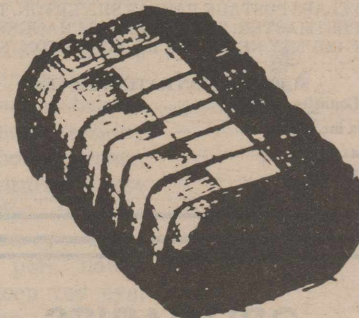




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Briscoe County News

THINK SILVERTON!

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All Around The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



We received an anonymous letter to the editor last week that "was not meant to be published," but which deserves a couple of comments since we cannot discuss the matter with whom-ever wrote the letter.

The writer says that she loves "our little paper, but it is getting where it is mostly un-interesting reading."

To this I would like to offer my apologies.

To the suggestion that we again hire someone to write local news for us, I would like to say that this would be wonderful if we could afford to do it and if people wouldn't be calling to complain all the time like they did when we had a local correspondent. The last one we had was a number of years ago, and every day we had complaints from people who didn't like the hours she called, didn't like the questions she asked them, didn't want to be called, and didn't want their news in the paper.

I would like to add that every business in our little town is suffering along with the farm economy. Profits have been very marginal, and really don't allow us to increase our overhead. And to your suggestion that having more local news items would increase our advertising more than enough to pay the local correspondent's salary, may I say that you really don't know our local merchants at all. We are all in the same boat—struggling just to keep our doors open in Silverton.

She says we really need a change, and I believe a change is coming. I think you will see the day very soon when there won't be any little hometown newspapers left in any of the small towns. Economics is beginning to pressure us quite heavily to seek another way of earning our livelihood. It may be quite soon that you don't even have a local newspaper to line your birdcage or waste basket with—so enjoy reading your local (usually lengthy) write-ups of weddings, obituaries, births, etc. while you can.

In closing, let me add that contributions of local news items, birthday parties, family reunions, etc. are ALWAYS needed and ALWAYS appreciated. The writer of the letter could begin by sending us her news.



Quarterback Cal Brannon was back to pass during the Owls' scrimmage with Miami here last Friday night.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Owls, Coaches To Be Introduced

The Owls and their coaches will be introduced prior to game time, which is 7:30 p.m. Friday. Each of the team members will be accompanied onto the field by parents or friends.

The team will be hosting

Public Dance Is Saturday Night

The public is invited to dance to Second Chance Band of Lubbock from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Saturday, September 7, at the Briscoe County Show Barn in Silverton.

Booster Club Meets On Tuesday Nights

Silverton Booster Club meets at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday nights through football season at the school. The public is invited to attend any or all of these meetings to review the game films.

A membership drive is now underway, with dues being \$5.00 per person. A number of activities are planned during the year.

THINK SILVERTON!

Patton Springs in the season opener. The Booster Club will be operating the concession stand.

Both the first and second teams did well in their scrimmages with Miami here last Friday, with both teams scoring and holding Miami well defensively.

Team spirit is good and the players seem to have good rapport with their coaches.

"Miami wasn't as strong as we had thought they might be, but our kids didn't make as many mistakes as they did the first week," Coach Shely said. "Overall, we were real pleased with them."

The coach went on to say that he hoped Miami's poor showing was due in part to the efforts of the Owls.

ADULT TYPING CLASS OFFERED THIS FALL

Mrs. Faye Rampley is planning an adult typing course for this fall if at least 15 are interested.

Everyone is asked to contact Mary Jo Brannon at 823-2344 if you are interested in taking the course.

Silverton Contributes Well To MDA Telethon

Silverton citizens raised approximately \$1,340.81 in pledges and special events during the Twentieth Annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Supershow to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Associa-

tion. In the Panhandle area a total of \$177,780 went up on the toteboard and nationally over \$33,181,652 was pledged.

Hosted again by Jerry Lewis, MDA National Chairman for over 30 years, the 22½ hour entertainment marathon featured some of the most popular personalities in show business including stars of TV, film, stage and the concert world—all of whom contributed their talents to help in the fight against some 40 neuromuscular diseases. Ed McMahon served as Lewis' anchorman for the thirteenth straight year, backed up by Casey Kasem and other celebrity co-hosts.

KFDA-TV Channel 10 carried the local portion of the show which was aired live from Western Plaza Mall and began at 8:00 p.m. Sunday night and went off the air at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The Silverton pledge center was located at City Hall, 409 Broadway under the direction of coordinator Lois Hill and Sandy Perkins. Special MDA events coordinated by the pledge center during Labor Day weekend included a benefit dance, fish bowl and T-shirt sale.

Proceeds from the Supershow help fund over 600 individual research projects throughout the U. S. and abroad; 10 university-based research centers; more than 240 free diagnostic and treatment clinics; summer camping programs, and professional and public education.

"We would like to thank each of you who came to the benefit dance, those who put money in the MD cansiters and phoned in your pledges during the Telethon, said Lois Hill and Sandy Perkins. "A special thanks goes to Jerry Patton for letting us use the City Hall building; Jeanetta Bradford, Vici Baird, Betty Stephens, Fay Perkins, Becky Dunn, Jo Ann McFall, Amy Perkins, and Kristy Fogerson for helping during the Telethon; to Caprock Country for playing for the benefit dance; to the Fire Department and the Young Farmers for the use of the showbarn; David and Dianna Johnston, James Dunn; Jeannita and Christina Stephens, Staci Hill, Russ and Carrie Baird and Terry Miller for going door-to-door; to Silverton Metal Works for the use of the office machines, and a very special thanks to our husbands for letting us do this worthy cause."

Electricity Prices Remain Stable Under SPS Rate-Restructuring Plan

Southwestern Public Service (SPS) expected to file a request last Friday to restructure rates within 35 days for retail electric service in Texas, leaving prices essentially unchanged.

Residential electric bills will neither increase nor decrease under the plan.

