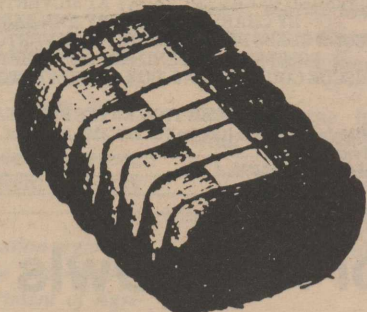




Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



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All Around  
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

The mosquitoes have converged on Silverton since the recent rains, and are really creating a nuisance for anyone who wishes to be out of doors, especially in the evening hours.

Dr. John D. Galbreath, who is with Public Health Region I in Canyon, visited at the office of the Briscoe County News last week, and said that Silverton residents need to take extra precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

He suggested the wearing of long-sleeve shirts that button up to the neck and long pants when outside. He also advocates the use of mosquito repellents.

He said that the city or county should spray the playa lakes around Silverton, and that residents should spray their yards to try to cut down on the mosquito population.

There has been a confirmed case of encephalitis in Silverton, and this brings an urgency to the matter of reducing the mosquito numbers.

Following is the apology from the self-styled Erstwhile Cowboy and Part-time Chicken Plucker.

Here I stand, embarrassed, all red-faced and weepy;  
But, honest, she SAID she was from France and that her name was Fi-Fi.

Oh, what can I say? What can I do? She probably lied about her age, too.

Concerning the subject of cattle breeds, I must admit my limitation

I wonder if this cancels the National Finals invitation.

## Karate Class to Be Held Saturday

A karate class will be held for those children who have not yet acquired their yellow belts on Saturday, September 20. Ages five through ten will meet from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m., and ages eleven through thirteen will meet from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. at the Karate School building.

Mrs. Charles Sarchet and her brother, Jim Hill of Tulia, took their mother, Mrs. J. M. Hill of Tulia, to Amarillo Monday morning to enter St. Anthony's Hospital. Mrs. Hill will be undergoing tests and possible treatment there this week.

## Grass Harvest Could Be Profitable This Year

If you have grasses or forbs that can be harvested for seed this fall, you might make a bundle of money.

That's because at least five million pounds of seed will be needed to plant 1.1 million acres of land accepted in the Conservation Reserve Program in Texas this year.

And with another sign-up expected this winter, the demand could be even greater.

John Crowell, district conservationist for the USDA Soil

Conservation Service in Silverton, said several kinds of seed are needed.

"There is going to be a strong demand for both native and introduced species," Crowell said. "And the seed will probably bring premium prices."

Some of the grass seed needed includes native bluestem mixtures, little bluestem, indian-grass, switchgrass, sideoats grama, blue grama, King Ranch bluestem, and green sprangle-top.

## Sales Tax Rebates in Area Continue Mixed

Some of the area cities are showing higher and some have lower sales tax rebates to date for 1986, as shown by the most recent report from State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Even Texas' largest cities are among those whose rebate checks are smaller this year. Bullock said the 1986 payments to date are down 0.5% as compared to the payments to date in September of 1985. The decrease in August and September check amounts reflects a down-turn in the Texas economy, he said.

September checks represent taxes collected on sales made in July.

Houston's check for \$8.6 million was the largest, bringing total payments this year to \$108.3 million, down 5% from last year. Dallas' payment was \$6.3 million for a 1986 total of \$79.8 million, a 5% decrease.

San Antonio received \$3.4 million, pushing 1986 payments to \$42.7 million, up 2% over 1985. Austin's check for \$2.5 million brought total payments this year to \$31 million, a 3% decrease.

Fort Worth's payment was \$2 million, bringing this year's total to \$26.2 million, up 3%. El Paso's September check for \$1.4 million pushed total payments to \$16.7 million, up 7% over 1985.

Both Silverton and Quitaque are running behind 1985 in tax rebates. Silverton's check this time is \$924.90 as compared with the \$1,445.90 received at the same time last year. This brings the 1986 payments to date to \$13,876.50, down 4.94% from the \$14,598.31 that had been received up to this time last year.

Quitaque's payment this month was \$609.26, down from

the \$747.66 received for the same period last year. That city's 1986 total is \$9,309.83, down 5.30% from the \$9,831.21 that had been received at this time in 1985.

Area cities, their checks for the current period, and the percentages of their increase or decrease in tax rebates for 1986 include Claude, \$1,492.48, up 3.88%; Hart, \$1,121.46, down 13.42%; Nazareth, \$1,633.25, down 3.52%; Childress, \$15,166.56, up 9.03%; Paducah, \$2,479.47, down 12.35%; Crosbyton, \$4,704.99, up 5.04%; Lorenzo, \$1,833.09, down 19.45%; Ralls, \$3,160.16, down 10.31%; Dickens, \$1,020.53, down 12.79%; Spur, \$1,629.67, up 29.99%; Clarendon, \$4,681.81, down 2.63%; Hedley, \$0, down 15.17%; Howardwick, \$798.42, down 19.15%; Floydada, \$6,697.57, down 5.08%; Lockney, \$3,199.02, down 1.92%; Lefors, \$0, up 59.79%; Plainview, \$76,355.57, up 6.53%; Estelline, \$1,594.61, up 0.16%; Lakeview, \$0, up 44.04%; Memphis, \$6,440.98, up 9.66%; Turkey, \$0, up 3.03%; Quanah, \$5,981.19, down 5.19%; Lubbock, \$843,038.12, down 0.79%; Idalou, \$3,296.39, down 8.17%; Matador, \$774.21, down 1.68%; Roaring Springs, \$0, down 6.70%; Canyon, \$27,071.90, up 9.34%; Amarillo, \$1,019,626.31, up 3.43%; Happy, \$0, up 29.04%; Kress, \$0, down 8.62%; Tulia, \$8,577.21, down 3.68%.

J. C. Jacobs was taken to Caprock Hospital in Floydada September 3 by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service. He was a patient there for a week, returning home on Wednesday of last week.

Since land placed in the CRP can be leased for hnting, seed for wild plum and forbes including Maximilian sunflower, Illinois bundleflower and englemann-daisy will probably be in very short supply.

"If you have land that can produce any of these seeds and it can be harvested, now is the time to act," Crowell said. "Removing all livestock from the land will give it a chance to produce a seed crop. "You may also recommend that you contact a commercial seed grower to learn if you can work out a contract for handling the seed."

Richard Heizer, state plant materials specialist for SCS at Temple, has offered to serve as a clearing house to put farmers and ranchers who can harvest seed this year in contact with members of the Texas Seed Trade Association. For information, write Richard Heizer, Soil Conservation Service, 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501-7682, telephone (817) 774-1294.

## Varsity Owls Break Into Win Column

Neal Edwards rushed 88 yards on 29 carries and scored Silverton's lone touchdown in leading the team to a 6-4 decision over Lefors in six-man football action last Friday night. This evened the team's season record at 1-1.

Edwards scored what proved to be the winning touchdown when he carried in from seven yards out with 4:29 left in the game. That touchdown was set up after a recovered Lefors fumble on the Pirates' seven. Two plays later, Edwards scored. The extra-point attempt, however, was blocked.

The Owls won the battle of the statistics, gaining 169 yards as compared with 80 yards for Lefors.

The Owls made eight first downs while the Pirates were making three. The Pirates were penalized once for five yards, while the Owls saw seven penalties which totaled 35 yards.

The Owls completed five of ten passes, while Lefors completed two of eleven and got one intercepted. Each team recovered a fumble.

For their performance in the game, three Owls received hon-

## Junior Class To Sponsor Supper

The Junior Class will sponsor an enchilada supper before the homecoming football game, September 26, from 5:00 until 6:45 p.m.

The menu will include enchiladas, beans and salad for \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Dessert will be available, but will be extra. 38-2nc

## Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday, September 19, at the center.

Hostesses will be members of the Silverton Church of Christ.

## Booster Club Meets On Monday Nights

Silverton's Booster Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays at the school. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

The membership drive is continuing, and you are needed as a member of the club. Dues are \$10.00 per family or \$5.00 per individual. Any member of the club will be happy to take your dues.

orable mention as Player of the Week in the Amarillo Daily News Tuesday.

Silverton's Sloan Grabbe, the Owls' end/middle linebacker, made 17 tackles, recovered two fumbles and blocked a field goal in the victory. Grabbe's fumble recovery at Lefors' seven set up Silverton's only touchdown. Grabbe has 27 tackles in two games and also caught a pass for 31 yards against Lefors.

Edwards received honorable mention for the second week in a row for picking up 88 yards on 29 carries and scoring one touchdown.

Jamie Frizzell also received honorable mention for the second week this season. Right linebacker and center for the Owls, he made 14 tackles.

Kirk Kerbo, who kicked Lefors' 28-yard field goal and rushed 62 yards on 20 carries, also received honorable mention.

The Owls go to Amherst Friday, with kickoff time being 7:30 p.m.

Vermont became the first state to grant the vote to all adult men in 1777.

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## Junior High Owls Do Well in First Outing

The Junior High Owls scrimmaged with Lefors here last Thursday evening rather than playing a regular game, since the players hadn't had very many days to work out and a lot of the players are sixth graders who haven't played before.

There are 18 boys on the team, and all got to play, several of them doing very well. The scrimmage was conducted like a game but without any kicking off, punting or goal kicking.

There was a little grumbling from the first string because they didn't get to play very much, but they scored just about

every time they got their hands on the ball. Lefors had only seven players, and made only one score late in the game against the third string.

