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Texas Sales Tax Rebates Continue Steady Increase

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently that this year's sales tax payments to Texas cities grew 12.3 percent over 1987's payments, continuing a trend that is expected to last for several years.

"We're projecting that local sales tax allocations will steadily rise through 1991. I'm sure the extra income from sales tax revenues will be welcomed by local governments," Bullock said.

Bullock added that, while the future of oil prices remains rocky, the stronger tax base will bolster state and local revenues, keeping them at a steady increase of about seven to eight percent a year through 1991.

Checks totaling \$64.1 million were sent to 885 cities that collect local sales tax at either one or one and one-half percent.

December's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the Comptroller's office by November 21.

Silverton's rebate for this period was \$1,329.33, quite a bit higher than the \$953.33 received at this same time in 1987. This brought the 1988 total to \$20,052.69, an increase of 30.37 percent over the \$15,381.95 that had been received for the first ten months of last year.

Quitaque's rebate check was for \$766.63, higher than the \$524.00 received at the same time last year. Total 1988 rebates for that city are \$13,376.04, up 23.73 percent from the \$10,810.70 that had been received at the same time in the previous year.

Area cities, the amount of their rebate and the percentage of increase or decrease include Claude, \$1,712.14, up 18.68 percent; Dimmitt, \$14,189.28, up 46.82 percent; Hart, \$1,092.72, down 9.96 percent; Nazareth, \$1,117.15, up 19.54 percent; Paducah, \$2,296.93, up 15.61 percent; Crosbyton, \$3,546.54, up 35.90 percent; Lorenzo, \$1,553.66, up 17.27 percent; Ralls, \$3,696.72, up 27.04 percent; Hereford, \$42,434.84, up 7.86 percent; Dickens, \$1,579.51, up 11.21 percent; Spur, \$1,675.32, up 8.68 percent; Clarendon, \$5,717.56, up 19.16 percent; Hedley, \$0, down 1.13 percent; Howardwick, \$662.94, down 11.62 percent; Floydada, \$7,270.71, up 1.62 percent; Lockney, \$3,291.28, down 4.44 percent; Lefors, \$0, up 25.59 percent; McLean, \$1,443.55, up 14.07 percent; Pampa,

\$107,471.67, up 10.68 percent; Plainview, \$122,639.47, up 45.17 percent; Estelline, \$823.07, down 5.57 percent; Lakeview, \$0, up 46.18 percent; Memphis, \$5,316.47, up 8.07 percent; Turkey, \$544.63, up 31.49 percent; Jayton, \$0, down 14.66 percent; Lubbock, \$1,054,482.62, up 11.80 percent; Idalou, \$2,879.62, down 9.84 percent; New Deal, \$0, down 31.36 percent; Matador, \$943.84, up 8.24 percent; Roaring Springs, \$1,781.97, up 53.46 percent; Amarillo, \$848,823.45, up 7.71 percent; Canyon, \$30,116.36, up 3.61 percent; Happy, \$611.10, down 34.61 percent; Kress, \$510.74, up 26.48 percent; Tulia, \$12,219.44, up 52.96 percent.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. John Crowell are parents of a son, Michael Craig, born at 11:25 a.m. Monday, December 26, at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed six pounds and nine ounces and measured 19½ inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Neis of Coffeerville, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell of Groom. The baby also has a great-grandmother, Mrs. Harlow Neis of Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kellum are parents of a daughter, D'Anna Kay, born December 22 (her Grandmother Kellum's birthday) at 11:30 a.m. at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed six pounds and fifteen ounces.

Welcoming their sister into the family are three brothers, Desley, ten; Derek, who is almost four, and Dean, who is almost two years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kellum of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Berner of Spearman. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dickson of Spearman are the great-grandparents.

Names Omitted From Christmas Greeting Page

Several names were omitted from the Christmas Greeting Page.

BLOOD DRIVE
January 17, 1989
Silverton City Hall
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Varsity Teams In Tournament

Silverton's varsity basketball teams are playing in the North Plains Tournament at Claude this weekend.

In addition to the local teams, the teams competing are Sunray, Lockney, Hedley, Channing, Hartley, Claude and Happy.

The Owlettes are paired with Claude JV at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. The Owls will follow at 2:00 p.m. in a matchup with Happy.

The teams travel to Claude for a pair of games at 6:30 p.m. January 3, and enter district play January 6 when they host Hedley at 6:30 p.m.

Other teams in the district are Samnorwood, Lakeview, Valley and McLean.

The Junior High teams host Hedley at 6:00 p.m. January 5.

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party Tuesday, January 3, at the center.

Those having January birthdays will be honored, and hosts for the party will be those who had December birthdays.

The Senior Citizens would like to thank Mr. Reynolds and his Eighth Grade class for their donation in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts.

