



# Briscoe County News

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## Silverton Grant Application Receives Tentative Approval

Silverton's grant application has won tentative approval by the state, being ranked in third place in the state. Quitaque filed a similar application that ranked second in the state.

The grant, if final approval is won, will be used for water system improvement. The application was for \$190,944.00, the city's contribution will be \$20,000 and the total project cost is \$210,944.00.

The water project will consist of rehabilitation of the 50,000 gallon elevated storage, to replace existing booster pumps

that were installed in 1928 and to replace old and undersized water lines in the distribution system.

The city was inspected by the State Board of Insurance in October 1987, and without the booster pumps and fire hydrants, six- and eight-inch mains they recommended for improvement in the city's key rate, city residents would have had increased insurance rates.

The City of Silverton has applied for grant money for several years, but has never received any federal or state

grant funds for community development.

Officials in cities and counties across the region have had their fingers crossed while the Texas Department of Commerce was deciding which Panhandle communities will share the \$1,241,000 that is available. That means over \$5,500,000 worth of community improvements will go unfunded this year.

During the community development scoring process, 38 projects, totaling over \$6,800,000 were reviewed and scored. Seventeen were requests for assistance with city water projects involving new distribution lines, wells or storage facilities.

The requests were given 500 points for a maximum of comprehensiveness of need, project efficiency, amount of local match, continuing need and potential resolution of the stated problem.

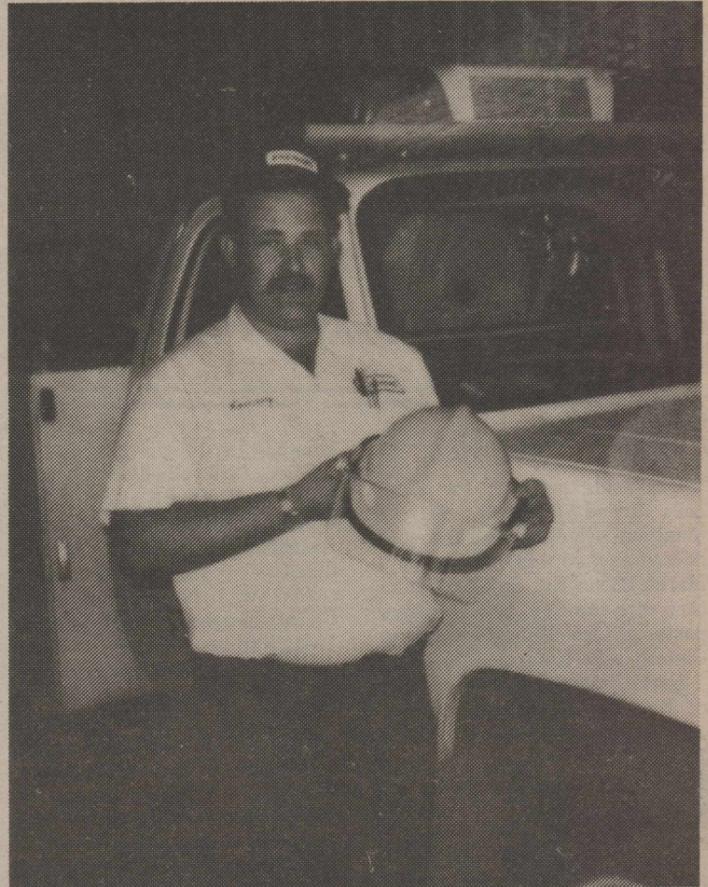
Water improvement projects in Skellytown, Quitaque, Shamrock, Texhoma, Silverton, Farnsworth, Hedley, Stinnett, Canyon, Turkey, Adrian, Wildorado, Texline and Groom all made the 100 percent bracket. This means that each city's project was planned to benefit the whole community. The water projects included overhead and ground storage, distribution lines and wells.

When the grant applications were ranked in the region, Silverton's application ranked fifth among the others. When the state round of scoring took place in the Austin headquarters of the Texas Department of Commerce, the Silverton application was ranked third.

One of the most important elements is the percentage of low and moderate income citizens who will benefit from the project. At least 51 percent must fit this category for the project to qualify.

The state agency also scores on the unemployment rate in the community, the percentage of minorities on the city or county payroll, the per capita income of the community and the percentage of housing units without some indoor plumbing.

The state and regional scores are combined and the awards made to the projects with the highest point total. This year, funding will go to six to nine projects. The last project on this list of winners may receive only partial funding because the \$1.24 million allocated to the Panhandle region will probably not cover 100 percent of all the requests being funded. There is a \$300,000 cap on any particular grant request.



Silverton Volunteer Fire Department has purchased 26 new helmets like the one being held by President Dwight Ramsey. These are to replace the ones no longer state approved that the members have been using since 1968. Price of the new helmets was \$50.00 each. The department has spent \$4,000 on new equipment during the past year. The money was made at the dances the department co-sponsors during the County Birthday Celebration. During October, November and December, the department answered 15 fire calls, six in the country and nine in the city. During January, February and March, 22 fire calls have been answered, nine in the country and thirteen in the city.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Absentee Voting Opens Monday

Absentee voting in the second Democratic and Republican primaries will be held from Monday, April 4, through Friday, April 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the office of County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams in the courthouse.

"Anyone who wishes may vote absentee now," Mrs. McWilliams said. "There is no longer a requirement that a person be planning to be out of town on election day."

Democrats will be nominating a candidate for State Senator, 31st District, and the runoff is between H. Bryan Poff, jr. and Mel Phillips. The Briscoe County News is endorsing Phillips for this post.

On the county level, there will

be a runoff in Precinct 1 between Alton (Tobe) Riddell and Aaron Younger for Commissioner. In Precinct 3, the runoff will be between L. B. Garvin, jr. and Larry Comer for County Commissioner.

Republicans will be choosing nominees for United States Senator from Beau Boulter and Wes Gilbreath; for United States Representative, District 13, from Bob Price and Larry Milner; for Railroad Commissioner, from Ed Emmett and P. S. (Sam) Ervin; and for Justice, Supreme Court Place 2, from Nathan Hecht and Ronald S. Block.

County Republicans gave the nod to Boulter, Price, Emmett and Hecht in the first primary.

## Kindergarten Students Sought

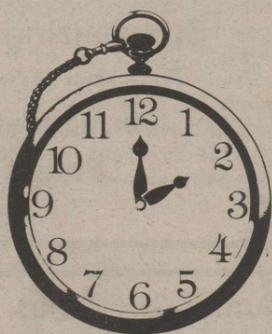
Anyone who has a child who will be starting kindergarten in the fall or knows of a child who will start needs to call the school at 823-2476 and sign him or her up.

An approximate number is needed to plan for pre-kindergarten day.

## Commodities To Be Given Away Friday

Commodities will be given Friday, April 1, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center building north of the Briscoe County News.

Cheese, rice, honey and butter are to be given to those who are eligible and signed up to receive it.



## Daylight Saving Time

It's time to change to daylight saving time this weekend. Spring forward Saturday night by moving your clocks ahead one hour.

## No School Friday

April 1, Good Friday, will be a holiday in the Silverton Schools. Silverton will have school on April 4.

## City, School Elections Will Be May 7

Voting in the City of Silverton and Silverton Independent School District elections will be held at the City Hall on Saturday, May 7.

Absentee voting opens April

18 and continues through May 3.