SPS chief executive officer Bert Ballengee said the utility will petition SPS-served communities in Texas, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), to increase base rates by \$40,842,255, but to decrease the boiler-charge in bills by \$40,933,368. The difference is a \$91,113 decrease.

"Some costs to us have increased, and some costs to us have decreased," Ballengee said, "so, we must restructure our rates to reflect those changes. But prices to almost all of our Texas retail customers will remain the same."

The utility is petitioning the PUCT to decrease fuel charges, and is asking for a one-time fuel-charge credit to customers. Details on the fuel-charge credit will be available later, Ballengee said, after the PUCT has issued an applicable order.

SPS previewed the rate-restructuring request on July 31, in preliminary information packets distributed to the Texas communities the utility serves.

The last increase in base rates for retail service from SPS in Texas was in mid-1982.

Ballengee said SPS has decreased costs primarily by improving operating efficiencies, by increasing generation at coal-fueled power plant units, and by renegotiating fuel and fuel-transportation contracts. Higher base-rate costs to the utility include costs of constructing a new coal-fueled unit near Muleshoe, Texas. The unit was brought into commercial service in June 1985.

Verlin Towe was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Saturday night by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service. He has been undergoing some tests there this week.

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OBITUARIES

BESSIE PRICE

Funeral services for Bessie Lillie Price, 80, of Hollis, Oklahoma were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 28, at the First Baptist Church in Hollis with Rev. Cletus Doster of Oklahoma City and Rev. Hoyt Ellis of Hollis officiating.

Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery under the direction of Patterson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Price died Sunday, August 25 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City.

She was born October 31, 1904 in Harmon County.

Survivors include five daughters, Lillian Harris of San Jose, California, Mildred Kiker of Odessa, Oleta Colvard of San Pablo, California, Ada Clay of Silvertown and Mattie Pearl McKee of Splendora; four sons, Seldon Price and Afton Price, both of West Point, California.



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Lowell Price of Clinton Oklahoma and Buddy Price of Pinole, California; one sister, Mrs. Cecil Hulse of Hollis; six brothers, Ellis Carter of Hereford, Will Carter of Roswell, New Mexico, Mike Carter and Ford Carter, both of Littlefield, and Pink Carter and Floyd Carter, both of Hollis; 20 grandchildren, including Ric Clay of Washington, D. C., Randy Clay of Plains and Ramona (Clay) Craddock of Hollis; 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

LUCILLE J. BUTCHER

Funeral services for Lucille J. Butcher, 63, of Amarillo will be conducted Thursday, September 5, at 2:30 p.m. at Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel in Amarillo. Officiating will be the Rev. Bill Dougherty of Central Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

The family will be at 4431 South Ong.

Mrs. Butcher died Monday, September 2.

Born in Silvertown February 28, 1922, she was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include one daughter, Joni Temberton of Amarillo; one sister, Verla Kile of Deming, New Mexico, and two grandsons.

The family requested memorials to the Heart Fund or Diabetes Association.

Blood Drive Is September 24

There will be a blood drive at the City Hall in Silvertown Tuesday, September 24.

Today's calendar is so accurate, the difference between calendar and solar years is now only about 26.3 seconds.

Area Chairmen Appointed To Assist CRCC Fundraiser Sales

Jim Alexander of Abilene, general chairman of the Cattle-men's Round-Up for Crippled Children, has appointed 200 area chairmen statewide to help in the CRCC fundraiser which benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

The area chairmen include Johnnie Burson of Silvertown.

Aubrey Stokes of San Angelo is general co-chairman of the event.

"The agricultural community has always believed in the philosophy of neighbor helping neighbor, and the Cattle-men's Round-Up is a prime example of that help," says Shelley V. Smith, WTRC president/executive director.

"Livestock donated by ranchers is collected at a designated point in each community and transported to the auction site," explains Alexander. "The area chairman's job is to make a personal pledge, then ask others to join him in this annual drive."

Sales of those livestock are converted to dollars and the amount helps provide treatment for the 11,000 handicapped persons who will be treated this year at the Rehab facilities.

The CRCC idea began in Bronte back in 1960 on the late Conda Wylie's Fort Chadbourne ranch. He came to Smith with the suggestion that 20 top steers be cut from his herd and sold to help defray operational expenses at WTRC.

Today the results speak for themselves. With a goal of treating the whole patient rather than just the handicap, services offered include physical, occupational and speech therapy, audiology, orthotics, psychology, education and social services, all without charge to patients.

Scheduled CRCC sale dates include Cattle Sale—September 30, Abilene Auction; Horse Sale—October 5, Abilene Auction; Coleman Sale—October 9; Stephenville Sale—October 9, Junction Sheep and Goat Sale—October 14; San Saba Sale—October 17; and Brownwood Sale—November 4.

Persons wishing to donate livestock should contact Johnnie Burson or call Shelley Smith at WTRC in Abilene, 915-692-1633. Donated livestock are collected at designated points in each community and transported to the auction site.

Money may be donated by giving it to Burson or to the center. All donations are cash deductible.

A video film about the rehabilitation center is available which may be booked for your club or group by contacting Burson.

Commissioners To Meet Monday Morning

Included on the agenda for the meeting of the Briscoe County Commissioners' Court Monday morning are (1) adopt budget for 1986; (2) set tax rate for 1986; (3) hear personnel from Texas Department of Agriculture regarding putting Briscoe County in restricted area for 2-4-D; (4) review all monthly and quarterly reports; (5) review and pay current bills.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jackie and Susan Bainum of Dalhart are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Barry Brennan, born August 25, 1985 at 7:05 p.m. at Dumas Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds and thirteen ounces, and was 21 inches long. He has two sisters, Misti Leigh, five years old, and Ashley Lynn, three years old.

Proud grandparents are Larry and Mary Lou Jarrett of Silvertown, Pat Northcutt of Dalhart, and Danny and Glenna Bainum of Pampa.