Enjoy Christmas In W. H. Fitzgerald Home

Enjoying dinner in the home of Wayland and Flo Fitzgerald on Christmas Eve were Betty, Norvell and Curtis Breedlove, College Station, and a friend of Curtis', Veronica, of Waller; Nanette and Rodger Kennedy and children, Russell, Corey and Amanda, Wichita Falls; Suzette and Ron Nistler and Brian, Amarillo; Kim and Clifford Oldham, Samnorwood; Chris, Justin and Tyson Breedlove and Craig Breedlove, all of Harlingen; Guinn, Pat and DeLynn Fitzgerald, Bill, Shirley, Kirk and Lee Ann Durham, all of Silverton.

These also donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally, and extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season:

Bud and Norma Vaughan
Jack, Jo Ann, Jena and Justin McFall
Alvie and Glenda Francis

Fire Guard Doesn't Have to Violate Contract

If you have land in the Conservation Reserve Program and are interested in installing a fire guard, there are ways to do so without violating your contract.

John Crowell, District Conservationist for the USDA Soil

Conservation Service at Silverton, said that he understands that the rules for installing them are fairly simple. The contract requirements are set by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"First, you need to protect the fire guard from excessive erosion," Crowell said. "The fire guard also needs to be next to a road and be written into the CRP plan."

"To prevent excessive erosion, farmers may want to plant annual wildlife strips in lieu of bare ground. Or the producer may prefer to merely keep the guard mowed or shredded closely."

For more information about fire guards on CRP land, contact the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Silverton at 823-2320.

Former Pastor To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. Jerry Miller, now pastor of Iowa Park Faith Baptist Church, will return to Silverton to fill the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday. He was pastor of the local church from May 1983 to October 1985. He also has served churches in Abernathy, Plainview, Alexander and Peaster, Texas.

Rev. Miller's Iowa Park church has seen a tremendous growth during the three years he has been there.

Recently he was elected to a two-year term on the state executive board of the Texas Baptist General Convention.

Expressing excitement about serving on the board, Rev. Miller said he experienced many feelings when he was elected. He said he felt good that someone was willing to nominate him, and at the same time, he felt humbled.

Now that he has been elected,

Guests of Bertha Mae Allard Christmas Day were her two great-grandchildren, Cody Whitfill, Hereford, and Leah Whitfill, W.A.F.-A Air Base in Michigan.

Have A Jubilant Year Ahead

May you welcome in 1989 with laughter and continue smiling throughout the year.

Charles & Mary Ann Sarchet

Beverly Minyard

Rev. Miller said he is looking forward to the opportunity of "serving God on whatever committees I am assigned." There are many committees, and each provides an opportunity to do an important service, he said.

"The whole convention was so spiritually uplifting and showed such a wonderful unity in Christ," Rev. Miller said. "Even the paid staff had their exhibits set up, and they made you feel like you were the only person there when you asked questions. I liked that."

Rev. Miller said he feels that he and his wife, Elizabeth, gained some valuable information from the convention. The pastor said this is the first such experience for them, and original members of the Iowa Park church said that, as far as they know, no pastor of the church has ever been nominated or elected before to serve on the state board.

The executive board meets quarterly in Dallas.

The Millers have just completed their third year at Faith Baptist Church. They have two children, Michael, 15, and Nikki, 4.

Rev. Miller's home church was First Baptist in Abernathy. He became a Christian in 1961, surrendered to the ministry in October 1975, was licensed in November 1975 and was ordained in September 1979.

C. A. Stevenson and Tommy of Roswell, New Mexico visited Jettie Hardcastle and Bertha Mae Allard Tuesday.

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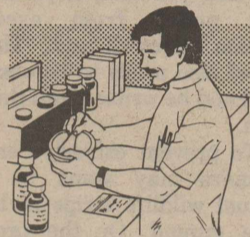
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OBITUARIES

CLIFFORD M. JONES

Funeral services for Clifford M. Jones were conducted Monday, December 12, at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and burial was in Moriarity, New Mexico that afternoon.

Mr. Jones passed away December 7, 1988 in Cove, Arkansas, where he had lived several years.



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Survivors included his wife, one son, two daughters, two stepsons, one stepdaughter; five sisters, Uiola Krighaum and Edna Holland, both of Fort Sumner, Frances Groff of Albuquerque, Bonita Wright of Edgewood and Jessie Nielson of Fresno; two brothers, Perry Jones of Canada and Art Jones of Fort Sumner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Ellen Jones, former residents of the Rock Creek community.

W. RAY CARTER

Funeral services for W. Ray Carter, 85, of Muleshoe were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, at the Chapel of the Chimes in Muleshoe with Silas Short, Hale Center Church of

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Christ minister, officiating. The Rev. Dale Berry, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, assisted.

Burial was in Bailey County Memorial Park under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Carter died at 12:39 a.m. Thursday, December 22, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Born in Calera, Oklahoma, he moved to Bailey County in 1927. He married Myrtle May Carter in 1921 in Atoka, Oklahoma. He was a farmer and insurance agent. He had been a Bailey County commissioner in the 1930s.

