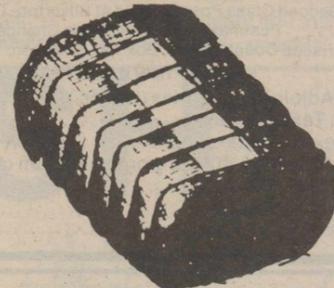


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All Around
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

The paper is out early this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday. Please be sure to note the story about the Community Thanksgiving Service scheduled for Wednesday night.

While on the subject of thanks, we would like to express a very special thank-you to Waynelle Couch and LaQuetta Schott who have helped us during the football season by bringing us the highlights of the out-of-town games that we could not attend. Their help has made it possible for us to have the news about all the games.

We never intend to slight anyone but if we don't know about the things you think should be in the paper, we are unable to print them. We will appreciate it a lot if you will contribute the news about your Thanksgiving visitors and any other news from your family that you would like to share. We are always interested in hearing about former residents, and the former residents who take the paper enjoy hearing about those who live here and others who now live elsewhere.

With your help we can make your hometown paper better.

Appraisal Office To Close For Holiday

The Briscoe County Appraisal District office will be closed Thursday and Friday in conjunction with the courthouse holiday.

Mrs. Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser, states that because Friday will be the last day of the month, tax payments can be made the following Monday and receive November discounts and/or penalty and interest.

ESPN TO HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM ON VALLEY HIGH

ESPN will be airing a special on Valley High football Saturday, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday morning, November 30, at 9:00 o'clock.

Infrared radiation was first discovered in sunlight by the astronomer Sir William Herschel in 1800.

Community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday Night

Community Thanksgiving worship services will be held Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Five area churches

Jimmie Estes Injured in Accident

Jimmie Estes of Silverton was in stable condition late Saturday at Central Plains Regional Hospital in Plainview with injuries she received when a 1971 Dodge grain truck collided with her 1979 Oldsmobile nine miles northeast of Plainview about 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Ron Parks, Mrs. Estes, her husband, Dewey Estes, and their six-year-old son, Lorn Estes, were traveling east on Farm Road 788 when the grain truck, which was reported to be traveling south on a county dirt road, apparently failed to yield right-of-way.

The bumper of the truck sliced through the left front door of the Estes' vehicle and nearly severed Mrs. Estes' arm, Parks reported.

Her husband, who sat on the passenger side in the front seat, and her son, who sat in the rear seat, escaped injury. The driver of the truck also was not injured.

Mrs. Estes was taken to CPRH by private car where she was treated for the injuries. A hospital spokeswoman indicated that Mrs. Estes did not lose her arm.

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will be celebrating the birthdays of those who have birthdays in November and December at a party which begins at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, at the center.

October birthday honorees will host this party.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER HOSTESSES FOR DECEMBER

Mon., Dec. 1-Myrt Edwards
Thurs., Dec. 4-Valeria Weaver
Fri., Dec. 5-Luree Burson
Mon., Dec. 8-Jewel Lowrey
Thurs., Dec. 11-Rosalie Chitty
Fri., Dec. 12-Zoe Steele
Mon., Dec. 15-Lorene Voyles
Thurs., Dec. 18-Flo Fitzgerald
Fri., Dec. 19-Luncheon

The Senior Citizens Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday from December 22 through December 31, and will reopen January 1, 1987.

involved include Assembly of God, Silverton Church of Christ, Rock Creek Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church.

This service is being held to help celebrate God's blessings upon all the people of this area. Funds are to be raised to help meet the needs of indigent and transient people coming through the community.

Following the program, refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall.

Five music specials will be included on the program, and the five ministers will be speaking with Duane Knowlton bringing the Thanksgiving message.

Girl Scouts Selling Wall Calendars, Pocket Planners

The Silverton Girl Scout Troops are selling 1987 Girl Scout Wall Calendars and Pocket Planners. The Girl Scouting 75th Anniversary theme is "Tradition with a Future."

The wall calendar features historical photographs of Girl Scouts; photographs of Girl Scouting today; of highlights in Girl Scout history; of Juliette Gordon Lowe with early Girl Scout troop; of 1987 key holidays; an area code and time zone map; and a mini-calendar version of the years 1987 and 1988.

The pocket planner features a full page of 1987 key holidays; mini-calendar version of the years 1987 and 1988; two full pages for names, addresses and phone numbers; and an area code and time zone map.

The wall calendar and pocket planner will be selling for \$1.50 each.

Please contact any Girl Scout (Daisy, Brownie, Junior) member or one of the leaders (Lois Hill, Kathy Kingery or Pete Tiffin).

Cortney Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill, has been undergoing some tests recently. The family will be going to Dallas December 15 for her checkup and regulation of her medication.

In 1956 Edwin Link began excavations of the partially submerged city of Port Royal in Jamaica, which had sunk in 1692 following an earthquake.

Youth Take Top Honors in County 4-H Food Show

Eleven 4-H members took top honors in the County 4-H Food Show last Thursday in the Silverton School Cafeteria. These youth will advance to district competition December 6 on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock.

Winners in the Junior 1 division are Patrick O'Neal, main dish; Julie Ross, fruits and vegetables; Jeremiah Brooks, breads and cereals, and Amy Payne, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Junior 2 winners are Amy Ramsey, main dish; Christa Tucker, fruits and vegetables; Josh Brooks, breads and cereals, and Bubba Powell, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Senior division winners are Celeste Sperry, main dish; Penni Fogerson, breads and cereals, and Julie Towe, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Others entered in the county competition were Mac Chestnut, Kara Kingery and Molly Bomar, Junior 1 main dish; Shannon Weaver, Junior 1 fruit and vegetable; and Krisse Pigg, Brandi Gaddis, Barbara Leal, Christina Stephens, Carrie Baird and Brandi Brunson, Junior 1

nutritious snacks.

Junior 2 participants were Clay Merrell and Christy Nease in main dish; Genie Seymour in fruits and vegetables; Kami Martin and Kayla Ramsey in bread and cereal, and Vera Pinkerton and Ashleigh Wyatt in nutritious snacks.

