The differences between Texas and U.S. students and those from abroad are due to many factors, including cultural, social and educational. In many cases these ingredients cannot be separated.

In Japan, the school system is characterized by fierce competition and difficult work, which is a part of the Japanese culture and is ingrained in the population.

The Russian students see their educational instruction emphasizing pure sciences and mathematics and social sciences are excluded for ideological reasons.

In Texas and the U.S., the minimum school year is 180 days. It is longer in all foreign countries. Switzerland has a 190 day school year. In West Germany, Japan and Russia, the minimum is 210 days

information necessary for determining if their property qualifies for the special valuation.

and most recently Japan has begun a 240 day program.

Examinations also play a greater role in foreign countries. In the Soviet Union, examinations are required before students go to the next grade. In Switzerland, students must pass exams to get into academic high schools. In Japan, to get into the best school — from elementary through college — passage of exams is required.

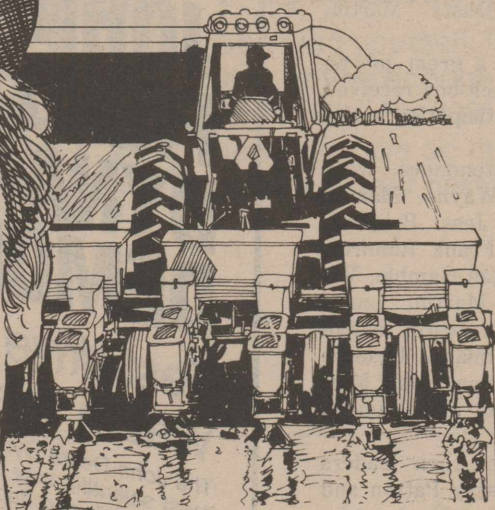
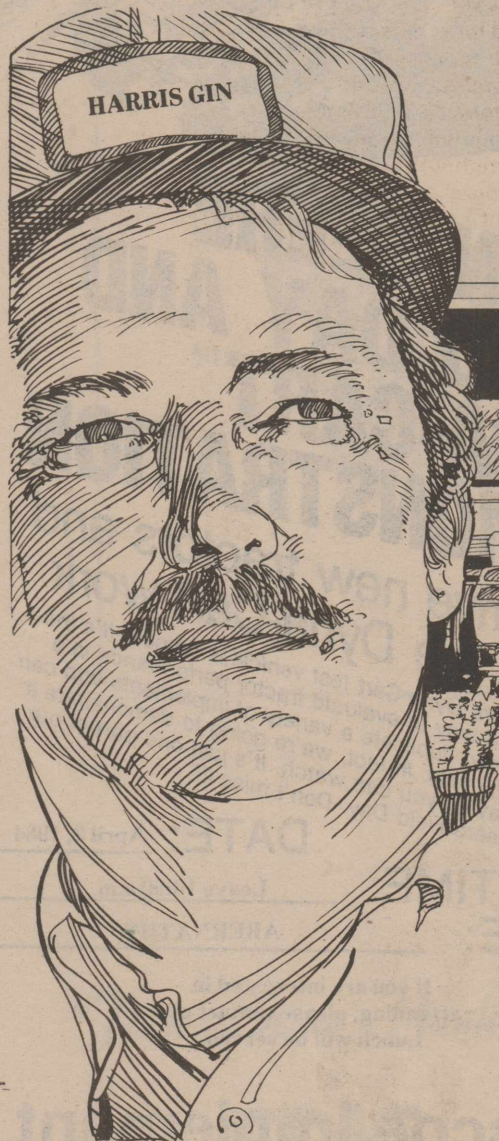
The pressure is so great in Japan, that 45 percent of the high school students attend private after-hours schools to prepare for college exams.

In Texas and the U.S., there is a different emphasis placed on courses of study. While other countries lean to mathematics, science and language, they do not stress social sciences to the extent that Texas schools do. While technically Japanese students are not required to take more math and science than Texas students, most college-bound Japanese have several more years of study than our students. Japanese students at least reach trigonometry in high school, while proficiency in calculus is common.

Homework is more often the rule in foreign schools. A study concluded that Japanese junior high students averaged two hours of homework, while U.S. high school students averaged less than an hour.

Next we will look at teachers in the systems.

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## Young Farmers See Film On Range Management

A film on Range Management was shown at the Silverton Young Farmers meeting held Thursday, March 22, in the school vocational agriculture department.

During the business meeting, members finalized plans for the upcoming banquet. The cafeteria will be set up on Friday evening. Saddle tickets were distribu-

ted to each member present. The saddle will be given away at the Young Farmers Rodeo in August during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration.

Members also discussed the upcoming Junior Class Volleyball Tournament to be held March 29-30-31. The club will enter a team.

Those present were Calvin

## Annual Awards Presented At YF Banquet

The twentieth annual Silverton Young Farmers Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, March 24, in the school cafeteria.

Outstanding Young Farmer recipient was Bill Reid. Rick Hester received the Outstanding Agribusiness Award. G. W. Chappell was awarded the honor of Outstanding Associate Member.