Survivors include his wife; a son, J. R. Carter of Muleshoe; a daughter, Mildred Harrison of Hale Center; two sisters, Floye McCracken of Quitaque and Alma Monk of Lubbock; two brothers, Hayden Carter of Paragould, Arkansas, and Ralph Carter of Quitaque; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. He was an uncle of Mrs. Alvie (Glenda) Francis of Silverton.



Today a child who had been blind from birth saw the love in her mother's smile.

Today a woman who had been told she could never have a child, gave birth to a beautiful little girl.

Today a man once haunted by depression was able to conquer his sadness and despair.

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Zane Henderson (right) represented his Seventh Grade class Wednesday of last week when he presented a donation to the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service which was accepted by Diamond Williams, secretary-treasurer. The money was donated by the students instead of exchanging Christmas gifts. Mrs. Williams told the class that she appreciated their donation, that the Service has a new ambulance that she is anxious for them to see but hopes they never have to ride in. *Briscoe County News Photo*

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Frances Crass

Looking Back

December 28, 1978—Twins Frank and Fred Mercer and their friend of 49 years, Aubrey Rowell, were honored at a birthday celebration Saturday. The birthday of Homer Vaughn also was observed . . . City ordered to seek sanitary landfill site in near future . . . Haylake Club meets in Daisy Burson home . . . Billy Cogdell was taken by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service to West Texas Hospital in Lubbock on Christmas Eve . . . Mrs. John T. Francis returned home from Central Plains Hospital on Christmas Day . . . Christmas party held in J. D. Nance home . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston and Deedra spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cagle at Quitaque . . .

December 26, 1968—Mrs. Willie Mae Davis dies in Amarillo hospital . . . Rev. Hardy Cole is new pastor of Silverton Methodist Church . . . Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKenney were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnston of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive, Steve and Larry of Petersburg were dinner guests of Mrs. Belle Olive and Betty Sunday . . . Staff Sergeant Joedell F. Hutsell was presented the Army Commendation Medal for heroism in the Republic of Vietnam. The medal was for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in which Sergeant Hutsell distinguished himself by valorous action on February 18, 1968, as mess sergeant of a howitzer battery in support of an allied task force near Trang Bom . . .

December 25, 1958—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson and sons, John Howard and Jimmy, honored Mr. Burson's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen, with a quail supper last Wednesday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Young honored on fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Bonnie Watters, who teaches in Williams, Arizona, arrived here Sunday to spend the holiday vacation with her father, Walter Watters, and sisters, Maxine Morris and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and children . . . Johnny McGavock broke his arm in an accident with his motor scooter Saturday . . .

December 30, 1948—Miss Faye Ziegler is bride of Jimmie Pointer . . . Wylie Bomar wells come in as good producers . . . Funeral services conducted for Mrs. C. C. Northcutt . . . Funeral services Wednesday for Mrs. Sarah Rhoderick . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett and family and Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Bingham and children visited in Wellington Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davenport . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler entertain with Christmas party . . . Games enjoyed in R. E. Sweek home . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fulton spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey spent Christmas in Amarillo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter . . . Ronald Anderson of San Antonio

spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson, and sister, Miss Anna Lee Anderson . . .

December 29, 1938—Miss Ermil Chitty weds Jack Martin . . . Silverton School newspaper proving popular . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mattheus are the proud parents of a daughter . . . Johnnie Burson has gone to Detroit, Michigan to drive back a new Dodge . . . Janie Schott of Denton and Elizabeth Schott of Canadian spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schott . . . Mr. and Mrs. Keltz Garrison spent Sunday and Monday in Quitaque with her mother, Mrs. Hamilton . . . Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Harrison and

Wayland, and Mr. and Mrs. Elma Seaney and family spent several days this week in Sayre, Oklahoma with relatives . . .

Wendell Reed, Wynter Smith, Jonathan Ivory

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon, Jordan and Molly in Lubbock Friday night. Saturday the Sarchet family went to Tulia for a Christmas Eve dinner and gift exchange with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill and Brian Hill, who was home from Texas A&M University. Brad Hill spent Christmas with his fiancée in Houston.

Over 65 percent of the world's population goes through the day without coming in contact with a newspaper, radio, television or telephone.

Happy Birthday To...

- December 29 — Pat McWaters, Buddy Brown, Joe Edd Burnett, Van Breedlove
- December 31—Rob Weaks, Sue Martin
- January 1—Dwight Rampley, Jackie Mercer
- January 3—Rene Rampley, Sylvia Ramirez
- January 4—Valeria Weaver,

Happy Anniversary To...

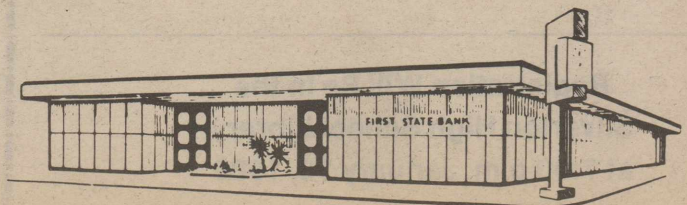
- December 29—Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell
- December 30—Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston
- December 31—Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self
- January 1—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks, Mr. and Mrs. Billie McDaniel
- January 3—Mr. and Mrs. John Crowell

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Texas High Plains cotton producers in 1987 produced the area's first billion dollar cotton crop. And they've hit that mark again, and probably topped it, in 1988.