Boys on the team are Lance Bradford, Brian Martin, Lance Smith, Langdon Reagan, Bradley Brunson, Wayne Henderson, Kirk Couch, Brian West, Brian Breedlove, Robby Weaks, Terry Miller, Casey Frizzell, Clint Payne, Josh Brooks, Wil T Bomar, Jeff Smith, Stan Gamble and Lance Holt.

On Silverton's first play of the game, Wayne Henderson carried an 80-yard touchdown. Bradley Brunson ran for the extra point.

The Owls allowed Lefors no

gain on their first play, and got the ball back on their second play. This time Brunson carried the touchdown on Silverton's first down and Henderson added the running conversion.

Lefors failed to make a first down on their next series of plays, and when the Owls got the ball back Henderson carried a touchdown on the first play. There was no extra point scored, and the Silverton coached sent in a new team of players.

The teams traded possessions several times during the rest of the first half, with neither making a first down. In fact, to this point, neither team had made a first down other than that counted when a touchdown is made.

The Owl first team opened the second half, losing a pass interception early in the third quarter. Lefors was unable to capitalize on the turnover, partly due to the outstanding defense that was being played by Josh Brooks, who displays a fantastic tackling technique against players who are larger than he.

The Owls threw a series of incomplete passes on their next series, and when they got the ball back they were off and running toward the goal again until the player with the ball provided an amusing moment by leaving it behind. Henderson carried the touchdown on the next play from about the Lefors 35. Brian Martin caught a pass for the conversion point.

In the fourth quarter, the Owls recovered a Lefors fumble and near the end of the scrimmage the locals finally made their first first-and-fifteen on a pass from Brooks to Lance Holt. Jeff Smith picked up about six yards on this same series of plays.

Lefors scored its only touchdown in the late minutes of the scrimmage after Silverton sent in its third string of players. The final score was 28-7.

The junior high schedule indicates that the Owls will host Amherst at 6:00 p.m. today.

## LINE S FROM Y N D A



Lynda Fogerson  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

### MORE BED AND BREAKFAST

I am excited about the interest in Bed and Breakfast lodging places in the county.

Last week a representative from the American Bed and Breakfast Association in Maryland called me. Somehow she found out we might be interested in this. (We may not be as isolated as we think—news sure travels fast!)

She was very helpful and told me that the state of Maine has made a video about how to organize Bed and Breakfast, since they wanted to bring tourism to some of their small inland areas which did not have motels. She also told me about Bed and Breakfast—Texas Style, which is in Dallas.

I contacted both of these places. The Tourism Department in Maine will send us their video at no cost as soon as it is available. (They have three copies and all are checked out at the time.)

Bed and Breakfast — Texas

Style is a booking agency which registers and inspects B&B places for a fee and receives a percentage of the fee for guests they book. Those of you here might or might not choose to become a member of this.

In checking with the State Comptroller's office, I found that a sales tax would have to be collected and sent in quarterly. A Hotel/Motel License is required but only involves an application and no fee.

All those interested are invited to meet Friday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the Silverton City Hall. You can discuss your facilities, set your guidelines and put together your information for publicity. We hope to get something together to mail out with the Hunter's Guide.

Call my office if you are interested in this, 823-2343.

## Club to Attend Ranch Heritage Day

Members of the L. O. A. Junior Study Club will meet Saturday, September 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Towe office building, to go in a group to Lubbock to attend the Ranch Heritage Day at the Texas Tech Museum.

There will be a guided tour, western art show and barbecue lunch.

He who carries in his pocket a piece of wood splintered off by lightning is believed by some to have great strength.

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Over the hill, my house sat—  
Why there are some who remember  
When you were just a lad.  
Don't let it getcha, don't feel so blue;  
If Pat can survive it, so can you!

## HAPPY 40th!

# Looking Back

through the files of the Briscoe County News

**September 9, 1976**—Members of the Briscoe County Historical Survey Committee have been busy pasting-up the copy for the county history to be published soon. The books are expected to arrive about December 1 . . . Silverton School Library receives refrigerated air conditioning units purchased by the Silverton chapter of Future Business Leaders of America . . . McMinn reunion held at Idalou . . . Rainfall totals near two inches . . . Pam McGavock, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor McGavock, is receiving treatment under the regional congenital heart program . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry Comer, who have lived since their marriage in Lima, Peru, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee, other relatives and friends in this area. Larry has been employed for some time by Parker Drilling Company in South America . . . Mary Garcia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garcia, received her master of education degree at West Texas State University August 13 . . . Nanda Lynn Barrett weds Fares Michael Lahoud . . .

**September 15, 1966**—Report outlines plans for Mackenzie Reservoir . . . School enrollment is up this year, with 155 students in high school . . . Norman Strange to head Quarterback Club . . . Owls down Hart Longhorns here 14-8 . . . Mrs. C. L. McWilliams spent Monday in Quitaque with Mrs. Billy McWilliams . . . Alvie Mayfield was taken to the Medical Center in Plainview last Thursday . . . FFA officers are Tommy Edwards, president; Buddy Comer, vice president; Leland Wood, secretary; Doug Turner, treasurer; Van May, reporter; Max Stevenson, sentinel. Art Sommerfeld is the chapter advisor . . . Mrs. A. M. Perkins and Mrs. Bud Perkins were notified that their brother, Loney Stout of Amarillo, suffered two serious heart attacks Sunday at his home and is a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital there. Mrs. Stout returned from work and found her husband unconscious. No visitors are allowed . . .

**September 13, 1956**—Pvt. James H. Butcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Butcher, has recently completed eight weeks of advanced individual training in the operation of the Army's NIKE surface to air guided missile at Fort Bliss . . . Owls win first game of season from Dimmitt . . . Grundy's Grocery to have open house and fifth anniversary sale . . . School homecoming and barbecue is Saturday . . . Gene Minter, Keith Whitfield and W. D. Rowell have gone to Texas A&M to attend school . . . Jamie Allison, Betty Fitzgerald, Bob Baird, Harold Edwards, Glenn Watters, Stevie Jarnagin, Sid Marshall and Norvell Breedlove are attending Clarendon Junior College . . . Work progressing on new home for Harvest-Queen manager . . . Don Ledbetter, Jack Williamson and Tommy Autry have gone to Brownwood

to enroll at Howard Payne College . . .

**October 3, 1946**—Owls beat Kress 27-7 . . . Local merchants vote for Chamber of Commerce . . . Donkey ballgame to be played here Monday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Judd Donnell honored their little daughter, Janice, with a birthday party Monday afternoon. Those present were Patricia Patton, Lawanda Reid, Wilma Shipman, Beckie Cowart, Peggy Davis, Patsy Ruth Johnson, Lou Bell McMurtry, Waynelle and Joy Ann McCutchen, J. E. and Jerry Patton, Charles Edwin Cowart and Dwin Davis . . . Mrs. Peter Hoyt is honoree at birthday party fete recently . . . Mr.

and Mrs. Joe Mercer took their daughter, Thelma Gean, to Canyon Monday to enter WTSC. Misses Nina Cantwell, Wilma Lee Francis and Mildred Caruth have entered school there also . . . Lu Ann Phelps to marry Milburn Jackson O'Neal, jr. . . Barber, looking at young man's sleek hair: "Do you want it cut or just change the oil?" . . . John Henry Crow of Lubbock spent the weekend with home folks . . .

**August 27, 1936**—Mrs. G. W. Blair entertained at her home last Friday evening with a farewell dance for her daughter, Sybil. The evening was spent dancing and playing monopoly . . . The Intermediate boys of the

Methodist Church entertained the girls last Friday afternoon with a swim and watermelon party. An enjoyable evening was spent swimming at Linguish Falls. After a hard climb coming out, watermelon was served to Eunice McCain, Durene Strickland, Roberta McMurtry, Jozelle Hodges, Daphne Fern Blackwell, Grady Martin, Willie Amel Smithee, Robert Brooks, Gwinn and Taylor Williamson, Clifton McCain, Buster Harris, Roy Thomas, Rex Douglas, Elmo Walling and Arliss White. Mr. Hodges and Mr. Smithee were the chaperones . . . August 14-16 Mr. and Mrs. William Malone held the Rentfro Reunion at their

home in the San Jacinto community. Four generations of the Rentfro family, living in Texas, Kansas and New Mexico, were present . . . Coach Wilson and 25 football players will leave Friday noon for a ten-day training camp at Ceta Canyon. James Patton will act as chief and Loyd May will act as manager. This trip was made possible by the businessmen of the town . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "W. E. Schott, jr. finally got what was coming to him. He'll make a very good husband I'll bet for he has been giving yours truly advice now

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# GERMANY IN COLLAPSE

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These are a few of the world shaking events of the past few days that are leading to the unconditional surrender of all German armies to the plunging American and Allied troops. Rumors have spread premature surrender news already several times, but when that news is official it will be announced by radio to the American people by President Truman.

Hitler, German S.S. leader, declared Saturday that Hitler was dead or dying and that he was in complete control of German politics. He offered to surrender to the United States and Britain. His offer was immediately rejected because it did not include Soviet Russia. Tuesday, when Hitler's death (inside say the Russians) was announced officially, Admiral Earl Donitz became the German leader. He announced that the Germans would resist until death. His appeal seemingly is not finding favor with the German soldiers and generals and they are surrendering wholesale. Twenty-eight German divisions, over one million men surrendered unconditionally Tuesday in the Italian Theatre. Allied armies on every front are meeting organized resistance.

FARMERS ASKED TO REPORT WINTER COVER CROPS

May 15, 1945 has been established as the closing date for farmers to report the extent (acreage) of winter cover crops, needed . . .