This year the Outstanding FFA Member Award went to David Schott and Stephen Stephens.

The Briscoe County 4-H Gold

Shelton, Tobe Riddell, Rick Hester, Clinton Dickerson, G. W. Chappell, Hand Baird, Donnie Perkins, Jerry Baird, George Martin, Dale McWaters, James Dunn, Joe Garcia and Wayne Stephens.

Star Award winners, Kristy Fogerson and Stephen Stephens, received plaques.

Bill Durham Fertilizer was presented a plaque of appreciation for his service to the organization.

Following the meal and awards presentation, a casino fun night

was enjoyed. Door prizes were auctioned off for play money.

Area I Young Farmer officers attending were Ray Schlabs, Hereford; Tommy Louthan, Hale Center, and Clinton Dickerson, Silverton.

Silverton Young Farmers present were Calvin Shelton, Donnie Perkins, Tobe Riddell, Clinton Dickerson, James Dunn, George Martin, Dale McWaters, Hand Baird, Jerry Baird, Joe Garcia, Renee Garcia, Wayne Stephens and Wayland Fitzgerald.

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Pack 262 of the Cub Scouts gathered Friday night at the show barn to race their Pinewood Derby cars.

Each car was built by a Cub Scout and his dad not to exceed five ounces or to be longer than seven inches.

After the cars were officially weighed and measured by Cubmaster Wade Brannon, they were put on display while 51 Scouts, parents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and grandparents enjoyed a picnic supper.

A competitive spirit was observed in everyone as the race began. Winners of the second grade race were Jess Brannon, first; Wayne Martin, second.

Winners of the third and fourth grade race were Lance Holt, first; Jeffrey Grimland, second; Dusty Martin, third.

Then the two packs squared off against one another in an overall race. Winners were Lance Holt, first; Jeffrey Grimland, second; Dusty Martin, third.

The Cubs did a great job on their cars and each boy received a ribbon for participation and a job well done.

Scouts in attendance were Trent Smith, Wayne Martin, Braden Towe, Jess Brannon, Steven Jasper, Frank Ramirez, Brian Martin, Stan Gamble, Wil Bomar, Dusty Martin, Lance Holt, Russ Baird, Justin McFall and Jeffrey Grimland. Leaders were Mary Brannon, Roma Martin, Paula Bomar and Ramona Martin.

The Scouts and their leaders wish to thank Jerry Patton and the Silverton Young Farmers for the use of the show barn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. (Eddie) Edwards of Weatherford have been visitors here with his son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, Tammi and Neal.

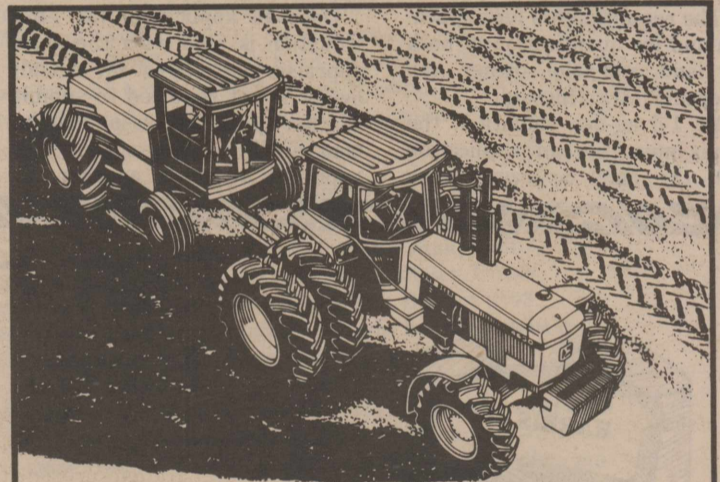
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridges and children of Levelland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, last week.

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# Taxpayers' Rights Outlined

Carlye Hill, chief appraiser for the Briscoe County Appraisal District, has announced the availability of an eight-page pamphlet which may help district residents save on their property taxes.

According to Mrs. Hill, "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities!" explains how the property tax system operates in Texas and highlights possible tax savings available to property owners.

The pamphlet is published by the State Property Tax Board under provisions of the Texas Property Tax Code. The information in "Remedies" applies to property taxes collected by all types of local government, including counties, cities, school districts and special districts such as hospitals and municipal utility districts.

The pamphlet explains in detail the residence homestead exemptions offered by various taxing units, Mrs. Hill said, including the amounts of each exemption and what it takes to qualify for and receive them.

For example, all homeowners in a school district are eligible for a \$5,000 general residence homestead exemption. Also, certain disabled taxpayers and those aged 65 or over may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homesteads.

"A taxpayer who was 65 or older on January 1 of this year is also entitled to a tax freeze, or ceiling, on the tax bill from the school district on his house and yard," Mrs. Hill added. "This ceiling is based on the taxes assessed when a taxpayer receives the over-65 school homestead exemption for the first time."

The chief appraiser pointed out, though, that homeowners who received the elderly exemption and tax freeze from the

school district last year need not apply again this year. Only those who became 65 during 1983 and those who have never been granted the exemption and freeze must apply for 1984.