The terms of Councilmen David Tipton, Dwain Henderson and Wayne Nance are expiring this year. Nance has chosen not to seek re-election, and the names of Henderson and Tipton will be listed on the ballot.

In addition, F. E. Hutsell and Jim Estes have signed up as candidates for the City Council.

The terms of Terry Grimland and Perry Brunson are expiring this year on the board of trustees of the Silverton ISD. Both are candidates for re-election, and in addition, Becky (Thomas) Woods has filed as a candidate for trustee.

## Easter Sunrise Service Planned

A Community-wide Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 3, in the pavillion on the south side of Lake Mackenzie. Those who plan to attend are reminded that April 3 will be the date of the change to daylight saving time.

There will be an Easter message, refreshments, congregational singing and special music presented by the churches of the community.

Everyone is invited to take part in this special service. 12-2tn

The art of quilting, still popular today, has been practiced for thousands of years. Soldiers of the Middle Ages wore quilted coats and hoods under their armor.

## Boy Scout To Have Car Wash

The Boy Scout Troop, under the direction of Scoutmaster Mark Eddleman, will be having a car wash Friday, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Hester's Gulf Service Center in Silverton.

Vehicles will be washed for your donation to the Scouts.

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**OBITUARIES**

**FLORENCE BIRDWELL**

Graveside services for Florence Irene Birdwell, 94, of Mangum, Oklahoma, were conducted at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral

**Home.**

Mrs. Birdwell died at noon Monday, March 21, at Park Lane Manor nursing home in Altus, Oklahoma, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Coleman County and moved to Mangum in 1951. She married William Clifford Birdwell in 1923 in Lubbock. He died in December 1954.

Survivors include two sons, John Birdwell of Mangum and E. A. Birdwell of Silverton; a daughter, Bernice Parker of Snyder; three brothers, Malcolm Cooper and Tom Cooper, both of Abilene, and Melville Cooper of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a sister, Alma Lee Scranton of Longview, Washington; eight grandchildren, including Paula Bomar and Amy Birdwell, both of Silverton; and twelve great-

grandchildren, including Wil T, Molly and Charlie Bomar of Silverton.

**Emergency Services Busy This Week**

Silverton's emergency services have been busy again this week.

Sunday night, the fire department was called out to assist Lockney and Floydada in stopping a range fire that began on the L. N. Johnson place near South Plains and was pushed into Briscoe County by high southwest winds.

Monday the firemen were called to extinguish a grass fire near Berniece Wood's home.

Monday evening, the ambulance service transferred a patient from Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

**Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party**

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly birthday party at the Center Tuesday, April 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

April birthdays will be celebrated, and those honored for having March birthdays will be hosts this month.

**4-H Horse Club To Begin Practice**

The Briscoe County 4-H Horse Club will begin its spring practice on Saturday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. at Wood Memorial Arena in Silverton.

All interested 4-H'ers and parents are urged to attend.

**Peanut Production Meeting Monday**

The 1988 Spring Peanut Production meeting is set for Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Quitaque Community Center. Extension specialists Dr. Chip Lee, Dr. Roland Roberts, Dr. Jackie Smith and Leon New will highlight the evening program on peanut production. A free meal will be provided by Monsanto and Elanco.

Everyone is invited to attend. If you do plan to attend, please RSVP to the Briscoe (823-2131, extension 11), Hall or Motley County Extension Offices by April 1 at 5:00 p.m.

This event is being jointly sponsored by the Briscoe, Hall and Motley County Extension Offices.

**Letter To The Editor**

Gentlemen:

I want to thank you for the picture and details about R. E. Brookshier, in the March 10, 1988 issue.

Emmett Brookshier is one of the finest men I have ever known. Back in the early 1930s, Emmett, Onar Cornett and myself were the only men members of the Church of Christ there in Silverton. There were a number of women members, many of which I feel sure have gone on to their reward, but I would sure love to hear from any of those who were in the church group in 1935.

For years the church group had been so poor that we were unable to have a preacher, or even have a meeting with a preacher. Emmett, Onar and I had to do it all, that is lead singing, do the teaching, and such things.

Along about 1937, to the best of my memory, I asked Emmett if we shouldn't get a preacher to come in and hold a meeting for us. He said surely, but there is just one thing you forget, "We don't have any money to pay him." I said, I am going to try to find someone who will hold a meeting for us, without having to have a guaranteed fee.

I contacted Guy N. Woods, an evangelist who agreed to come help us out if we could provide him a place to sleep and eat and gasoline to travel. So we began making arrangements for a fall meeting, and the more I thought about it, the more worried I became about paying the preacher.

So I asked Wade Steele, John Lee Francis and Earl Cantwell, among perhaps others, to come in and help us out, as the Rock Creek Church of Christ was in fine shape for those times. They agreed, and did come all during the meeting. I believe Wade led the singing for us, and Earl and John Lee helped in other ways, and at the end of the meeting they came up with a very nice check for Brother Woods that saved the day for Brother Brookshier, Cornett and myself.

Later on in the fall and early winter, the Rock Creek Church allowed Brother Alvie Johnson from Turkey, Texas, who they had contracted to hold a meeting at Rock Creek, to hold another meeting in the Silverton Church instead. A lot of good was accomplished in these two meetings. One was in October, the other in December 1937, I believe.

Few men would take care of their wife, I feel sure, under the same circumstances as did Brother Emmett Brookshier, during the many, many years that Sister Brookshier was ill. And when it became necessary to put her in a nursing home, move in himself, to see that her care was well done. Yes, he is a very outstanding man in every way, and I feel sure that God is rewarding him with a long life here on Earth.

Sincerely yours,  
J. J. (Jeff) Steele

**Hunter Safety Class To Be Offered Here**

A Hunter Safety Class will be offered in Silverton at the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Registration will be April 4, from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. for anyone 12 and older.

The south door of the courthouse will be open.

Certified instructors are Virgil and Gladys Kidwell.

**Your News Is Important!**

The news about what you and your family are doing is an important part of your local newspaper, but the publishers of the Briscoe County News don't know about it unless you tell them.

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Evening ..... 7:00 p.m.



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Briscoe County News

**March 30, 1978**—Weather warning system to be installed on Silverton cable TV . . . A park area is to be landscaped at Lake Mackenzie this season . . . Volleyball tournament to benefit local ambulance service . . . Dr. Tuan's mother dies in the Philippines . . . Flute Hutsell selected as rural delivery driver of the month . . . Charlie Payne has been a patient at Nichols Hospital in Plainview . . . Tammy Stephens to wed Brent Brannon . . . Crockett Grabbe earns Ph.D. degree in physics at California Institute of Technology . . .

**March 28, 1968**—Elma Seaney rites held Wednesday . . . Mrs. Ray C. Bomar and Mrs. T. C. Bomar returned Monday after having enjoyed a Continental Trailways tour to Miami, Florida and a cruise on the Bahama Star to Nassau . . . Charles Rowell buried Saturday . . . Barney L. Stephens rites this afternoon . . . Larry Comer exhibited the grand champion of the Spotted Poland China division of the South Plains Junior Livestock Show in Lubbock last Thursday. Ron Vaughan was exhibitor of a first-place Hampshire in its class and Jimmy Walker took a Spotted Poland China to the show which placed eighth. Also showing stock were Lane Garvin, Gene Whitfill, Ricky Stephens, Tommy Burson, Rod Vaughan, Monty Teeple and David Holt . . . Mrs. R. A. Edwards underwent surgery at the Medical Center in Plainview last week . . . Joe Lee Bomar and Guinn Fitzgerald were showing off a string of catfish they caught at Hubbard Creek Lake near Albany. The largest of the catch weighed 17 pounds . . .