Great-grandparents are Lula Bellinger and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt of Silvertown and Irene Pope of Amarillo.

Letter To The Editor

I have certainly enjoyed the little paper this past year. I pass it on to Jerry Burson and Mrs. W. W. Vaughan and to my neighbor who moved next door from Conroe, Texas and a former Silvertown resident, Irene Holt.

I finished high school there in 1924, moving to Silvertown with my parents, J. T. and Maggie Burson, in 1911 in a covered wagon.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

August 20, 1970—Jimmie House, his wife, Loretta House, and Tommy Satterfield injured in two-car collision . . . Laura Arnold is 1970 rodeo queen . . . Mrs. Ruth Bomar buried here Tuesday . . . Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Jay Towe are leaving today for Darmstadt, Germany where he will be stationed with the U. S. Army . . . SSG Marion Walter Perkins recently received the Joint Service Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medal . . . Scotti Fleming was a surgical patient at an Amarillo hospital last week . . . Miss Patsy Davis is on a two-week vacation from school and is here visiting her parents . . . Shelly Harris, Jimmy Stone and Kelly Comer win prizes in kids' bicycle parade . . . Lunch prices increased to 50c at school . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayfield are parents of a daughter . . .

August 25, 1960—Owls working out under the direction of Robert Whelchel and Willie McAlpine . . . Melba Sue Bullock, 15, and Mrs. Curtis Latham injured in collision about a mile east of Vigo Park . . . Production Credit Association purchases building site in Silverton . . . Mrs. Orlin Stark, sr., her daughter, Mrs. Bob Ham, and two children were involved in an automobile accident at Wichita Falls Monday afternoon . . . Norman Martin Jasper receives engineering degree at Texas Tech . . . Carolyn Martin weds Jack K. Carlile . . . Pink and blue shower honors Mrs. Don Cornett . . .

August 24, 1950—Morris Stephens makes business trip to South Texas . . . Troy Chitty stricken with polio . . . Miss Teresa Bell Crass and Miss Betty Lurne Dickerson attending Lippert's Business College at Plainview . . . John T. Haynes, 68, Briscoe County pioneer, dies . . . Miss Luree Burson receives master of arts degree in English at North Texas State College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas visited Sunday at Carlsbad, and made the trip through the caverns in the afternoon . . . Miss Dora Ann Amason weds Carl Eugene Hair . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mart Norris are parents of a daughter . . . J. C. Ziegler of Honolulu, Hawaii visits relatives here . . . Mrs. J. D. Bingham honored Sunday on birthday . . .

August 28, 1941—New 12-grade school system opens September 8 . . . Mrs. Q. E. Brown, 67, passes away suddenly . . . Word cameos: To be read in tears, a poem must be written in tears . . . A prejudice is a vagrant opinion without a visible means of support . . . Tilly was one of those persons who was too anxious to please to please. Gentle reader, meet the duplicate infinitive . . . Mrs. Nash Blasengame and Mrs. Pete Chitty and children were in Tulia Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith spent a few days last week in Hot Springs, New Mexico . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar and Willene returned Sunday from a ten-day trip through East Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas . . . Mrs. Donald Alexander and James Ross of near Clarendon spent the week-

end with friends and relatives here . . . Noel Davenport left Thursday of last week for Fort Bliss, where he will enlist in the army . . . Carl Woods of Quitaque enlisted Wednesday in the Army and will be stationed at Fort Bliss . . . Mrs. Boots Bryant took suddenly ill Monday and was taken to the Lubbock hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside and Rex Douglas left Sunday for a few days vacation in Colorado . . .

August 20, 1936—Plans are well underway for Silverton's Annual Rodeo and Centennial Celebration September 4 and 5. Two big days of horse racing, rodeo and picnic will be staged by Silverton in keeping with the

Texas Centennial Celebration being held all over the state this summer . . . Farewell dance held for Miss Leveda Patton . . . A family reunion was held at the home of A. T. Brooks, in his honor, Saturday . . . Many Silverton folks are swapping residences. Marvin Tull and Dick Cowart have exchanged living places. Mr. Cowart having bought the place formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tull. The Tulls will reside in the Cowart place on Highway 86. The Roy Hahns have moved into the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tibbets, who are moving to the east part of town to the home formerly occupied by Bill Dunn

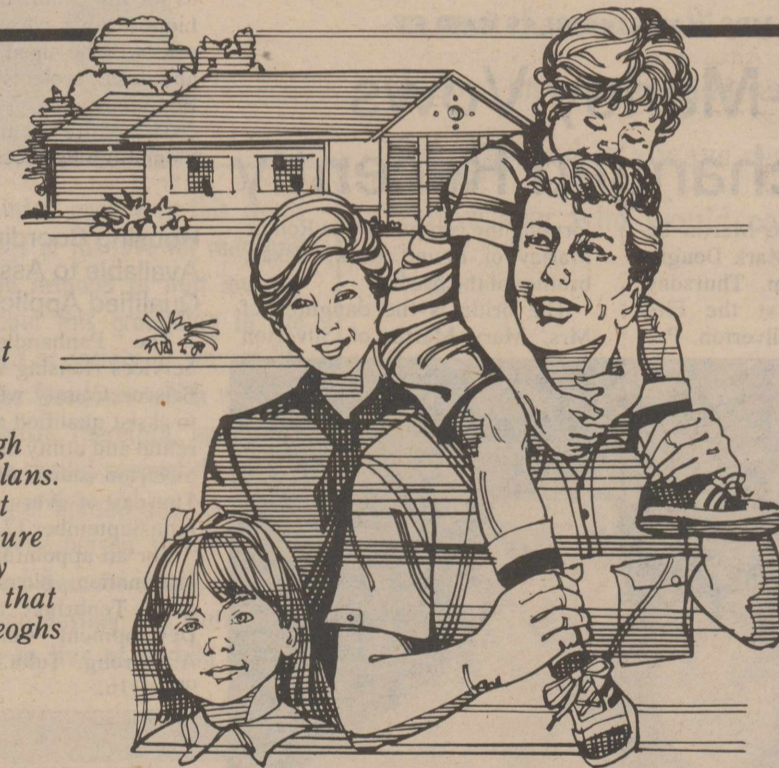
and family. The Dunns will live south of the school house in the Q. E. Brown property. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blair will move in the near future to Lubbock where he has employment with the State Highway Department . . . Hubert Inman, formerly of Quitaque, and John Bain of Silverton have purchased the Kendrick Cafe south of the Palace Theater and are now in charge of it . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Sometimes I can get right good and sarcastic when I'm talking but I've tried it on paper, and I can't sarcass worth a darn" . . . J. K. Bean purchased a new F-30 Farm-All on rubber, according to Marvin Tull, local McCormick-Deering