This year's show was the largest in many years, with 28 boys and girls competing.

Christmas Jubilee Slated December 6

The Briscoe County News has been contacting businesses in regard to their placing advertising in the issue of December 4 in the Christmas Jubilee section.

If you have not been contacted and would like to place your message in this section, please contact the newspaper office. Deadline for the ads is Monday, December 1. Any price ad to serve your needs can be made.

Please plan to participate in this day of fun and fellowship, which has been designated to open the Christmas Season in Silverton. Christmas lights and decorations will be in place and a festive atmosphere will prevail.



Mrs. Johnny (Mary) Asebedo, with a turnip raised by Robert McPherson. It weighed almost 10 pounds, indicating that the cool wet weather was good for growing turnips.

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OBITUARIES

MRS. STELLA DAVIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Ethel Davis, 91, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 22, 1986 at the Silverton Church of Christ. Officiating was former minister, Gerald Beasley, minister of the McLean Church of Christ.

Interment was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call 995-3565 during the day, or call 823-2039 (Joe) or 823-2150 (Doc) after 7:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Davis had been in failing health for more than a year and died at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday evening, November 19, after having been taken there by ambulance and admitted to intensive care the previous Monday. She had spent two weeks at Lockney General Hospital and had returned home on Thursday, November 13.

She was born in Oklahoma Indian Territory on April 30, 1895, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L. Weast. The family lived in Dewey County, Oklahoma, and in 1910 moved to Briscoe County, Texas in a two-horse hack and settled in the Lakeview community.

She was married to Durward Hulin Davis at the home of her uncle, Willie Ingram, in Silverton January 1, 1914 in a double-wedding ceremony with John Kitchens and Alpha Edwards. The mothers of the brides were sisters and the families had come to Briscoe County together to

buy land. Their family ties were very close.

After a honeymoon trip to Plainview, the Davises made their home with his widowed mother 12½ miles southeast of Silverton for a few months until they purchased a farm of their own south of Silverton.

She was a member of the Lakeview Church of Christ before moving her membership to the Silverton Church of Christ.

She worked by the side of her husband in the fields or at whatever task was being done, and was talented at doing many things. If she wanted something built, she got out the tools for the job and did it herself.

In 1962, the Davises built a home in Silverton. He retired from farming, and she began work in her yard where a large variety of flowers and shrubs soon made it a showplace. She planted bluebonnets, and every spring they provide a blanket of Texas-sky blue on her lawn.

The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1964, and he died November 10, 1965 after having suffered with emphysema for a long while.

Mrs. Davis, known as "Big Mama" to most of the members of her family, continued to live in her home and tend her spacious yard, was active in the affairs of her church and enjoyed quilting and crocheting until her health began to fail over a year ago when she was diagnosed as having leukemia. She had made quilts and afghans for all of her children, grandchildren and some of her great-grandchildren. In 1976, she won second place and a \$500 award in the Progressive Farmer magazine's national bi-centennial quilt contest with her original design she called "Court-house Square." Her design was featured in a quilt pattern book that same year.

She was a member of the Rock Creek Quilting Club and Silverton Senior Citizens.

She is survived by three sons, Leon Edwin Davis, James Forrest Davis and Carol Dale Davis, all of Silverton; three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Jarnagin and Mrs. O. C. (Faye) Rampley, both of Silverton, and Mrs. Vera Markart of Amarillo; two sisters, Edna Mae Swartley and Faye Alma Swartley, both of Garden City, Kansas; 17 grandchildren, including Mrs. Leo (Peggy)

Fleming, Steve Jarnagin and Jim Davis of Silverton; 33 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Steve Jarnagin, Richard Jarnagin, Dwin Davis, Jim Davis, Alex Davis and Max Davis.

MAMIE WOFFORD

Funeral services for Mamie Lou Wofford, 96, of Lockney were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney with George Schuster officiating.

Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wofford died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Lockney Care Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Stephens County, and moved to Floyd County in 1906. She married Luther A. Wofford on July 3, 1907 in Floydada. He died in 1953. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Lloyd Wofford, Leon Wofford and B. J. Wofford, all of Lockney; three daughters, Wynona Allison of Lockney, Gwen McPherson of Midland and Mrs. Charles (Faye) Whitfill of Silverton; 13 grandchildren, including Mrs. Aaron (Mary Lane) Younger of Silverton and Gary Whitfill of Hereford; 35 great-grandchildren, including Rhett Montague of Silverton, Cody and Leah Whitfill of Hereford; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Nelson Wofford, Breck Wofford, Jerry Lynn Wofford, Donald Allison, Mike McPherson and Gary Whitfill.

MADY DAVIS

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 23, for Mrs. Mady Mary Elizabeth Davis, 86, at 2:00 p.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel in Gilmer,

with Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ and son-in-law of the deceased, officiating.

Mrs. Davis died Friday, November 21, at Lockney General Hospital following a lengthy illness. She had lived in Silverton with her daughter, LaVern Kingery, for several years due to failing health.

Born February 4, 1900 in Upshur County, Texas, she married Severe Newton Davis on September 1, 1917. She was preceded in death by her husband, Newton, and two sons, Eudell and Delmer.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ted (LaVern) Kingery of Silverton; a son, S. N. Davis of Waxahachie; 12 grandchildren, including Anthony Kingery, Mrs. Merle (Annette) Roehr and Glen Kingery; 18 great-grandchildren, including Kara and Shauna Kingery and Shalana Roehr; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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November 18, 1976 — Mrs. Juanell Turner was injured when she attempted to open the door of a cotton stripper being operated by her husband to tell him that the basket was about to come in contact with highline wires. The basket touched the electrical line, and Mrs. Turner was knocked to the ground by the electrical shock she received. . . EMT class to be taught here in January . . . Snow blankets Silverton area . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brunson are parents of a daughter, Brandi Kay . . . Officers of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service are Charles Sarchet, president; Archie Ray Martin, vice president; Emmett Tomlin, secretary-treasurer; Ted Kingery, W. J. Copeland, W. D. Rowell, Mrs. Becky Woods, Roy Younger and David Tipton, directors . . .