FFC DEE McWILLIAMS was wounded in Germany on April 18. He wrote to his wife from a hospital in England, April 22nd. He is better he said. "Get hit by shrapnel in hip but am getting along O. K. I was operated on in Germany and had a pleasant trip out to England. It is really hard to be sleeping on a good bed again."

RAYMOND HUNT is here visiting his wife and children and his parents. Raymond has been in the South Pacific and has a 40 day furlough.

LEROY CUPPELL has again gone overseas to the Pacific Theatre of War.

A. J. ROWELL, S. T. is now on the Pacific on a mail boat.

JOHN SMYS, who has been a prisoner of the Germans has been liberated. His name during 'A' was liberated last week end.

FREEMAN TATE, husband of Jack a Bomber arrived in Amarillo Thursday at noon. He has been in the Navy for 18 months and this is his first leave. Mrs. Tate went to Amarillo to meet him.

JIM NEATHERLIN writes Dear Boy, Here I am right back where I started from. Only this time I'm not going through boot training.

I've been here three weeks now going through classes getting a mead of war in the meantime.

I'm really here this time for a ship though. I will try to tell you a little something about it before I leave the states.

It is 255 feet long. It carries 260 men including officers. She is the first of a fleet that is being built for the Coast Guard. It is a crew between a cutter and a gunboat. I can't tell you the amount of fire power, but you can take my word for it, really has got 'em.

She goes on a shakedown cruise in a few weeks. We have about 125 men on it from Texas. So you know it really is going to be a tough baby. I was in P. I. Mead the other day for rifle practice, but I didn't know Carlton Gardner was there or I'd have looked him up.

L. T. GORDON MONTY Quantico, Va. is in

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District Quotas Given For Seventh War Loan

CALLING ALL LEGION OFFICIALS & MEMBERS

The Spring War Conference of the 18th Congressional District, American Legion Department will be held in Memphis, Texas, next Sunday, May 13th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Come if you possibly can, matters of great importance will come up for discussion and decision.

Henry Tubel, 18th District Commander

J. H. Vandell and Joe Ed Vandell were in Vernon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bonar and daughter and Mrs. Freeman Tate have moved back to Silverton after having lived at Dumas for several months. Mrs. Tate is working at Arnold's City Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson are attending a State Luncheon at the Baker Mansion home Thursday night.

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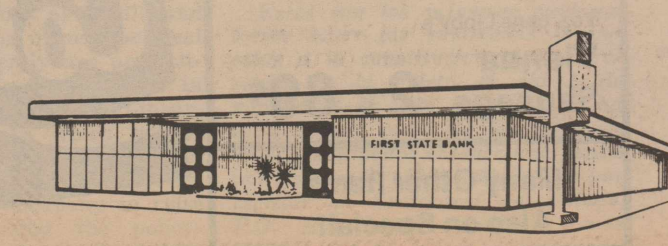
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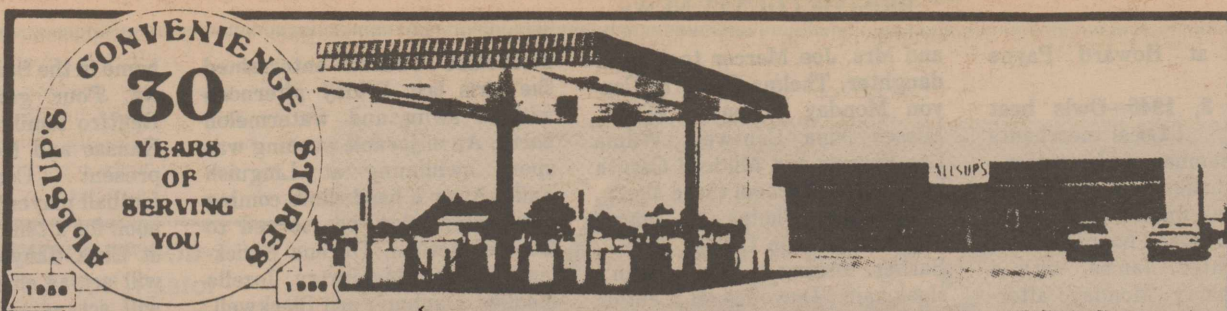
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Ed Garrison and family are moving to Crosbyton, Miss. where he and his wife have employment with an oil company.

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**LOOKING BACK**

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 almost every day for a month. He's been reading Dorothy Dix I reckon, for he knows how everything should be done from making the living (he's still that old fashioned) to adjusting the legs on a high chair. Now if arrangements can be made to take care of Doc Minyard, the Crawford brothers, Clarence Anderson and Bob Hill, things will be just ducky" ...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

- September 18—Jimmy Ellis, Wil T Bomar
- September 19—Kenzie Burson, Clay Guest, Lynda Fogerson
- September 20—Connie Smith, Guy Breedlove, Doc Simpson
- September 21—Rodger Kennedy, Danna Coleman, Eric Patton
- September 22—Wayne Nance, Dianne Bridges, Becky Dunn, Homer Stephens, Mark Auston, Maxine McCune, Shavonne Lowrey
- September 23—Emmie Garcia, Helen Strange, Russell Simpson, Brandon Eddleman

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...**

- September 22—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bean
- September 23—Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Greeson
- September 24—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon

Mrs. Lillian Lindsey was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock on Tuesday night of last week by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service. She has been in very serious condition, but was removed from intensive care before the week's end. Her nephew and niece, Bill and Janinne Brooks, and Janinne's brother, Clayton Pigg of Quitaque, accompanied the ambulance to the emergency room at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview and on to Lubbock, and the Brooks were joined later by Mrs. Lindsey's son, Don Smith of Seymour, as soon as he could reach Lubbock. Mrs. Mildred Mouser of Plainview and Rev. Dick Hatfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silverton, were among those joining the family at the emergency room in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet visited Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon, Jordan and Molly in Lubbock Saturday. They attended the soccer games in which Brandon and Jordan played.

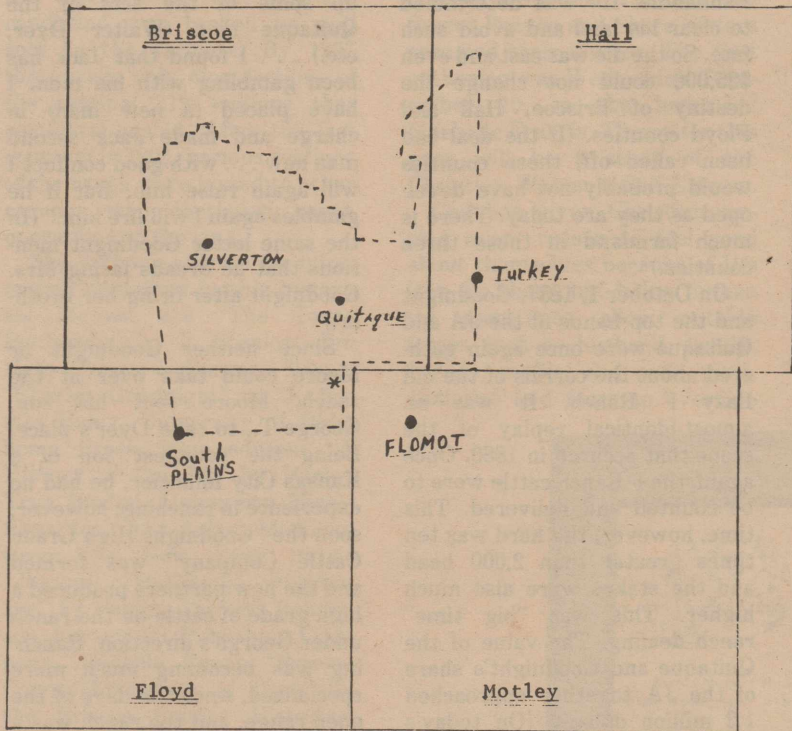
Some have thought thunder to be caused by the hooves of celestial horses.

There was once, tis believed, an unbroken coastline from Ireland to Spain.

Scientists say that the sun will continue shining at its present strength for the next five billion years.

Travelers' checks were invented by Robert Herries to take the place of letters of credit. The original checks could only be used on a pre-planned route where they were expected.

Arbitrary Boundary of the Quitaque/Lazy F Ranch  
Before 1906



\*Ranch Headquarters

## A Historical Account: Charles Goodnight and the Quitaque/Lazy F Ranch

CONTINUING

In the spring of 1880, Goodnight took his JA hands and constructed a big corral with a branding chute at the Lazy F, in preparation for the cattle delivery. It was necessary that the cattle, though already on the ranch, be formally delivered so they could be accurately counted and taken control of. In this manner, the seller could prove out the number of cattle on the ranch to the buyer. Some of the cattle also would be branded.

On a sunny day in 1880, the irons were hot and 2,000 head of bawling cattle were straining at the gates. With unerring accuracy, the JA hands counted each animal as the chute was filled and counted them again out the opposite end. They were corralled at both ends of the chute so they could be recounted easily. Goodnight showed an obvious mistrust of O. J. Wiren and watched him incessantly. When Wiren wavered in his counting of the stock, Goodnight yelled out, "If you can't count get the hell outa there!" Amid the flash of hot irons, pungent smoke and bawling cattle the day wore on until the first 2,000 head were processed; however, it was still mid-afternoon and Goodnight berated Wiren for not having enough cattle there for his experienced JA boys. Wiren knew that he had met more than his match and Col. McCoy was quite amused. Sitting on the top rail he called down to Goodnight in admiration, "They can say what they want, Colonel, but YOU know your BUSINESS." Even though Goodnight painted a hardened portrait of himself on this particular day in 1880, he was determined to protect the Adair's interest.

