

Briscoe County News

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Congressman Inspects Crop Damage Here

Congressman Beau Boulter personally inspected crop damage in Briscoe County Sunday, and Monday morning his aide, Karr Ingam, was back in Silverton.

Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Ross has been working with Extension Service Agent Dirk Aaron, FmHA and ASCS officials to determine the full effect of crop damage. Judge Ross has applied for disaster designation to Governor Clements, and if this is done then steps will be taken to try to get some disaster relief for Briscoe County farmers.

Three devastating hail storms have fallen on the county, the first on Sunday, July 12, which moved across the area north and east of Silverton and did heavy damage to the area south of Quitaque near Flomot and Gasoline. The second storm was on Tuesday, July 14, and began about a mile or two west and some north of Silverton and moved across town, inflicting very heavy damage east of town, breaking windows at the homes of Beryl Fish, Aaron Younger, Jimmy Myers and others. Some windows were broken in Silverton, but the most severe of the hail, high wind and heavy rains was east of town. About 2½ inches of rain fell on Silverton that night.

Another 1.30 inches of rain fell the next night.

The third destructive storm occurred west of Silverton Saturday, July 18, when .20 of an inch of rain fell in town.

There are about 25,000 acres of cotton that have been affected in Briscoe County, with 10,000 acres estimated to be 100% lost and the rest estimated to have been damaged 60% or more.

There is a total cotton acreage in Briscoe County of 32,000 acres, and conservatively figuring the worth of the growing crop, the loss for Briscoe County is in the neighborhood of five million dollars.

About 2,000 acres of corn have been lost, along with 4,000 to 5,000 acres of grain sorghum.

The pecan crop was ruined, along with the seed watermelon crop and damage was done to the peanut crop.

Some farmers had insured

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County Extension Agent Dirk Aaron was pictured as he surveyed damage to the cotton crop on the Perry Brunson-Ray Teeple farm south of Silverton. A conservative estimate is that a five million dollar damage has been inflicted on the county's cotton crop.

Briscoe County News Photo

Crop Evaluation Meeting This Morning

The Briscoe County Extension Office invites all crop producers who received hail damage to attend a crop evaluation meeting at 10:00 o'clock this morning (Thursday) in the Pioneer Room of the First State Bank in Silverton.

"We hope to help producers evaluate their respective crop (cotton, corn or sorghum) and also present some alternatives if the crop was a total loss," stated Briscoe County Extension Agent Dirk Aaron. He added that "even though our alternatives are limited, there are some very important factors to remember

such as herbicides and varieties." Dr. James Supak, Extension cotton specialist from Lubbock, and Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist from Amarillo, will be on hand to help evaluate the crop.

A short program will be presented by Extension personnel and will be followed by an update on possible disaster relief by Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Ross.

A farm tour will follow the program. Tour will include stops on cotton, corn and grain sorghum.

Child's Death Due To Bacterial Meningitis

The first fatal case of meningitis reported this year on the South Plains occurred at Caprock Hospital in Floydada Sunday with the death of 2½-year-old Tanya Wilkinson of Silverton.

An autopsy confirmed that the girl died from bacterial meningitis caused by a haemophilus influenza infection (Hib), according to forensic pathologist Ralph Erdmann of Amarillo.

Floyd County Justice of the Peace Lowell Bilbrey said individuals who had come in contact with the girl were being notified about her condition so they could consult physicians.

Bilbrey said no other cases of the disease had been reported in the area.

Erdmann, who performed the autopsy, said the girl appeared to be in good health Saturday evening when she went to bed, but could not be awakened Sunday morning. The child was taken to Caprock Hospital where she died a short time later.

Two other children in the Wilkinson family have become ill

and have been taken to Lubbock General Hospital for treatment, Erdmann said.

According to Lubbock's public health administrator, Doug Goodman, there have been four cases of bacterial meningitis—such as infected Tanya—and six cases of viral meningitis reported in Lubbock this year.

Goodman, who said none of the 10 Lubbock cases reported so far have been fatal, added that this is about the average number of cases reported in the city by this time each year.

Statistics compiled by the Texas Department of Health also indicate that there have been three cases of meningitis reported in the South Plains region outside the Lubbock city limits during 1987, none of which have been fatal.

According to Lubbock's public health director, Dr. Anthony Way, Hib is the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in

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County Judge Meets With City Council

Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Ross met with the Silverton City Council for a general discussion on the problems and future of the City and Briscoe County at the council's July meeting.

The Council discussed the street project and the secretary reported that 2,571 tons of material had been placed on approximately 22 blocks of city streets for a total cost of \$14,398.36. The Council voted to purchase an additional 100 tons of material to be placed on the 300 block of Commerce Street and the intersection of Eleventh and Briscoe. The Council expressed appreciation to the County employees and the Commissioners for their help and cooperation on the street project.