November 24, 1966—Jarvis Luther Nall, 16, died Tuesday of injuries suffered November 16 while on a Boy Scout outing. Services were conducted yesterday in Tulia . . . Ruth Ann Minyard to represent West Texas State University at regional conference of Associated College Unions . . . Bill Verden is County Spelling Bee director . . . Briscoe Home Demonstration Council organizes with Mrs. Raymond Teeple, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Helms, vice chairman; Mrs. Louie Kitchens, secretary; Mrs. Roy Mack Walker, treasurer . . . Students on Mrs. Jowell's music honor roll were Nancy Reid, Brit Parker, David Kellum, Jackie Tiffin, Quin Montague and Susie Parker . . .

November 22, 1956—Old Ozark Trail will be brought to life again. Horace Greely once said, "Go West Young Man, Go West," which was all well and good for his day and age. And to go west many people of the east chose the Old Ozark Trail that ran through Silverton. The Ozark Trail was the shortest and most direct route from Little Rock, Arkansas to Los Angeles, California, and the towns in Texas that were on the Ozark Trail were Bovina, Dimmitt, Tulia, Silverton, Memphis and Wellington . . . Alvin May underwent an appendectomy in the Tulia hospital last Thursday evening . . . Funeral services conducted for James Wade Deavenport, 67, who died Sunday afternoon of injuries received in a wreck several days ago . . . Silverton FFA wins five banners at Plainview District Meeting. The radio broadcasting team placed second out of six teams. The senior farm skills team placed third out of nine teams. The senior chapter conducting team placed third out of eight teams. FFA quiz team was third among 10 teams. Junior chapter conducting team won first, with Bobby Crass, president; Ted Hancock, vice president; Ronald Vaughan, sentinel; Gordon Lowrey, reporter; Dickie Mayfield, treasurer; Wayne Stephens, secretary; George McJimsey, student advisor. This team won over a field of 10, and will compete for Area honors Saturday. Carlye Monroe did well in the District Sweetheart Contest .

December 5, 1946—Mr. and Mrs. Alvy Gardner are parents of a daughter, Lenda Jeane . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Friemel are parents of a son, Larry Ray . . . Miss Polly Steele of Lubbock spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele . . . Charlie Holt, who has been employed as a mechanic at the Silverton Chevrolet Company, left Monday for Albuquerque, New Mexico where he has accepted a position . . . Q. E. Brown, who is ill at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, is reported to be improving at this writing . . . Women entertain with big party in W. Coffee, jr. home . . . Robert Hughes honored on third birthday with party . . . Jimmie Webb was a business

visitor in Chicago and Washington last week . . . Those from First Baptist Church attending the Workers Conference last Tuesday were Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell, Mmes. Bud McMinn, G. R. Dowdy, A. H. Jackson and Ray C. Bomar . . .

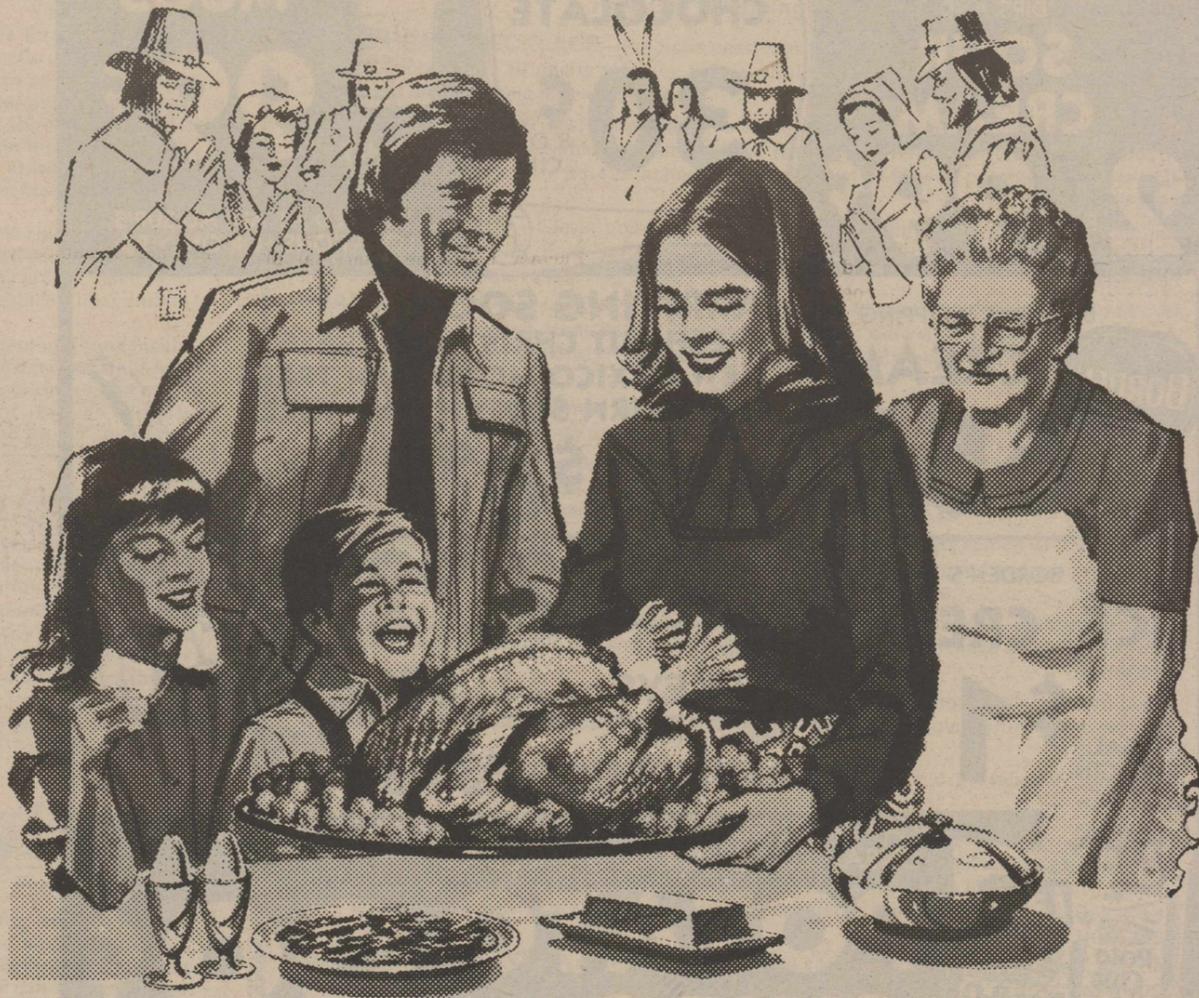
November 5, 1936—Roosevelt wins by landslide vote . . . Silverton Owls lose to Flomot, 21-0 . . . Betty Jean Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Durham, was born December 1, 1931 at Silverton and died October 31, 1936 at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Durham on Antelope Flat, after an illness of a year's duration. Betty Jean had spent