So says Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, the organization that represents producers in the 25-county area included in the calculation. While the final 1988 bale count isn't in, virtually all responsible estimates range between 2.9 and 3.1 million bales. In its estimate of crop value, PCG uses the more conservative figure. "I guess you could say we're counting on 2.9 million and hoping for 3.1," says Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

The crop volume compares to an official 2,668,550 bales reported for 1987 by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and would rank as the area's third

largest crop, behind 3.5 million in 1981 and 3.2 million in 1977.

Using an estimated 50 cents per pound average price, PCG puts lint value of the 2.9 million bales at \$696 million. Seed, at a season average of about \$108, is estimated at \$125 million. Target price deficiency payments, figured at a minimum 19 cents per pound of program payment yield on planted acres, are expected to add another \$249 million. The total, \$1.07 billion, is \$64 million above the \$1.006 billion estimated on the 1987 crop.

Should the more optimistic 3.1 million bale 1988 estimate materialize, the value of the crop would rise to \$1.127 billion, PCG figures. "Either way, we're looking at a new record," Johnson states.

Until 1987, the previous high

EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

Clarendon College is conducting a survey to determine interest in specific adult education courses to be held in Silverton. Please indicate your interest by checking (✓) the appropriate blank and returning this survey to the Superintendent of Schools, David Cavitt. (High School students in Grades 9-12 may also take courses for college credit.

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at 7:00 p.m. January 16, 1989

A Christmas To Be Remembered

Christmas in the John Francis home was certainly a time of "memory making" for the entire family. The holiday started with the arrival of Dave Francis from Mississippi on Thursday. He and his parents went caroling Christmas Eve night, and they hoped they spread as much joy as they received.

Sunday afternoon brought the arrival of the Gary House and James Johnson families. After feasting on a meal of traditional Christmas foods, the evening was highlighted by a play, written by and performed by the grandchildren. It started with the singing of Silent Night, followed by Joseph telling Mary they needed to go pay taxes. The time came for the child to be born and they stayed in a stable (card table with bedspread over it). The baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger (a cradle filled with burlap). The angels appeared and announced his birth and the shepherds went to King Herod and asked about the baby. The Wise Men appeared with gifts.

Joseph, played by Jonathan Johnson, was dressed in robe and head wrap. Cara House was Mary and was dressed in long robe with head gear and beaded band around the forehead area. Baby Jesus was played by Cabbage Patch Baby. The two angels were dressed very authentically with angel costumes with wings and halos and were played by Leah House and Angela Johnson who very hurriedly had to change into the shepherds in the background. Page House played the part of King Herod and wore a long robe and crown of jewels and also played the innkeeper. It was a very heartwarming experience for the whole family.

Following the play, everyone took a piece of paper and drew what Christmas meant to him or her. Again this was an experience not soon to be forgotten.

Exchanging and opening of gifts climaxed the evening, with much visiting, eating and fellowship going on till the wee hours of the morning.

James, Lesa and family left Monday to prepare for their move to Stanton, where he will preach and teach at Big Spring College. Dave left late Monday to return to Mississippi where he will resume his studies in graduate school at Ole Miss to work toward

dollar mark for the High Plains' number one cash crop was reached in 1973. PCG estimated the gross return from that year's 2.9 million bale production at \$900 million.

That figure, at the time, meant much more to farmers and to the area economy than the billion dollar plus crops of 1987 and 1988, Johnson points out. He explains that according to Dr. Ron Gilbert, chairman of the Economics Department at Texas Tech University, it takes about \$2.60 in 1988 to equal the buying power of \$1.00 in 1973.

"While back-to-back billion dollar crops are a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson concludes, "our expectations have to be tempered by the fact that it would take a crop worth \$2.34 billion to have the same economic impact as the 1973 crop."

Microwave Magic

NEW MICROWAVE COOKBOOK

What's the hallmark of a good cookbook? Recipes that work, say consumers. For time-pressed cooks juggling careers and homemaking, reliable recipes are the deciding success factor of new cookbooks, according to a recent survey.

These home cooks should have no quarrel with a just-released microwave cookbook developed during the past two years by the Campbell Microwave Institute (CMI) and the company's Publication Center. The 200-page hard-cover book, "Campbell's Microwave Cookbook," contains 224 recipes that use Campbell products and have, in every respect, been test-driven.

"Campbell's Microwave Cookbook," published by Beekman House and priced at \$9.95, now is available at leading bookstores across the country or by mail through Campbell Soup Company, if you live in the U. S. A., Puerto Rico or U. S. military installations.

To get the book, send a check for \$9.95 payable to Campbell Soup Company (no cash) to: Microwave Cookbook, Publications Center, Campbell Soup Company, Box 38E, Ronks, Pennsylvania 17573.