After the delivery of the cattle was completed, the management and possession of the Lazy F Ranch was taken by Goodnight, on behalf of the Adairs, on June

20, 1880. (It has been erroneously reported by other writers that the ranch was purchased as late as 1882.) Goodnight was given sole charge and management of the 140,000 acres and the cattle upon it. He was to receive an annual salary of \$1,000 until January 1, 1882. Then, thereafter, his salary would be increased to \$5,000 per year through January 1, 1885. Goodnight agreed to devote such time and personal attention to the ranch as was required for proper management. He also agreed to purchase additional property adjacent to the ranches and to buy and sell cattle according to his own judgment. The contract actually implied that Goodnight now had the right to buy land WITHOUT Adair's prior consent. (Adair must have been well pleased with the Quitaque land purchase.)

The name of the ranch was changed, during the ownership change, and after 1880 it became the Quitaque Ranch. According to Goodnight, the word "Quitaque" meant "end of the trail." (This "end of the trail" probably referred to the Comanchero trails that converged on this particular area.) However, the Lazy F name did not die and the ranch continued to be called this for years to come. (Sometimes it was referred to simply as the F Ranch.) Perhaps the Lazy F brand, also purchased in the deal, kept the name alive, for this brand continued as the main brand of the ranch. Although the ranch was purchased specifically for Cornelia Adair, her husband, John, was entered upon all the legal contracts as the owner. (This occurs because in 1880 a woman was a mere "chattel" of her husband and did not have equal rights.)

Since the Adairs already owned two-thirds of the JA Ranch (which actually stands for John Adair) this new ranch became a

branch of it in 1880. Though it was included in the management organization of the JA (for Goodnight managed both) the Quitaque herd was kept separate and did not wear the JA brand. It was mandatory that the cattle of the two ranches be handled in this manner because Goodnight owned one-third interest in the JA cattle and no interest in the Quitaque cattle (in 1880).

After the change-over was complete, Goodnight named one of his top JA hands, J. E. (John) Garrington, as wagon boss of the new ranch. He was assigned a good crew of men including Joe Horn and John Farris. Horn had worked on the JA since 1879 and was a dependable young cowboy, though only 19 years old. He was born in San Antonio but yearned to roam at an early age and set out for the frontier. Farris was older and would soon become foreman on the ranch. Reid and Rose also stayed on at the ranch after the change. So with a few good men, Goodnight set out to build a good herd on the "End of the Trail" ranch.

Through "purchase" and "birth", the original 3,000 head grew into 11,000 head by December 26, 1881. A mighty herd was building on the Quitaque Ranch and fast. Goodnight was honoring his contract with Adair by mostly "buying cattle."

The general routine of the ranch in the 1880's was this: There was an annual roundup in the fall of the year to gather cattle for market. But there were other roundups during the year, whenever the cattle needed to be worked (branded, dehorned, doctored, etc.). Only one "outfit" was used on the Quitaque. This consisted of a chuckwagon, a cook, the wagon boss, a horse wrangler, and ten or twelve cowboys. There was also a remuda of horses.

Whenever a roundup was in progress, the men would rise before dawn. Each part of the roundup would cover about five square miles. The cowboys would ride together for about this distance and then they would separate and cover certain designated areas. They would then gather up the cattle in each's area and drive them to a central rendezvous point. After a sufficient herd was put together, the boys would change to their cutting horses and cut a certain class of animal from the herd (cows and calves, for example). Two men would work between the cut and roundup to keep the cattle from mixing back together.

After the desired number of cows and calves were gathered in this manner, they were driven to the branding pens and separated there. The calves were put in a pen by themselves where they were bulldogged and branded. Horn and Farris were especially skillful at this.

In the early days of the Quitaque Ranch, since hands were short, some of the cowboys in the Palo Duro would help out during roundups, for both the Quitaque and JA were managed by Goodnight, and this could easily be done. But word was circulating that cowboys were needed on the F Ranch and men began to drift in by 1883.

One such cowboy that came to the ranch in 1883 was a friend of Joe Horn. J. Henry Hughes was working in the stockyard of Fort

Worth in 1883, when Horn came into Cowtown. Being on a business trip, direct from the ranch, he told J. Henry that hands were needed on the ranch. Since J. Henry was young and adventurous, he decided to join Horn. Next day, they rode a train to Wichita Falls and there climbed aboard a freight wagon loaded with lumber. It was to be used for expanding the ranch headquarters. This was Horn's business in the area.

So late one dusty afternoon in 1883, they arrived on the banks of Quitaque Creek, near the intersection of the Los Lingos Creek. The ranch was a welcome sight for the two trail-weary friends. The following morning, Joe took J. Henry to the ranch foreman, John Farris, who immediately agreed to give him a try. Soon it was found that J. Henry was a good horseman and could use a branding iron as well.

Also in 1883, Goodnight hired a man by the name of Bartlett to fence the Quitaque Ranch. It was an immense task for his crew, greatly complicated by the fact that alternate sections were still owned by the state and railroads; however, since many of these sections were leased and controlled by the ranch (65,000 acres) they were fenced in. The total size of the ranch being 205,000 acres, including the leased land.

From 1883 to 1885 the general operation of the ranch moved forward without a hitch. Then in 1885, John Adair made his last visit to his ranches. The rich old Irishman was attended to by a personal servant. When Goodnight asked the valet why he had been brought along, in the most proper English he replied, "So he can curse me sir, when he stumps his toe." After a lengthy stay, which included an inspection of the Quitaque, Adair left to return to Ireland. Enroute, near St. Louis, he died of a sudden illness on May 14, 1885. By the terms of his will, Cornelia finally received "legal" ownership of her Quitaque Ranch. She was no longer a mere chattel. Cornelia also inherited the Tool Ranch and two-thirds of the JA. The total properties she inherited in the Texas Panhandle approached one million acres!

The first order of business for Mrs. Adair, after her husband's death, was to renew the now invalid contracts and prepare to settle his estate. The contracts would have to be renewed between her and Mr. Goodnight, Adair's partner. A new contract relating to Goodnight's management of the Quitaque Ranch was signed in Dallas on October 2, 1885 by him. (It is interesting to note that Mrs. Adair signed the contract in Dublin, Ireland the following month, on November 13. This seems to indicate that the contract originated in Texas and was sent to Ireland for her approval and signature.)

The new contract between Goodnight and Mrs. Adair basically re-stated what had been agreed to in the first salary contract. Goodnight agreed to continue as manager of the ranch but was now referred to as the superintendent of the ranch. The general tone of the contract was, however, that Goodnight desired to remain affiliated with the ranch only if it was put up for sale. He was designated in the contract to be the "sales agent" of the ranch with a 10%

commission. Goodnight was specifically given the right to resign his position after January 1, 1886, if the ranch was not officially put up for sale. A written commitment of sale was requested by Goodnight.

The reason he was so interested in swaying Mrs. Adair in this direction was that he wanted to sell the JA and dissolve the Adair and Goodnight partnership. His reasoning was, IF Mrs. Adair could be persuaded to sell one of her ranches, she might concede the others for sale. Then the Colonel could clear his one-third interest in the JA without arbitration. (He may also have feared that Mrs. Adair might die and then his property would be tied up indefinitely in litigation.)

There was little change in the operation of the Quitaque during Mrs. Adair's legal ownership of the ranch from 1885 to 1887. Goodnight remained in charge and the herds were now approaching 20,000 head. There was still the annual roundup and drive to a railhead but the railroad was growing nearer and nearer. Soon overland trail drives would be a thing of the past for Panhandle ranches.

On June 30, 1886, Goodnight at last wrote to Mrs. Adair in Ireland and told her a "division of the JA will be in the best interest of both parties by the expiration date of our contract (January 1, 1888)." He further stated that he was having maps drawn showing the JA divided into three parts and a division fence would have to be built. He estimated that this would take most of 1887, so there was no time to lose.

In the fall of '86, Goodnight wrote her again, "We have no time to lose . . . division is absolutely necessary . . . two railroads will be here next September . . . I see that you and me will never agree on a sale." Goodnight knew that thousands of settlers would be pouring into the Panhandle as soon as the railroads arrived. He knew that this would create great problems for ranchers. There would be land squatters, loose granger stock, encroachment, fence cutting and numerous problems with the settlers. In the same letter, he asked Mrs. Adair to send her lawyer to America, if she could not come. He was a Mr. McQuay. Late in December, Goodnight observed, "Clarendon is now full of land squatters . . . every school section will be taken . . . having hell will be putting it lightly."

Shortly thereafter, William Plunkett McQuay, a Florence, Italy banker, embarked from Europe and sailed for America. When he finally arrived in New York during May of 1887, he brought with him the "power of attorney." Mrs. Adair trusted his judgment in dealing with Goodnight. A possible trade of the Quitaque Ranch had been in the balance for several months. Goodnight still thought the Quitaque land was the "next best thing on earth." Mr. McQuay also had a very special interest in striking a deal with the Colonel, for he was to inherit \$100,000 from John Adair's estate once it was settled. In Goodnight's opinion, McQuay was interested in nothing more.

The fact that McQuay was See HISTORICAL ACCOUNT—  
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greatly interested in the hundred grand was probably a definite advantage for the Colonel, for if he hadn't had this large sum coming, he surely wouldn't have been so anxious for the estate to be settled. Because of this, he proved easy to negotiate with. The result of the McQuay trip to America was this: On May 21, 1887, a contract of sale was signed between McQuay and Goodnight. This historic document involved a trade of Cornelia's 140,000 acre Quitaque Ranch to Goodnight for his one-third interest in the JA Ranch. The value of the Quitaque land was placed at \$2.25 per acre or \$315,000, while the value of the Palo Duro land was placed at \$2.50 per acre (112,000 acres).