dealer. Tom McCain bought a reconditioned Farm-All last week, too . . .



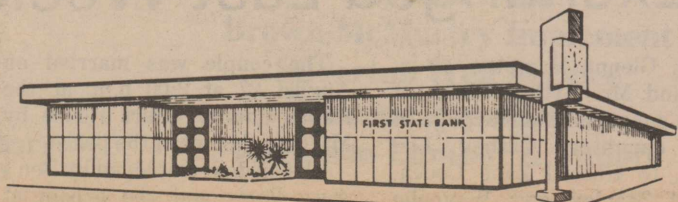
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MR. AND MRS. MARK DOUGLAS MARLEY

Martin-Marley Vows Exchanged Recently

Miss Jennifer Lee Martin became the bride of Mark Douglas Marley at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 1985 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Per-

forming the ceremony was Ronnie Marley of Round Rock, Texas, brother of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Martin of Silverton

and the late Bill Martin. The groom is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Marley of Crosbyton and the late L. B. Marley.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mike Martin.

The bridal attendants were Keely Rogers and Carol Stodghill, both of Lubbock.

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Best man was Jeffrey Lowery of Crosbyton. Groomsman was Gary Hardin of Lamesa, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Silverton High School and Texas Tech, and is employed by Holmes, Jones and Pendergast, CPA in Plainview.

Mr. Marley is a graduate of Crosbyton High School and Texas Tech, and is employed as the vocational agriculture teacher at Kress High School.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple is at home in Kress.

Lions Club to Have Broom Sale

The Silverton Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive on Thursday, September 5, to sell quality blind-made products to residents and local businesses. All of the items are manufactured by blind and visually-impaired workers in the various Lighthouses for the Blind. In addition, the Lions Club's earnings from this sale will be used for Girlstown and local projects, such as the Boy Scouts.

The entire membership of the Lions Club has been organized to

Housing Coordinator Available to Assist Qualified Applicants

The Panhandle Community Services Housing Coordinator for Briscoe County will be available to assist qualified applicants with rental and utility assistance in the Silverton courthouse on the third Tuesday of every month, beginning September 17, 1985.

For an appointment or further information, please contact Regina Tenbrink at the Tulia Development Center, 209 N. Armstrong, Tulia, Texas 79088, 995-4116.



Ware Fogerson was transported by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday at noon after he became ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richie Hubbard, Brian and Brent of Lubbock visited his grandmother, Mrs. Ollie McMinn, from Friday night until Sunday.

Mrs. McMinn received word Sunday that her son-in-law, Melvin Watkins of Canyon, is home and doing better.

The couple is at home at 2416 McClure in Irving after a short wedding trip to Silverton and Belton.



BRONC OTIS

AMY PERKINS

Couple Planning To Marry Here October 18

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins have recently announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Amy, to Mr. Floyd Butler Otis, III.

Wedding vows will be exchanged on October 18, 1985 at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Floyd B. Otis II of Canadian and the late Mr. Otis.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Silverton High School and Clarendon College School of Cosmetology. She is the owner and operator of Amy's in Silverton.

Her fiance was graduated from Canadian High School and attended Southwestern College in Weatherford, Oklahoma and Clarendon College. He is currently employed by Silverton Oil Company.

Square Dance Lessons To Begin September 9

Square dance lessons will begin Monday, September 9, at the Rex Tiffin barn at 7:30 p.m.

Lessons will be taught by Sid Perkins of Plainview, and will be the second and fourth Monday nights. Cost will be \$1.00 a person for each lesson. This is a good opportunity for new square dancers to learn and for others to refresh what they already know.

Everyone is welcome.

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MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL COUCH

Smith-Couch Vows Exchanged Last Week

Mrs. Glenna Hampton of Irving and Mr. Arthur Smith of Belton announce the marriage of their daughter, Cathey Lee Smith, to Russell Zane Couch, son of Stanley and Waynelle Couch of Silverton.

The couple was married on August 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dallas County Court House by Mr. Cole, justice of the peace.

The bride is employed by Ben's Auto Parts and the groom at Western Merchandisers, Inc.

News From The VO-AG SHOP

Vo-Ag class started this week with approximately 25 students enrolled. We have a good blend of both boys and girls in SHS. The range of students is from freshman to senior and most are alive. Both students and teacher are looking forward to an interesting and rewarding year.

To give you an idea as to what has been done in our summer program, July 9 five students, instructor and parent-sponsor departed on a trip to the State FFA Convention in Houston. Several outstanding awards, some of which were one-of-a-kind in the state, were received by the students and chapter. Many fine things, sites and fun times were enjoyed by all.

In the latter part of July, I, along with some 1600 vo-ag teachers, met at the Am-Fax Hotel at the D-FW Airport Terminal for an annual convention. As most of you know, it's been 15 years since I've been connected with this organization, and I was very surprised to see many friends and faces of years gone by who were enjoying their profession of vocational agriculture. There were a lot of long faces about the lumps and hardships that have been placed on the vocational programs in the state, but all vowed to endure the course. I am a firm believer that there is a great need for vocational programs in our educational system.