The Council reviewed a report on the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority base monthly payments. The City's base monthly payment to the Water Authority will decrease from \$5,766.00 per month to \$5,078.00

per month in the coming year. The other member cities' base payments are—Floydada, \$20,601.00; Lockney, \$11,358.00, and Tulia, \$26,863.00.

The Council reviewed an invitation to become a Bicentennial Community from the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The invitation is to be forwarded to the County Judge for his consideration.

The city secretary reported that the street signs for Lone Star Street and Main Street had been delivered to the city and would be installed in the near future.

A current and delinquent tax collection report was presented and reviewed. The City has collected 96.8% of the 1986 tax roll.

The Council voted to adopt Updated Service Credit to the City's retirement plan at a cost of \$21.06 per month.

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OBITUARIES

TANYA WILKINSON

Funeral services for Tanya Wilkinson, 2½-year-old daughter of Sheila Wilkinson, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Silverton Church of Christ with the minister, Ted Kingery, and Bud Couch, layman in the First Baptist Church in Silverton, officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at 5:00 p.m. in Citizens

Cemetery at Clarendon. Arrangements were by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Silverton.

The child died Sunday morning at Caprock Hospital in Floydada following a brief illness.

Survivors, in addition to her mother, are a sister, Misty; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkinson of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Cliff Wilkinson, Jeff Wilkinson, J. J. Wilkinson, Dusty Wilkinson, Brian Wilkinson and Terry Miller.

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All Around The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

"Echos From the Valley," our latest effort at producing a souvenir newspaper, will go on sale at the Quitaque Homecoming on Saturday, August 1. This should be of great interest to everyone who attended school at Quitaque or whose family has lived in Quitaque.

This paper will be on sale at the Briscoe County News in Silverton beginning Monday, August 3. The price is \$5.00 per copy.

The devastating hail storms that have pounded our county have left a wide path of destruction. Crops were heavily damaged in an area from the Briscoe-Hall county line, into Motley and Floyd counties and to a point west of Silverton. Even though the destruction didn't extend very far west of town along Highway 86, damage is very much in evidence southwest of there where corn was damaged on the John and Brett Gill farms, on the extreme southern edge of the county.

Every effort is being made to get Briscoe County declared a disaster area by Governor Clements so that an attempt can be made to secure some sort of disaster payments for our farmers. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that this works out, because the economic loss to the county is tremendous.

The Cable TV surely is a sore spot with lots of the people in Silverton! We've called them several times and have found that even if their people are in Silverton that day they probably won't make a service call for you that day. We found that, even though we told them we would be at work and asked them to come to the newspaper office, they prefer to find you away from home and leave a note on the door that says, "If you are still having trouble with your cable TV, call us again." And then you have to wait another week or so for them to come back.

We finally had to threaten to have our Disney Channel discon-



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nected—and then they surely could find us.

Seems like a lot of people are being told that they "just couldn't be having trouble with their cable—no one else is having trouble with their's," or something to that effect. But the people I am hearing complaints from are calling them—and getting no more done about it than we are.

Remember: if you are having trouble with the cable TV, you must call the toll-free number, 1-800-692-4693. It won't do very much good to call them, but it won't do any good at all if you just complain to your friends about it.

It's lousy, and what all of us really should do, is call them and tell them to come and get it!

Great Briscoe County 4-H Jam-Out Planned

4-H is sponsoring a Jam-Out Tuesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Show Barn.

Food, dancing, movies, games, fashion and fun will be included. Prizes will be given for loudest jams, John Wayne jams, coolest jams, etc.

All 4-Hers, parents and friends are invited.

4-H is open to all regardless of race, color, creed, religion or national origin.

Paint the ceiling of a room in a deeper color than walls if you want it to appear lower; paint it a lighter shade for the opposite effect.

Subscription Rates To Increase Aug. 1

Effective August 1, 1987, subscription rates to the Briscoe County News will increase.

In Briscoe and adjoining counties, the rate will be \$10.50 per year. Elsewhere, the rate will be \$12.50 per year.

The Texas Legislature has taken the sales tax off subscriptions, so no tax will be added to these rates.

Boy Scout News

We want to thank all those who came to our car wash last Friday. It was a good turnout.

Monday the Scoutmaster didn't make it to the meeting because he had to make a trip to the doctor. "If I inconvenienced anyone, I'm sorry," said Scoutmaster Mark Eddleman.

"We need to have a Scout meeting this week, so Friday we will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Bring your handbook."

The next camping trip will be planned for later this month. Your Scoutmaster will call to remind you about the meeting.