In the trade, Goodnight was to take ownership of the estimated 20,000 head of cattle branded with the Lazy F, while Mrs. Adair was to get the 48,000 head of JA cattle that belonged to Mr. Goodnight. (Since the cattle on the Quitaque had an average value of \$16.50 per head, the total assets of the ranch exceeded \$640,000.) Although the am-

ount of Goodnight's land, cattle and credits slightly exceeded the value of the Quitaque Ranch and cattle, he could not clear the ranch alone. There was a \$10,000 pound sterling lien against it from a bank in England that he would have had to assume. Since banks were foreclosing on ranches unmercifully during the turbulent eighties, Goodnight took on a partner after signing the sales agreement for he needed additional financing to close the deal. (There was probably a problem with the bank in England releasing Mrs. Adair on the note, since Goodnight was a non-citizen of Great Britain.) By July 6, 1887, Goodnight was partner to L. R. Moore of Kansas City, Missouri on the Quitaque deal. The Colonel was splitting his interest of the ranch in half. (Goodnight was in Kansas City on August 13, 1887, probably closing his deal with Moore.)

Col. Goodnight was such a sharp trader that his future herd was to be counted while Mrs. Adair's was not. The preliminary tally took place on July 6, 1887. (Perhaps the counting of the immense herd of the JA in 366,000 acres of pasture was

considered too great a task; then again, perhaps McQuay wasn't protecting Mrs. Adair's interest as well as he should have.)

The Quitaque Ranch preliminary count July 6, 1887 showed 6,991 yearlings, 11,625 grown cattle, 125 horses and six mules, for a total of 18,747 head of stock. The preliminary count showed the Quitaque stock to be less than the 20,000 estimate.

Before the ink was dry on the contracts, McQuay left to return to Ireland and Mrs. Adair. The voyage took about one month. When he arrived in Rathdair and revealed the deal that he had made in America, Mrs. Adair was extremely upset. She was very dissatisfied with the deal. She felt that omitting the count of the cattle she was buying was akin to "buying a pig in a poke." She immediately consulted another lawyer in Dublin and found that she was bound by the contract. After much soul searching, she wrote Goodnight and offered him \$25,000 (actually 25,000 pounds sterling, a greater amount) if he would call off the deal. On about August 10, Goodnight wrote Mrs. Adair and advised her that he could not

accept this liberal offer because banks were foreclosing and attaching land every day in the Panhandle. He was determined to clear his land and avoid such fate. So the die was cast and even \$25,000 could not change the destiny of Briscoe, Hall and Floyd counties. (If the deal had been called off, these counties would probably not have developed as they are today. There is much farmland in these three counties.)

On October 1, 1887, Goodnight and the top hands of the JA and Quitaque were once again gathered about the corrals of the old Lazy F Ranch. It was an almost-identical replay of the scene that occurred in 1880. Once again, the F Ranch cattle were to be counted and delivered. This time, however, the herd was ten times greater than 2,000 head and the stakes were also much higher. This was "big time" ranch dealing. The value of the Quitaque and Goodnight's share of the JA together approached 1.2 million dollars. (On today's money market (1986) the Quitaque Ranch and its cattle were valued at \$11,000,000.) The monumental day that Goodnight took possession of the Quitaque Ranch, L. R. Moore was not present, but there was little doubt by anyone there that the ranch was in "capable hands."

Since June 1, Goodnight and Moore had been paying the expenses of the ranch, so after the cattle were counted and delivered they took full control of their newly-acquired ranch. It was October 15.

Since Goodnight and Adair did not dissolve all their partnership in the ranch trade, Goodnight continued as manager of the JA beyond January 29, 1888. He needed a working manager for the Quitaque Ranch, so he named one of his brothers-in-law, Walter Dyer, for the job. Dyer was a good worker and did a good job for a couple of months; however, while celebrating New Year's in Clarendon, he became slightly intoxicated and created something of a ruckus. When Goodnight looked into the matter, he found out that Dyer had earlier been at Tool Ranch, and while there he had drunk and gambled in the presence of Jack Ritchie and some of the other cowboys. Goodnight was so angered when he heard this that he demoted Jack and fired Dyer (temporarily). Cautiously he broke the news to Mrs. Adair in Ireland that her son was breaking ranch

rules. "It is with the deepest regret that I write you . . . on January 5th, after having looked up some of the acts of the Quitaque men (Walter Dyer, etc.) . . . I found that Jack has been gambling with his men. I have placed (a new man) in charge and made Jack second man now . . . with good conduct I will again raise him. But if he gambles again I will fire him." (In the same letter Goodnight mentions that he dreads facing Mrs. Goodnight after firing her brother.)

Since neither Goodnight or Moore could take over at the ranch, Moore sent his son, George T., to take Dyer's place. Being the youngest son of a Kansas City financier, he had no experience in ranching; however, soon the "Goodnight High Grade Cattle Company" was formed and the new partners produced a high grade of cattle on the ranch under George's direction. Ranching was becoming much more specialized, since the days of the open range, and the ranch was a leader in the area.

The railroad had reached Clarendon in late 1887 and there would be no more long trail drives to Dodge City and other railheads. A new problem, however, was on the horizon and this deeply troubled Goodnight. As he had stated in a letter to Mrs. Adair, prior to the trade, "There will be two railroads in here by September. The junction will be about 25 miles from our pastures . . . the settlers will come by the hundreds . . . they will annoy us . . . I wish to sell my interest before this occurs."

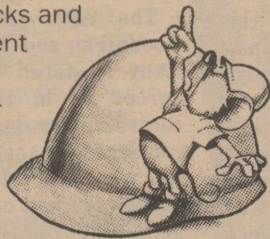
Even though the railroads solved the problem of "long cattle drives" they created what Goodnight considered a much greater problem. And since the Quitaque Ranch contained alternate sections that would be opened to the settlers, Goodnight was soon ready to "get out." So, as the first settlers began to roll into Briscoe, Floyd and Hall counties in 1890, the Colonel sold his remaining half interest in the Quitaque Ranch to his partner, L. R. Moore. Thus ended the most historic period of the 140,000 acre Quitaque/Lazy F Ranch and marked the beginning of its decline.

L. R. Moore kept control of the ranch for five more years, then sold out to Frank Howard, a New Orleans land speculator (1895). Though sections of the ranch were soon for sale, the ranch continued in operation until 1906.

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Then the last roundup was made, the cattle were sold, and the ranchland was broken up and sold to the farmers. By 1927 there were only nine sections of the original 219 sections that remained unsold. After the last roundup in 1906, various sections of the ranch were leased to other ranches who continued ranch operations on the land.

The author's sources for information contained in this historical account are "The Texas Panhandle" by F. Stanley, Jim Hess Printers, Borger, Texas; "Charles Goodnight" by J. Evetts Haley, University of Oklahoma Press, New edition; "A History of the JA" by Harley True Burton, University Microfilms, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan (from the New York Public Library); "Panhandle Pilgrimage" by Pauline Durrett Robertson, Paramount Publishing Company, Amarillo, Texas; "Briscoe County/Footprints of Time" by the Briscoe County Historical Survey Committee, Silverton, Texas; "The No-Gun Man of Texas/Charles Goodnight" by Laura V. Hamner, Amarillo Texas/1935.

**Doris Dudley Is Certified**

Swisher County Appraisal District employee Doris Dudley was certified as a Registered Texas Tax Collector by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners August 21, 1986.

The certification was awarded upon completion of five required courses dealing with tax appraisals, collections and law. A comprehensive exam on all subjects was given in Amarillo August 12. The final requirement is three years experience in the tax collection field.

Mrs. Dudley has been with the Swisher County Appraisal District for over three years. The Silverton native is married to Norlan Dudley, a Swisher County Deputy Sheriff.

Mrs. Dudley is the computer administrator and, as such, must be very knowledgeable about the laws governing exemptions, notices of appraisals, Appraisal Review Board notices, and many reports required by the State Property Tax Board. She must be aware of appraisal procedures to correctly enter each property's data into the computer.

When questioned as to how she feels being a "tax collector," she replied, "It's a very interesting job; you never know what's going to happen next."

To encourage the flowering of any of the bromeliads—which may look like the top of a pineapple—put it in a plastic bag with a ripe apple. Ethylene gas from the apple initiates flower buds.

In old Germany, eggs were smeared on plows on the Thursday before Easter to insure a good crop.

Some used to say that walking with fern seed in your shoe would cause spirits to follow you.

**Prayer and Share Sisters Have Meeting**

After a summer vacation, the Secret Prayer and Share Sisters resumed their studies. The first gathering was Wednesday, September 10, in the home of Maebelle Francis. Theme for this year will be a study of the Christian Woman's Self-Esteem.

God has given Christian women every reason to feel good about themselves because of His love for them, but being human we sometimes allow outside forces such as husband, family, friends, media, and even guilt, anxieties and fears to override

our confidence in God's healing powers.

In these studies, members will be looking at self-esteem destroyers and things that will build esteem. Any woman who feels she could benefit from this study is welcome to attend; however, you need to call 847-2619 so a book can be ordered for you.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the Francis home. October studies will be in the home of Glenda Francis.

The group welcomed one new sister and welcomed one guest in the hope she will become a new member.

**Party Foods to be Topic of Program**

Party Foods and Chocolates will be the topic for a demonstration program Saturday, September 20, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

The program sponsored by the Southwestern Extension Homemakers Club, will be presented by Merlene Stephens and Gail Wyatt.