Enough for now, but we will try to keep you informed of the happenings in the ag shop.

Next week: the episode of the burning bleachers.

—Stan Fogerson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

September 5—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stephens

September 8—Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald

September 10—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitfill, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Settle

37th Birthday Celebrated Here

Winston Hamilton was honored on his 37th birthday August 28 with a cookout in the backyard of John and Beverly Bowman. Friends dropped in for ice cream, cake, brownies and cookies.

Attending were James and Geneva Griffin, Mrs. Ivy Cooper, Lillian Lindsey, Virgil and Eudean Crow, Dock and Wanda Wallace, Beryl and Dottie Long, Amelia and Ronald Kitchens, Robert and Betty McPherson, Fred and Jackie Mercer, Joe and Ruby McWaters, Christi McWaters, J. W. and Jewell Lyon and the honoree and wife, Winston and Jo Hamilton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

September 5—Kayla Coleman, Zane Mayfield, Rita Denton

September 6—Danny Mac Francis

September 7—Terry Grimland, John Gill

September 8—Christa Tucker, Debra Haynie

September 9—DeLyn Patton, Isabel Patino, Lesa Johnson

September 10—Jessie Bomar, Regina Myers, Carol Martin, Heath May, Ware Fogerson

September 11—Joann Horne, Windy Wood, Pat Edwards, Kelly Harrison



The first Presidential news conference to be televised was held by President Eisenhower on January 19, 1955.



Cattle branding was practiced 4,000 years ago. Old tomb paintings show Egyptians branding their cattle.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Silverton ISD offers vocational programs in Homemaking and Agriculture. It is the policy of Silverton ISD not to discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, race, color, and national origin in its educational and vocational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI.

Silverton ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Leonard Morgan, at Silverton High School, 806-823-2476, or the Section 504 Coordinator, O. C. Rampley at Silverton High School, 806-823-2476.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE, INC., ("The Cooperative") intends to change the design of its Cotton Gin Rate. The proposed change will increase the Cooperative's revenue from the Cotton Gin class by \$180, or less than 0.1%. The filing primarily is to change the method of collecting the annual revenue amounts presently approved by the Public Utility Commission.

The proposed changes are applicable to all cotton gin customers of the Cooperative.

The new rates will be placed into effect on October 1, 1985 or as soon thereafter as permitted by law.

The classes and number of Cooperative customers affected are as follows:

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Harry H. Jung, Jr.
Attorney
for the Cooperative 33-4tc

Food Price Increase Not Found In Farmers' Pockets

The president of the Texas Farmers Union noted the U. S. government's July report on the Producer Price Index, which indicated that prices at the producer level increased 0.3 percent in July, due mainly to the increase of the price of food.

"Food prices are going up in the supermarket, but study after study tell us that farmers are getting less and less of the food dollar," says Joe Rankin, president of the family farmer organization.

The monthly index that Rankin referred to measures the increase in prices of manufactured or finished goods that are to be sold to final users, either consumers or businesses.

"The increase in the Producer Price Index means little to the consumer; it translates into a very low annual inflation rate," according to Rankin.

"But it does have strong symbolism for farmers and ranchers. Prices are at the lowest point ever for agriculture, versus what it costs farmers and ranchers to produce agriculture products. So where are the increases going? To the processors and the packagers, and farmers are still not able to make a profit."

"There are obviously problems in the American society when

farmers and ranchers receive such a small proportion of the consumer's dollar, and those hard-to-pinpoint middlemen get the lions share of that dollar. As Congress moves to debate the 1985 Farm Bill this coming September, the American consumer must recognize that eventually we could lose our cheap source of food if current agriculture policies are continued."

The Texas Farmers Union and other agricultural organizations are working on the quadrennial writing of the nation's food and fiber legislation this fall. Policy will be determined for the next four years by Congress on items ranging from farm price supports to soil and water conservation. The TFU has endorsed federal legislation that would control the supply of major agricultural commodities, instead of paying support prices to farmers and ranchers.



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7:00 p.m. - Film "Vocation"
8:45 p.m. - Recreation: Waterworks Aqualympics

Tuesday, Sept. 10 - Methodist Church
6:30 p.m. - Supper
7:00 p.m. - Film "Dating"
8:45 p.m. - Recreation: 'Almost Anything Goes'

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - Baptist Church
6:30 p.m. - Supper
7:00 p.m. - Film "Discipleship"
8:45 p.m. - Recreation: Great American Splash Out

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SHS Coaches—Head Coach Jack Shely [left] and Assistant Coach Robert Loy.
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THE OWLS—[standing, from left] Russell Simpson-30, Corey Robertson-60, Brad West-81, Cal Brannon-11, Todd Reagan-72, Sloan Grabbe-73; [kneeling] Ja-

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SHS Cheerleaders—[clockwise, from left] Stacie Chappell, Kathy Brown, DeLyn Patton, Donna Tomlin, Kori Baird and Doree Brodeen.

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September 1985
Tour Texas!

The following events, selected by Mari Schnell of the Texas Tourist Development Agency, are but a few of the many excellent recreational opportunities offered by communities across the state.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 — Alamo Village 25th Annual Labor Day Weekend. Brackettville. A rip-roaring weekend is planned in this frontier town built for John Wayne's epic, "The Alamo," with shoot-outs, coach rides and live entertainment. Covered wagons and buckboards will roll by as visitors saunter through an old-time jail, cantina, blacksmith shop and other old-West buildings. On Monday, you may eat your fill of barbeque while waiting for the Western Style Horse Races. Guest musicians will be Valentino and the Shahan Express and Bobbie Harper. Admission to the village: \$5 adults; \$2.50 children 6-12, under 6 free. For more information contact Alamo Village, Box 528, Brackettville 78832 (512-563-2580).