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his PhD. Nora Errington, sister of Maebelle, also was a guest on Monday.

Owlettes Drop Game to Kress

Silverton's varsity Owlettes dropped their game to Kress, 44-25, here December 13.

Tracy Miller and Tracy Tomlin led their team's offense by scoring six points each. Julie Graham caged five points, Penni Fogerson rang up four, and Keeley Burson and Tara Nance added a pair of points each.

Owlettes	4	13	21	25
Kress	14	24	32	44

Owls Outscore Kress in Game Here

The varsity Owls outscored the Kress Kangaroos 60-33 here December 13.

Three players scored in double figures, with Jamie Frizzell leading the team with 16 points. Kendal Minyard rang up 11 points and Neal Edwards lighted the board with 12. Adding to the score were Bradley Brunson, nine; Brad West, four; Teddy Hubbard, three; Wayne Henderson and Kirk Couch, two points each, and Denny Hill, one point.

The Owls led at the end of each quarter, ending with a big 21-point quarter.

Owls	15	23	39	60
Kress	8	14	26	33

Guests of Jettie Hardcastle for Christmas were Wesley and Alene Fox, Winnsboro; Iris Graham, Amarillo; Pauline Denham, Skellytown; Agnes Allard, Tulia; Gloria June Cook and daughter, Sara, Enid, Oklahoma; Nelson Moseley and Bertha Mae Allard.

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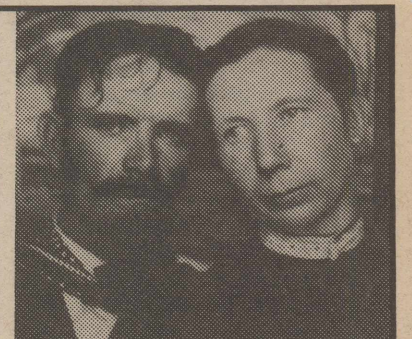
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Owlettes Earn Tournament Win

Silverton's Owlettes picked up a tournament victory over Cotton Center in the Lockney Tournament, earning a 23-19 decision after having led at the end of each quarter.

Penni Fogerson led the scoring with 11 points, and Julie Graham put nine points on the board. Tracy Miller rang up two points and Tracy Tomlin added one point from the line.

Owlettes	5	15	17	23
Cotton Center	4	9	11	19

The Owlettes had dropped their opening-round game to Petersburg, 44-37, in spite of having a 20-18 halftime lead. Julie Graham led the team's scoring with 14 points, and Tracy Tomlin also scored in double figures with 11 points. Penni Fogerson added eight points and Tracy Miller rang up four in some of the team's most balanced scoring.

Owlettes	9	20	25	37
Petersburg	10	18	28	44

In the tournament's consolation finals, the Owlettes dropped a 30-22 decision to Smyer. Julie Graham once again led the scoring with 10, and adding to the score were Penni Fogerson, five; Tracy Miller, three; Tara Nance and Tracy Tomlin, two points each.

Owlettes	4	9	17	22
Smyer	6	14	20	30

Owls Win Consolation Trophy at Lockney

Silverton's varsity Owls won the consolation trophy at the Lockney Tournament, after having a let-down in their first game with Petersburg in which they suffered a 46-44 loss. They came back to defeat Cotton Center 56-35 and Floydada Jv 64-43.

Junior Varsity Owls Defeat Kress

The Junior Varsity Owls earned a big 49-44 victory over Kress here December 13. The Owls led at the end of the first and second periods, but the Kangaroos closed the gap to tie the game at 38-38 at the end of the third quarter.

Led in scoring by Brian West and Bryan Ramsey, who caged 11 points each, and Bryan Breedlove, who pumped in 10 points, the Owls outscored the Kangaroos in the fourth stanza. Joey Leal rang up six points, Brian Martin put in four, Josh Brooks and Abel Maciel caged two points each, and Jeff Smith added a point from the line.

JV Owls	18	30	38	49
Kress	6	21	38	44

Students Go Back To School Monday

While some area schools are scheduled to resume classes on Tuesday, Silverton students will see their holiday end when they go back to class on Monday, January 2.

The Owls led at the end of the first two quarters in their game with Petersburg, but fell into a 28-28 third-quarter tie. Then they finished two points behind in the fourth frame to lose by a pair of points in a game in which they had a hard time finding the basket.



Junior Varsity Owls—(left to right) Jeff Smith, Coach Dwight Rice, Langdon Reagan, Bryan Breedlove, Abel Maciel, Brian West, Jeffrey Grimland, Brian Martin and Josh Brooks.

Photo by R Photography

Kendal Minyard led the team's scoring with 13 points, which included three three-point plays. Jamie Frizzell rang up 12 points, and Neal Edwards and Bradley Brunson caged eight points each. Denny Hill added three points.