A light salad luncheon and tasting will follow the Party Foods demonstration. The program on Chocolates will be after

lunch. There is no charge for this event.

Homemakers who would like to join an Extension Homemaker Club or organize a new club may contact Lynda Fogerson at the County Extension Office, 823-2343, or Anita Ramsey, 823-2230, president of the Progressive Extension Homemakers Club, or Lois Ziegler, 847-2627, president of the Southwestern Extension Homemakers Club.

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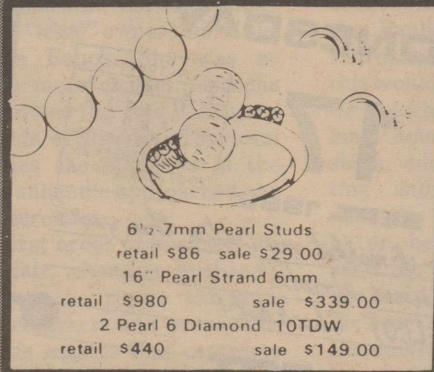


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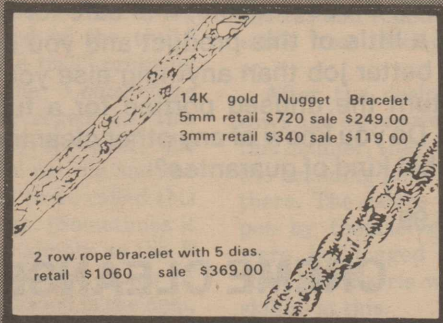
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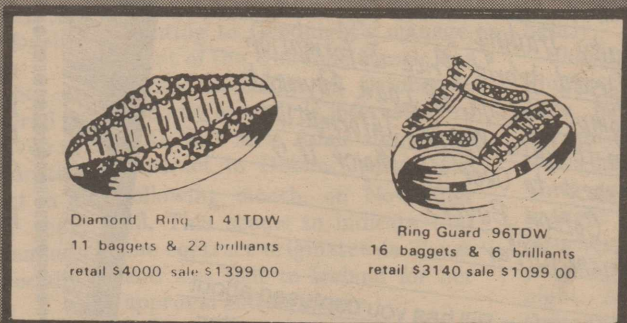


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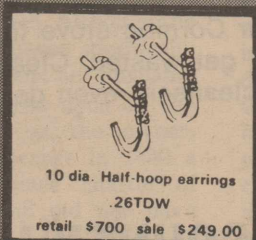
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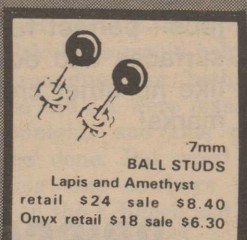
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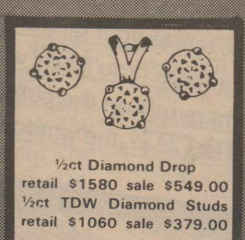
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# Conservation Corner

by

John Crowell

The seeding of native grasses on cropland fields can be accomplished in many ways. The old saying that there is "more than one way to skin a cat" certainly is true when it comes to getting grass planted.

Many Briscoe County farmers who have signed up for the Conservation Reserve Program want to use existing wheat for their dead litter crop. Although sorghum is usually a better dead litter cover, wheat can be just as effective in protecting the grass seedlings from wind erosion.

If you have existing wheat or volunteer, your first question is "What should I do with it?"

First, you can choose to leave it for a winter cover until late spring. Then you would plow up the wheat and plant sorghum as a dead litter crop. In this situation you would be planting grass into the sorghum about January of 1988. We will discuss

the use of sorghum as a dead litter crop in the article next week.

For now, we'll assume you want to keep your wheat, manage it as a dead litter crop, and seed native grass into it this winter. (If you can find grass seed this year.)

The first thing you should do is put down some type of chemical weed control. In wheat, you could put down about 1/4 to 1/3 ounce of Glean per acre. This chemical has a fairly long residual and should help keep the weeds controlled for up to a year. This chemical should provide you with some control of weeds in the grass, too.

The second thing you need to do is let the wheat grow until just before it produces a seed head. At this stage it will provide a good dead litter crop to seed the grass into.

The third step is to kill the wheat so that it does not produce a seed head, and so it will no longer be taking moisture out of the soil and competing with the small grass seedlings. Generally, in Briscoe County this needs to be done between April 1 and May 20, depending on moisture,

growth and temperature.

Killing, or controlling, the wheat can be done several ways.

1. Chemical application of Paraquat or Roundup can probably do the job, but may be expensive at this advanced stage of growth. 2. Undercutting as shallow as possible with LARGE sweeps is the second method. Although undercutting or sweeping can be done, it will probably leave your seedbed too loose for the planting of range grasses unless the soil is given some time to settle before seeding.

3. The last method of killing the wheat is shredding. In this case, you are not really killing the wheat, just controlling its growth. Again, this should be done just before the wheat produces a seedhead. You may have to shred several times to keep the wheat down. Although shredding is an acceptable method, I would not recommend it unless you have a tractor, tractor driver and shredder ready to go. This will have to be done during your busiest time of the year when you are preparing other land for spring planting of crops.

The fourth step, after killing the wheat, is to seed the native grass seed into the standing wheat litter. Since you had to wait for the wheat to grow until about April 1, you will be seeding your range grasses fairly late. You should have your seed and drill ready to go as soon as you kill the wheat. Get the seed into the ground by May 20 at the latest.

Depending on the weather, you may have to do one or more of the operations described above to kill or control the wheat. Be prepared for all three, just in case one fails. After all, grass seed is expensive and you will want to do everything you can to get a grass stand the first time.

Next week: Using sorghum as a dead litter.

Contact the Soil Conservation Service Office in Silverton at 823-2320 for more information.

# News From The Ag Shop

Our enrollment in the Vo-Ag Department this year has increased somewhat. At the end of our school term last year, the enrollment was 20 students. The current enrollment is 28, twenty-five boys and three girls. Most of this increase is due to a large class of Freshman boys.

We are now in our third week of school. I have been very encouraged with the attitudes that our student body has shown. All of our students are showing a genuine concern for the value of an education. A quote that I recently read, "A job that is done by an illiterate can be done better and cheaper by a machine." I think most of our students are realizing that industry and society demands an education.

Last Friday night's game at Lefors was a hard-fought victory for the Silverton Owls. Congratulations!

Amherst is the next stop. Be at the GAME!

In last week's column, I omitted the election of the reporter. My apology to Serena Layland, who is our chapter reporter. SORRY!

—Stan Fogerson

The safety match was invented in Sweden in 1855.

Some believe it bad luck to laugh on Friday.

The ancient Romans believed that a magnet lost its power in the presence of garlic.

More people visit the Grand Canyon in Arizona than any other natural wonder in the U. S., according to the U. S. Travel Service.

Bloomers were named after Amelia Jenks Bloomer, a 19th century feminist who wore them in 1851.

# Program Planned on Alzheimer's Disease

An educational program on Alzheimer's Disease is planned for October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the First State Bank in Silverton.

The program is sponsored and planned by the Extension Home Economics Committee as a part of their efforts to provide families with health-related information.

Becky McGee, a volunteer from Amarillo who presents programs on the disease, will be the speaker. She also has a film on the subject.

Families are asked to mark their calendars on this date if they would like to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease.

Some people have thought that wearing heliotrope in one's shoe made one invisible.

# ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

[Order de Eleccion para la

Eleccion General de Noviembre]

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 4, 1986, in Briscoe County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution. (Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 4 de Noviembre, 1986, en el Condado de Briscoe, Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Seccion 65, de la Constitucion de Texas.)

(List Officers) (Aqui incluia los nombres de los oficiales)

- County Judge
- County & District Clerk
- County Treasurer
- County Commissioner, Pct. No. 2
- County Commissioner, Pct. No. 4
- Justice of Peace, Pct. 1
- Justice of Peace, Pct. 2
- County Surveyor

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) County Clerk's Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 15, 1986 (entre las 9 de la manana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Octubre 15, 1986) and ending on October 31, 1986 (y terminando el Octubre 31, 1986). Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Bess McWilliams  
County Clerk (Nombre del Secretario del Condado)  
P. O. Box 375

Address (Direccion)  
Silverton, Texas 79257  
City (Ciudad) Zip Code  
(Zona Postal)

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) October 28, 1986. Date (fecha)

Issued this the 16th day of September, 1986.