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Sept. - May — 1985-86 Season, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Houston. The winner of the First Rubinstein Piano Competition, Emanuel Ax, will open the Winter Series in Jones Hall performing Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 on Sept. 7 & 9 as well as playing selections by Tchaikovsky and others on the Sunday Classical Hits Series on Sept. 8. The T-G-I-Friday Series begins Sept. 27 with Choliang Lin, violinist, performing Rossini, Brahms and Dvorak. Complete schedule from Houston Symphony, 615 Louisiana, Houston 77002 (713-224-4240).

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Sept. 6-14 — West Texas Fair & Rodeo, Abilene. Events include horse, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and goat shows; donkey and mule show (added event this year); agriculture and horticulture exhibits; tractor pulls and other contests and parade. Wild west rodeos will be performed at 8 p.m. Sept. 9-14. General admission: \$5 adults; \$2.50 children 6-16, under 6 free. For information and tickets contact West Texas Fair, Box 5527, Abilene 79608 (915-677-4376).

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Sept. 7-8 — Ennis Aquafest, Ennis. World champion and Cypress Garden skiers will perform parachute skiing, sky diving, water

ballet, trick skiing and jumping and barefoot skiing on Lake Clark. Other events include speedboat races, slalom water skiing exhibitions and boat show. Two shows daily at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Concessions on grounds. Admission: \$4 adults; children under 10 free. More information: Chamber of Commerce, Box 1177, Ennis 75119 (214-875-2625).

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Sept. 7-8 — Septemberfest '85, Museum of the Southwest, Midland. Amid colorful tents and booths on the grounds of the museum, some 70 juried artists and craftsmen from throughout the nation will display their paintings, sculpture, jewelry, pottery and woodwork. Entertainment, fun run, traditional food and a special children's area with pony rides, petting zoo, Hot Wheels races and make-up booth offer fun for the entire family. Tickets: \$2 adults; children free. Proceeds will benefit museum projects. More details from Cynthia Patterson, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland 79701 (915-682-9606).

Sept. 19-22 — Republic of Texas Chilympiad, San Marcos. The CASI (Chili Appreciation Society, International)-sanctioned state chili cookoff offers competition in several divisions where showmanship is as important as the recipe. Winner of the Men's State Cookoff on Saturday is eligible to enter the international competition Nov. 2 in Terlingua. (Texas State Ladies Chili Cookoff will be held Oct. 5 at the General Store in Lukenbach.) Other divisions include junior, collegiate, media, and chambers of commerce and other organizations. Big-name country/western entertainers each night, including Mo Bandy and Joe Stampley and Bob Wills' Original Texas Playboys. General admission: \$2 adults; children under 12 free; concerts \$4-8. For details contact Chamber of Commerce, Box 2310, San Marcos 78666 (512-396-2495).

Sept. 22-28 — International Aerobatic Club National Competition and Air Show, Denison. Some 100 entrants from across the country will fly their small single engine planes to Grayson County Airport to compete for national championship. Competition in four categories of precision flying, inside a box of horizontal and vertical limits, will include snap and vertical rolls, hammerhead, Cuban-Eight (vertical figure 8), figures and free style. The air show on Saturday will feature aerobatic winners, military fly-in, antique aircraft, displays and parachutists. Admission: competition free; show, \$3 per person or \$5 carload. Concessions on grounds. More details from Anna Weger, Chamber of Commerce, Box 325, Denison 75020 (214-465-1551).

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Sept. 27-28 — Texas International

Wine Classic, Lubbock. Now in its second year, this unique event in Texas will feature entrants from most of Texas' 16 wineries as well as vintners from California, the Northwest and the East Coast. Knowledgeable speakers and seminars will provide information on the wide varieties and uses of wine, and the emerging wine industry in Texas. Opportunities to experiment and learn about wines will be offered at the Grand Wine Tasting on Friday night, the Champagne Brunch on Saturday morning and the black-tie, gourmet dining with appropriate wines on Saturday night. For ticket and other information contact Grey Lewis, Chamber of Commerce, Box 561, Lubbock 79408 (806-763-4666).

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Sept. 27-29 — Bayfest, Corpus Christi. A family festival on the

bayfront where water events such as a boat parade, sailboat regatta, and the "Anything-But-A-Boat-That-Will-Float" race may be viewed while enjoying continuous entertainment and cultural cuisine. Colorful tents filled with arts and crafts and special children's activities will be spread along the water line. Other festivities include a street parade, fireworks, short trips on the paddlewheeler Flagship and a visit to the past at the Texas Heritage historical homes. Free admission and shuttle bus service. More information from Bayfest, P.O. Box 6683, Corpus Christi 78411 (512-887-0868).

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Treasure From First Texans Discovered

O.C. Garza, Media Chief
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A treasure hunter's dreams are coming true in a small, clear lake in Central Texas. Twenty feet below the surface the bottom is divided into two-meter squares with a diver in each grid. A red-breasted sunfish floats over a diver and takes a nip at his escaping air bubbles. Dr. Joel Shiner never notices the fish, never even lifts his head when the glass bottom boats cruise overhead. As he clears another little patch of silt by working his hands to and fro, his eyes remain glued to the lake bottom.

Dr. Shiner is on an unusual treasure hunt. Not for gold doubloons or silver pieces-of-eight. His quest is for treasure far more valuable than precious metal. He is looking for the remnants of a race of people that first inhabited Texas 12,000 years ago. He searches for Clovis Man.

Dr. Shiner is an underwater archeologist who has made the lake bottom at Aquarena Springs his second home since 1979. After being tipped off by an amateur archeologist of numerous points and relics that were discovered in the San Marcos River, Shiner did a quick survey just below the dam. After a few days of scavenging Shiner realized he was onto something important. With a digging permit from the Texas Antiquities Commission, a team of his archeology students, and permission from Aquarena Springs, the search for the first Texas inhabitants began.