Misty Wilkinson was taken to Lubbock General Hospital Monday at noon by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service after she became ill at the home of Gail and Dora Bullock. She was treated and sent home that same day.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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July 21, 1977—Tracy Gill and Kim Hutsell Mayfield earned ten honor points and the Class B sweepstakes trophy in the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest held on the campus of The University of Texas in Austin May 28-30. Miss Gill received a division one rating and a gold medal, and Mrs. Mayfield received a division two rating and a silver medal . . . Funeral services conducted for Mrs. Betty Jane McClure, 90 . . . Grant awarded for development of archaeological site at Caprock Canyons State Park . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Turner to observe wedding anniversary in new home at Lockney . . .

July 14, 1967 — The seventy-sixth year of Methodism in Briscoe County will be celebrated in the Silverton Methodist Church Sunday, July 23 . . . Mrs. J. D. Nance entertained members of the Helping Hand Club Thursday . . . Edwin Davis was returned to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Sunday afternoon for treatment . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley honored their son, Wayne, with a dinner in observance of his nineteenth birthday Sunday . . . Tina Weaver to marry Wayne Nance . . . Gary Hunt has returned home after having been on active duty with the National Guard . . . Mrs. Bill Durham and Kirk were in Plainview Wednesday for his checkup and lab work prior to having his tonsillectomy Friday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson and Sonya have been recent supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Owens and Eddie in Quitaque . . . Mrs. Lula Bellinger hosted the Supper Club Tuesday evening of last week. A cookout supper was enjoyed by Mmes. Bertha Pavlicek, Nannie Bomar, Lois Posey, Susie Bean, Mildred Reid, Gladys Arnold and Ivah Strange . . .

July 18, 1957—A Davis-Weast family get-together was held at the City Park Sunday afternoon and evening . . . Child bitten by skunk on the Clyde Mercer farm . . . Services conducted in Canyon for Mrs. Margaret Frieze . . . James May, who is in training with the Marines at Paris Island, South Carolina, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer May, that when he reported to sick call with a painful leg, X-ray pictures revealed that the small bone below his knee had been broken . . . Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Alexander and family have moved to the farm home they formerly occupied . . . Joe D. Gallington and daughter, who were the last of his family to be released from the hospital, were moved to their home on the Jim Rhoderick farm near Quitaque. Mrs. Gallington and several other children were released some time ago. They will all have to go back for their checkup and Joe D. continues to receive treatment for a foot injury . . . Mrs. Pete Chitty, LaQuetta and Troy, Becky Mallow and Jane Brooks, along with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Guest and Janie Beth of Floydada, enjoyed a picnic at Roaring Springs Friday evening .

July 10, 1947—Citizens are asked to use less water; shortage believed critical . . . Silverton's main streets to get new black top . . . Harvesting ceases; still no boxcars . . . Beth Mason is honored with party on twelfth birthday . . . Joy Ann McCutchen honored on fourth birthday . . . Chicken fry enjoyed in Rex Holt home . . . Supervisors for the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District are Earl Cantwell, chairman; Louie Kitchens, Obra Watson, Pierce White and Bray Cook . . . The Rock Creek Club met with Mrs. Spillman at the Rock Creek schoolhouse, and one quilt was completed. Those present were Florene Fitzgerald,

Margaret Frizzell, Mennie Newberry, Mrs. W. W. Reid, Eula Shelton, Mrs. Spillman, Margie Turner, Ruth West and one visitor, Mrs. L. W. Francis . . . Helping Hand Club meets with Mrs. Charles Francis . . .

July 13, 1939—Dry weather must break soon if crops are to survive . . . Harley Sadler, popular showman, is bringing his tent theatre to Silverton for a one night engagement . . . Panhandle Station to have inside wash room . . . Henry Norrid wins job in Cal Farley Radio Contest . . . Louis Johnson of Rock Creek left Friday for the CCC camp. He reported for duty at Memphis and enlisted for six