**March 27, 1958**—Mrs. M. L. Porter, a Briscoe County pioneer, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Saturday morning . . . Jack Mayfield undergoes surgery in Plainview . . . Coffee in the home of Mrs. O. T. Bundy honors Mrs. A. H. Jackson . . . Officers elected by the Briscoe County Farm Bureau are Floyd Williams, president; Lee Deavenport, vice president; Frank Mercer, secretary-treasurer; Joe Fowler, membership chairman. Other directors are Bill Long, Louie Kitchens, C. A. Gaither, E. J. Hamilton and Boone McCracken. Mrs. Grady Wimberly was elected reporter . . . Jerry Patton is FHA Chapter Sweetheart . . . Mrs. Theron Crass is hostess to March of Time Study Club . . . People in the Rock Creek community met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald March 18 to honor their school bus driver, Mrs. Stella Arnold, with a turkey dinner . . . Glenna Thompson spent Sunday night with Shirley Fitzgerald . . . Haylake Club met Thursday with Mrs. Leona Brooks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Storie to have open house in their new home located four miles south of Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wesley are parents of a son . . . Dale McWaters home from Methodist Hospital . . . Henry H. McPhereson and son buy purebred Angus cattle . . .

**March 25, 1948**—M. L. Burks

resigns as vocational teacher here . . . Rain past week amounts to .60 . . . Grady Wimberly, Dillard Scott, T. R. Whiteside, J. L. Webb, sr. and J. L. Webb, jr. were visitors in Clarendon with the Masonic Lodge Tuesday . . . Rev. Edwin Norris preaches at Baptist Church Sunday . . . Glen R. Williams dies from injuries in motorcycle accident . . . Rev. G. A. Elrod conducted devotional service Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McJimsey for the benefit of Mother Noblett who has been confined to her bed for some time . . . Mrs. Lee Perkins is home from the Tulia hospital . . . Mrs. John Turner is hostess to Rock

Creek Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson of Vigo Park attended the funeral of A. O. Norris Friday . . .

**March 31, 1938** — Maurice Foust, manager of the Magnolia Station, corner of Main Street and Highway 86, announces this week that he is handling a new line of tires . . . The house directly across the street north from the News Office, owned by Harry Fowler, and occupied by the Jim Clemmer family, was moved last week, contents and all, to a new location south of the G. C. Patton property in the east part of Silverton . . . Weekend brings nice ground-soaking rain . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison

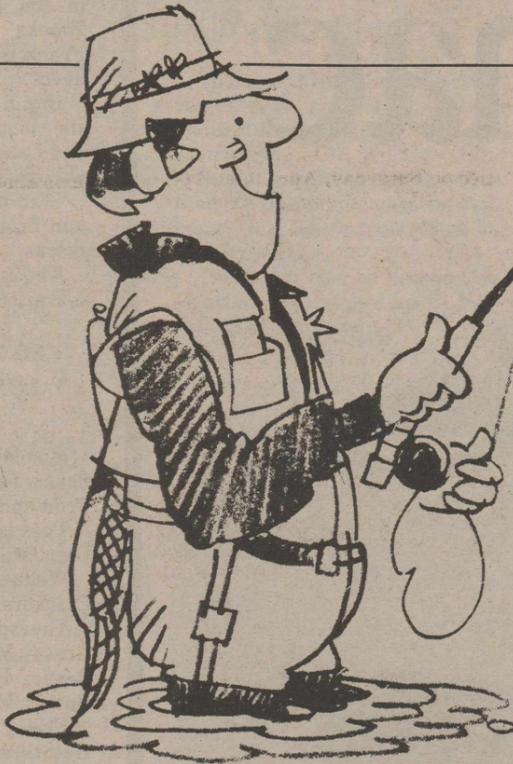
are parents of a son . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, who live south of Rock Creek, are parents of a 12-pound son . . . Pete Amason, linotype operator at the News Office, had a narrow escape from death when he monkeyed with a light bulb while his hands were wet. In falling, Pete tore the wires loose from the ceiling, which probably saved his life . . . Brookshier and Minyard, local Allis Chalmers dealers, have made arrangements for the showing of a free picture show at the Palace Theatre Tuesday afternoon . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "If you need a boy to help, call the News and we'll have one shipped out to you. They are all

crated and ready to go . . . Wednesday must have been Mrs. Stanton Crow's birthday. I saw Stanton with a new broom and mop" . . .



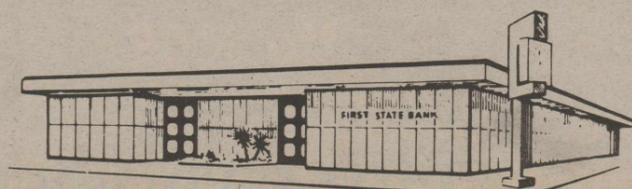
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# Owls Win Loop Relays

Members of the Owls track team traveled to Loop Saturday, did well in a number of events and brought home the 6-man relays meet championship.

The 400-meter relay team, composed of Will Rowell, Ricky Clardy, Ryan Smith and Neal Edwards, won first place.

In the 800-meter run, Denny Hill placed third and Rhett Montague earned fifth place. Fidencio Reyes also ran in this event.

Ryan Smith placed first and Bradley Brunson won second place in the 110-meter hurdles.

Neal Edwards placed second in the 100-meter dash which was

also entered by Will Rowell and Wayne Henderson.

Ricky Clardy came in first in the 400-meter dash. Clay Schott was also a competitor in this event.

Bradley Brunson placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Neal Edwards placed first and Will Rowell came in fifth in the 200-meter dash. Wayne Henderson also competed in this event.

Neal Edwards won first and Will Rowell, fifth, in the long jump which was also entered by Wayne Henderson.

Denny Hill took part in the high jump.

Ryan Smith finished third in

the pole vault.

Smith was also third in the shot put, which was also entered by Bradley Brunson.

Smith won first place in the discus and Clay Schott also entered that event.

The Owls will compete Saturday in the Texas 6-Man Coaches Association meet held in conjunction with the Pioneer Relays at Wayland Baptist University beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Plainview.

District meet for the Owls is Thursday, April 7, at Jayton.

## Junior High Track Team Does Well At Jayton

The Junior High boys scored 89 points and finished second in the Jayton Junior High Track Meet Friday, March 25.

The 400 meter relay team,

composed of Bryan Breedlove, Lyndell Ivory, Brian West and Bryan Martin, placed second.

Casey Frizzell placed third in 110 meter hurdles and Wil T Bomar finished fifth. Dusty Martin also competed in this event.

Josh Brooks and Jeffrey Grimland participated in the 800 meter run.

Brian West finished third in the 100 meter dash which was also entered by Lyndell Ivory and Bryan Martin.

Seven Cavitt placed second and Langdon Reagan came in sixth in the 400 meter dash. Frank Ramirez also competed in this event.

Casey Frizzell finished fifth in the 300 meter hurdles, which was also entered by Wil Bomar and Dusty Martin.

Bryan Breedlove ran fourth in the 200 meter dash.

Abel Maciel placed second and Jeff Smith came in third in the 1600 meter run which was also entered by Lance Smith.