Since the beginning, the entire project has been blessed with the luck archeologists pray for. When settlers first built a dam below the springs of the San Marcos in 1845, they created Spring Lake. What they didn't know was by inundating the headwaters of the river they sealed 12,000 years of historical artifacts in a liquid time capsule.

Since 1946, when the glass bottom boats first ferried tourists over the clear lake to observe the unique collection of flora and fauna that inhabit the lake, Aquarena Springs has also unknowingly helped the dig. By protecting the fragile underwater environment and minimizing modern man's influence on the lake, they made Shiner's search much easier.

When the dig began, Shiner was amazed at the magnetic appeal of the San Marcos area. As the excavation probed deeper into the bedrock they found artifacts from every major culture that lived in Texas. The top layers held the remains of modern anglo settlers and as the team continued downward, the relics of Comanches, Apaches, Spanish conquistadores, and Archaic Indians were discovered. Bison teeth that dated back 3,000 years

were also found.

On one hot June day, after one of his assistants boasted "I feel lucky today, I'm going to find a Clovis point," not one but two priceless Clovis points were uncovered. Carbon-14 dating, which can accurately measure old archeological finds, placed the age of the points at 12,000 years. The creators of those points were the people Shiner wanted to get to know.

The story of the Clovis Indians was an interesting one. Once they perfected their deadly lanceolate point, they could kill even the largest of the three ton mammoths if aimed at the Atlas vertebra in the neck. They would feast on the mountain of meat until it spoiled, then it was time to catch up with the next herd of mammoths, mastadons, giant bison, or even giant armadillos.

The Indians followed the migratory animals and eventually roamed across Siberia to Alaska via a land bridge that existed when the sea level was 200 below its present level. Leaving some of their points to be found thousands of years later near the town of Clovis, New Mexico - hence the designation Clovis Indians - they crossed the Canadian and Red Rivers into Texas.

In Central Texas they came upon a clear, tiny river amid some rolling hill country. The river's headspring fountained out of the ground. The weather was cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter than in modern times. The land was fertile and lush, and game could be easily ambushed at the river. For possibly the first time in their long migratory history, this tribe of ancient Indians decided to stay for a while.

Shiner is convinced the Clovis tribe remained at San Marcos longer than most of their migratory stops and may have even used the area for a semi-permanent camp. The amount of recovered artifacts seems to back up his theory. Over 50,000 items have been brought up from the lake with only ten percent of the bottom explored.

"You have to remember they were a nomadic people with a deadly weapon," Shiner said of the Clovis Indians. "Their calling card was a pile of bones and, if archeologists were real lucky, perhaps they found a point embedded into one of the bones. They never stayed put long enough for scientists to do a humanistic study on the race. Aquarena Springs may be one of the few sites where we can study how these people lived on a day to day basis."

"It's no surprise the Indians settled here," Shiner added. "They saw beauty, game and mild weather. I'd sum it up this way: anyone who left the San Marcos River to live anywhere



else was a damn fool."

The years of underwater digging have not left Dr. Shiner unmarked. He has lost a lung and undergone bypass surgery since his work began here. When he is in San Marcos, he still dives seven hours a day, seven days a week in the shallow lake. After teaching anthropology for 21 years at Southern Methodist University, Shiner retired in May. He plans to continue the Aquarena excavation for several years, working two weeks underwater then taking two weeks off.

After the artifact studies are completed, Dr. Shiner will turn the antiquities over to Aquarena Springs. They plan to open a free museum where the public can view the relics of all the cultures that visited the San Marcos River.

Until then, Dr. Shiner can be seen from Aquarena Springs' glass bottom boats. In an ironic way it is not surprising that his underwater excavation has become another popular attraction at Aquarena. Like the Clovis Indians he is searching for, Dr. Shiner has found something in the water of the Aquarena Springs that makes him want to stay.

Aquarena Springs is located on IH 35 between Austin and San Antonio. For further information write to P.O. Box 2330, San Marcos, TX 78666 or call 512-396-8900.

YOU HAVE TO FEED THE COW TO GET A HEALTHY CALF

"You have to feed the cow to get a healthy calf, no matter what the price of beef."

That's the analogy drawn by Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, in urging producer acceptance of the recently approved increase in the assessment for the research and promotion programs conducted by Cotton Incorporated.

Beginning with the 1985 crop, producers are asked to support CI at a new rate of \$1.00 per bale plus six-tenths of one percent of bale value, up from the previous level of \$1.00 per bale plus four-tenths of one percent. In terms of current High Plains cotton prices of about \$205 per bale, the increase figures about 41 cents per bale, Johnson notes.

The decision to propose the higher rate was made by the Cotton Board, a 19-member board of cotton farmers nominated by cotton interest groups and appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. USDA announced

approval of the proposal July 23 after publication in the Federal Register and a 30-day comment period. Reaction to the proposal from across the Cotton Belt was "heavily in favor," a USDA spokesman said, although PCG's comment was an exception.

In its letter on the issue, authorized by the organization's executive committee, PCG expressed its concern that with cotton producers already in dire financial straits, the increase might defeat its purpose by triggering a rise in the number of producers requesting refunds.

However the letter made it clear that there was no diminution of PCG's strong belief in the value of CI and its work. "We also recognize and understand the urgent need for increased funding to offset the forces working against us in the battle for fiber markets," the letter

stated.

These latter views were reinforced at a subsequent meeting of the full PCG Board at which the Board unanimously voted to "go on record reaffirming its strong support of Cotton Incorporated and its programs."

At that meeting PCG past president and CI director Gary Ivey of Ralls pointed out that CI's annual budget dropped from \$22.5 million in 1982 to about \$18 million in 1985. And, he noted, that 20 percent decline was exacerbated by the effects of inflation, exemplified by a reduction of almost 60 percent from 1978 to 1985 in the purchasing power of a dollar spent on advertising.

With the increased assessment, Ivey stated, the CI Board envisions a budget in 1986 of about \$18.5 million as opposed to only \$15 million that would be available without the increase.