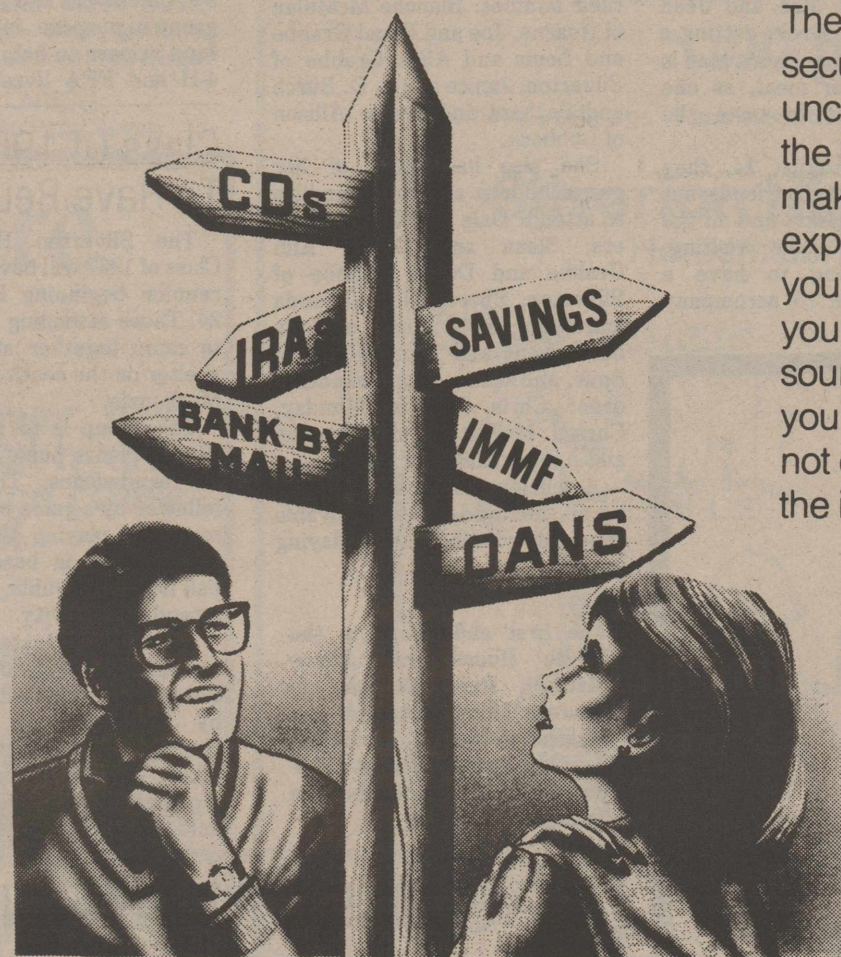
months . . . Marriage licenses have been issued to Joe McWaters and Miss Ruby McDaniel, and to Ed V. Davis and Miss Hazel Walton . . . Cecil Seaney was surprised last Saturday evening when he came in from plowing and found five of his friends waiting for him. The boys, George Long, Billy Wilson, Montie Pitts, Albert and Ancil McCain, had come to spend the night and help Cecil celebrate his birthday the next day. Most of the time Sunday was spent swimming . . .

October 10, 1929—Education Day Friday was the big day of the fair with many thousand visitors on hand and the school

children commemorated the event with a happy, joyful parade. Francis took first place with 675 points, in the class of two or more teachers. Holt, with 550 points, won first in the smaller schools. Other winners were: one-teacher: Wallace, second. More than one teacher: Rock Creek, second, and Lakeview, third . . . Jonnie Bundy named president of freshmen. Other officers are Bailey Hill, vice-president; Bonnie Mae Walling, secretary-treasurer; Einell Smithee, assistant secretary; Fern Blocker, news reporter; Mildred Summers and Ona Dell

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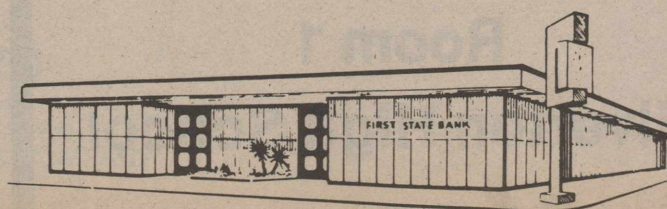
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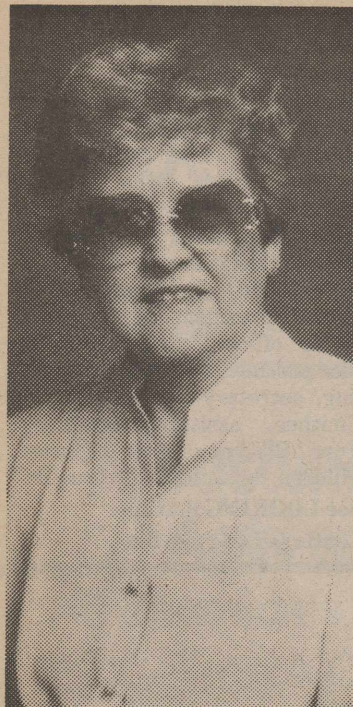


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Mrs. Seymour (Ruby) Brannon retired last week from her position as assistant cashier at First State Bank. She had been with the bank for 22 years. She says her plans for the future include "going some places and doing some things" that she hasn't gotten to do while she was working.

Mr. and Mrs. John Francis assisted their son, Dave Francis, in moving to Oxford, Mississippi last week. Dave will be attending graduate school at Old Miss and will be working as an assistant in the psychology department. John and Maebelle helped him move and took the long way home, driving through Tennessee, Nebraska, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Briscoe County 4-H Fashion Show Is Fri.

The 1987 Briscoe County 4-H Fashion Show is set for Friday, July 24, in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Silverton. Theme for this year's show is "Sewing Safari." Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the public fashion show and awards program will start at 7:30 p.m.