Owls	3	15	28	44
Petersburg	2	14	28	46

In the second round, the Owls found themselves in a halftime 11-11 tie, but then went to work to move out front in the last two

quarters. Minyard led the offense with a big 21-point effort, including three three-pointers. Teddy Hubbard caged 12 points and Edwards lighted the board with 11 points, one of which was a three pointer. Brunson caged three points and Bryan Ramsey hit a three pointer. Frizzell, Hill and Brad West scored two points each.

Owls	5	11	38	56
Cotton Center	4	11	20	35

In the consolation final, the

Owls ran away with their game with Floydada JV, 64-43, and extended their lead throughout the game. Edwards led the offense with 14 points and Brunson lighted the board with 12 points. Hubbard rang up eight points, while Frizzell, Minyard and Wayne Henderson tossed in six points each. Kirk Couch added five points and Hill tossed in three.

Owls	23	33	42	64
Floydada JV	6	10	19	43

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I and my family have recently moved to this small but friendly town from one of the larger cities in another state. I must say, it was one of the nicest moves I have ever made, until I tried to deal with what is usually and sometimes the more difficult problems of getting established with personal business such as: changing addresses, phone, utilities, car licenses, drivers licenses, etc.

I understand these things can be frustrating when things go beyond frustrating to ridiculous. I feel one should step back and take a look at what is the problem.

It all started when I and my

wife tried to register one of our vehicles to the State of Texas. We went to the courthouse here in Silverton, with the registration and bill of sale that was signed by the previous owner stating how much I paid for it. We believed the title had been lost during the move. I asked the lady at the counter what all would be needed to make it legal to drive. She told me I would need a state safety inspection and about \$65.00 for the fees and fines. I returned the next day with my papers and the state inspection certificate and \$80.00. There was another

woman there. She told me that she did not know how to take care of me because I was from out of state and she had not worked there very long and the lady in

charge would not be in today.

The following day I returned, I was told by the lady in charge that I had to have the title or get another one. So, sadly I went home. A couple days later my wife found the title, very happily I returned to the courthouse. I again was told that the lady was gone for the day, so frustrated I went home. Two days later I once again returned, at last she was there! Now I was told I needed to get a weight certificate. Finally I was told this was all I needed and the fees and tax was about \$115.00, far more than the \$65 I was told before. Since I only had \$80.00 on me I went to get more money.

I thought it was truly over but to my surprise a few days later we received a call telling us that there was a paper she had forgotten to have me sign. I went over and signed it. I am happy to tell you that the nightmare is over; or was it? I had one more vehicle to register. On this one we had the title, safety inspection and money, but the lady in charge was once again not there, so we left a message to call us when she would be in to take care of us. The next day my wife received a call at 8:00 a.m., stating she had five minutes to get there or she would be gone for the rest of the day. So the next day she was there after having to go back one more time. After that, the car was taken care of.

In all a total of 12 times to get the vehicles taken care of. This was the first times of dealing with the courthouse.

Being a person who likes to hunt and fish I went back to the courthouse to another office to get my license.

I asked what all would I need to get a fishing and hunting license. I was told all I would need was a Texas drivers license, but since mine was out of state I had to get one. So I did. When I returned I was sold a resident combination hunting and fishing license. The first time I went hunting, a game warden stopped and asked to see my licenses (hunt, drivers).

He then gave me a citation for hunting with a resident hunting instead of a non-resident license.

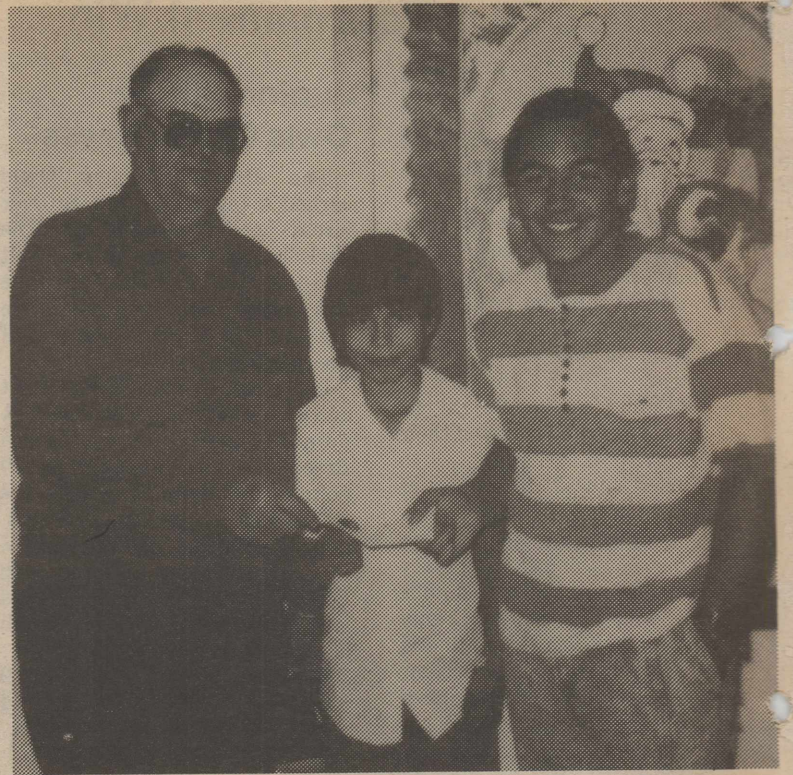
You see because the people who sold me the license at the courthouse forgot to tell me, you must also live here six months you are a non-resident. The officer told me my license was no good and I would have to get in contact with the court in Tulia, to take care of the citation.