The 1600 meter relay team, composed of Lyndell Ivory, Steven Cavitt, Brian West and Bryan Breedlove, placed fourth.

In the long jump, Lyndell Ivory placed fifth and Abel Maciel and Brian Martin also competed.

Steven Cavitt placed third in the high jump, in which Josh Brooks and Brian West also took part.

Casey Frizzell finished second in the pole vault, while Josh Brooks earned fourth place. Frank Ramirez also entered this event.

Bryan Breedlove was fifth in the shot put and Stan Gamble and Lance Bradford also entered this event.

Stan Gamble, Lance Bradford and Brian West competed in the discus.

The Junior High District Meet is April 8 at Jayton.

### SILVERTON SCHOOL

#### LUNCHROOM MENU

April 4-8

Monday — Fish and Tartar Sauce, French Fries, Cornbread, Fruit and Jello, Milk

Tuesday — Soft Burritos, Corn, Milk

Wednesday — Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Cake, Milk

Thursday — Fried Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey and Butter, Milk

Friday — Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

## Clements Presented First Capitol Medallion Minted

Governor Bill Clements has been presented the first silver medallion minted to commemorate the centennial of the Texas Capitol.

Sale of the medallions has been sanctioned by the Capitol Centennial Committee chaired by Texas First Lady Rita Clements.

The medallions are being minted by Silvertowne in Winchester, Indiana, through George Vogt of Colonial Coins in Houston.

Numbered medallions are being pre-sold to the public through Vogt, a Houston coin dealer, with all proceeds going to offset the cost of the May 7 Capitol

## 4-H Record Book Training Is April 7

A 4-H Record Book Training will be conducted Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silvertown.

All 4-H members, parents and leaders who are interested in learning what a record book is, what its purpose is, and what kind of information is required, are invited to attend.

Record books are due for county competition in mid-July and for District judging on July 26. If families organize the information early, they can reduce the amount of time spent preparing a record book prior to the date it is due.

A 4-H record book is required for the Gold Star Award, and record book information is essential in preparing a 4-H scholarship application.

### Centennial activities.

The medallions are available in silver at \$35 and bronze at \$10. Both are approximately 1.8 inches in diameter.

One side of the medallion is a depiction of the Texas Capitol. It is an exact duplicate of a coin minted in 1888 for the Capitol's dedication ceremonies.

The design on the other side of the medallion bears the snowflake-like design of the 24 cobalt blue windows that originally adorned a skylight on the fourth floor of the Capitol.

The medallions can be pre-ordered through Vogt, or through coin dealers across Texas starting March 1.

Orders through Vogt can be placed by calling 1-800-392-4716, or by writing to Vogt at 909 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002.

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1 C. dairy sour cream  
1 (3 oz.) pkg. softened cream cheese

4 chopped, hard-cooked eggs

1/4 C. chopped bell pepper

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Beat sour cream and cream cheese until fluffy. Add eggs, bell pepper, Worcestershire sauce, salt and garlic powder; mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Makes 1 1/2 to 2 cups.

*The human ear can hear sounds ranging in loudness from ten decibels to 140 decibels.*

### POLITICAL

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to Action of the Second Democratic Primary Tuesday, April 12, 1988

FOR COMMISSIONER, BRISCOE COUNTY PRECINCT 1:

ALTON [Tobe] RIDDELL

AARON YOUNGER

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FOR COMMISSIONER, BRISCOE COUNTY PRECINCT 3:

LARRY COMER

L. B. GARVIN, JR.

# 1988-1989 Texas Almanac



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Emily Parnell, manager of M. D. Anderson Hospital's Cancer Information Service (left), instructs Dorothy McCormick, CIS volunteer (center), in the operation of the Computerized Resource Directory while Jan Haughn, CIS staffer (right), answers a caller's information request.

### Computers Keep Track of It All

From baseball statistics to the names of the stars in the sky, computers help us keep track of it all. Now computer technology makes it possible to get information right away about cancer resources in Texas.

The computerized Community Resource Directory, new from The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital's Cancer Information Service (CIS), makes it easy for cancer patients and the well public to locate cancer care and screening facilities that are nearest them.

To find out about cancer services in an area, callers need only dial 1-800-4-CANCER, toll-free in Texas, or (713) 792-3245, in Houston. Counselors are available to help callers from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Made possible by funds provided by the Texas Cancer Council and the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., this database contains approximately 75,000 entries that were collected from more than 2,500 agencies across the state.



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### Caring for the Bedridden or Elderly

There are some who have expressed disappointment that the "Tips for the Elderly" hasn't been in the newspaper every week. There are times when the newspaper is too full to allow printing of this column, which appears without charge on a "space-available" basis.

Just keep watching and from time to time you will find a column filled with ideas for helping those who can't help themselves.

Maebelle Francis  
Ombudsman

I appreciate the nice comments several of you have made about this series on aging, and am happy I have been able to help some of you and answer questions for others. Thanks to those who have given me literature that I can use to get more ideas or tips. Today we will discuss "Everyday Needs for the Dementia Patient."

To help a patient remember to take medicine, fill paper cups the night before with the next day's medications and write the time each should be taken on the outside of each cup. Or cut holes in a cardboard tray large enough for each medicine bottle to fit into; write the time the medicine is to be taken on adhesive tape below each bottle. If the medications or intervals change, simply change the tape. Or mark the time each medication is to be taken on a round paper plate (corresponding to the time on a clock). A glance at the plate "clock" will tell when the next dosage is due.

To cope with a belligerent patient, be quiet or nod agreement. Everything blows over a lot faster.

To keep yourself going, always take care of yourself first, and your care recipient second.

To make letter-writing easier for someone with poor eyesight, draw heavy black lines (with a marking pen) at one-inch intervals across a clipboard; when fairly thin writing paper is laid over it, the lines will show through to keep writing from wandering and make words larger and easier for the writer to see.

To help a sightless person correspond, record his or her letters on tape. Ask the people who receive the tapes to return them so the care recipient can use them again.

To help someone who has difficulty dressing, lay out or hang the next day's outfit (underwear, socks, shirt/blouse, slacks, etc.) on a hanger the night before.

To make bathing easier, arrange for a portable sitz bath.

To ensure that your loved one will receive nutritious meals while you are away, cook fresh vegetables and broil steaks/fish/poultry ahead of time. Then grind or puree (if necessary) and pack them in separate containers tagged with dates and contents. If the patient is blind, fill thermos bottles with hot beverages, soups, casseroles, stews, etc. and set them out when you leave.

To cope with a patient's annoying habits, take advantage of those habits rather than trying to change them. Example: One

caregiver's father napped every day after lunch on his son's living-room couch. Instead of dwelling on the inconvenience, the caregiver used the time for a quiet period.

Next week we will continue tips for "Everyday Needs."

### Soil Insect Control In Vegetable Gardens

As vegetable gardeners in Briscoe County prepare for spring planting, their first step should be to control insects.

Soil insects can reduce vegetable quality and yields if left uncontrolled, points out Curtis Preston, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

For effective control, mix insecticides into the soil at a depth of 4-6 inches at least two weeks before the garden plot is planted, suggests Preston.

Among destructive soil insects are wireworms, white grubs, seed corn maggots, cabbage maggots, mole crickets, sowbugs, slugs, snails and cutworms. Some destroy plant seeds, roots, tubers and underground stem parts while others cut off young plants at or near the soil surface.