Participants are judged on overall appearance, posture, poise, grooming, garment fit and suitability for the 4-H member's age and activities, as well as on construction techniques.

Each contestant has made her garment under the guidance of a volunteer leader. This year's leaders are Michelle Francis, Janinne Brooks, Sheryl Weaver, Bena Hester, Margie Pinkerton and Juanita Gray. Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson has also taught a group.

Teen Leaders Heather Gray, Celeste Sperry, Vera Pinkerton and Penni Fogerson conducted a Modeling Workshop July 16 for junior members.

Competing in the Junior I division are Carrie Baird, Shannon Weaver, Holly Nance, Christina Stephens, Leslee Weeks, Brandi Brunson, Krisse Pigg, Shamika Ivory and Julie Ross.

Junior II contestants are Christy Nease, Amy Ramsey, Christi McWaters, Ashleigh Wyatt, Kayla Ramsey and Vera Pinkerton.

Celeste Sperry, Heather Gray, Hattie Williams and Penni Fogerson are senior entries.

Molly Brooks will model in the pee wee division.

The public is invited to come out and support these young people and see their accomplishments in the 4-H clothing project. There is no charge to attend the fashion show and awards program.

Strange Reunion Set Aug. 13-14-15

According to information received by the Briscoe County News, the three Small, Sweet, Swinging, Strange, Sisters want you to join them at Lake Mackenzie August 13-14-15 for a family reunion.

Sylvia, Laura Mae and Jean will be there all week, getting a lot of visiting done. Laura Mae is bringing alligator meat, so one night they hope to taste the 'gator.

On Friday, August 14, they want to invite their friends out for barbecued brisket and all the trimmings and some visiting. They are hoping to have a musical program to accompany the barbecue.

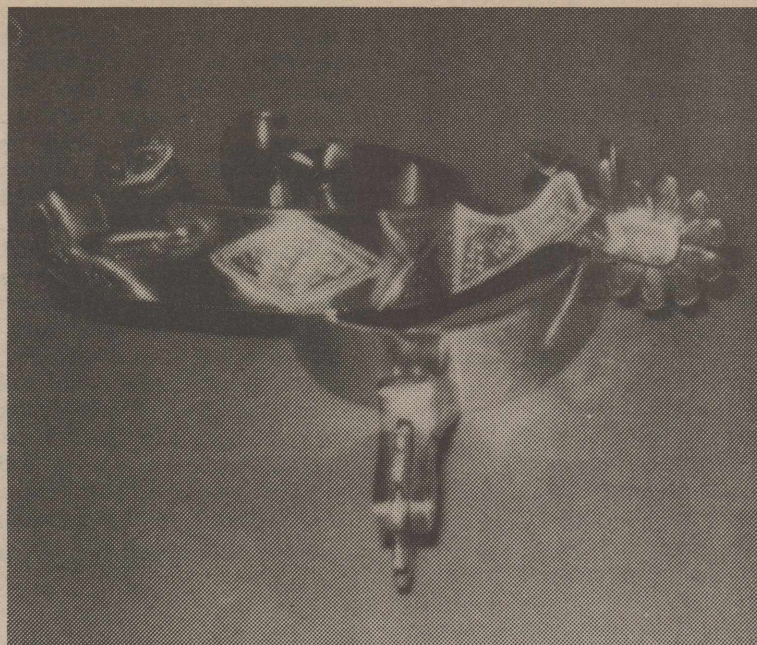
Grabbe Children Have Reunion Here

Sunday, July 19, Mrs. Annie Grabbe was hostess to a family dinner for her five children and their families: Blanche McMillan of Hearne, Joe and Hazel Grabbe and Louis and Alice Grabbe of Silverton, Janice and J. D. Burch and Barbara and James Allison of Lubbock.

She also had eight of her grandchildren and their families to attend: Dale and Pat McWaters, Sloan and Carrie Ann Grabbe and Donna Grabbe of Silverton, Sherry Nel, Shaunda and Gary Scott Burch of Lubbock, Kent and Kim Allison of Spur, and three great-grandchildren: Chris Key of Munday, Christi McWaters of Silverton and Ashley Allison of Spur.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all, followed by an enjoyable time of visiting and playing games.

The first child born in the White House was James Madison Randolph, son of Thomas Mann Randolph and Martha Jefferson Randolph, daughter of President Thomas Jefferson. He was born in January, 1806.



These spurs were handmade by Jerry Miller and donated to the Silverton Ag Boosters. They will be given away at the August 15 performance of the rodeo to a lucky individual who has donated to the 4-H and FFA Ag Booster Club.