After taking one step back and looking at the problem I as a taxpayer, feel the problems caused by these public servants who show this much lack of respect for taxpayers as well as newcomers to the community goes far in advance of frustrating. It's downright ridiculous!

Robert L. Justice
Silverton, Texas

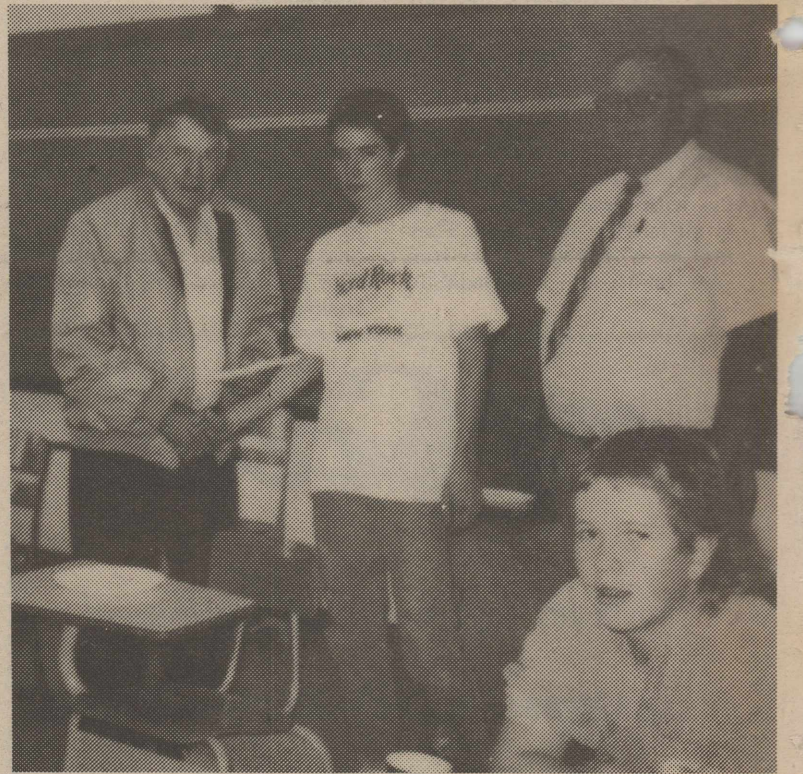


Ballots made of broken pottery were used by the citizens of Ancient Athens to get rid of unpopular politicians. Whenever 6000 or more were cast, the official was sent into exile for 10 years.



Vance Childress, a retired member of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, was presented a donation to the Department Wednesday of last week because all of the active firemen were at a rural grassfire. Making the presentation for the Sixth Grade were Lloyd Rodriquez (center) and Michael Hill (right). The money was given in lieu of exchanging gifts.

Briscoe County News Photo



Wayland Fitzgerald, president, accepted a donation on behalf of the Silverton Senior Citizens at the Eighth Grade Christmas party Wednesday of last week. The money was donated by the students instead of exchanging gifts. The presentation was made by Stephen Cavitt, and also in the picture is Class Sponsor Duane Reynolds.

Briscoe County News Photo

A powder puff kept in the flour canister comes in handy when you are dusting flour on a rolling pin or pastry board.

To remove shine when ironing, run a dampened sponge over the shiny area and press lightly over a pressing cloth.

LEGAL NOTICE LOCAL INVITATION TO BID ON HIGHWAY MOWING

Sealed proposals for nine separate Mowing Contracts located in the following sections: Shamrock, Wellington, Clarendon, Childress, Quanah, Matador, Dickens, Paducah, and Munday, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation District Office at 1700 Ave. F, NW, Childress, Texas 79201, January 5, 1989 at the times indicated below for each Contract.

Contract No. 259XXM1009: Wheeler county will be received until 10:00 a.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1008: Collingsworth/Childress/Donley counties will be received until 10:45 a.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1002: Donley/Briscoe/Hall counties will be received until 11:30 a.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1001: Childress/Hall counties will be received until 12:30 p.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1007: Hardeman/Foard counties will be received until 1:30 p.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1004: Motley/Hall counties will be received until 2:15 p.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1003: Dickens County will be received until 3:00 p.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1006: Cottle/King counties will be received until 3:45 p.m., January 5, 1989.

Contract No. 259XXM1005: Knox County will be received until 4:30 p.m., January 5, 1989.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held with Mr. Vance L. Castleberry, PE, District Engineer, at the District Office in Childress, Texas at 10:00 a.m., December 29, 1988. Persons interested in bidding on the above contracts should attend the Pre-bid Conference.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the U. S. Department of Transportation (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin.