/s/Fred W. Mercer  
Signature of County Judge  
(Firma del Juez del Condado)

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**WEDNESDAY**

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How do I market my cotton this year?  
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- 11:00 ✓ Prompt Receipt of Loan Payment
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- 1:30
- 2:00
- 2:30 If the new Farm Bill has you confused about the options you have to market your cotton
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- 5:00

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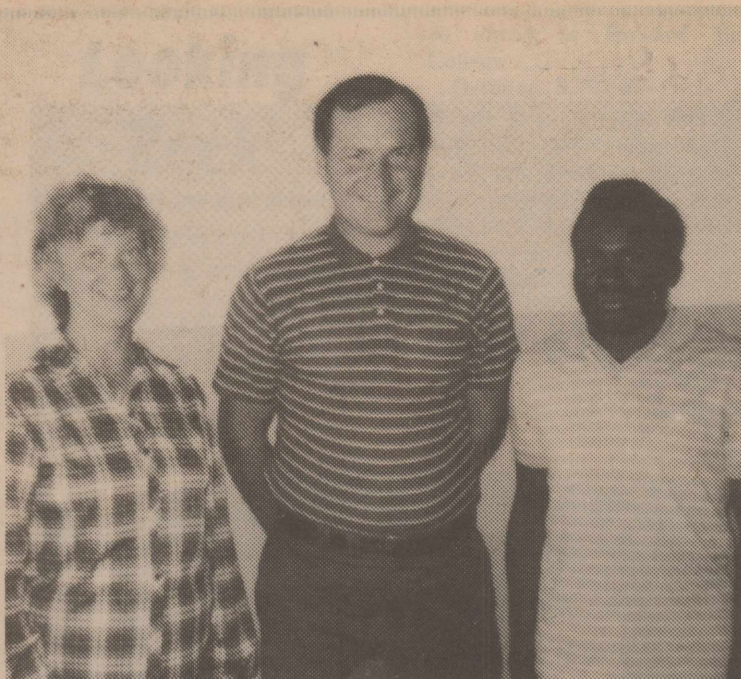
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## BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

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Sister Barbara Jean Potthast, who works with Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church in Silverton, enjoyed having her brother, Rev. Richard Potthast C.S.C., and a native Ugandan, Rev. Tony Kiiza C.S.C., here for a visit September 13-17. The two priests work in over 60 parishes in the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda, East Africa, and they shared some of their mission experiences at Sunday Mass in Silverton and in Childress. As first-time visitors to Texas, they were delighted to experience the environment and people of the Panhandle. They were enroute to Austin when they left Silverton.

—Briscoe County News Photo

**SILVERTON SCHOOL  
LUNCHROON MENU**  
September 22-26

Monday—Meat and Cheese Taco, Salad, Crackers, Fruit Cobbler, Milk  
Tuesday—Vegetable Soup, Tuna Sandwich, Cheesestraw, Blueberry Muffin  
Wednesday—Pizza, Salad, Corn on the Cob, Cake, Milk  
Thursday—Steak and Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey and Butter, Milk  
Friday — Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad, Cookie, Milk

**FOOTBALL CONCESSION  
STAND WORKERS**

These workers have been assigned to work in the concession stand during the football games. If you are unable to work at the time assigned you, please find your own replacement.

Junior High games begin at 6:00 p.m., and the workers for the home games will be:

September 18—Ruby Graham, Carolyn Lowrey

September 25—John and La-Quetta Schott and Gayle Robertson

October 16—Pat Edwards, Mike Settle and Lynda Fogerson

High School games begin at 7:30 p.m., and workers for these home games are:

September 26 (homecoming)—Gary and Cathey Weaks, Bennie and Carolyn Reagan, Raye and Gerald Smith

October 10—Dwain and Shirley Henderson, Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald

October 31—Jerry and Brenda Patton, Wayne and Tina Nance

November 14—Jay and Patsy Towe, Bill and Janinne Brooks

Some used to believe that mistletoe rods point to gold.

**Jeff and L'Anna Jones  
Honored at Shower**

Jeff Jones and his wife, L'Anna, were honored guests at a beautiful wedding shower Saturday morning, September 13. The affair, which took place in the Pioneer Room of First State Bank, was organized by Bobby Bean.

Mrs. Bean received the guests and presented them to L'Anna, her mother, Bettie Sulser, and to Marge and Georgia Jones, mother and grandmother of Jeff. Jeff and his father, Troy, were in attendance earlier.

Cathy Buchanan, Terry Byers and Austin Kneffin were also special guests.

L'Anna was presented a beautiful corsage made by hostess Mary John Harris. Silk flowers in hues of mauve, pink and burgundy decorated the register and refreshment tables, along with a pink ruffled cloth and burgundy napkins. Lois Ziegler took credit for these arrangements.

Guests had a choice of pound cake or miniature muffins prepared by Betty Reid and Shirley Reynolds, and strawberry punch concocted by Mrs. Bean and served by Kellie Reed and Robbie Cartrite.

Responsible for receiving, cataloging and displaying gifts were Dorothy Martin, Lois Walker, Juanell Turner and Theta Holt. Ethyl Jones assisted in showing gifts.

Kitchen duties were shared by Rosemary Perkins, Lavern Kingery and Janelle Reeves. Gayle Robertson and Mrs. Turner shared the task of addressing invitations while Sybil Martin

had volunteered to chair the "Ways and Means" committee.

Maebelle Francis submitted a written account of the affair to the local news office. Along with the many beautiful and useful gifts received by the couple, they were presented a carpet sweeper and wicker basket by the hostesses.

**4-H Foods, Nutrition  
Program to Begin**

The 4-H food and nutrition project is ready to begin. Any young person from third grade to 19 years of age may participate in the project by signing up on a 4-H enrollment form from the Extension office in the courthouse basement or by calling 823-2343 by Monday, September 22.

Project leaders are anxious to begin working with their groups. Once the groups are organized, 4-H'ers will not be added to a group, since it is inconsiderate to a volunteer leader who has made

plans for the size group she can accommodate.

Leaders may assess a small charge to those in their group to help pay for the food the group prepares and eats. 4-H'ers who attend a food project meeting are expected to bring the amount requested by their leader each time.

All those completing the project are eligible to enter the County 4-H Food Show later in the fall. The leaders will set the date at their training meeting.

The 4-H program is open to boys and girls from third grade to 19 years of age regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion or national origin.

Some say dreaming of eggs means riches.

Some people have believed the crops would grow as high as the farmer could jump.

It was once believed that wearing leeks into battle would ensure emerging unscathed.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 1986

**PROPOSITION NO. 1  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 15 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature to provide by general law for the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among the counties in which the property of the railroad is located for purposes of property taxation, and would delete the requirement that the Comptroller participate in making the allocation. To comply with both statutory and constitutional law, the apportionment currently is being made by the State Property Tax Board in conjunction with the Comptroller.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide by general law for the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among counties for purposes of property taxation."

**PROPOSITION NO. 2  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment that would replace the constitutional requirement that the subject of a bill be expressed in its title with a mandate that each house of the legislature adopt rules of procedure that would require the subject of each bill to be expressed in its title in a manner that gives the legislature and the public reasonable notice of that subject. Determining compliance with the rule would be the responsibility of the legislature. Cur-

rently, a law is invalidated if a court finds its caption is defective. The amendment would provide that past and future enactments may not be held void on the basis of an insufficient title.

The amendment also would eliminate the suggestion that the state's laws be revised every ten years, and instead would provide for continuing revision of state laws.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment requiring each house to include in its rules of procedure a rule that each bill contain a title expressing the bill's subject, and providing for the continuing revision of state laws."

**PROPOSITION NO. 3  
ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Legislature to authorize any county, city, town, or other political subdivision to use public funds or credit to pay insurance premiums on nonassessable life, health, or accident policies. Due to the prohibition in the constitution against the lending of credit and granting of public money, political subdivisions currently are prohibited from becoming shareholders in associations such as mutual-insurance companies, in which policyholders are shareholders. A nonassessable mutual insurance policy does not allow a company to raise capital by assessing the policyholder an extra amount on a pre-

mium. This amendment will allow mutual insurance companies and stock companies to bid for life and health group policies of political subdivisions. Public liability will be limited to the payment of premiums specified in the contract.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing political subdivisions the opportunity to engage in and transact business with authorized mutual insurance companies in the same manner as with other insurance companies."

**PROPOSITION NO. 4  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would repeal the prohibition against branch banking by state banks and would allow state banks and national banks domiciled in this state to establish and operate banking facilities at locations within the county or city where they are domiciled. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to permit a state bank or a national bank domiciled in this state to engage in business at more than one place if it acquires a failed state bank or national bank domiciled in this state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide that a bank may offer full service banking at more than one location within the city or county where its principal facility is located, subject to limitations and restrictions provided by law."

*Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el día 4 de noviembre de 1986. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, Texas 78711.*

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Clinton Elliott, Pastor

**SUNDAY:**

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Worship Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**SILVERTON**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Ted Kingery, Minister

**SUNDAY:**

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

R. C. (Dick) Hatfield, Pastor

**SUNDAY:**

Library Opens ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S. .... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Choir ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Library Opens ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Spotlighters (Jr. High) . . . 4:45 p.m.  
Disciplers (High School). 5:00 p.m.  
Joyous Christian  
Life Style (Adults) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:**

Baptist Women ..... 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Bible Study/Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Acteens, G.A.s, Mission  
Friends, R.A.s ..... 7:00 p.m.

**SECOND SATURDAYS:**

Baptist Men ..... 7:00 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Duane Knowlton, Pastor

**SUNDAY:**

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY:**

United Meth. Women . . . 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Choir Practice ..... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION**

**SUNDAY:**

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service ..... 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY:**

Mass ..... 12:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:**

Escuela ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Elementary Doctrina  
Class ..... 4:30-5:45 p.m.