most of her life in this community and had made herself dear to all who knew her, because of her sweet disposition, winning ways and her patient forbearance during the long hours of her suffering . . . The 1925 Study Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Thurman Graham. The meeting two weeks ago was at the home of Mrs. Finley White . . . Charlsie Allard surprised on her eighteenth birthday . . . The March of Time Junior Study Club met at the Home Ec. Cottage on Thursday with Anna Tidwell as the leader. Those giving papers on the program were Anna Tidwell, Daisy Burson and Jessie Bomar. Parliamentary drill was given by Mildred Tull . . . Rock

Creek School is sporting a new curtain for their stage. It has most of the business ads of Silverton and a few from Tulia—and by the way, it has a Briscoe County News ad . . . A Hallowe'en party was enjoyed by the children of Rock Creek at the home of Mr. E. E. Davis Saturday night . . . Mr. D. R. Blackerby has purchased a new radio . . .

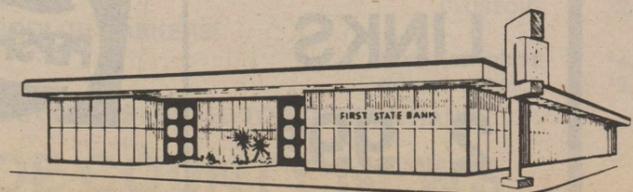
Some American Indians used to believe that an eclipse meant the sun was being extinguished, so they tried to rekindle it by shooting fire-arrows into the sky.

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**Tax Relief Available
On Farm Debt Income**

Farmers with taxable income from debts discharged are eligible for some tax relief.

Such farmers will not have to wait until the new tax law takes effect to complete a debt forgiveness plan, points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an economist and attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Under final language in the new law, the Internal Revenue Service will treat farm debt discharged after April 9, 1986, as if the farmer was insolvent. In general, that means debt relief will reduce a farmer's basis in earnings or assets down to the level of his total liabilities but won't trigger an immediate tax bill, Hayenga explains.

Thus, in most cases, a farmer who faces capital gain recognition from liquidating a farm under a restructuring plan should now get it done before year-end, advises the economist. Also, a farmer can still benefit from the old 60 percent capital gain exclusion which will be eliminated after 1986.

If a farmer is insolvent before the restructuring, he can also avoid the alternative minimum tax on capital gain, adds Hayenga. This provision applies to any sale after 1981.

The new law lifts the statute of limitations on filing an amended return if a farmer is stuck with the alternative minimum tax for post-1981 sale while insolvent.

For further details relating to the taxable income from debts discharged and to the alternative minimum tax on capital gain, Hayenga advises producers to consult an accountant or tax specialist.

**Pointers
On Pets**

Heartworm and hookworm are no laughing matter. Every year thousands of dogs die or are seriously injured from problems caused by these parasites.



According to animal disease experts, heartworm and hookworm diseases are a national problem. They have been detected with increasing frequency throughout the United States and even in Canada. Warm weather and increased pet travel help carry these parasitic diseases to new areas every year.

Both conditions can be diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian through microscopic examination of a blood sample or laboratory tests. Treatment can be long and difficult for the pet.

The ideal solution to heartworm and hookworm disease is PREVENTION. It's far easier to give your healthy dog excellent protection throughout the high-risk fall months with a tasty once-a-day chewable tablet called 'Filaribits Plus', available through your veterinarian.

Varsity Owlettes Take Big 67-21 Victory From Patton Springs

The varsity Owlettes roared to a big 67-21 victory over Patton Springs November 22, with the offense led by the 21-point effort of Tonnnette Miller.

"I would like to cite Gina Myers for collecting 11 rebounds," said Coach Gary Childs. "She played very good defense and executed our offense pretty well. The defense won the game for us. We hit 17 of 32 shots for 53% from the free-throw line, while committing 24 turnovers," he added.

Points were also scored by Suzi Settle, 13; Jeannita Stephens, nine; DeLyn Patton, eight; Keeley Burson, five; Tara Nance, four.

Owlettes	10	25	47	67
Patton Springs	11	15	15	21

On November 18, the Owlettes lost a 51-17 decision to Vega.

"The main reason for this loss

is that we committed about 50 turnovers and lost our composure early. We hit only seven of 23 for 30% from the free-throw line," Coach Childs said.

Tonnnette Miller led the scoring with eight points, while Jeannita Stephens, DeLyn Patton and Suzann Settle caged two points each, and Tara Nance added a point from the line.

Owlettes	2	6	13	17
Vega	15	32	44	51

Results of the Owls' games were not available.

Next action for the varsity teams will be Tuesday, November 28, at Groom, with tipoff time at 6:30 p.m.

November 28, the Owls will travel to Hale Center for a game beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Junior High will be in action again when the boys and girls host Lakeview Monday night at 6:00 o'clock.

Tuesday night of next week, the varsity teams will host Groom, and both the Owls and Owlettes will be in the Lorenzo Tournament on the weekend of December 4-5-6.

Why Are You Thankful?