Most soil insects can be controlled with diazinon 25 percent liquid concentration of Spectracide 6000 applied as a five percent granule. Granules usually give the best control, says Preston. If cutworms or sowbugs become a problem after the garden has been planted, broadcast five percent Seven bait over the soil surface.

Garden sites planted for the first time or those previously in grass or weeds are more likely to harbor damaging numbers of soil pests. Before treating with an insecticide, inspect the garden site by taking soil samples at several locations to a depth of 5-6 inches. Remove one square foot section of soil from each location and record the number of soil insect pests present. As a general rule, an average of one or more soil insects per sample suggests the need for insecticide treatment.

Before applying any pesticide always read and follow label instructions, added Preston.

#### PROGRAMS SET ON

##### LOWERING ESTATE TAXES

Farmers and ranchers have been concerned for years about high taxes that erode their estates. Thus the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is planning four educational programs across the state to address that concern.

Two-day seminars are planned as follows: Sheraton Hotel, Tyler, March 21-22; Sheraton Hotel, Amarillo, March 28-29; Rudder Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, April 7-8; and Holiday Inn, McKinney, April 11-12.

"The seminars will help farmers and ranchers learn how to reduce taxable estates," points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Extension Service economist. "They also will learn new methods for passing their operations to the next generation without burdens of taxes and administrative pro-

### Attend Foundation Beefmaster Convention

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley attended the 16th Annual Foundation Beefmaster Convention that was held at the Red Lion Inn, Colorado Springs, Colorado March 3-5, 1988. Cattle raisers attended from Florida to California—and from Idaho to Laredo, Texas, to promote profitable beef production and to learn more about Holistic Resource Management in connection with the beef cattle industry.

Mr. Rampley is a member of the board of directors of FBA, which has active members in 30 states and five foreign countries.

The Beefmaster is a registered breed of cattle that has been selected solely for beef-making characteristics. The goal is to produce a large quantity of good beef that requires the least in cost, care and attention.

The development of the Beefmaster was begun in Texas in the early 1930's by Tom Lasater. Some of the concepts he used to create the breed go back to the early 1900's. The resulting exceptionally hardy and meaty animal, produced at a realistically low cost and sold at a realistically high price, has gained acceptance throughout the beef-cattle states and has gained approval abroad.

The breeding and management program which the Lasater Ranch stringently follows is based on one of nature's oldest laws: the survival of the fittest. The Lasater concept of this natural law is intelligently applied through the selection for six essential characteristics which have been stressed in the development of the Beefmaster breed. The characteristics are: disposition, fertility, weight, conformation, hardiness and milk production, and according to Tom Lasater, all are equally important traits.

Beefmasters are fantastically hardy, meaty animals that can flourish profitably under nearly every climatic and geographic condition, and they are disease and insect resistant. Many cattlemen in foreign countries have recognized the outstanding characteristics of the Beefmaster breed, but international health laws have restricted the importation of livestock into many foreign nations. As a result of these health restrictions, frozen Beefmaster semen has been substituted and exported to the receptive foreign countries.

cedures."

Each seminar will begin with a discussion on estate taxes, including deductions, expenses and tax rates.

Basic estate planning devices will be explained in depth. Among these are wills, by-pass trusts, gifts, disclaimers and property titles.

"Relating estate plans to income tax savings can be of even greater benefit than just a single plan," notes Hayenga. "In fact, sometimes income tax savings over many years can even be greater than estate tax savings for people with commercial-sized farm and ranch businesses."

For more detailed information about the seminars, contact any County Extension Office or Hayenga at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University.

"Many people are not aware of the variety of cancer-related services available in communities across Texas," says Emily Parnell, manager of M. D. Anderson's CIS.

"With the touch of a button, we can do a comprehensive search of the services available in a caller's community or anywhere in the state," she adds. "Our records reflect the latest information about the services that an agency or hospital provides."

Included in the Community Resource Directory is information about treatment facilities, financial aid, and where to get medical supplies for cancer patients.

Families and friends of cancer patients can request information about home-care assistance programs, counseling and support groups.

The directory also has information about clinics that provide exams such as the Pap smear or the mammogram—for the early detection of cancer—that will benefit the well public.

The database will be updated continuously and all agencies will be surveyed annually to make sure that the information included is as current as possible. Inclusion in the database, however, is not an endorsement of any program or service. The decision about whether to take advantage of the services provided by a resource will be up to the caller, Parnell says.

In addition, Parnell says callers can continue to call the CIS for information about the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation aspects of cancer. Answering more than 155,000 such requests, she adds, has been the hallmark of the CIS since its inception in 1976.

"With the initiation of this computerized system, we believe that we have taken an important step in helping to meet the public's cancer information needs," Parnell says.

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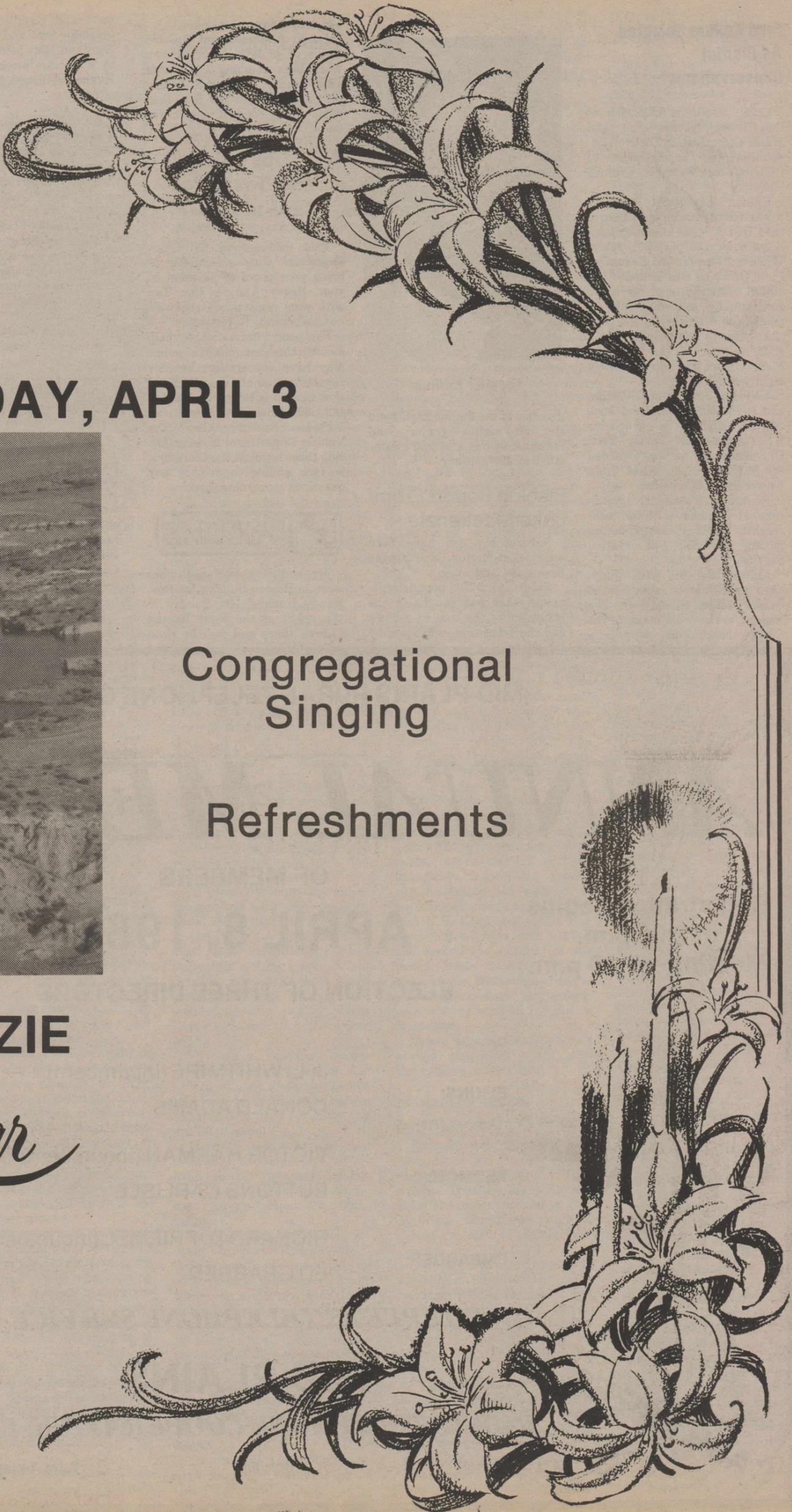
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### Fred Kellum Selected As District Conservationist