**THURSDAY:**

Mass or Communion . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Ultreya ..... After Mass

**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**SUNDAY:**

Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

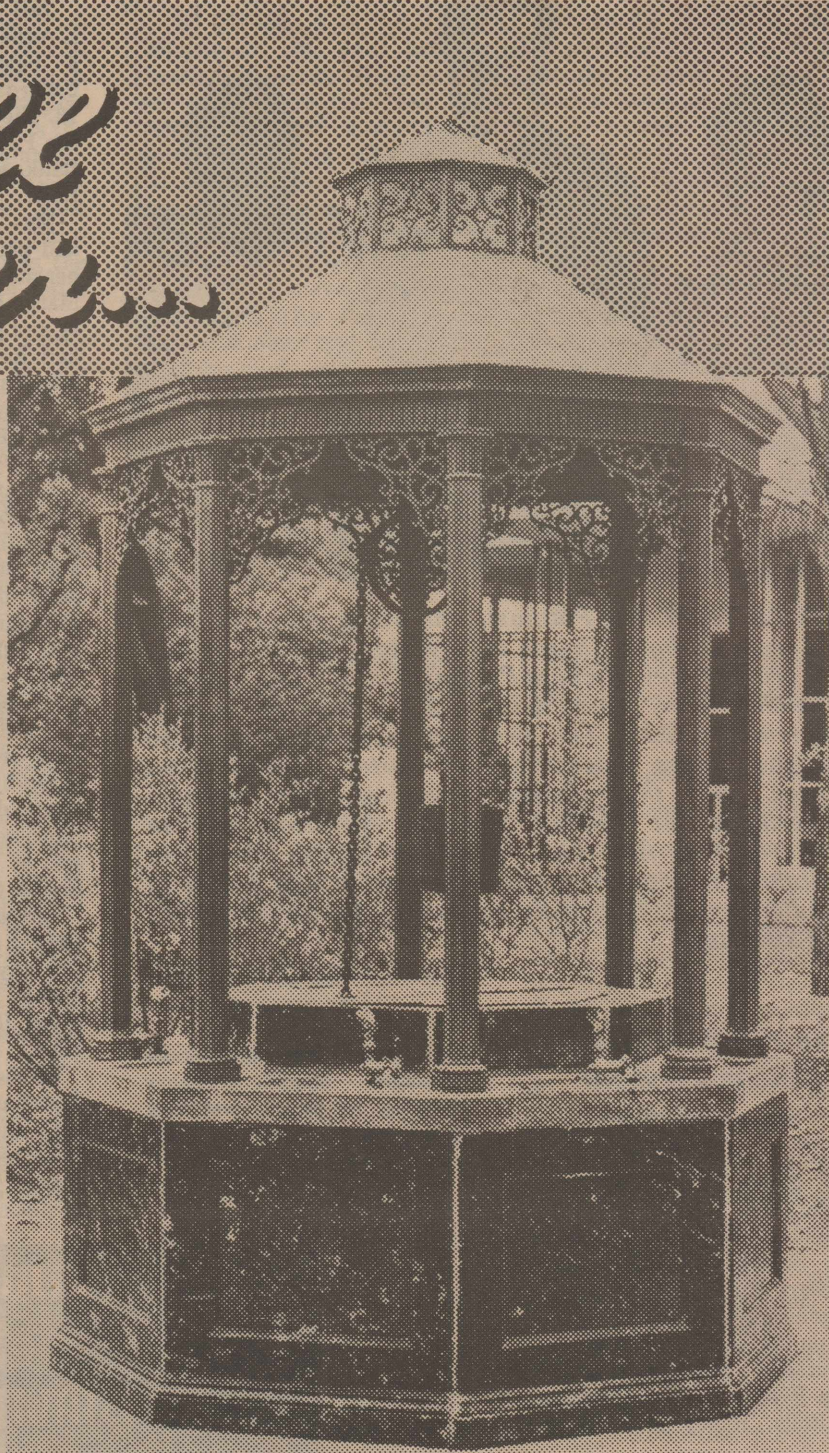
Worship Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

# A well of water...

Many important events have taken place at the well. In days long ago it was a meeting place, where all came because of the necessity to obtain life-sustaining water.

Jacob met his beloved Rachel at the well. Moses met the daughters of his future father-in-law at the well in Midian. Much later Jesus Christ met a woman of Samaria at the well and said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The church of God today is a meeting place where many come to obtain this life-giving and life-sustaining water of which Jesus spoke.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Coleman Adv. Ser.



## ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

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Brown-McMurtry Implement  
Silverton Well Service  
Briscoe Cooperatives  
Fogerson Lumber & Supply

First State Bank  
Nance's Food Store  
Silverton Oil Company  
Briscoe Implement  
Silverton Auto Parts  
Briscoe County News  
Jerry's Malt Shop  
Grabbe-Simpson Motors, Inc.

# The Scientists Tell Me . . . Texas Crops Have Potential For Renewable Energy Production

By Marilyn Brown  
TAES Science Writer

Despite the fact that a large number of plants remain undeveloped and underutilized—either for food, fuel, or chemicals—mankind has never been quick to domesticate new crops, and that attitude is not likely to change.

"From ancient times to the present, the rate of domestication per 1,000 years appears to be fairly constant at 15 to 17 . . .," according to R.L. Monk and Stephen Kresovich, researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES).

The reasons for slow acceptance of new crops are myriad and are ultimately based on economic or sociological needs, the researchers say, and that holds true for the list of crops that could be developed for their energy-producing potential.

"Whether production of biomass for energy conversion can be justified on ecological, economic, or social grounds remains the unresolved concern," they say.

While it probably is not feasible to devote large land areas solely to energy crop production, a multiple product system designed to utilize crop residues could produce significant amounts of energy on a regional basis.

Monk and Kresovich reviewed three crops capable of varied product mixes or of augmenting energy supplies: sorghum, sunflower, and guayule. The purpose of their study was not to advocate certain crops, but rather to identify research needs to expedite commercialization and improve production efficiency.

Sorghum ranks fifth in world grain production and has a long history as a food, feed, and forage crop. Sorghum has been used for its sweet stems in sugar and syrup production; its long branches have been used for brooms; thin, leafy stems are used for forage;

and improved, high quality cultivars are used for food.

"The multiplicity of relatively low-value products suggests that sorghum could be developed in additional directions as a biomass resource for energy," Monk and Kresovich say.

Sorghum is grown on every continent for food, forage, feed, and other products; it probably was first domesticated in Africa over 4,000 years ago. While most desirable traits can be bred into sorghum grain rather rapidly, that unfortunately is not the case with stalk characteristics.

However, breeding for such traits will be an important criterion of any plan to improve sorghum's potential as an energy crop, Monk says. The development of tall, sweet hybrids that could be produced economically could significantly improve sorghum as an ethanol or methane feedstock.

Harvesting sorghum for energy production is an area of concern because available combines and systems can process the crop for only a single product.

"At present, there remain no satisfactory methods to harvest sweet-stemmed grain sorghum to achieve grain and residue separation," Monk and Kresovich say. In addition, ways to process sorghum biomass efficiently and economically need to be developed.

Another energy crop considered was sunflower, which is grown for edible oil, for feed, and for human consumption.

Cultivated sunflower is one of the five principal sources of edible oils, but it probably is less likely than

sorghum to become a valuable energy-producing crop.

Sunflower is native to North America, but the Soviets developed it as an edible oil source during the 1800s and the crop was re-introduced in this country around 1880 as a forage, si-

lage, and oilseed crop. The United States is now the second largest sunflower-oil producer behind the Soviet Union.

For sunflower to make major inroads on the edible oil and oilseed meal markets, the quality of those products must be improved, Kresovich and Monk say. Plant breeding to increase disease, insect, temperature, drought, and salt tolerance should be greatly expanded if production costs are to be maintained or reduced.

Sunflower is at a significant disadvantage with soybean in terms of co-product value. The protein meal, flours, concentrates, and isolates produced from soybean are of higher quality than those produced from sunflower.

Vegetable oil as a diesel fuel substitute appears attractive because of ease of production and lower cost of processing than most ethanol-producing biomass systems, but the major restructuring of production, processing, and engine-related research required seems unlikely, given present prices.

Throughout the last decade, diesel fuel has remained at a lower cost than vegetable oil, and its price would need to double or triple before vegetable oil could compete on an economic basis in the private sector.

Improvements in oil and co-product quality are needed to advance the use of sunflower as an energy resource. Vegetable oils perform satisfactorily in short-term tests, but longer trials result in poor combustion and engine problems.

Guayule, on the other hand, has one principal product: rubber. Because synthetic rubber is primarily produced from oil, guayule could be a valuable substitute as a renewable source of rubber.

The concept of developing a domestic source of natural rubber has arisen frequently over the past century. Guayule was a commercial source of rubber in the United States in the early 1900s. During World War II, over 13,000 hectares of the crop were planted.

The plant is now being studied extensively by TAES in West Texas, and although it is often thought of as a new crop, guayule has been through a series of aborted production efforts.

If guayule is to become a commercially viable, domestic source of rubber, the current research activities must continue, and long-term funding must be established so that the "boom and bust" cycle of research for guayule is ended, they say.

Guayule has a low water requirement and a relatively high salt tolerance, and thus can be grown in the semiarid regions of the nation.

The crop is, however, susceptible to a number of diseases and pests, and integrated pest management systems need to be developed for guayule the scientists say. Of particular importance are the soilborne diseases of cotton, lettuce, and peanuts that are found in the potential guayule-producing regions.

" . . . It is apparent that a wealth of crop diversity exists; however, the likelihood is small that a new crop species will be developed in the near-term solely for energy purposes," Monk and Kresovich say.

"A more tenable premise is that some existing commodity will be re-oriented for production of energy and other more valuable end products." And, surprisingly, many of the constraints to biomass production systems are not biological at all, but

result from harvesting, storage, and water availability problems.

"Therefore, if any system is likely to succeed, it will be in response to an integrated effort across a variety of disciplines," they say. "Also, an almost critical demand will be necessary to elicit a crop production system to principally orient toward an energy product."

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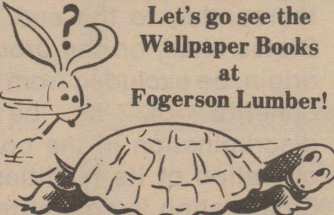
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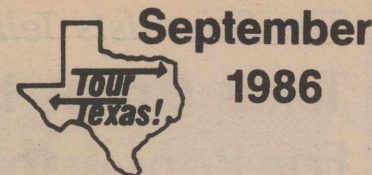
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