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Silverton Ag Booster Club To Offer Handmade Spurs

The Ag Booster Club of Silverton has announced that the annual fund raiser will continue this year. The Ag Booster Club is composed of Silverton 4-H and FFA members and parents. This group's purpose is to sponsor fund raisers to help support the 4-H and FFA livestock project

members. In 1985 and 1986, the members accepted donations and gave away a set of handmade spurs and bit. The winners are drawn at the Saturday night performance of the annual rodeo. This year's announcement will be made Saturday night, August 15, during the rodeo.

In the two previous years, the funds generated were used to pay for material to build the 4-H and FFA stock trailer. The 4-H and FFA members in Silverton have decided now is the time to help others. Funds from this year's project will be donated back to the Briscoe County Activities Association in support of the proposed expansion of the County Show Barn facility.

A set of handmade spurs and bit has been donated by spur-maker Jerry Miller of Silverton. Four-H and FFA members can pick up their donation receipts to begin work immediately on this project July 20 at the County Extension Office. The 4-H or FFA member who generates the most donations will receive a \$75.00 savings bond.

For more information, contact Silverton ag teacher Kirk Robinson or County Extension Agent Dirk Aaron.

Class Of 1967 To Have Reunion

The Silverton High School Class of 1967 will have its 20-year reunion beginning Friday, July 24. Those attending are to meet to camp together at the group shelter on the south side of Lake Mackenzie.

The group is to meet at the Wayne Nance home at 7:00 p.m. for sandwiches. This will be followed by a game with the class members playing their spouses and children in baseball at the ball field. The public is invited to attend this activity.

A sunrise breakfast Saturday morning at the group shelter at Lake Mackenzie will be hosted by Jimmy Burson and Randy Hughes. Saturday there will be hiking, fishing, boating and visiting, and in the afternoon, parents, former teachers and friends

are invited to visit with the class and enjoy homemade ice cream at the group shelter.

At 8:00 p.m. there will be a hamburger cookout and at 9:00 there will be a Golden Oldies Party, all at the group shelter.

Class members have emphasized that they will be delighted to have parents, former teachers and friends visit them during their reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booth returned Saturday after spending several days in the Pacific Northwest. They flew from Amarillo to attend a reunion of Harry's nieces, nephews and their families in Tacoma, Washington. They remained for a few days after the reunion to visit the relatives.

BUDGET MEETING

Silverton Independent School District

Thursday, August 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Room 1

Silverton High School

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High Plains Specialty Crop Tour Planned On July 28-30

With one-third as many farmers today as there were at the turn of the century, only the most efficient are capable of surviving declining water tables and declining net-farm income. Nowhere is this more evident than on the High Plains of Texas and New Mexico. Many farmers are looking at specialty crop production as an answer to their problems.

On July 28-30, the New Mexico and Texas Cooperative Extension Services will host a High Plains Specialty Crop Tour from Clovis, New Mexico. The three-day tour will include stops at farms, packing sheds and other marketing operations involved in specialty crop production in the Clovis, Portales, Melrose, Hereford, Easter and Muleshoe areas of New Mexico and Texas.

"We have oriented our tour around production, marketing and variety," says the organizer George Dickerson, NMSU Extension horticulturist. "We are trying to expose our clientele to a variety of ideas. Some farmers like the challenge of developing their own markets. Others prefer working with commercial sheds."

Each daily tour will originate from the parking lot of the Clovis Holiday Inn.

Participants will drive their own vehicles, so a full tank of gas is recommended at the start of each day. Car pooling will be encouraged to minimize the size of the car caravan and to economize.

On July 28, registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., with Curry County Extension Agent Billy Dictson as host. The first stop on the tour will be a blue corn production field on the Ronnie Curry farm. Then, Gary Brown will explain production and marketing of green beans and summer squash. From there, the tour will go to the Terry Lusk farm to evaluate watermelons and direct-seeded onions in the field.

The tour will concentrate on packing sheds and processing after lunch, with the first stop at Lusk Onion Brokerage and Distribution in Clovis. Later, Randy Ware will guide the group through Ware Produce. J. R. Terry will guide the group through Frozfruit Company.

A hospitality tour will follow at the Holiday Inn. It will be organized by Darrell Baker, NMSU Extension agronomist.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on July 29. The tour will leave the Holiday Inn parking lot at 8:00 a.m. under the direction of Roosevelt County Extension Agent Floyd McAlister. The first stop will be at Borden's Peanut Company in Portales. Later, Richard Moore will explain pecan production on the High Plains. Next, the tour will go to the Roy Newberry farm where participants will see sweet potatoes, peanuts and an improved irrigat-

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the United States. One of every 200 children will contract some infection due to Hib, Dr. Way said.

In the majority of cases, the infection is localized, resulting in ear, nose or throat infections and causing such ailments as tonsillitis and sinusitis. "It is not an uncommon infection and usually does not develop into meningitis," Dr. Way said.