C. E. Meadows, chairman of the Lower Neches Soil and Water Conservation District, announces the appointment of District Conservationist Fred C. Kellum.

Kellum has most recently worked in the Beaumont Office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service for the past 2½ years. While stationed in the Beaumont Field Office he was awarded the USDA's certificate of merit for substantially exceeding performance requirements of his position. Prior to this time he was a staff member of the Canadian Field Office for approximately eight years.

Kellum is a native of Silverton, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen N. Kellum. He earned his B.S. degree at Texas Tech University and he was awarded the M.Ed. at East Texas State University in Commerce.

He taught vocational agriculture at various schools, most recently at Mt. Pleasant, before joining the Soil Conservation Service.

Kellum and his wife, Judy, have three children in the Silsbee School System: Edward who is a senior and the drum major of the Silsbee band; John who is a



Fred C. Kellum

member of the Junior High band and an eighth grader; and Suzanna, who is a second grader at Kirby Elementary.

### Fishing Report From Lake Mackenzie

Several big fish have been weighed at Cactus Cove Marina during the past week.

Saturday, a 3¼ pound large-mouth bass was caught in the main part of the lake on a black and chartreuse six-inch worm by

Glenn Maddox of Amarillo.

David Anderson and Richard Willis of Muleshoe caught two white bass weighing 2¼ pounds each Sunday. They were fishing off the bank near the first boat ramp using deep-diving crawdads.

### Tips From Your Tax Office

Fairy McWilliams  
Tax Assessor-Collector

This message is to Truck Registrars. Just a reminder to bring your proof of payment of your Heavy Vehicle Use Tax with your registration renewals on Combination Registration.

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Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes were in Roscoe Sunday for Rev. Randy Hughes' last Sunday in the pulpit at the First Baptist Church there and for the noon

meal and reception that were given for Rev. and Mrs. Hughes, Amy and Matt before they move to Waco this week. The Berton Hughes returned home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. (Martha) Cowell was transported to Swisher Memorial Hospital Saturday night by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, and continues to receive treatment there.

Mrs. Odelia Stidham was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital Monday by her son, Lance. She was later transferred to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo by ambulance.

Mrs. Ollie McMinn is continuing to receive treatment at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She was taken there by Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service last week and has been in intensive care following surgery.

Mrs. Lottie Owens of Quitaque has been staying with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson, Wayne and Zane while recuperating from injuries she received last week when her car was in collision with John Gill's pickup in south Briscoe County near the Deanie Henderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kingery of Corpus Christi, Mr. and



Pat McCain and Waynelle Couch are first-place winners in doubles in the Tulia Bowling League. Winners were recognized recently at a supper. Games were played and door prizes were awarded, with Pat McCain being one of the lucky winners.

Mrs. Leon Kingery, Vicki and Leann of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dickson of Amarillo were in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery over the weekend visiting their mother, Mrs. Eliza Kingery, who is continuing her recuperation here. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery, Kara and Shauna on Saturday and Sunday.

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## Amy Hughes To Receive National Recognition

Nomination by Mrs. Alexander, a member of the Roscoe High School faculty, has brought national recognition to Amy Lynne Hughes, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes of Silverton.

The 1987-88 school year has been a very important one for Amy. She passed every test and now is proudly listed among the top three percent elite of high school students for 1988. She is completing her freshman year in high school where she has excelled in band and piano, and has been honored with other awards.

She and her family are moving to Waco this week, where she will enter Connely School to finish her freshman year.



Amy Lynne Hughes

### LINES FROM Y N D A

Lynda Fogerson  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

### CHOLESTEROL, FAT & HEALTH

Cholesterol has received a great deal of publicity and yet many are still confused about the sources of cholesterol, its role in the body and the best way to reduce it.

Our own body produces about 80% of the total cholesterol found in blood and tissues. Only about 20% comes from our diet.

Cholesterol is only found in animal sources—meats, cheese, eggs, milk, butter (not in margarines). There is no cholesterol in fruits and vegetables or grain products; however, once grains are made into bread with the addition of eggs and fats, the bread will have some cholesterol.

Saturated fat may also be confused with cholesterol. Saturated fats are found mostly in foods from animals, but two vegetable sources—coconut and palm oil—also have significant amounts of saturated fat.

Both cholesterol and saturated fats are found to increase the risk of coronary heart disease. For this reason, most physicians

recommend that high-risk patients reduce the amount of cholesterol in the diet.

In most people, the liver regulates the amount of cholesterol it makes depending upon the amount taken in the diet. However, for some people increases in cholesterol from the diet increases the level in the blood.

How do we reduce dietary cholesterol intake? The primary concern is moderation, not elimination of all cholesterol foods. Substitute margarine for butter; skim milk for whole milk; low fat cheese or that made with skim milk, such as mozzarella, for whole milk cheeses; lean meat for meat with more fat.

Finally, become a dedicated label reader and know what information you are looking for on the label. If the product says "vegetable oil" yet the label says, "coconut" or "palm oil" know that you are using a saturated fat.

I had my cholesterol tested as a part of a recent training and am more aware of the latest research findings about cholesterol.

Call 823-2131, Extension 12, or come by my office in the courthouse basement for a free copy of a new publication, "Dietary Guidelines—Avoid Too Much Fat, Saturated Fat, and Cholesterol."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

March 31—Sylvia Trevino, Angela Henderson, Terry Davis

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

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

April 3—Will Rowell

April 5—John Segura, Mari Rhode, Flip Baker, Julie Loy

April 6—Mandi Estes, Ross Estes, Billie Roy Fuston, Lance Bradford

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

March 31—Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones

April 2—Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Straley

April 4—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Vardell

The adult heart beats about 40 million times a year.

## Mrs. Rhoderick Is Hostesses To Club

Loretha Rhoderick was hostess for the Century of Progress Study Club Wednesday, March 23, with a program theme of "Wheelin' Creatively."

Club members met early in the morning and traveled to Plainview where they enjoyed a stop for coffee and doughnuts, and held a business meeting. Barbara Knowlton presented a devotional, "The Raspberry Patch." The group then toured Llano Estacado Museum, enjoying all of the exhibits, including an Art Exhibit featuring the work of John Young-Hunter.

After visiting with the curator about various plans for the museum and the area, clubmembers enjoyed a Chinese luncheon at The Far East Restaurant.