"Calling on producers for a larger contribution to anything under present circumstances is not the best way to win a popularity contest," Johnson concludes, "but there's never an ideal time for such things and, since there's broad agreement that additional funding of CI over the longer term will pay dividends far in excess of the cost, we're putting our full support behind it."



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Nitty Gritty Dirt Band To Headline South Plains Fair

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, one of the nation's oldest surviving American bands, will be a headline attraction during the 68th annual Panhandle-South Plains Fair in Lubbock September 21-28, general manager Steve L. Lewis has announced.

The band, which has been together 17 years, will be featured at 7:00 p.m. on September 25, Lewis said. Tickets are \$8.00 each and all seats are reserved at Fair Park Coliseum.

Previously, Lewis said George Strait would be returning for shows at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on September 21; John Schneider would appear at 7:00 p.m. only on September 24, while Janie Fricke rings down the curtain on the eight-day run with a 7:00 p.m. show on September 28.

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band ranks third behind The Grateful Dead and The Beach Boys in terms of longevity as performing artist organizations.

Recently, the band's acceptance by country and western programmers and fans has been gratifying to the five-member band, although some of its supporters felt this trend was long overdue.

"Plain Dirt Fashion," the group's first album for Warner Bros. Records, produced "Shot

Full of Love" and "Dance Little Jean," which earned No. 19 and No. 9 chart positions, respectively.

The most recent and 16th album of the NGDB, it contains 1966.

In addition to band-written material like "High Horse" and "It Must Be Love," Plain Dirt Fashion features contributions by Rodney Crowell, Jim Steinman, Bruce Springsteen and Marshall Crenshaw.

The band's music always has had a strong country base. It had the distinction of presenting Mother Maybelle Carter her first, and only, platinum record for her contributions to the band's "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" album. That 1972 recording remains a classic.

The acceptance in the country music industry has been a long-time coming for the NGDB, which has always played "unclassifiable music," the band's supporters claim.

The band says its music is "American," blending the traditional and contemporary which characterizes the nation, its environs and people.

Tickets for the Strait and Fricke shows are \$10.00 each and Schneider tickets are \$8.00.

Mail order reservations may be sent to Show Tickets, P. O. Box 208, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Requests will be processed in the order in which received but orders will not be filled until after July 1.

top story-songs which has been the group's hallmark since their first LP was released back in

The Periwinkle—Tough But Pretty

Need a flowering plant that withstands summer heat, has few insect problems, and tolerates city smog?

Try the Madagascar periwinkle.

This colorful plant is finding its way into more and more gardens each summer because it is so tough and heat tolerant, says Dr. Bill Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

At the same time, plant breeders have been able to bring new characteristics into this plant that has made it even more desirable for home garden use. A good example is the variety Morning Mist. It's the first periwinkle with clusters of flowers. Each flower is pure white, centered with a red eye.

Periwinkle varieties presently available have white, pink, rose or lavender flowers (many with a contrasting eye), but flower breeders have additional varieties almost ready to release that will further extend the color range.

The foliage is one of the Madagascar periwinkle's most attractive features with its narrow, dark-green, glossy leaves, Dr. Welch says. The contrast between the foliage and the flower is as attractive as any summer flowering plant available.

Periwinkles are superb for Texas gardens where heat frazzles many other plants. They will deliver a fine show in full sun throughout the summer until a killing frost gets them in the fall.

Some newer varieties have a spreading growth habit, making them excellent for border plants, explains the horticulturist. These include Morning Mist, with its white flower and red eye; Little Delicata, a baby pink flower accented with a deep red eye; and Little Blanche, with its snow-white flowers.

Two others in the "Little" series include the deep orchid-colored Little Linda and Little Pinkie, which was initially introduced as Coquette.

For hanging baskets or a mass carpet planting, few varieties make a better show than Polka Dot, Dr. Welch points out. It has a low creeping growth habit, with each plant spreading about two feet across and only four to six inches tall covered with snow white flowers, each centered with a velvety cherry red dot.

Periwinkles will survive and thrive in locations where other plants would languish, such as by the foundation of houses with south and west exposures, on the balcony of high-rise apartments, or next to walks and drives with reflected heat. All they need for survival is an occasional watering plus a little fertilizer every six weeks or so, says Dr. Welch.

Because of its resistance to heat, disease, insects and air pollution, the periwinkle makes an excellent plant for summer color in the inner city and is also an excellent choice for the

country home or suburban landscape.



Plano, Texas, just north of Dallas has become known for its annual hot air balloon festival every fall. Dozens of colorful and unusual balloons dot the blue skies during this popular event, held Sept. 27-29. TTDA photo.



The chinook, a wind phenomenon that occurs over Montana in the U.S., is capable of raising the temperature more than 30° in three minutes.



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Teachers Elated Over Duty-Free Lunch

Becky Brooks, president of the 96,000 member Texas State Teachers Association called May 29 a historic day for Texas teachers as Governor Mark White signed into law a bill providing them with duty-free lunch.

"Now teachers will have the same rights as most other working people—the right to eat lunch away from their desks and children," Brooks said.

TSTA first started lobbying for the measure in 1971 and has authored similar legislation during the past seven sessions of the legislature.

Ms. Brooks said over half of the 1,100 school districts in Texas require teachers to perform duties during their lunch period. The new law will require districts to provide a 30-minute free period to every teacher at least four days per week.

Donna New, an Austin elementary teacher, said she welcomes the new law, stating that it will be beneficial for students, as well as for teachers.

"That 30-minute break away from the kids will allow teachers to be more refreshed for teaching the afternoon classes," she said. "It will also be good for the kids to get a break away from their teacher."

James Harris, a special education teacher in a Lubbock middle school, also praised the bill.

"It means one more step toward being treated as true professionals and it will give teachers the stimulus of adult company during lunch," Harris said.

The measure will go into effect during the 1985-86 school year.



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