Mrs. Tina Nance's kindergarten students, after studying food and shelter, gave these reasons for being thankful at this holiday season:

- Donny Burson—shelter
- Lorn Estes—my new colors
- Bobby Martin — Moms and Dads
- Windy Wood—Moms and Dads
- Jared Wood—my brothers
- Matt Martin—Mom and Dad
- Lindsey Jennings—shelter
- Richie Hill—Mom and Dad
- Celeste Gardner — Daisy Scouts
- Amanda Harris—crayons and a coloring book
- Dara Ramsey—a Mother and a Grandma and a Daddy that loves you
- Colter Gilmore—school
- Nesa McFall—Mom and Dad
- Misty Wilkinson—a school and families
- Holly Tiffin—my Mom getting to teach Daisy Scouts
- David Gamble—shelter
- Jeremy Holt—school
- Junior Castillo—colors
- Mickey Juarez—crayons
- Paul Segura—shelter
- Vince Cruz—some clothes
- Lindsey Weeks—turkey to eat on Thanksgiving!



Choosing a Saw

It pays to be sharp when it comes to choosing a saw for home construction projects. A quality saw can cut down on work time and make many jobs a whole lot easier. Here are some things to consider:

A good performing hand saw will have a consistent tooth set side to side. Uneven tooth set will make it nearly impossible to make a straight cut. It's also important to check out tooth height and tooth progression—are all edges even?



One area that can be hazardous to many home handy persons is along the back

edge of the saw blade. The edge is usually stamped from sheet steel and it's often sharply burred. Tool experts at The Stanley Works, however, perform a separate operation to eliminate the sharp burr along this edge.

While you're in the hardware store, hold the cutting edge with blade teeth pointing up and check the blade straightness and evenness of tooth set. Feel, with your finger, the sharpness of the tooth points—they should feel like little needles. Finally, the handle grip must feel comfortable in your hand, with no noticeable sharp corners or unsanded areas.

"History is the record of that which one age finds worthy of note in another."
Jakob Burckhardt



When the volcano Krakatoa erupted in the Dutch East Indies in 1883, the sound was heard in Bangkok, 3,000 miles away.



One of the most difficult maneuvers yet achieved on a trampoline is the triple twisting, double back somersault, known as a Miller after the first trampolinist able to achieve it—Wayne Miller.

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Mandatory Safety Belts Bring Fewer Fatalities in Texas

The first year under the mandatory safety belt law brought Texas through a very busy tourist season with 10% fewer fatalities in the seating positions covered by the law.

"We have good reason to be thankful this November," said George Gustafson, president of the Texas Safety Association and spokesperson for the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts. He reminded motorists to buckle up during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend as they head for dinner with family and friends.

Preliminary figures for September 1, 1985 through August 31, 1986, just released by the Department of Public Safety, show 2,005 drivers and front-seat passengers killed on Texas highways, as compared to 2,234 during the 12 months before the law went into effect. Incapacitating injuries were down about 3%, from 16,454 to 15,919. Non-incapacitating injuries dropped by more than 15%.

"The law has made a difference. These figures prove it," said Gustafson.

Texans are buckling up at unprecedented rates. On September 30, Texas Safety Association and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation completed a three-year Traffic Safety Awareness Project focusing on state employees. The final report, released this week, put safety belt usage at 81% in Austin's capitol area complex. A separate study of 14 cities, done by the Texas Transportation Institute in the first six months of 1986, showed usage rates ranging from 57% to 77%.

In 1984, only 10% to 15% of the state's motorists used safety belts, Gustafson noted.

The anniversary of the belt law came at the end of the summer of 1986, when low fuel prices and special Sesquicentennial events led state residents and visitors to hit the road in record numbers. By the end of July, according to SDHPT estimates, 88 billion vehicle miles had been logged on Texas highways—a 6% increase over the previous high recorded in 1985.

"With more vehicles traveling greater distances, the risk was unusually high," said Gustafson. "Our citizens rose to the challenge, obeyed the law and reduced fatalities by more than 200."



The great Gothic cathedral of Milan was started in 1386. It wasn't completed until 1805.

Ambulance Meeting Held Here Recently

At the November meeting of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, a continuing education class to be held Saturday, November 29, at the Harrington Cancer Center Auditorium in Amarillo was announced. Janice Hill said that she attended the class held the first Saturday in the month, and that it was very good.

Ambulance runs made during October were reviewed. Bags have been purchased for greater ease and efficiency in carrying the oxygen therapy and respiratory equipment, and these were shown to those present.

Those whose certification will expire in 1987 were advised that they have to make application for renewal. It was noted that the test is much different now than when they last took it. Skills testing was discussed.

Information on certifying for MAST was handed out to those who missed the class held a few weeks ago due to being gone on an ambulance run.

Those present were Anthony Kingery, Tom Burson, Emmett Tomlin, Larry Comer, Janice Hill, Bill and Della Boling, Diamond Williams and Mary Ann Sarchet.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I appreciate your continuing to send my home town paper. I'm sorry to be so long in renewing my subscription. I'm enclosing a check for \$12.09. If this isn't enough please let me know.

I got to see many friends when I was home for the Silverton rodeo and the Strange reunion. I'm sorry I missed seeing and visiting with you.

Keep up the good work and keep encouraging our home town.

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Conservation Corner

by

John Crowell

BUYING NATIVE GRASS SEED

Farmers who have put their land in the Conservation Reserve Program and plan to plant their grass this winter should be buying their grass seed soon. Since the program was announced earlier this year, grass seed has become a precious commodity. Supplies of seed are reported to be short and dealers' prices seem to be skyrocketing. The law of supply and demand is certainly alive and well in the grass seed business.

This may prove to be very profitable to those who are sitting on large stocks of seed, but it could become very expensive to farmers who need the seed if prices continue to rise. If you need to buy seed for your CRP land, I suggest you consider the following guidelines.

1. Shop around. Seed prices seem to be changing daily and there is a lot of difference in price.

2. Check the quality of the seed. Every bag of seed must have a seed label showing the results of a current seed test conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The test should not be more than nine months old. Read the label. The label is required to contain a detailed analysis of the contents and quality of the seed you are buying as required by Texas Seed Law and Regulations.

3. Deal with a reputable dealer. A dealer that you know, trust, and have experience working with is usually your best source. Due to the potential to

make money, there may be some who will try to take advantage of the situation.