In the afternoon, a side trip was made to view an exhibit of the Plains Art Association in Herral Auditorium.

Members attending the meeting, in addition to the hostess, Mrs. Rhoderick, were Annette Davis, Barbara Knowlton, Jackie Mercer, Beverly Bowman, Polly Montague, Faye Rampley and Junis Hutsell.

## Students To Be Recognized In Assembly

There will be an all-school assembly program in the school auditorium at 10:22 a.m. on Thursday.

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"Fill your diesel storage and tractor tanks now!"

That's the advice Texas Farm Bureau President S. M. True had Friday for Texas farmers and ranchers after returning from Washington, D. C. True was in the capitol working on, among other things, a delay in the April 1 start-up date for implementing the new diesel tax collection procedures.

"It looks like the April 1 date is our biggest obstacle," the Plainview farmer said. "If legislative changes are not made before that date—Friday—then farmers and ranchers will be forced to pay the 15.1 cents per gallon tax at the time of purchase and then apply

for a refund."

The farm leader said the proposal to maintain the present federal diesel fuel excise tax exemption has "tremendous" support in Congress, including all but four of the 27 House members from Texas.

"But, the short time-frame, legislative technicalities and budget implications are all working against us," he said.

The "critical" bill to maintain the exemption is H.R. 4192, which is now before the House Ways and Means Committee, True said.

Texas Senator Phil Gramm and Rep. Larry Combest, Lubbock, were among the first to

introduce bills on the matter in January. Changes in the collection point for diesel taxes were incorporated in the Revenue Act of 1987.

## When Easter's Over, Eat Those Eggs!

The Easter tradition of coloring eggs came to the new World with the Pennsylvania Dutch in 1728. These deeply religious, hard-working farm people colored eggs as tokens of good times to come, a custom that spread across Pennsylvania and New York and eventually the entire country.

Decorated eggs, however, never belonged exclusively to Christian custom, but were symbols of fertility and the earth's spring renewal long before the time of Christ. The ancient Chinese gave painted eggs as gifts during a three-day spring festival. And Persians marked the beginning of their religious year every spring with a feast that included giving colored eggs to friends and strangers.

Eggs have also represented life and immortality. Perhaps the egg's spherical shape—which the sculptor Brancusi called "the most perfect form of creation"—represented the unending circle of life, death and rebirth central to Christian and other religious beliefs.

Whatever their significance, eggs will be bought in greater-than-usual numbers in Texas and the rest of the country as families get ready for Easter. According to one estimate, about 25 percent of the eggs purchased during the Easter holidays are used for decorations.

Increased demand ordinarily causes prices to rise during this time. But the addition of four million laying hens last year to the country's flocks has provided a bonanza of eggs. According to Dr. Dave Mellor, Texas A&M University poultry marketing specialist, "We have lots of hens, lots of eggs, so prices will be good." In fact, eggs have been on sale in supermarkets around the state since February, and prices are not expected to rise significantly through Easter.

When buying eggs to color, it is best to get them about a week in advance. Very fresh eggs are hard to peel. To hard-cook the eggs, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) home economist Carol Guthrie recommends pla-



cing them in a single layer in a large pot. Cover the eggs with about an inch of water and cover the pan. As soon as the water boils, remove the pan from the heat and let it stand 15 to 17 minutes for large eggs. Add or subtract three minutes for each size larger or smaller. For example, extra-large eggs should stand in the water 20 minutes, medium eggs 10 to 12.

Cooking eggs this way yields tender whites and fully cooked yolks. Hard-boiling is to be avoided. It overcooks the eggs and turns them rubbery. As soon as the eggs are ready, place them under cool, running water to ensure an easy-to-peel product.

Once cooked, eggs should be promptly put in the refrigerator to await decoration. If these eggs are handled carefully, there should be no danger of spoilage. Recent tests showed that hard-cooked eggs stored at room temperature spoiled in less than a week. However, when eggs were transferred to the refrigerator after two days, they kept up to three weeks.

Guthrie recommends playing it safe by refrigerating eggs right after cooking them, again after decorating, and finally after the Easter egg hunt. Any colored eggs with cracks should be discarded.

TDA inspectors check eggs at grocery stores to protect consumers from dirty, cracked or improperly sized or graded eggs. After the eggs are taken home, however, it is up to consumers to maintain quality. A cracked, hard-cooked egg that has gone unrefrigerated is ripe for breeding bacteria.

When Easter is over, mothers are faced with using all those leftover eggs. That's no problem in families that enjoy whole hard-cooked eggs. Sometimes, however, coming up with ideas requires some thought. Hard-cooked eggs are not as versatile as raw, but they can be utilized in a number of different ways. The most common are egg salads and deviled eggs.

To enliven an egg salad sandwich, serve it piled with lettuce,

tomatoes, onions, celery and cucumbers. For an even easier but just as tasty sandwich, slice the eggs and pair them with leftover Easter ham or turkey. Perk up deviled eggs with any one of the following: chopped chives, picante sauce, minced ham, chopped olives or grated cheese.

Leftover eggs are also good in potato, tuna, ham or poultry salads. They can be creamed, turned into dips or served in curries or casseroles. The list isn't endless, but an enterprising cook can make good use of this nutritious little package of protein, vitamins and minerals.

Egg protein is an ideal balance of essential amino acids, the building blocks of protein. In fact, egg protein is of such high quality that it is often used as the standard by which other protein is measured. Eggs contain 13 vitamins, but no vitamin C, and minerals including phosphorus, magnesium, potassium and iron. Their vitamin D content is surpassed in abundance only by fish liver oils.

So, don't throw those brightly colored Easter eggs away. Take advantage of their nutritional value and versatility in dishes like these from the TDA test kitchen.

### SOUTHERN SAUSAGE-EGG CASSEROLE

- 6 hard-cooked eggs
- 1/4 C. butter or margarine
- 1/4 C. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Dash of black pepper
- 2 C. milk
- 1 lb. bulk pork sausage, cooked and drained
- 1 (17 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 C. soft bread crumbs
- 1 T. butter or margarine

Slice 2 eggs into 1/2-quart casserole dish. Blend butter, flour, salt and pepper in saucepan; add milk all at once. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is boiling and thickened. Stir in sausage and corn; pour over eggs. Slice remaining eggs and arrange on top of sausage mixture. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and dot with one tablespoon butter. Bake in 375 degree F. oven 20-25 minutes or until heated through. Makes 6 servings.

### SKILLET EGG AND POTATO HASH

- 1 lg. grated onion
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 2 tsp. crushed dried red pepper
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 3 T. peanut oil
- 1 lb. diced red potatoes
- 1 lb. diced carrots
- 2/3 C. water
- 1/4 C. tomato juice
- 7 chopped hard-cooked eggs

Place onion, garlic, bell pepper, dried red pepper, coriander, salt, cumin and black pepper in container of blender or food processor. Process until thoroughly mixed; set aside. In large skillet, heat oil over moderate heat and add potatoes and carrots. Saute 10 minutes, then add spice mixture and cook, stirring constantly, for 2-3 minutes. Add water and tomato juice; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in eggs and heat through. Makes 6-8 servings.

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A committee of Texas legislators in Lubbock March 19 was served a generous helping of complaints against Texas workers' compensation insurance abuses and rates for cotton ginners.