50-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Floydada Independent School District is now taking bids for the sale of the school building located at South Plains, Texas.

Option 1: Building to be demolished and site left clean.

Option 2: Building to be bought as is with land as determined by the description below:

Being a 2.09 acre tract out of the north part of the South Plains School 4 2/3 acre tract (300 foot by 680 foot) out of the northwest part of Survey No. 29, Block D-1, Floyd County, Texas;

BEGINNING at a 1 1/2 inch steel rod set at the northwest corner of the South Plains School 4 2/3 acre tract out of the northwest part of Survey No. 29, Block D-1, Floyd County, Texas, said rod being 460 feet S. 89°55' 52" E. (based on the north line of said survey) of the northeast corner of Block 42 of Original Town of South Plains, Floyd County, Texas, as recorded in Volume 52, page 336 of the Floyd County Deed Records;

Thence South (based on the west line of said survey) 439.1 feet along the west line of said school tract to a point 50 feet South of the south line of main school building;

Thence East 147 feet along a line parallel and 50 feet South of the south line of said main school building to a point 11 feet East of the east line of said main school building;

Thence North 266.2 feet along a line parallel and 11 feet East of said main school building to a point 25 feet north of the north line of community center building;

Thence East 153 feet along a line parallel and 25 feet North of the north line of said community center building to the east line of said school tract;

Thence North 172.54 feet to a 1/2 inch steel rod set for the northeast corner of said school tract;

Thence N.89°52"W. 300 feet along the north line of said tract to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 2.09 acres.

For information and specifications contact Jimmie Collins, Administrative Assistant, 226 West California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235. Phone 806-983-5167. The bids will be opened at the regular Board meeting of the Floydada School Board Monday, January 9, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

Floydada Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities of the bid. 52-1tc

GOOD LUCK OWLS and OWLETTES IN THE Claude Tournament



Varsity Owls—(standing, left to right) Jamie Frizzell, Teddy Hubbard, Brad West, Frank Lowrey, Bradley Brunson, Neal Edwards, Coach Dwight Rice; (kneeling) Kendal Minyard, Wayne Henderson, Joey Leal, Bryan Ramsey, Denny Hill and Kirk Couch.

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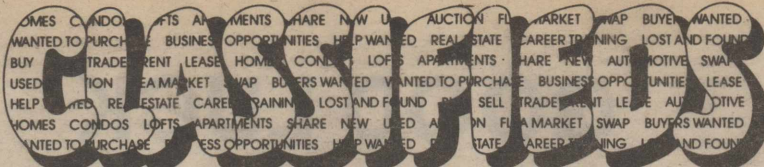
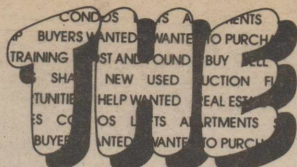
Varsity Owlettes—(standing, left to right) Tracy Tomlin, DeLyn Patton, Coach Annette Shely, Jennifer Grimland, Amy Ramsey, Julie Towe; (kneeling) Monica Arnold, Tracy Miller, Tara Nance; (sitting) Julie Graham, Penni Fogerson, Carrie Ann Grabbe and Keeley Burson.

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Iris Burson

We appreciate and thank each of you, who are on the ambulance crew, and answered our call for help at eleven p.m. on the 14th. We just praise the Lord that we have such dedicated, thoughtful people living in our community.
Lottie Garrison and family

We thank each of you who shared in so many ways at the passing of our loved one.

Thank you for your continued prayer support.

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and family

Gerald, Raye and Lance Smith
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Mexican Garden Salad Kit

If your meals are saying "siesta" instead of "fiesta" why not try serving a salad for supper?

Salads seem to be here to stay as more and more people are leaning toward lighter fare. Increasingly popular are dishes with an ethnic twist with the taste of Mexico leading the parade.

Fay Egan and her staff at the Nabisco Brands Consumer Food Center have created some serving suggestions beginning with the new Ortega Mexican Garden Salad kit containing tortilla chips, salad dressing seasoning and salsa. These make a quick yet satisfying meal in just minutes.
•Hot Mexican Chicken Salad: skillet, brown 1 lb. cubed chicken; drain. Stir in dry salad dressing mix and 1/2 cup water; simmer 20 minutes. In serving bowl, layer torn salad greens, chopped tomato and kidney beans. Top with warm chicken mixture, salsa and chips. Toss and serve.

•Layered California Salad: In serving bowl, layer shredded lettuce, 1/2 lb. julienne strips cooked ham, sliced hard-cooked eggs and avocado slices. Top with salsa and chips. Toss with prepared salad dressing.

•Marinated Beef Salad: Mix 1 lb. cooked beef strips and prepared salad dressing; marinate 2 hours. In serving bowl, layer shredded lettuce, meat mixture, sliced scallions and cherry tomatoes. Top with salsa and chips. Toss and serve.



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