However, Dr. Way said, if the infection spreads into the bloodstream and infects the entire body, then meningitis can develop. "No one understands why the infection progresses into meningitis in some cases," he said.

Dr. Way explained that meningitis results when the covering of the brain and spinal cord become

inflamed.

Although Dr. Way said that Hib is contagious and progresses very rapidly once it develops into meningitis, appropriate antibiotic treatment has lowered the mortality rate of this form of meningitis to five percent.

According to Dr. Way, a vaccine against Hib infection was developed in 1985.

Generally, children should be immunized against the disease at age two, he said; however, children who have already reached age five and who have not been immunized probably do not need the immunization because the disease rarely strikes children beyond that age, he said.

Dr. Fred V. Richards of Tulia Clinic told the Briscoe County News Monday afternoon that when he was in the Army and someone in the barracks came

down with meningitis, all the men who slept in the same building were given sulfa drug. "Now treatment has become a little more sophisticated," he said, "and those who have been in direct contact with someone who has meningitis are usually given Ceclor."

Dr. Richards said he didn't have any information at that time as to what type of meningitis the Wilkinson child had died from, but that unless a person had been in direct contact with her he didn't think it would be necessary for them to take a round of the medication.

He added that there wasn't really any cause for panic among the people of Silverton, indicating that anyone who had held her, eaten out of the same utensils, etc., should contact a physician.

Free Kids' Cooking School

Monday, July 27
1:00 p.m.

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bility of disaster payments. Congress, in the 1985 Farm Act, gave the Secretary of Agriculture authority to institute such payments; however, unless changes are made, rules proposed by USDA make it highly unlikely that the authority will be used.

That's the opinion of Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenorah, current president of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock. "And even if a program were announced, the proposed regulations impose such stiff requirements that it would be a rare producer who could qualify for payments," the Martin County farmer and gin-ner told a July 8 meeting of the PCG board of directors.

Farm law permits, but does not require, the Secretary to make prevented planting and reduced yield disaster payments under certain conditions. Production losses have to be "substantial" and have to create an "economic emergency" that "all other assistance made available by the government" would not alleviate.

The PCG board reviewed USDA's proposal for effectuating this section of the law for the 1987 through 1990 crop years and

developed comment outlining specific objections. The comment was sent to USDA in Washington July 9 with copies to appropriate representatives and senators.

The proposal would give payment eligibility only to producers who could show both production and economic losses of 60 percent or more, a loss level, PCG pointed out, that "is far in excess of the 1985 law's requirement that production losses be 'substantial' and well above the economic loss necessary to create the 'economic emergency' required by law."

Also, USDA would mandate that disaster payments be available only to producers in a county that has at least 60 percent production and economic losses and is declared an emergency disaster area by the Secretary at the request of the state governor. PCG objects that such a requirement is not imposed by the 1985 Act and proclaims that "the intent of Congress was to provide relief precisely to those producers unable to get relief from other government assistance, which certainly would include producers who suffer severe losses outside a county eligible for emergency disaster loans."

In calculating economic loss above relief available from other government assistance, USDA proposes to include as relief the total value of available federal crop insurance indemnity payments and the total value of FmHA emergency loans.

PCG contends that since only about 30 percent of FCIC insurance premiums are provided by the government, only 30 percent of indemnity payments should be considered as "made available by the government."

On FmHA loans, PCG requests clarification of what constitutes their total value, suggesting that the savings realized from subsidized interest rates are the only true value involved.



A xenolith is a fragment of rock included in another rock.

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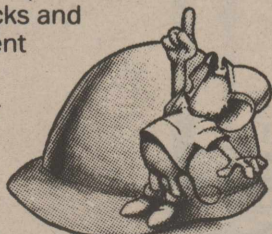
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Silverton residents have been assessing the damage done during a severe hail, wind and rain storm which swept across Silverton on Tuesday night of last week. Pictured is a power pole that was toppled east of the Cam Forbes home, the fence between the George Seaney's and Charles Sarchet's, and tree limbs at the Edwin May home. The east wall of the old Burson building was blown in, roofs and vehicles were damaged and windows were broken.

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Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent
FARM FAMILIES AND CRISIS

A crisis has been described as a turning point—for better or worse—which requires individuals or families to make specific changes in their patterns of living. A crisis arises when an individual or family is faced with a problem or situation which cannot be handled easily through normal methods of solving problems.

Last week's hail caused a crisis in the county! A crisis has two parts—the **situation** (event, problem or loss) and the person's **reaction** to the situation. There is a **physical** loss (crops, roofs, etc.) and a **psychological** loss, a sense of being without stability or direction.