4. Be sure you buy the correct amount of seed and seed mixture. Don't let a dealer tell you what you can or cannot seed. Call the Soil Conservation Service office and find out what you can plant. Even though a certain type of grass seed is on the county grass list, it may not be recommended for the soils on your farm. Some grasses that are perfect for the deep sands in the southeast part of the county, are not the best grasses for the heavy clay loam soils in the western part of the county.

5. Grass mixtures can vary from what is written in your contract if you get them approved by SCS before you buy. Remember that all practices must meet SCS specifications or you will not receive any government cost share. When in doubt, call our office.

6. Be wary of any salesman who says he is "approved by" or "working with" SCS. We are here to work with the farmer, not to sell seed. We will not keep price lists for any seed dealers or contractors and we will not recommend one dealer over another. Who you buy your seed from and how much you pay is up to you.

For more information, contact the Soil Conservation Service in Silvertown at 823-2320.

An Indian tribe once believed it could hasten cold weather by burning the wood of a tree that had been struck by lightning.

In parts of Indonesia, people once avoided making loud noises in the rice fields, lest it frighten the rice plants.

Check Safety To Make The Holidays Bright



- Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections, and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Check extension cords for wear or damage and don't run them across walking areas.
- Test lights before putting them on the tree. Unplug them before making repairs or replacing bulbs.
- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Place your tree away from the fireplace or other heat sources and out of the traffic pattern.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree. Light strings with damaged insulation can electrically charge a metallic tree. Instead, shine unattached colored floodlights or spotlights on the tree.
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens. And don't burn evergreens in the fireplace.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines. Make sure you or your decorations don't come in contact with them.
- Should you receive a CB radio or television this Christmas, let a qualified serviceman install the CB base unit or television antenna for you. This delicate job is best left to the professionals.
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—Briscoe County News Photo

News From The AG SHOP

Our fruit sale was a huge success. We sold approximately 500 boxes of fruit. If you did not place an order, just remember we will have a display and booth at the Christmas Jubilee.

The FFA District Banquet will be held at Clarendon College Monday, December 1. DeLynn Fitzgerald will be representing our chapter in the Queen's Contest. I know that she will represent our chapter well, and we wish her the best.



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Basketball is well underway here in SHS, both Junior High and High School have played this past week. They need your support to win, so come out and watch the games.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!
—Stan Fogerson

Three Way Slips Past Harrold Here, 46-45

A fumbled snap late in the game forced Harrold to pass for a one-point conversion rather than attempt a two-point kick and was the difference as Three Way edged the Hornets 46-45 in a six-man bi-district playoff game played in Silverton Friday night.

Four touchdown passes by Three Way's Saul Guillen and three touchdown passes by Harrold's Ricky Gillespie and John Paul Welch along with a 35-yard touchdown run by Harrold's Minh Winger highlighted a wild first half which ended tied 30-30.

Three Way took the lead in the third period on a five-yard touchdown run by Guillen. Harrold countered with a one-yard touchdown run by Welch to tie the game. Three Way ended the scoring in the third quarter with a 36-yard touchdown run by Guillen.

Harrold made a fourth quarter comeback with a three-yard touchdown run by Welch; however, an errant snap on the conversion attempt was fielded by Curtis Segler, who was only able to get the one-point conver-

sion on a pass to Welch.

Harrold made 18 first downs in the game as compared with 14 for Three Way. Harrold rushed for 268 yards and passed for another 206 yards, while Three Way rushed for 64 yards and passed for 297.

Harrold's school superintendent had told Silverton fans earlier in the season when he was

here to scout Three Way that there are only 30 students in high school there this year.

In 1857, the first power passenger elevator was installed in the Tiffany Building in New York City.

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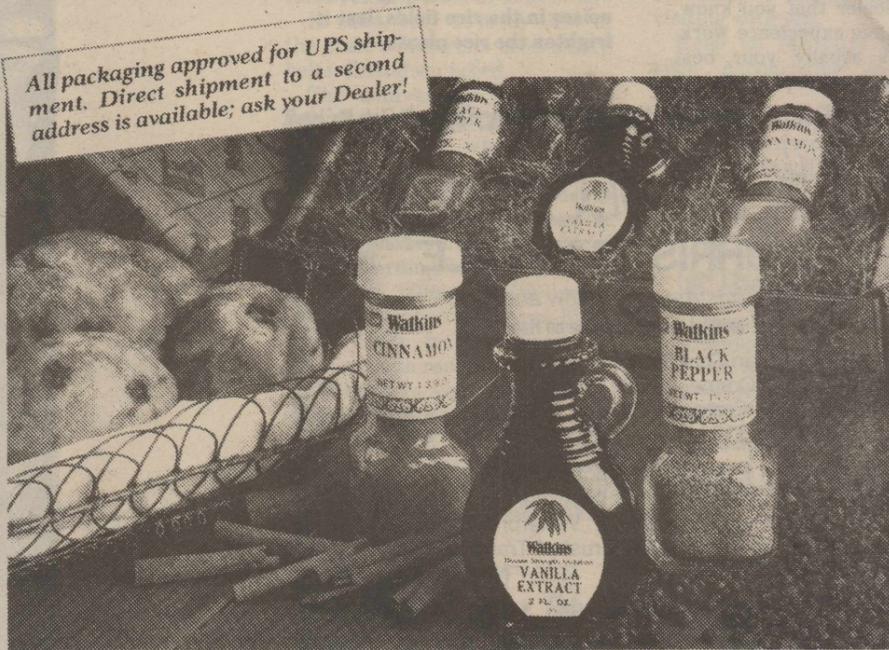
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You can also call the hotline to report problems with meat and poultry products if you find glass or metal fragments or notice a strange look or smell. First refrigerate a sample of the product—in its own container if possible. Then tell the store where you bought it about the problem. Third, call the hotline.

The home economists on the line will also help you cope if your refrigerator or freezer fails, advise on safe cooking and storage times and temperature, tell you how to handle special foods and suggest other sources of information.

You can call the Meat and Poultry Hotline, Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time at 800-535-4555.

DID YOU KNOW?