Mrs. Hill noted that any taxing unit may adopt a general "percentage" homestead exemption. Approved by Texas voters as a constitutional amendment in 1981, this exemption can be granted in 1984 for any percentage up to 40 percent off the appraised value of residence homesteads.

School boards, city councils, county commissioners and other governing boards must take official action for this exemption, after careful review of the taxing unit's needs and taxable property.

Additional exemptions are available upon application to disabled veterans.

Owners of agricultural land which was taxed for 1983 on its productivity value under 1-d-1 open-space provisions do not have to reapply unless requested in writing by the appraisal office to do so. However, applications must be filed before May 1 for land to be taxed for 1984 under 1-d agricultural-use provisions, and by landowners who have not previously received either kind of productivity valuation.

Agricultural (1-d) and open-space land (1-d-1) valuations are available to property owners using land for farming or ranching purposes. Such land may be taxed based on productivity rather than market value.

"More complete information on special land valuation, tax renditions and exemptions is available from appraisal district personnel as well as in the pamphlet," Mrs. Hill said.

She said that the "Remedies" pamphlet also contains information about the appraisal review board (ARB) which serves to equalize all property values in the district. This section of the pamphlet outlines the steps for making a protest to the ARB and ways to prepare and present the appeal.

Another section deals with the process of initiative and referen-

# Texas Cattle Brand Law To Be Discussed At Meeting

A Texas Farm Bureau-sponsored meeting on the Texas cattle brand law will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. April 3 at the Hilton Inn in Amarillo, according to Riley Harris of Silverton, president of the Briscoe County Farm Bureau.

Harris said the purpose of the meeting would be to allow Panhandle cattlemen a further opportunity to consider a regional brand law on a local option

dum by which voters are able to petition for an election to limit the amount of tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"District residents are encouraged to review the pamphlet and to make any applications required, in order to get all the tax relief to which they are entitled. Remember, applications must be filed with the appraisal office before May 1," the chief appraiser said.

The pamphlets are available at the tax office in the courthouse basement, located at 415 Main, Silverton, Texas. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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basis, as authorized in the Texas Farm Bureau policy.

Harris noted that cattle brands in Texas are registered on a county basis, and that in most instances this system has proven adequate.

However, in the Panhandle where winter blizzards sometime scatter cattle over several counties, cattlemen have "expressed the desire to have a regional brand registration," Harris commented.

The following beef industry people and TFB staff will appear on the program: George E. Feaster, a member of the Beef Industry Council board of directors; Ridge Pate, TFB staff attorney; H. L. Rowe, brand commissioner with the Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection; Don King, general manager of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and J. D. Jordan, associate director of the TFB Commodity Activities.

The nation's first Arbor Day celebration took place in 1872 in Nebraska. It became a legal holiday in that state in 1885.

## JUNIOR HIGH TO HAVE MEET HERE

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Owlettes will be competing in a Triangle Track Meet here April 2. The other teams entered will be Happy and Claude.

The boys go to their district meet at Sudan April 19, and the girls have their District Meet at Sudan on April 6.

Ted Hester was transported to the Amarillo Emergency Receiving Center Saturday afternoon by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, but was able to return home in the ambulance following treatment there. He was able to attend the anniversary party Sunday afternoon, and according to his wife, enjoyed it all.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ramsey and Kayla attended the funeral of his uncle, Glynn Barrett, in Quitaque Sunday. Others from Silverton attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney and Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney of Follett and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wynn of Booker also attended.

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The Wayne Stephens family

I would like to thank the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Anthony Kingery, James Edwards, Bruce Tiffin, Emmett Tomlin and Janice Hill, for taking me to the hospital. We appreciate the service of our paramedics and other ambulance attendants very much.  
May God bless you.  
Ted Hester

I wish to express my thanks to my son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Mary Thompson, my grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bromhall and children, Mrs. Pam Rampley and children, Mrs. Gracie Thompson and children, and my lifelong friends for helping me celebrate my 97th birthday. Hope you will all be with me for my 98th.  
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We would like to thank our friends for the cards, flowers, visits, hospitality, memorials and every expression of sympathy extended at the death of our loved one. Special thanks to those who brought food and the ladies of the First Baptist Church who served the family luncheon following the service.

Every expression of your friendship and concern is appreciated more than you will ever know.

The family of Roy A. Morris

We would like to thank all our friends and relatives for coming to our fortieth wedding anniversary celebration, and Ron and Christi, Janice and Ralph, Rick and Bena for giving it for us. Thanks to LaNelle, Bailey and Sylvia Hill, Sandy Perkins, Ann West and Connie Smith for helping.

Thank you all for the cards, gifts and money. A special thanks to Jonetta Ziegler for baking the cake and to Mary Jane Patton for making the flower arrangement and our corsage and boutonniere. We don't know when we enjoyed an afternoon so much.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Ted and Ruby

We wish to express our love and gratitude to everyone. Thank you for your prayers, the flowers, food, telephone calls, visits and your many other expressions of love. The people of this area are the best in the world.

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