The occasion was the second of three hearings called by the Joint Select Committee on Workers' Compensation Insurance, created by the Texas Legislature to scrutinize the Texas system with an eye to improvements. The first was held in Houston in February and a third is set for June 3 in Dallas.

Co-chairmen of the committee are Representative Richard Smith of Bryan and Senator Robert Glasgow of Stephenville. Acting chairman for the Lubbock hearing, however, was committee member Senator John Montford of Lubbock.

Taking the lead for ginners in documenting abuses, inefficiencies and excessive rates were the Texas Cotton Ginners, Texas Independent Ginners and Texas Cooperative Gin Managers Associations. They were backed up by oral and/or written testimony from individual ginners and a statement on behalf of cotton producers presented by Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenorah, President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

Addressing other facets of the workers' compensation system were doctors, the Medical Containment Division of the Texas Industrial Accident Board, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Texas Restaurant Association and other interested parties.

Accounting for producer interest in the workers' compensation rates paid by ginners, Mitchell cited his calculation that the increases in rates over the past five years have added at least \$1 per bale to total ginning costs. And when a ginner's costs go up for reasons he can't control, he added, paraphrasing the comic strip's Pogo, "We has met the man who pays the final bill, and he is us."

Speaking for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association, Keith Pendergrass of Wellman referred to a chart showing injured worker benefits and gin premium rates in each of 14 states. He said it is

frustrating to find that "while our losses are no less nor greater than other states, Texas has the second highest compensation rate—the highest of any state with over 100 gins in operation." Examples given included Tennessee which has the same maximum benefits as Texas and a rate of \$10.89 per \$100 of payroll, compared to the Texas rate of \$25.05 per \$100.

Mitchell's statement alluded to the same comparisons, saying "... it should be obvious to one and all that something is wrong in Texas" when Texas premium rates are from 30 to 130 percent higher while the state's loss experience and benefits are about equal. Only New Mexico at \$33.87 has a premium higher than Texas.

All the ginner organizations stressed the industry's concern for its employees, calling attention to their development and dissemination of extensive safety programs.

When injuries do occur, Pendergrass amplified, "we want the system to pay qualified claims in a timely manner that meets the worker's needs. At the same time," he appended, "the system must vigorously resist abuses and fraudulent claims that not only increase costs, but fuel an adversarial atmosphere between employer and employee."

The appointment of an advisory group to review issues related to high volume instrument classing of cotton could be the beginning of the end for the grades and micronaire readings traditionally used in marketing U. S. cotton.

That's the opinion of Ralls cotton producer Steven Verett, Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., who in February was appointed one of 14 advisory committee members. Others from the High Plains are Wayne Mixon, Seminole ginner, and C. L. Boggs, president of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Lubbock.

The producer-recommended "National Industry Advisory Committee on Cotton Marketing" will hold its first meeting April 13, according to Jesse Moore, Cotton Division Director of USDA's Agricultural Market-

ing Service. The committee is made up of representatives from producer, ginner, cooperative, merchant, manufacturer, academic and research sectors.

No significant changes in cotton marketing or the price support loan structure are expected in the short term, Verett cautions, "but over the two-year life of the committee I have high hopes that we'll see some significant moves toward improvement."

High Plains producers have contended that micronaire discounts have unfairly penalized West Texas cotton in the marketplace since they became a part of the loan schedule in 1964. And that's the first area in which Verett thinks USDA and the committee should look to make changes.

Micronaire has been used as an indication of both fiber, fineness and fiber maturity. But, as USDA's Moore has acknowledged, a separate measure for each of these two qualities could serve as a more accurate guide to end-use value in today's high speed textile technology.

Speaking at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences in January, Moore said development of a new system would likely include replacing both mike and grade with other measurements. "In the sophisticated environment of modern textile mills, we're finding that mike does not assess cotton maturity and fiber fineness as well as it should," he stated.

Moore also said class grades now in use probably would be replaced by separate electronic readings to indicate color and trash. He too, however, cautioned that since changing the classing system would change the way cotton is marketed, no immediate changes should be expected.

Momentum for a thorough study of the present cotton classing system and the method of pricing cotton came from the Producer Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council, chaired at the time by Frank Jones, a PCG Director from Lamesa. A new system, the committee said, should enhance the establishment of loan values that would more nearly reflect the use value of cotton for spinning purposes.

In addition to studying cotton classing, the advisory committee is charged also with reviewing cotton standards and market information programs.

*An old superstition had it that a newborn baby must be carried upstairs before it is carried down. This act supposedly guaranteed the child would rise in the world and have a successful life.*

## Events Calendar Lists Texas Springtime Activities

There's just no limit to the ways Texans have fun in the Springtime. From the traditional to the unexpected, there's something for everyone in virtually every corner of the state. This spring, Texans play host to over 900 happenings, all found in the latest Texas Events Calendar, just issued by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The Spring Calendar, spanning the months of March, April and May proves something most of us have long suspected. Texans love to celebrate. From a Spamarama celebrating the creation of potted meat, to more serious event honoring fallen heroes, there's something happening in Texas most all the time.

No less than 30 activities pay tribute to the arrival of Spring. The Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trail winds through the Texas Hill Country. There's a Redbud Festival in Buna and a Dogwood

Trails Festival in Woodville. And spring blooms at dozens of flower and garden shows.

Texans compete with horse, dog, turtle, drag and outhouse races; tennis, golf and fishing tournaments. Runners race around the Globe Theatre in Odessa. And in Brenham, at the Blue Bell Fun Run, the famous cream waits at the finish line.

Packed with rodeos, stock shows, art shows and folk festivals, along with dozens of musical and cultural events, the Spring Texas Events Calendar tells the where and when of it all. Individual free copies of the latest listing can be picked up at any of the 12 Texas Tourist Bureaus, or by writing Texas Events Calendar, P. O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763.



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Words cannot express my deep appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, flowers, cards, food and every expression of concern and love while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. We also want to thank all our friends and family who have made this time in our lives much easier to bear.

May God bless each of you.  
Judy Miller and family

Thanks so much to everyone who came by to see me when I was in the hospital and since I've been home. The cards and plants were really wonderful and every act of kindness and concern is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Angie Smith

Thanks to the fire department, neighbors and especially the men who stayed afterward and helped put fences back up.

We appreciate your efforts on our behalf very much.

L. N. and Carlene Johnson  
Booger and Garnie Taylor

We would like to take this way to thank each and every one for the food, the beautiful flowers, phone calls, cards and most of all, your prayers, before and after our darling Mother and Grandmother passed away.

We want to apologize for the mix-up on who was to call the honorary pallbearers. They were supposed to call Ashel and Billie McDaniel, Joe McWaters, Carl Bomar and Freeman Tate. Each thought the other had called them.

The people of Silvertown are wonderful. God bless each and every one of you and the young man with the beautiful voice.

- Loney Stout and family
- Charley and Carrol McLeland and family
- Rose and W. L. Miller and family
- Beatrice and George Fry and family
- Waneta and Arlis Chambers and family
- Mildred and Bud Perkins and family
- Dora Belle and Ott Perkins and family

We want to thank the fire boys and all others who helped fight the grass fire, that saved Mom's house. Your good deeds are many, and they are very much appreciated.

Gerald and Anna Mae Smith

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Boyd Bingham, Deceased, were issued on March 28, 1988 in Cause No. 1206, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Alton Riddell.

The residence of such Executor is Briscoe County, Texas. The post office address is: Alton Riddell, Route 1, Silvertown, Texas 79257.

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