An unrivalled collection of books and journals, is housed in a library near our nation's capital. Here are some surprising facts about the world's largest health science library:

- The collection in the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland contains more than three million items in 70 languages.



- Housed in the library is one of the world's finest medical history collections of old (pre-1871) and rare medical texts and manuscripts.

- The library's extensive collection and information services may be used by health professionals and health-science students.

- The library was a pioneer in developing computerized bibliographic retrieval systems called MEDLARS. Today the system stands as the preeminent such system in the field of medicine.

- MEDLARS makes available for online searching more than four million references to journal articles, records to some 600,000 books, and citations to 12,000 audio-visual items.

House Hunting Hints

The Refrigerator

You're buying a new home and you're delighted to find that a brand new refrigerator comes with the purchase. But, has the builder installed a refrigerator that will meet your family's needs—now and in the years to come? Here are some things to look for:

- Today's refrigerator needs to do more than just keep tomorrow's dinner from spoiling, say the experts. Look for ample shelf and door space to store an entire week's meals.



Efficient urethane insulation in refrigerator walls helps the refrigerator to maintain a cold climate level while saving energy.

- Check for an outside finish of textured steel to help hide fingerprints and scratches that might occur through the years. Look for an interior lining of porcelain steel or sturdy plastic that will resist cracking, rust and stains.

- Check the shelves, baskets and drawers—they should be sturdy, easy to remove, replace, clean and adjust.

- Efficient urethane insulation in refrigerator walls help the refrigerator to efficiently maintain its cold climate level. The proper insulation helps keep your electric bills down, too.

- Controls should be accessible and have clear, readable temperature indications.

A quality manufacturer of refrigerators, such as Whirlpool Corporation, offers models in many sizes with these features and more. If the Whirlpool name is on the appliances in your new home, you'll know that the builder had quality in mind.

Tender Loving Care For Appliances

Freezer

Working couples, single men and women, and full-time homemakers know that a freezer can be a real time-saver. When cooking, many people double the recipe and make several batches at one time, freezing the extra for later use.



According to home economists from Whirlpool Corporation, the secret of successful freezing is in the packaging. The wrap you use must be air, moisture and vapor proof. The way you close and seal the package must not

allow air, moisture or vapors in or out. Rigid polyethylene containers with tight-fitting lids, straight-sided canning/freezing jars, heavy-duty aluminum foil, plastic-coated paper and non-permeable plastic wraps (such as Saran) are recommended. Note: Heat-sealed boiling bags are easy to use and can be used by themselves or as carton liners.

Prepare cooked foods as you would for the table; shorten cooking time 10 to 15 minutes to allow for additional cooking during reheating. Omit seasonings and part of the liquid. Plan to add them at reheating time. Potatoes should also be added to soup and stew at heating time. Add crumb and cheese toppings at heating time.

Cool as rapidly as possible and freeze at once. Liquid or semi-liquid dishes may be frozen in recommended containers with head space. Cas-

seroles and other more solid foods, may be frozen in the baking container. If you don't want to leave your casserole dish in the freezer, line it with foil, bake, cool, freeze and then lift out foil package, bag it and return to the freezer.

IT'S A FACT!

Doctors are no longer scratching their heads over what can be done about that age old problem—dandruff. Since most people suffer from it at one time or another, here's some good news that could help clear the air, or at least your shoulders.



How do you get dandruff? Is it contagious, or due to poor personal hygiene, or bad eating habits? The answer to all the above is no! But what does cause dandruff? Well, doctors aren't sure yet. Luckily for those who suffer from dandruff, however, doctors have learned how to control it.

Physicians and pharmacists most frequently recommend washing the hair once or twice a week with a product containing selenium sulfide, such as Selsun® Blue's new Extra Medicated Formula. Menthol, which is an extra ingredient in this shampoo helps to relieve the annoying itching that often accompanies severe cases of dandruff.

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Kirk Saul Sets National Record

Kirk Saul, Valley High School quarterback, passed himself into the national schoolboy record books as the Patriots defeated the Bronte Longhorns for the bi-district championship at Post last Friday night.

Saul passed for 357 yards and four touchdowns, capturing the national record for single-season TD passes in the process.

Saul also established a new state record for completions in a season at 223 and receiver Matt Barrett caught 11 passes for 160 yards, giving him the state record for single-season receiving yardage at 1,477.

The Bronte Longhorns had seen the run-and-shot offense and several other aerial attacks while building their impressive 10-0 record and earning a berth in the Class 1A state playoffs. It was quite evident, however, that the eighth-ranked Longhorns hadn't seen anything like Valley's record-breaking aerial tandem of Kirk Saul and Matt Barrett.

Saul and Barrett teamed up to give the ninth-ranked Patriots a 21-0 lead in the opening 10

minutes as Valley cruised to a 34-6 victory in the 1A bi-district encounter at Antelope Stadium.

The 12-0 Pats meet Baird, a 20-0 winner over Santo, Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Vernon.

Bronte failed to register a first down on its opening possession of the game, which was the Longhorns' first and fatal mistake. Valley set up shop on its 32-yard line after Stephen Lee's punt.

Aided by a personal foul penalty, the Pats breezed down the field in six plays. Saul completed four passes in a row, all to Barrett, including the seven-yard TD throw with 7:53 remaining in the first quarter.

The touchdown pass was Saul's 51st this season, giving him the national record.

The Longhorns, whose first-team defense had surrendered just one passing touchdown in 10 previous games, were stung quickly again. Saul hit Freddie Ruiz on a swing pass, and the 145-pound senior broke two tackles enroute to a 75-yard sprint.

Bronte's Pete Puentez ran Ruiz down at the two-yard line, setting up Saul's touchdown pass to Barrett on the next play. Scott Saul's PAT made it 14-0 with 5:43 to go in the first quarter.

A 47-yard run by Thomas Rodriguez led to Kirk's Saul's three-yard TD pass to Brandon Smith with 2:11 to go in the first quarter, making it 21-0.

The Longhorns fared much better in the second quarter. Lee intercepted Kirk Saul at the Bronte 31 and in the end zone, and Bowie McGinnis recovered an errant Saul pitchout to stop another Patriot advance.