When people first experience a crisis situation, such as the crop loss, they are likely to be disoriented and perceive their

problems as insurmountable. They may become tense, irritable or hostile and lash out at those close to them, or they may become moody and depressed. Tension may also show up in restlessness, loss of appetite, insomnia, and/or feelings of apathy and exhaustion.

While these symptoms are unpleasant, they are normal and predictable reactions of people experiencing loss or critical change. Adjusting to a loss requires moving through the stages much like the grief process of adjustment.

When there is still some hope that the loss is not real or will not be severe, people tend to deny the event; however, not thinking about unpleasant events does not make them go away. The key to healthy adjustment lies in an ability to face up to the situation, to recognize, admit and actively seek a solution to the problem.

Another stage of adjustment to loss is recognizing that some problems (weather, hail) are **beyond our control**. Blaming oneself for factors beyond our control or playing the "If only..."

game ("If only I had bought insurance", or "If only I had not . . .") is self-defeating. Blaming and feeling guilty only detracts from the current problem and robs one of energy that could be used in seeking a solution to the problem.

Depression may be the next stage in adjusting to the crisis. Though this may be a normal response to a major loss, depression becomes cause for concern when it lasts too long and significantly interferes with normal day-to-day operations. Taking care of yourself physically, doing social things, cultivating and using your faith and values and taking action to work through the problem will all help lift the feelings of depression.

The final stages of adjustment involve talking to others about how you feel about the problem and finally accepting the situation and moving forward. Too often we focus most of our attention on the tragic part of a crisis rather than on the potential for growth or change that the situation offers us.

Our challenge is to focus on the

opportunity for growth presented in a crisis situation with at least as much energy as we focus on the problems associated with it.

(This information was adapted from "Surviving Stress on the Farm and Ranch" which is available to anyone requesting it from my office. Call 823-2343.)

**Letter To
The Editor**

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a check in the amount to cover both my mother and my subscription for another year.

We really enjoy reading the Briscoe County News and still being able to see familiar faces and names.

It's a small price to pay for Mama's pleasure . . . and I hope she enjoys a lot more. She will be 90 years old the sixth of this month.

Give my best regards to all down there.

Sincerely,
Loney Stout
1609 N. Fairfield
Amarillo, Texas 79107

In Tahiti, it was once believed, the sick would recover if a centipede could be induced to crawl over them.

**CONGRESSMAN—
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their crops, but there isn't expected to be enough insurance involved to begin to offset the loss.

In addition, many home gardens were totally lost, in town and in the country, roofs and vehicles were damaged. Trees lost limbs, and the east wall of the old Burson building blew in.

Now farmers need to look at their crops carefully before making management decisions. It is too late to plant almost all crops, with there being a small chance that grain sorghum could still come to maturity. "Forage or wheat for grazing seems to be the best alternative at this point for crops that are completely ruined," said Briscoe County Extension Agent Dirk Aaron. "But this is only if cattle are available for grazing," he added.

For cotton crops that still have some chance of reaching fruition, Aaron says that their capability has been reduced by at least three-quarters.

**HIGH PLAINS SPECIALTY
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ed pasture grass operation. Wayne Baker and Lester Merrill will finish the morning with a discussion of the benefits of alfalfa bagging.

After lunch, Larry Widner will guide tour participants through the Energy Fuels Development Corporation ethanol plant. Then, participants will go to a mixed vegetable operation on the Sun Dale Valley Farm, run by Delo Stephenson. Ruby Stephenson will wind up the day with a tour of the Melrose Fruit and Vegetable Market.

July 30 will be a long day, with registration at 6:30 a.m. The tour will leave the Holiday Inn at 7:00 a.m. and go to the courthouse in Hereford. Hosts for the day will be Texas A&M University Extension vegetable specialist Roland Roberts, Deaf Smith Agent Dennis Newton and Bailey County Agent Spencer Tanksley.

Larry Malamen's mixed vegetable production farm near Hereford will be the first tour stop. Then, Frank Ford will treat the group to a tour of Arrowhead Mills. After lunch, the tour will stop at Easter, where Kenneth Frye will explain cabbage production from the field to the market. Peppers will be the hot topic for Bobby Free at Calante Pepper Processing near Muleshoe. Stan and Bruce Barrett will finish the day with a tour of Barrett Produce in Muleshoe.

"I believe the most exciting element of the tour is the cooperation of everybody concerned," says Dickerson. "It is farmers helping farmers in an exchange of information involved in the production of alternative crops. It is also agency cooperation agents in New Mexico, with getting together with our counterparts in Texas on this joint effort. I think it will prove to be an exciting three days."



A single bamboo root may produce as many as 100 stems.

Thanks so very much to everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and food. A special thanks to Joe and Ruby for being with Linda and Mary during Charles' surgery. God bless each of you.

Charles and Mary Grantham

Dear friends,

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the nice things done for us during our recent illness, for all the food and the many prayers that were said for us.

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