Valley made 27 first downs in the game, rushing for 117 yards and passing for 357, while Bronte made just eight first downs on 64 yards rushing and 78 yards passing. Barrett received passes for a gain of 160 yards; Ruiz, 139; Smith, 27; Myers, 13; Rodriguez, 18. Scoggins rushed for 79, Rodriguez, 70, and Smith 14.

Most fans believe that the Patriots are headed for a state football championship, and enroute Kirk Saul is building stats that should make him a High School All-American.

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Prepare Heat Pump for Winter

Like any other heating system, a heat pump needs regular maintenance to perform efficiently.

"In addition to maintenance on the blower, the outside condenser should be cleaned," said Dr. Susan Quiring, a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service housing specialist.

If either side of the coil is dirty, she advises cleaning it with a coil cleaning solution or having service personnel do it for you.

Then lubricate the blower motor with a few drops of lightweight oil if it is required.

Quiring also recommends changing disposable filters and cleaning washable filters.

It's especially important to check the outside coil for signs of oil, she says, since that would indicate a freon leak which should be repaired by service personnel.

Remember to shut off the power before attempting to do any cleaning or service work on the heat pump, cautions the specialist.

Ag Extension Service Launches Four-Year Plan

More than a year of brainstorming and planning by local citizen groups throughout the state has gone into laying the groundwork for educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service during the next four years.

That grassroots effort, through advisory groups called Extension Program Councils in each of the state's 254 counties, has resulted in identifying critical issues and mapping out a plan of action.

"More than 12,000 Texans were involved in local citizen teams across the state to identify priority issues to be addressed during the remainder of the decade and into the '90s," points out Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, Extension Service director. "Now that these issues have been identified, they will serve as the targets of our educational programs over the next four years and will enable us to use our resources as efficiently as possible."

Twelve priority issues have been identified on a state basis and are common to many of those identified on a county or regional level, notes Carpenter.

These priority issues are the following: agricultural diversification; marketing of agricultural and natural resource products; agricultural profitability and competitiveness; rural-urban relationships; water quality and conservation; revitalization of rural Texas; leadership development; economic development; strengthening Texas families; improving nutrition, diet and health; financial planning and management; and youth development.

"These state issues will provide the framework for developing educational programs," Carpenter points out. "However, our main thrusts will be to deal with issues identified on an individual county basis—issues which will be dealt with by our County Extension Agents in concert with their Extension Program

Councils. Our administrative and specialist staff will provide the resources and support necessary to carry out these educational efforts."

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service provides informal educational programs in agriculture, natural resources, home economics, community development, and 4-H and youth development. These programs are made possible by cooperative funding from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the State of Texas and County Commissioners Courts.

Cattlemen Losing Special Tax Breaks

Beef cattle producers who raise their own replacement heifers lost two important tax-saving provisions with the passage of the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

Wiped out by tax reform were the 60 percent exclusion of long-term capital gains and the right to expense the cost of raising replacement heifers, says Dr. Ken Stokes, economist-manager with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Under the old tax law, income from livestock held for breeding or dairy purposes for at least two years was treated as a long-term capital gain. Cattle producers using the cash method of accounting had a zero tax basis in raised livestock because production costs had been deducted as an operating expense during the years the animals were being raised, Stokes points out.

Thus, when a raised breeding cow was sold, the selling price less any selling expenses was treated as a long-term capital gain. Only 40 percent of the gain was taxable income.

With the repeal of the 60 percent capital gain deduction, the maximum rate on long-term capital gain will not exceed the maximum individual rates. In 1987, the highest capital gain rate will be 28 percent, says Stokes.

The economist points out that under the new law, farmers who are permitted to use cash accounting may be required to capitalize the cost of raising replacement animals that take two years or more to reach their production stage. Once the animal produces her first calf, the accumulated cost could then be depreciated.

Detailed farm financial records and careful cost allocation will be required to separate the cost of raising replacements from the cost of maintaining the breeding herd, Stokes emphasizes.

To keep deducting the cost of raising a replacement heifer as an operating expense, as most producers currently do, cattlemen must use straight-line depreciation on all assets put into service in any year the election is made to deduct preproductive period costs. This cuts the year's depreciation almost in half compared to accelerated methods, says Stokes.

He predicts that loss of the 60 percent exclusion of long-term capital gains and the restriction on the election to expense costs of raising replacement heifers will increase taxes paid by cow-calf producers. Stokes also believes these provisions will increase profits to cattlemen over the long term as the number

of people using the cow-calf business as a tax shelter decline.

1987 Offers Potential For Peanut Profits

Farmers looking for a glimmer of hope for improved profits in 1987 might keep peanuts in mind.

"Peanuts offer a greater potential for profit next year than any other crop," says Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "This is especially true if additional peanuts (those produced in addition to the government quota) can be contracted above \$400 per ton."

Shellers will attempt to make a decision on prices early enough to help producers in their planning for 1987 crops, notes the economist.

"Ending stocks likely will be lower in 1986 and could affect 1987 acreage and prices," Feagan points out. "On December 15, 1986, when USDA announces the national quota for 1987, there could be a scramble to plant peanuts."

Because of weather problems in major peanut growing areas, particularly the drought in the Southeast, production is now forecast at 3.47 billion pounds. This is 16 percent less than last year and 21 percent below the record harvest of 1984, the economist points out. This production will come from about 1.49 million acres, which is up one percent from last year but down three percent from 1984 acres.

This year's yields are expected to average around 2,330 pounds per acre, down 480 pounds from last year and off 548 pounds from 1984 record-high yields.

"Some farmers currently holding peanut contracts are having problems, and that reaffirms the importance of a clear understanding of contract terms," Feagan emphasizes. "Make sure you understand every part of the contract and don't assume anything. Check with an attorney if you have a question."

As far as the 1986 peanut crop is concerned, quality has been

good, but cool, wet weather and lateness of the crop in some areas could lower quality and reduce yields, notes Feagan.

He urges producers to make

sure their quota peanuts bring the highest support price possible. "Harvest for quality, and yields will return more per acre and provide greater income."



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